Researchers look back on 25 years

A Powell River group that searches the past for clues to today's families celebrated a quarter century in June. The highlight of the Powell River Genealogy Group's celebrations came when president Margaret Inkster presented an inscribed silver pen and pencil set to Bill Bloeming, a member in good standing for 25 years. Bloeming was asked to cut the cake, which was shaped like a tombstone, with stone-coloured icing. The genealogy group started at Malaspina University-College and until recently was housed at the Powell River Public Library. The group now has an extensive library set up at Barowsky Place where members can look through books, DVDs and magazines.

"Ancestors of genealogists come from all over the world and from every walk of life," said Inkster. "It is this diversity that makes genealogy so interesting and fascinating. "Once a member begins to research his or her ancestry, it doesn't take long before they want to know more, she said. The genealogy group's library is open Mondays from 1 to 3 pm and Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm, September to mid-June. The group also holds monthly meetings at 7:30 pm on the last Sunday of every month, except August and December, at Barowsky Place. The Powell River Genealogy Group aims to obtain resource material and help interested people begin a search for their family history. It maintains genealogy standards and is accessible for communication and information exchange related to genealogy. Readers interested in joining the Powell River Genealogy Group can call Inkster at 604.483.3358 or Shirley Lee at 604.485.4781 or visit the website at www.onelink.ca/prgg.