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AMRC Newsletter

Alexandro Malaspina Research Centre, Malaspina University College, Nanaimo, BC, Canada

News Flash:

AMRC announces the Grand Opening of the Malaspina Global Portal.

Join us online on November 5 - Alexandro's 250th birthday.

<http://www.malaspina.org>

Don't forget to sign the Guestbook!

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Centre Welcomes Research Assistants

The Centre is delighted to announce the hiring of two student assistants, Moriah Kemila and John Cloke, who will spend the next academic year working on its website.

Moriah, a student in the Digital Media Technology programme, has the prime responsibility of updating the graphic design of the site's three hundred pages.

John, who is taking a double major in Liberal Studies and History, will explore ways of increasing the effectiveness of the

ways in which the site conveys historical and other information.

The two will collaborate on

the task of converting the site to its new graphic format once the templates have been designed.



The Winthuysen Connection

The City of Nanaimo, home of the Centre, is named, by a typically European process of aural simplification, after the local Snuneymuxw First Nation. Few residents know that the first name given by Europeans to this sheltered harbour on the east coast of Vancouver Island was "Bocas de Wintuysen."

Don Francisco Javier de Winthuysen y Pineda became the first Captain of the Ferrol

Company of Midshipmen when it was formed in 1777. (www.ucm.es/info/antilia/revista/vol1-en/arten1-3.htm). The local harbour was named in his honour by Cayetano Valdés and Dionisio Alcalá Galiano during their survey of the Georgia Strait in 1792.

What has become of the illustrious Winthuysen family, whose name reveals its old Dutch origins, since then? Well, Teresa Winthuysen

Alexander, who lives in the United States, is a loyal Malaspinista and a regular contributor of translations to the Centre's website. She recently sent us, moreover, the announcement of an exhibition in Washington DC of the paintings of her famous father, Javier de Winthuysen y Losada. For the information of our friends in the eastern USA, the announcement appears on Page 2.

AMRC Website: web.mala.bc.ca/black/amrc/index.htm

More Pictures from Mulazzo and Pontremoli



Alexandre Giuntini-Malaspina in front of the map of Corsica, whence his branch of the family originates.

September's celebrations in Pontremoli and Mulazzo commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Alexandro Malaspina were featured in the last issue. This time we thought we would share a few more of the pictures taken there by Russell McNeil, Assistant Director of the Centre.



AMRC Director John Black with Australian private scholar Robert King, an enthusiastic supporter of the Centre and an erudite contributor to its website.



From left to right: Enrico Ferri, Vice-Mayor of Pontremoli, Dario Manfredi, Director of the Centro di Studi Malaspiniani and Sandro Donati, Mayor of Mulazzo, enjoying a moment of thoughtful reflection in the Council Chamber of Pontremoli.

Below: the United Nations of Malaspina.



Alex Malaspina, Mercedes Palau and José Luis Greco on the historic pathway leading to the central piazza of Mulazzo.

La Oficina Cultural de La Embajada de España
 Abrirá al público la exposición de
APUNTES-BODEGONES
MONOGRÁFICA II 1944 Y 1945
DE WINTHUYSEN
 DEL 7 DE OCTUBRE A DICIEMBRE
 10 am a 5pm, días laborables
 en 2375 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC
 La exposición fue organizada por las hijas de
 Javier de Winthuysen, BEATRIZ Y MARÍA TERESA con el
 auspicio de la OFICINA CULTURAL DE LA EMBAJADA
 ESPAÑOLA