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Dec. 6 presentation focuses on violence in relationships

The Museum at Campbell River, as part of its Ann Elmore Lecture Series, will host a profoundly moving presentation entitled 'Silent Witness – A Young Woman's Cry For Help' on Dec. 6 from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

This presentation is in honour of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women in Canada, which falls on Dec. 6. Established in 1991 by the Parliament of Canada, this day marks the anniversary of the murders in 1989 of 14 young women at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal. They died because they were women. As well as commemorating the 14 young women whose lives ended in an act of gender-based violence that shocked the nation, Dec. 6 represents an opportunity for Canadians to reflect on the phenomenon of violence against women in our society. It is also an opportunity to consider the women and girls for whom violence is a daily reality, and to remember those who have died as a result of gender-based violence.



Above: Ann Elmore Haig-Brown. The Museum is currently presenting a lecture series in her memory.

And finally, it is a day on which communities can consider concrete actions to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls.

'Silent Witness – A Young Woman's Cry For Help' is a powerful skit that shows how hard it might be for a youth to get help when experiencing dating violence or abuse in a relationship.

Although abuse can happen to girls and boys, this

skit is based on a young woman's experience. She turns to many people, but they do not understand the abuse or know how to help her. Eventually, the skit shows us how things could turn out differently if everybody recognized abuse and could suggest ways to end it.

This presentation is in recognition of the influential work of Ann Elmore Haig-Brown concerning women and violence. The Ann Elmore Transition House in Campbell River is named after her. 2008 is the Centenary Year celebrating the 100th anniversary of the births of Ann and Roderick Haig-Brown. The skit is being presented in partnership with the Campbell River and North Island Transition Society, Community Based Victims Services, Campbell River Women's Center and Stopping the Violence Outreach. A discussion will follow the presentation. There is no charge for this event.

Seats can be reserved by calling the Museum at 287-3103.