



Newsletter July & August 2017



NEW DISPLAYS & SUMMER HOURS

Maple Ridge Museum summer hours (July & August) start July 5th. Opening Wednesday – Sunday, 1-4 pm.

On temporary display this summer the museum will be showcasing Hina Matsuri Dolls – Japanese Girl's Day dolls.

Traditionally, part of the Japanese Girls' Day, also known as Doll's Festival, which takes place in March. The museum will have this display on until end of spring 2018.

MOTW VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Summer is here and that means it's almost time for our Music on the Wharf concert series on Port Haney Wharf! We are looking for volunteers for Event Assistants to help at the concerts.

Full descriptions of the positions are available on our website: mapleridgemuseum.org/volunteer and please contact Alison Pocock at mrmevent-planner@gmail.com if you are interested, or have questions.

HANEY HOUSE MUSEUM CLOSURE

This summer Haney House will be under renovations, as the roof will be replaced. The renovations are currently scheduled to begin July 24th.

The museum will be closed during the roofing job. Dates will fluctuate, and we are uncertain at the time of writing, when the house will be re-opened. Please check-in with us at 604-463-5311 before visiting this summer!

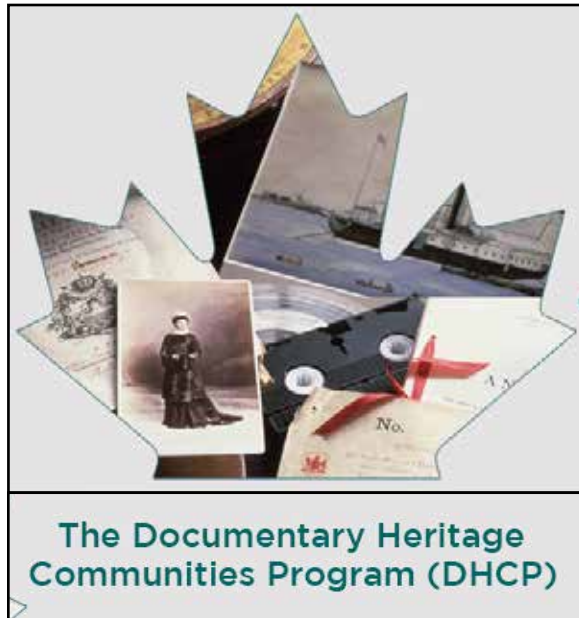


SATURDAY PAINTING IN THE PARK

July 29 & August 19, 12-3 pm
\$5 per child (adults free)

Join us at Maple Ridge Museum this summer for some family-fun! Enjoy games, painting crafts, and tours of the museum and railway diorama. Light refreshments will be provided.

Children must bring an adult.



GRANTS FOR THE FALL

We have been most fortunate this year in not only getting two grants for the 2017-18 year but also in knowing about them so far in advance.

From Library & Archives Canada we have received \$14,732 from their Documentary Heritage Communities Program to process the TIMES negative collection so that we will be able to access the whole collection by date. Special thanks go to our MP Dan Ruimy and his office staff for advocating for us for this project, which will begin in September.

From the Gaming Branch of the BC Provincial Government, we have received \$24,000 for September 2017 to August 2018 to support our two main outreach programs – Community History Outreach, which supports our participation in community festivals, library displays, and Music on the Wharf. Our other funded program is called “Interactive Archives” where we work in partnership with community organizations to protect and preserve their older records.



CANADA DAY 150 – RETRO PLAY

Maple Ridge Museum & Community Archives will host a display on well-known outdoor summer recreation and, traditional indoor activities this July 1st at Memorial Peace Park.

The warm summer months brought forward an abundance of open-air activities. Locals and visitors from other cities would seek the wild in Maple Ridge, in search of the perfect swimming hole, hiking trail or camping spot for weekend recreation.

Families regularly enjoyed a variety of sports, picnics and swimming at Maple Ridge Park, Alouette Lake, and Whonnock Lake. Learn the history of Golden Ears Park, the McKenzie Pool in Haney, and take a look at the trends of 1920s swimsuit fashion.

Also on display will be a variety of touchable artifacts highlighting indoor entertainment in Maple Ridge. Reading, writing and storytelling were important indoor activities before the era of electricity. When the weather was not warm enough to enjoy outdoor activities, children used different styles of storytelling for indoor amusement.

At the Maple Ridge Museum booth, children can participate in Canada Day themed colouring craft from the History of Canada illustrated text, capturing Canada’s unique history from this lands earliest history to the creation of a new country, and the country we are today. Decorate a Canadian post card and send it to a friend! Additionally, there will be various heritage games to play.



The must-have doll of the 1980's was the Cabbage Patch Kid.

CLEAN OUT THE TOY BOX

When we think of “retro” toys, our minds go to jacks and skipping ropes and checkers - but we also had Pogs, My Little Pony, and a wide variety of hand-held games.

History doesn't stop for toys or any other element of our material culture and we'd like to increase our collection of toys – in very good condition – from the 1970's to 90's.

If you have some toys you think we might be interested in, take a photo of them and send it to mrmuseum@gmail.com.



TOURISM CHALLENGE

Wrap-Up & Thank-you!

This spring the Maple Ridge Museum participated in Vancouver Attractions 17th Annual Tourism Challenge. This was not only a team-building exercise for our staff and volunteers, but also a way to connect to a tourism market that had escaped us in the past.

Over the 6 weeks of the challenge, we had 950 people coming through the museum!

A big thank-you to all the volunteers who helped us cover open hours during the week, especially to DARS for coming on Wednesdays and Fridays, too. Special thanks to Daryl Birtch, Ron Herriott, Len Androsky, Dave Payne, Grahame Williams, Mario Benevoli, Garry Storteboom, Tom Collins, Sam Lewindon, Jim Bell, John Fowlis and Dick Sutcliffe for contributing 115 volunteer hours.

The majority of visitors were engaged in the space, asked questions and we also gave out packages of our rack cards to other smaller museums, and even hotels, to hand out to their patrons. We learned a lot from participating this year, and ways to improve for next year



CEMETERY PRESERVATION CLEAN-UP

Friday July 14 and Saturday July 15

9AM - 12PM

The Maple Ridge Cemetery is a beautiful park located in Maple Ridge, BC.

Cemeteries are permanent green spaces that have the ability to sustain biodiversity as surrounding land changes and develops. In many cases the graves are overgrown by grass, plants and invasive species. Cemeteries provide significant cultural and environmental benefits, but they are in need of maintenance and restoration. Our Cemetery Preservation Clean-Up is a volunteer based event that aims to connect people with nature

and local history for community stewardship. Volunteers will work with natural flora, including, moss, grass, shrubs, and lichen.

This event is for people who are passionate about history, volunteering, and community restoration. Many of the older headstones no longer have individuals to care for them. Spend the morning in the park cleaning headstones and clearing grass to preserve the precious history in Maple Ridge Cemetery.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Maple Ridge Museum at mrmeventplanner@gmail.com for further details. We will provide more details regarding what to bring, and where to park. Volunteer letters can be provided by request.

DEWDNEY-ALOUETTE



Visit the Dewdney-Alouette Railway Society's diorama in the museum.

On the last Sunday of every month, members of the Dewdney-Alouette Railway Society are present to "talk trains" and operate the Diorama. Model Railroaders are welcome on the Tuesday and Thursday evenings before the last Sunday of the month.

Info: Dick Sutcliffe at 604-467-4301 or E-Mail: ras1@uniserve.com

MUSIC ON THE WHARF

2017 Concert Series on Port Haney Wharf

July 10

The Kwerks- 7:30 PM

July 24

Bruce James Orchestra- 7:30 PM

August 14

The Palomars- 7:30 PM

August 28

Kailyarders- 7:00 PM

