

Newsletter January & February 2017



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & POTLUCK

We'll have our AGM and potluck supper on Thursday, March 16 at 6:30pm at St Andrews Heritage Church Hall. Guests are very welcome so please plan to bring any friends who have shown an interest in local history. Bring a plate and cutlery and a dish to share that is either sweet or savoury. Beverages will be provided.

The annual report will be distributed at the meeting. Please also consider taking a turn on the board. We are always looking for fresh input.

HERITAGE TEA COMMITTEE

The annual Heritage Tea will be Saturday, April 1st at the Ridge Meadows Seniors Centre from 1 to 4pm. We are looking for volunteers to help on the day of the event, and for those willing to provide some baking.

Please contact Allison at 604-463-5311 or email mrmcurator@gmail.com if you are interested in either.

SURVEY ON NEW HISTORY FACILITY

We need you. The Maple Ridge Museum and Community Archives has been engaged in a campaign for a new and larger home for decades. We are now as close as we have ever been but we need a show of support from the people who use the existing facility and who enjoy the stories, images and objects we are able to share. The city has posted a survey on the new recreation infrastructure plans and among them is the Civic Facility & Cultural Facility with Museum, Archives and Post-secondary space.

Please take the survey at <http://mapleridge.ca/1692/Online-Survey> and support us. We're #5 on the survey list. It is not long and you only need to write a few sentences.





LMME CONFERENCE 2017: BUILDING COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

On January 9th the inaugural conference for the Lower Mainland Museum Educators [LMME] kicked off at Science World Telus World of Science, with 140 people in attendance, including Allison White and Alison Pocock from our staff.

Jill Baird, Curator of Education at the Museum of Anthropology, was the keynote speaker. She spoke about the partnerships between museums, teachers and First Nations, Dr. Baird gave examples of various programs MOA has undertaken over the years in various communities, through teaching kits and museums clubs for schools. She spoke of the trials of these relationships, and how hard the programs can be to sustain over long periods of time. To combat this issue, she suggested having your hands in a number of different community projects at a time, so when one stops or stalls from external factors, you are still moving forward with other projects.

Another session in particular that stood out from the day, was "Strengthening Community Capacity through Volunteerism" by Caitlin Macdonald on the Surrey Urban Forest. The biggest question that we need to ask ourselves – staff and volunteers alike - "What would you like to get out of this experience?" Discovering strengths, goals and opportunities can formulate an action plan between the volunteers and the organization. We also need to remind ourselves of ways to invest in leadership, and recognize that volunteers too, want to accomplish goals through their work.

Besides event-based volunteering, which has been the basis for most of our recent volunteerism at the Maple Ridge Museum & Archives or the Maple Ridge Historical Society, we are looking at ways to expand work-study programs with local high schools around targeted projects, which have a shared, mutual goal.

The LMME conference was a great way to kick off 2017 as a reminder of what we're doing right, but also a reminder of the work we still need to be doing going forward as a leader in the community. *aw*

HERITAGE MONTH

Heritage Day is coming up in February, and the theme for 2017 is "My Canada!" In celebration of the 150th anniversary of Confederation, "My Canada!" is designed to inspire Canadians to embrace, explore and enjoy their own heritage places and spaces across the country.

Celebrate your Canada during Heritage Week, February 13-19, 2017 – for event information, see the poster included in this newsletter.

The National Trust's Heritage Day 2017 hashtag #mycanadais can be used to tell each story, and how each of us sees ourselves reflected in the mosaic that is Canada. The museum will have three cases in the library devoted to the "My Canada" theme for the month of February.

The Community Heritage Commission will hold its annual Heritage Awards evening at St Andrews Heritage Church Hall on Thursday, February 16 at 7 pm. Find out all about the significant contributors to our community history and enjoy the refreshments and pleasant company.





MUSIC ON THE WHARF

We are currently accepting submissions for this summer’s concert series, which will take place July 11, 25, and August 8, 22. All information about guidelines are up on our website mapleridgemuseum.org.

Submission deadline is March 12th! Please read the requirements carefully.

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

We plan to change our newsletter schedule to bi-monthly, starting with January/February and ending with November/December.

We feel this will even out our distribution of information and will include a summer newsletter just to cover the events and programs of July and August.



Below: Memories of the good old days of winter. Mrs. Emma Showler standing on the Fraser River.



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.

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You are invited to Heritage Week

February 11 – 18, 2017



"My Canada, My Maple Ridge"
Heritage Week – February 2017

**Join the City of Maple Ridge, the Community Heritage Commission
and Historical Society in celebrating the Maple Ridge story.**

Downtown Walking Tour

Sunday, February 12 at 1:00 pm—By Donation
224th Street entrance to Memorial Peace Park

Maple Ridge Cemetery Walking Tour

Monday, February 13 at 1:00 pm—By Donation
Maple Trees at entrance to Cemetery

History Is...Conversation Evening

"Taking Your Story to Print"

Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 pm—RSVP—Free
Maple Ridge Library

The 2017 Heritage Awards

Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 pm—RSVP—Free
St. Andrew's Heritage Church Hall
22279 – 116 Avenue, Maple Ridge
(West side of the Haney Bypass)

Oral History Workshop

Saturday, February 18 10:00 am to 1:00 pm—Pre-Register—\$20
Blaney Room, Maple Ridge City Hall

www.mapleridge.ca/128/Community-Heritage-Commission

To RSVP and to pre-register call: Lisa Zosiak 604-467-7383 Email: lzosiak@mapleridge.ca

