



## Newsletter July & August 2018

School is out, the weather is... well its summer and we are so happy to be hosting many different events to share our heritage with the public. These events are meant for everyone, adults and kids alike, so our heritage can be a part of our community.



### **HANEY HOUSE GRAND REOPENING**

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After much anticipation, renovation, and restoration, Haney House is finally reopening its doors!

To commemorate this happy occasion, we are hosting, along with the City of Maple Ridge, a Grand Reopening event on July 15th from 11 to 3pm to celebrate all the hard work that went into fixing up our treasured heritage house.

You will get a chance to take a guided tour of the house, learn what was done as part of the renovations, and discover the interesting finds that were made during the work. We will also have lawn games and crafts for the kids, and kids of all ages!

### **MUSIC ON THE WHARF DATES AND PERFORMERS**

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**July 16: Olson Bros Band**

**July 30: Knudson and Connaughton**

**August 13: Flint and Feather**

**August 27: The Argyle Embargo**

All concerts start at 7:30pm, with the exception of August 27th which will begin at 7pm.

Remember to bring a chair and perhaps a drink and a blanket for later when it cools off. The concerts are vulnerable to the weather as there is no cover on the wharf. If it is raining or seriously threatening to rain, the concert will be cancelled. If you're in doubt, check the website at [www.mapleridgemuseum.org](http://www.mapleridgemuseum.org) or the Facebook page or phone 604-463-5311. We'll all be doing the "no rain" dance.



## PAINTING IN THE PARK

This year we have two paint in the park days, Saturday July 21st and Thursday August 9th. From 12-3pm both days guests can come to the museum for an educational tour while also enjoying painting crafts and games in the park.

This year we are having one of our paint in the park days on a Thursday to give parents and kids alike an activity for those often hard to fill summer days.

On the Thursday August 9th day we will also be joined by face painters for a great summer time day that is both fun and educational!

## CEMETERY CLEAN UP

It is time again for our annual cemetery clean up at the Maple Ridge Cemetery, 21404 Dewdney Trunk Road, July 27th and 28th from 9am-12pm. This volunteer-based project works to preserve headstones at the Maple Ridge Cemetery. Many of the older headstones, belonging to prominent early settlers of the City of Maple Ridge, no longer have individuals to care for them, leaving it up to us and a dedicated band of volunteers to help preserve them. We work at removing grass and accumulated grime from headstones, ensuring that details of our community's historic demographics are remembered. We are currently seeking volunteers for this year's clean up - come help us preserve our shared past and learn cleaning and preservation techniques that you can take to wherever your family members are buried!



Two very similar headstones – one before cleaning and one after. It is amazing how much of the black stain can be removed without damaging the underlying stone.





That is Ashley on the left and Shea on the right.

## **NEW STAFF AT THE MUSEUM**

**SHEA HENRY** is our new curator, taking the reins from Allison White in mid may. She comes to us from Mackin Heritage House Museum in Coquitlam and finished her Ph.D. in archaeology at Simon Fraser University in January. Shea has worked in the field of museum studies and historical archaeology for the past 12 years, focusing her research and career on the recent past. She has a strong passion for heritage and community and is very excited to get to know Maple Ridge, its history, and to add to its community through the preservation and sharing of heritage.

**ASHLEY SEYMOUR** is our new Community Engagement Coordinator, taking over from Alison Pocock. From an early age Ashley has been passionate about studying, preserving, and sharing the past. She was raised by a family of historical reenactors and antique collectors who taught her the value of heritage and the importance of keeping it alive.

Growing up Ashley spent her summers traveling to museums and historical sites, both in her home province of Ontario and abroad. In her teens she became an active volunteer at the Dufferin County Museum and Archives, eventually becoming their youngest employee. While completing her degree in history at the University of Guelph she worked for all five of the regional museums in the surrounding area as an archivist and educator. Ashley's university experience included an exchange to the University of Dundee, Scotland, where she took advantage of the relationship between her two schools and their specializations in Scottish studies. Last December brought with it the completion of her degree, her wedding, and a relocation to BC. In April Ashley attended the Canadian Museum Association conference where she was happy to meet Val and Allison. The rest, as they say, is history, and she is very excited by her new role with the Maple Ridge Museum, and the opportunities it brings to be able to learn, preserve and share our community's history.



## CHANGES AT THE MUSEUM GROUNDS

Visitors to the museum site will have noticed that we have sprouted a nice new river-viewing bench located between the main museum building and the caboose. The bench has been placed by the friends and family of local Port Haney resident Gordon Ladd in honour of his 100th birthday.

The other change is the replacement of the wrought-iron fence around the staircase at the back of the brickyard office building. The wrought iron fencing had become wobbly and needed replacing.

Historically, there was no lower level at that building, and so no need for a staircase. There was therefore no historic fence to match. When the buildings were moved out of the way of the bypass, they were put on full-height foundations to increase their usefulness which gave us functional lower levels for both buildings.



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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