

MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MAY 28TH AND JULY 30TH HISTORY GOES TO MARKET



Maple Ridge Museum & Archives is working with the Haney Farmer's Market to bring historic displays to the bandstand during the market.

This first event on May 28th will focus on the history of education in the

district and how our schools are using local history information to keep our past relevant to the young.

The second "History Goes to Market" will be on July 30 and that one will focus on the history of local food production, particularly the orchards we were so famous for. *vp*

MOTHER'S DAY TEA AT HANEY HOUSE - MAY 8TH

Come and celebrate the start of spring by joining us for tea and treats on the veranda of the historic Haney House, on Sunday May 8th from 11 to 3.



Photo by Susan

There will be tours of the house alongside the tea, showcasing our new Spring and Summer tour at the house.

Space is limited on the veranda, so please contact Allison at 604-463-5311 to make a reservation. Admission \$6. *aw*

APRIL 28TH PROGRAM

For our program on April 28, we will be hearing from Maple Ridge Garden Club President Linda Lundeberg and Past President Selene Jacobson. They will tell us about the founding of this successful club back in 1948, and describe their many activities since then. Members are passionate about gardening, and willing to share their expert knowledge with beginners.

Coming up soon on April 30th the Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale at St. Patrick's Church Hall between 11 am and 1:30 pm. You need to go early for the best selection. Members donate plants and cuttings from their own gardens, complete with growing tips and information. This is the club's major yearly fund raiser.

On June 25th the Maple Ridge Garden Club will be holding its popular Garden Tour. Proceeds from this event are donated to the Sunshine Foundation's "Dreams for Kids" charity. Linda describes the event as a way to share their love of gardening, and to give back to the community.

The Garden Club has donated its time and expertise to establish the rose garden on the grounds of the Maple Ridge Museum. Members transplanted the rose bushes that were originally planted in the Municipal garden on 224th Street. They also come back twice each year to have a demonstration workshop on pruning and feeding roses in the spring, and preparing them for the dormant season in the fall.

Our meeting is at 7:30 pm in St. Andrew's Heritage Hall on 116th Street. *sn*



HERITAGE TEA 2011

The 19th Annual Heritage Tea took place Saturday April 2nd at the Seniors Centre, and we had 226 visitors! Attendance was up from last year, when we had 179 attendees. This was in part due to antique appraiser Al Bowen lending his services to the event. Everyone who brought in objects to be appraised enjoyed the feedback on their items, and onlookers enjoyed watching the process unfold.

Everyone enthusiastically enjoyed the displays, celebrating the reunion grad class of 1961, along with the sandwiches and treats that were so graciously prepared by the many volunteers who made the day possible.

On behalf of the Program Committee for the MRHS we would like to thank all those who attended and to all those who volunteered their time. You helped make this year a great success!

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Right: Appraiser Al Bowen looking at a silverware set.

Above: View from the stage overlooking the event at the Seniors Centre.



ST. ANDREW'S | RENTAL



The St. Andrew's Heritage Church (1888) now functions as a community hall and is available to rent for weddings, social events, and meetings. The hall accommodates up to 75 people. Call Tom Little at 778-242-7261

SPRING IS IN THE AIR UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

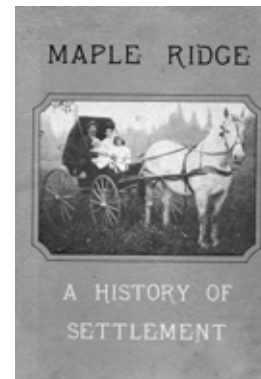
We're happy to announce that there will be some new displays coming to the Maple Ridge Museum, not only to our temporary gallery, but to the rest of the ground floor of the museum. Thanks to various grants we received over the last year we are now able to purchase new display cases for the museum. With the new cases comes new displays! We will be installing the cases and displays throughout the summer.

In the meantime starting in May, our temporary gallery will be transformed into a puppet theatre, showcasing our large puppet collection made by the University Women's Club. The puppets on display will not only be characters from favourite childhood stories; *The Three Little Pigs* and *Jack and the Beanstalk*, but the display will also showcase puppets from various plays written by the club itself. The club performed plays throughout the Lower Mainland at various art centres during the 1970s and 1980s.

The exhibit will also focus on the history of the University Women's Club and their work throughout the community. *aw*



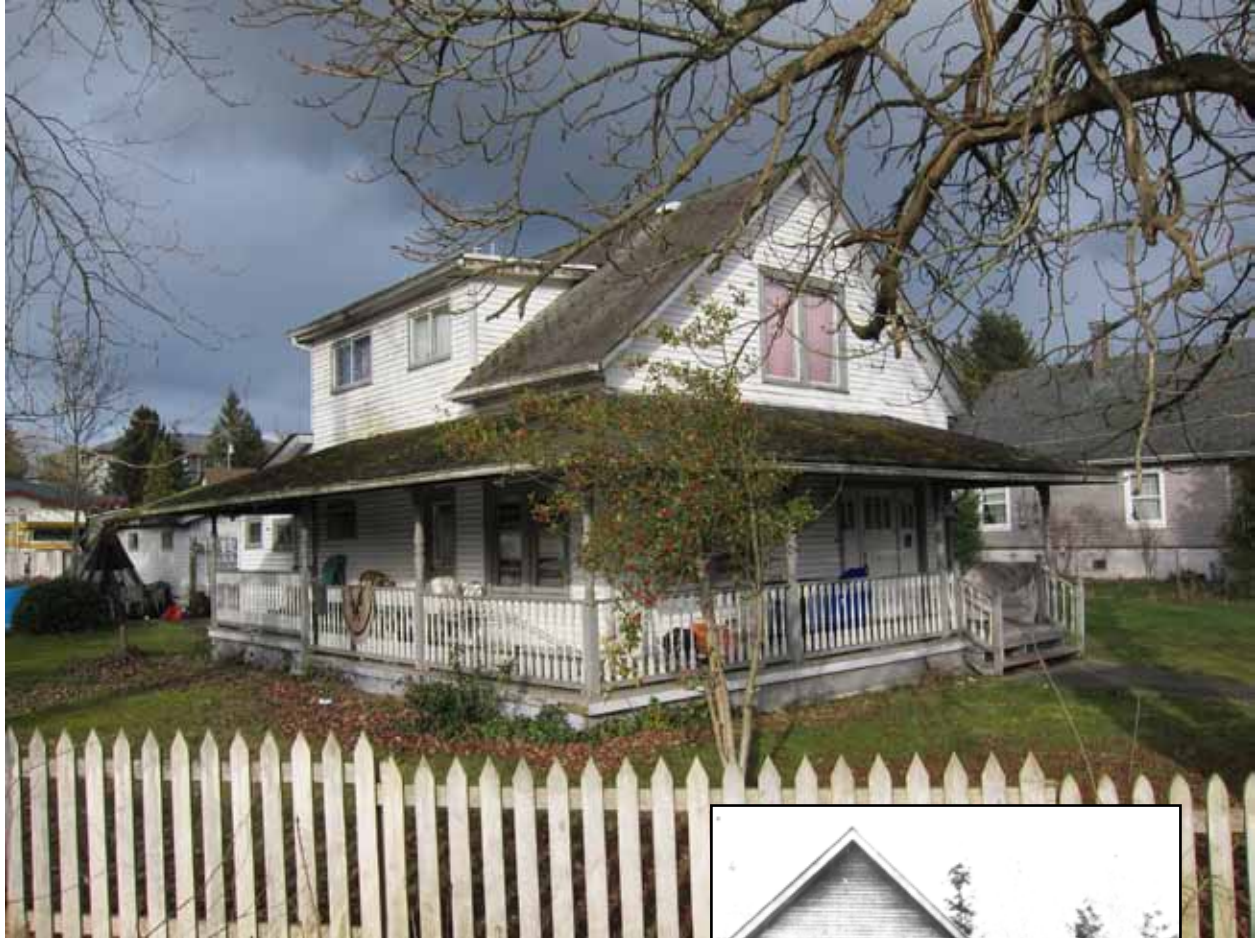
Louise Poole showing puppets to children during a University Women's puppet workshop during the early 1980s.



The Maple Ridge Branch of the Canadian Federation of University Women (University Women's Club) is probably best remembered by their book *Maple Ridge, a History of Settlement*, published in 1972. Sheila Nickols was the editor.



In honour of the beginning of vintage car season, we present this picture of the Albion fair grounds parking lot as it looked fifty years ago in 1961.



THE RIDD RESIDENCE

This house at the northeast corner of Calligan Avenue and the Haney Bypass was built in 1912 for Mrs. Mary Ridd. It is included in Donald Luxton's *The Heritage Resources of Maple Ridge* as one of few buildings of that time in Maple Ridge. It will probably fall victim to planned developments in the old Port Haney area.

Mrs. Ridd moved to Maple Ridge in 1907 after the death of her husband, Edwin. She was the housekeeper at the St. Andrew's Manse and took in boarders. Her daughter Lila married Hector Tapp, who had been the Port Haney station agent for the CPR. They later moved to Victoria where Mrs. Ridd died in 1960 at the age of 95. Mrs. Ridd is buried in Maple Ridge cemetery along with a second daughter, Edith, who died in 1922 at the age of 20.



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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