

### Newsletter March 2011





Second World War poster. Imperial War Museum, UK.



#### **COMING EVENTS:**

Library 10th Anniversary – March 26th – 10 am to 5 pm. There will be a full schedule of events including puppet shows, cake, craft activities and of course, story-telling.

# AGM & POT-LUCK SUPPER MARCH 24

Please join us for our Annual General Meeting and Pot-Luck Supper on March 24th. For our volunteers, set-up time is 5:30pm. Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm with the meeting to follow at 7:30 pm. Val is putting together a slide show of historic images to amuse us while we eat and meet.

If you have not already indicated what dish you will be bringing, please let the Maple Ridge Museum know so we know how many people to set places for. And speaking of dishes, remember to bring your own. We have cutlery, but serving spoons for whatever you are bringing would be helpful.

Visitors are welcome and are invited to become new members. If you have any questions, please call Allison at the museum 604-463-5311.



#### **CALL FOR MUSICIANS!**

The Music on the Wharf program committee is seeking musical groups to submit applications to perform at the Music on the Wharf Concert Series: July 11, 25 and August 8 and 22, 2011. If you are interested, or know an artist/group that could fit the bill, please visit mapleridgemuseum. org for submission details!

Also, the program committee is looking for more people to help judge the submissions and choose this year's quartet of performers. If you have an ear for music and are a fan of the concerts, please contact Allison at 604-463-5311 to volunteer!

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#### **HERITAGE TEA 2011**

Our ever-popular Heritage Tea is rapidly approaching on April 2, 1–4pm at the Senior's Activity Centre on 224th Street. If you wish to have two antiques or collectible items appraised by expert Al Bowen, you will need to purchase a \$15 tea and appraisal ticket from the Maple Ridge Museum in advance of the day. Spaces for this new venture are limited, so don't delay.

Donated goodies for the Heritage Tea should be delivered to the Senior's Activity Centre by 11:00 am.

## MOTHER'S DAY TEA AT HANEY HOUSE

#### Admission \$6

Save the date to enjoy tea and treats served on the veranda of the historic Haney House, on Sunday May 8th from 11 am-3 pm, alongside guided tours of the house! For more information, and to book a reservation please contact Allison at 604-463-5311.





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Looking back 100 years we find Raymond Langton Carter leaning against a front porch post at the store in Port Haney that bears his name. The buildings attached to the store could be a stable and hay storage. This entire structure burned down around 1915.

We have long known of R. L. Carter because his name appears on that store in several of our best Port Haney photographs, however, we have never known anything about the family except that they were not related to Nelson Carter who lived further west on River Road. We are now in contact with a family member and hope to flesh out the picture of their time in Maple Ridge.



### NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR PHOTO COLLECTION

Raymond Carter and his wife Isabella with daughters Maysie, Ruth and Grace.





Charles Whetham built this house in Ruskin in 1894. Simple living and self-sufficiency may have been on his mind when he called it "Walden" after Henry Thoreau's famous cabin in the woods in Massachusetts.

Whetham sold the house to the Gilchrist brothers in 1903, who chose to call it "Kildonan," perhaps after the township on the Isle of Skye.

The ladies in the picture are George Gilchrist's wife Mina and Alex Gilchrist's wife Anna.

At one time the house burned down but no one seems to remember when that happened.

Photo courtesy Shirley Ryan

*The Outpost,* August 1975 by Marge Crow

The executive of the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Historical Society met at the home of the President, Frances Sinclair, last week to discuss the preservation of properties for the purpose of a heritage village for Maple Ridge and vicinity.

The Society is working towards having a section of River Road from 223<sup>rd</sup> to 224<sup>th</sup>, including Haney House and neighbouring property set aside for the locale of the proposed village.

The executive members present were Ben Crow, representing Pitt Meadows and Thelma Mutus representing Whonnock-Ruskin area. For Maple Ridge there were Gordon and Joan Byrnell, Mary Isaac, Ernie Adair, Frances Sinclair and Marge Crow, secretary.



#### 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



