



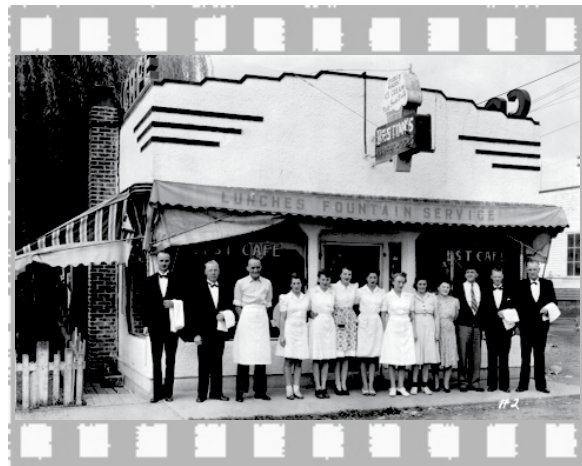
AGM & POT-LUCK SUPPER, MARCH 22ND 6:30 PM

Please join us for our Annual General Meeting and Pot-Luck Supper on March 22. We ask that each participant bring a sweet or savoury dish for our dinner. Please remember to bring your own plate and cutlery plus any serving utensils your dish requires.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm and will be followed by the AGM at 7:30 pm with some social time to follow.

The Museum will have a slide show of local historic pictures. Guests are welcome – come and find out how the society works and meet some great people!

At the AGM the museum staff has will present a slide show with images of the past of Maple Ridge.



Printed copies of the annual report will be available for members.



Sandra and Alison being good sports at the Haney House Halloween event in 2011.

SAY GOOD-BYE TO SANDRA

Sandra Borger came to us first as a Grade 11 student volunteer many years ago. She pursued an undergraduate degree in History followed by a Masters Degree – winning a much-coveted Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council scholarship to do so. She rejoined our team, first as a summer student and then, as her services became ever more valuable, as a part-time researcher during the winter as well. Recently Sandra has joined the Looking Back writing team and her articles have been very well received by the community.

Sadly for us, Sandra is leaving us to take a full-time job with the Surrey Museum. We are thrilled for her to take the much deserved step to full-time employment in a field to which she has devoted such effort. She will be tough to replace.



STORAGE ISSUES

The never-ending saga of our museum's storage woes continues. First we were given a classroom by the school district with promises of long-term access. That lasted 10 months.

Then the MRTA stepped up and gave us space on their lower floor which we hoped would last a long time. Alas, they now need the space so we have found ourselves out in the cold again.

In the interest of collection security and storage conditions, we are now going to rent a self-storage locker where we control access and length of occupancy. It is expensive, but it appears to be the only way to ensure that we can control access to the stored items and not endanger them in this constant moving.

We will put proper shelving into the storage space and with luck, this will give us some breathing space for a few years at least or until we get the much-needed new museum facility built.

History never ends. There is no point where we can responsibly say that the history of Maple Ridge has been collected and now we can stop. There will always be things that we will want to keep to remind us of days and people past.

We cannot collect forever with no expansion of space for display and storage. Please remember to remind our politicians of that at every opportunity!

TOUR GUIDES NEEDED

The Museum and Haney House have been busier on Sundays plus we have expanded the Haney House hours on Sunday to 10am – 4pm and we would really welcome some helpers to give tours of the facilities. It is of great benefit if the tour guides already know something about the community and have lived here for some time as that will make it far easier to learn the tour and understand the exhibits.

If you feel that you could enjoy sharing your community and its history with interested visitors, please give Val or Allison a call at 604-463-5311.



Lemon-yellow crocheted infant's dress from Karen Cobb's donation.



Closeup of the embroidered names on a quilt given to Honour Queen Karen Cobb at the end of her term of office with Job's Daughters.

NEW COLLECTION PIECES

Even though the year is only a few months old, we've already received nearly 10 collection lots that are in the process of being accessioned.

One of the biggest donations last year came from the Marge Saunders estate, and last month we received a few more objects, along with more original photographs and ink drawings. We are hoping to showcase some of the treasures from this collection this summer at the library for our June display.

In addition to wrapping up the Saunders estate, we also received an assortment of children's clothing, from a christening gown, baby shoes to dresses in excellent condition from Karen Cobb. She also donated numerous artifacts from Job's Daughters, including pins, a charm bracelets and quilts. Previously, the museum did not have anything but photographs on the group, so this was a great surprise.

The children's clothes, along with the assortment of toy dolls and wicker doll furniture that the museum received last year from Daphne Cloves, will hopefully be going on display either within the Maple Ridge Museum or Haney House soon.

If the first few months are any indication of the rest of the year, 2012 will be a full year of collecting for the museum!



HERITAGE AWARDS 2012

Heritage Building - Trudi DesRochers and Steve Bentley (Byrnes residence)

Heritage Building - Billy Miner Pub & Ale House

Sheila Nickols Heritage Achievement for Community History and Heritage Teaching - Kathy McIntosh (We Call It Haney - Facebook group)

Heritage Landscape; Mosaics - Bruce Walther, Ann Wilson, Dylan Hartley (Artists); District of Maple Ridge Engineering Department

Heritage Landscape; Haney Heritage Tour Signs - Michael Eng, Lisa Zosiak, Fred Armstrong, Cailin Green

NEW FROM FACEBOOK

The Museum now has bumper/window stickers created by the "We Call It HANEY!!" facebook group that are for sale at the museum for \$2. Created by Brenda and Don Gerbrandt, these have been donated to the museum for us to sell with all profit going to the museum. The Facebook group continues to grow and there will be more products coming soon – again with all proceeds to the museum.



Heritage Tea



Beryl Cunningham and Isobel Kent taking admissions at the first tea in 1993.

Heritage Tea

Saturday, April 14th 1-4pm

Tea Admission \$7

Tea & Appraisal \$15

Seniors Activity Centre 12150- 224th Street

The 20th annual Heritage Tea is just around the corner! This event is a reunion which allows members of the community to reconnect with those that have left, and it is a great way to enjoy a cup of tea, snack on some of the delicious treats, while taking in good conversation and viewing the displays.

After the success of last year's appraisal, we will be having antique appraiser Al Bowen back to look at your treasures. Admission for the Tea and Appraisal is \$15, which allows you to bring in 2 items, and tickets can be purchased at the door on the day of the event. There is limited space for the appraisal, so tickets will be given on a first come first serve basis for this part of the event.

Please contact Allison at 604-463-5311 or mrmuseum@gmail.com for more details.

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

