



# MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## ***'What Was Taken' Opens***

*Exhibit explores history of local Japanese Canadian community*



The Maple Ridge Museum is proud to present "What Was Taken: The Forced Dispersal of Japanese Canadians in Maple Ridge", which opened on October 27. This year marks the 80th anniversary of the internment of Japanese Canadians. The exhibition shares the history of Maple Ridge's Japanese Canadian community through objects, historical images and the stories of various Japanese Canadian families.

It might come as a surprise that the area was once home to a large Japanese Canadian community. Most came with little to nothing except for their hopes and dreams of a better life. Based on their successful farming endeavours, that dream seemed well within reach in Maple Ridge. In 1942, the Canadian government ordered the forced dispersal of all Japanese Canadians who were living within 100 miles of the coast, including those in Maple Ridge. They were sent to internment camps in the BC interior and further east. Their homes, properties, and personal belongings were sold without their consent for a fraction of the value, making their dreams of a future in Maple Ridge unimaginable.

The exhibition offers visitors the chance to learn about a dark period of our history and reflect on its legacy and impact today. Special thanks to Alicia and the Yoshizawa family, who generously loaned objects from their family's collections for display, and the staff of the Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre, whose input and consultations were crucial for the development of this exhibit. "What Was Taken" will be on display until June 2023 at the Maple Ridge Museum.

## ***Lest we forget...***

Pop-up exhibit 'In Uniform' highlights the history of military uniforms

*On display from  
November 1st - 30th, 2022*

For the month of November, in honour of Remembrance Day, the Maple Ridge Museum will have a pop-up exhibit called 'In Uniform'. The exhibit will share the stories of local veterans while displaying a small selection of the many military uniforms in our collection. There will also be a display on military accessories from both the World Wars.





A family sits on the veranda during Apple Harvest Festival.

## ***Recap of September and October Events and Programs***

Maple Ridge Museum had a very exciting autumn. We started September with a brand new **partnership event with Wild & Immersive**, which is the first of some exciting things to come! **Museum on the Move** made appearances at **GETI Fest** in Memorial Peace Park and **Rivers Day** in ALLCO Park. We celebrated BC Culture Days with an **Apple Harvest Festival** at Haney House. Our annual **Paranormal Nights** fundraiser was a huge success; we raised \$4700 for the museum! Lastly, we hosted **Halloween Family Fun** at the museum with crafts and a scavenger hunt.

**We have some amazing community partners to thank this month!**

Cornerstone Supernatural, for donating their time and staff to make Paranormal Nights a success

Haunted History BC, for their donations of apples and pumpkins for Apple Harvest Festival and Halloween Family Fun

The following businesses donated prizes for our Apple Harvest Festival raffle:

- Vanilla Bean Bakeshop
- Kizzy's Macarons
- Camp Candle Co
- Mom & Me Pies
- T's/Once Upon a Tea Leaf
- The Nut
- Fraser Valley Cider Company
- Purple Heather Bakeshop
- City of Maple Ridge's Parks, Recreation & Culture department



## *Upcoming Events and Programs*

### *MotM at Repair Café*

Bring things that need mending to the Maple Ridge Seniors Activity Centre and view a small display of artifacts in our collection that have been repaired!

**November 19, 10-2, 12150 224 St**

[mapleridgemuseum.org/motm](http://mapleridgemuseum.org/motm)

### *Holiday Ornament Making*

Get into the holiday spirit by making three ornaments for your tree using a variety of techniques and materials, then enjoy some hot chocolate and a treat!

Registration required.  
\$5 per child  
Ages 5+

**December 10, 11-12 & 1-2 at Maple Ridge Museum**

[mapleridgemuseum.org/holiday-ornament-making](http://mapleridgemuseum.org/holiday-ornament-making)

### *Holiday Train at Haney House*

The CP Holiday Train is back! Warm up at Haney House and see it all decorated for the holidays. We will also be accepting donations for the Friends in Need Food Bank.

**December 17, 7-8:30 at Haney House Museum**

[mapleridgemuseum.org/haney-house-holiday-train](http://mapleridgemuseum.org/haney-house-holiday-train)

### *Walking Tours*

Join Erica Williams, local history expert and president of the Maple Ridge Historical Society, on historic walking tours of downtown Maple Ridge and Maple Ridge Cemetery.

**Cemetery tours are the first Saturday of every month. Downtown tours are the first Sunday of every month. Weather dependent. Please check our website for an updated list of dates.**

[mapleridgemuseum.org/historic-walking-tours](http://mapleridgemuseum.org/historic-walking-tours)





## ***Membership Renewal***

*Its that time of year again!*

*It is that time of year where we once again ask for your continued support of the Maple Ridge Historical Society. The last year has been a fantastic exploration into new programming and returning events after two years of COVID. Our new program "Museum on the Move" is a huge success, reaching thousands of people in the community at community centres, events, pop-ups all around the city. In the*

*next year we will be expanding this program to schools, bringing our museum into every corner of the community. We also returned with our annual events like Music on the Wharf back in its spot at the wharf. We look forward to many years to come at this beautiful historic location. Of course, none of our work would be possible without the support of our members. We look forward to your renewed support in years to come! As always memberships can be renewed by filling out the Membership Renewal Form under the memberships tab on our website, or by mail.*

## **FROM THE CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE**

On July 26, 2022, the Heritage Designation and Heritage Revitalization Agreement and Heritage Tax Exemption Agreement Bylaw for 12061 Laity Street (known as the Gillespie Residence) was adopted by Council. The property was also put onto the Heritage Register. The purpose of Heritage Designation and the Heritage Revitalization Agreement is to permit the construction of a duplex, two single detached dwellings on the property, as well as move of the Gillespie Residence closer to Laity Street and conserve the building.

Constructed in 1929, the Gillespie Residence is significant for its association with the interwar development of the greater Haney neighbourhood. It is typical of the modest family houses constructed west of Haney to support the growing population that was facilitated by the expansion of the local road network. The Gillespie Residence is a small bungalow that displays vernacular Late Craftsman style detailing, popular during the 1920s, but typically more restrained than pre-war examples, reflecting the economic austerity of the times. It's conservation and placement on a new foundation closer to Laity Street will allow greater visual appreciation for the overall community.



## ***Midwinter Closure***

*The Maple Ridge Museum and Haney House Museum will be closed from December 22nd to January 2nd for mid-winter break. We will be excited to welcome everyone back for a new year in 2023! We hope everyone has a safe and cozy holiday season!*

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. Note that the DARS train days are cancelled due to Covid-19 for the foreseeable future.

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