



# MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Aggie Hall gathering of Japanese Canadian community members, 1923, roughly where the city hall sits today.

## 1923

### Maple Ridge 100 years ago

*Looking back to Maple Ridge 100 years ago we see a much different city than the one we occupy today. While Maple Ridge was the official name of the municipality it was the neighbourhoods, Haney, Hammond, Albion, Whonnock, Ruskin, Websters Corners, and Yennadon that were home to our residents. The early 1920s were a national and international time of*

*growth, development, and innovation and Maple Ridge was no exception to this. Electricity and indoor plumbing had made its way to the city and Haney House itself was outfitted with both of these modern luxuries in 1923. Change can be hard though and when it comes as rapidly as it did in the 1920s. Anne Haney herself fought against the installation of the indoor bathroom at Haney House. Even though to us it seems like an essential indoor service, to Mrs. Haney it was a business best taken outside. In May of 1923 the cenotaph was installed and dedicated at its original location on the Maple Ridge Cemetery grounds. The local gazette paper reported that 1000 Maple Ridge citizens joined the dedication ceremony. The Japanese Kindergarten at Dewdney Trunk Road and 232 (then Baker St) opened its doors in April of 1923, the building that of course would eventually become the CEED Centre and sits adjacent Brickyard Park today. The first class graduated from MacLean High School in 1923, the annual from which can be found in our archives. One acre of land cost \$30, a 9 acre lot with a 5 bedroom cottage could be rented for \$10 a month, a pair of work boots costs \$1.50, annual home insurance \$14, and cold medicine had cocaine in it. Happy New Year to all!*



Mrs Alice Poole drops her sons off at school in Haney, 1923.



Six men with pole pikes at Kanaka Creek, employees of ALLCO, 1923.



Our display at Repair Café included artifacts that have either been repaired or were used for repairing other objects.

## ***Recap of November and December Events and Programs***

We closed out 2022 with a couple fantastic events! On November 19 we attended our first ever **Repair Café** with a fun display of artifacts that have been repaired, or were used for repairing other objects. We are excited to be attending another Repair Café in March! In December, we hosted an **Ornament Making** workshop for children that received excellent feedback. Lastly, we opened Haney House during the **CP Holiday Train** and received quite a few visitors!



***Thank you for supporting Museum on the Move in 2022!***



## ***Upcoming Events and Programs***

### ***MotM at the Maple Ridge Winter Fun Fest***

Join us at the Maple Ridge Library for their annual Maple Ridge Winter Fun Fest, celebrating literacy in all forms!

**January 28,, 11-2 Maple Ridge Library**

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

### ***Deedney Alouette Railway Society Open Houses***

The trains are running on the last Sunday of every month! Visit Maple Ridge Museum and learn about historic Port Haney, the early days of Maple Ridge, and leave with a newfound appreciation for all things trains!

**January 29, 1-4 at Maple Ridge Museum  
February 26. 1-4 at Maple Ridge Museum**

[mapleridgemuseum.org/about-us/dars](http://mapleridgemuseum.org/about-us/dars)

### ***BC Heritage Week***

BC Heritage Week is February 20-26! Celebrate with us by walking through Maple Ridge cemetery or Downtown Maple Ridge, and learning about the history of your community.

For more information, visit

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



Through your annual membership, you can be involved in your community and help celebrate the heritage of Maple Ridge and its residents. You can contribute to our goals of bringing the museum and history into schools at no cost to teachers. Your membership keeps us operating not just financially but as a registered society, not-for-profit, and charity.

In 2023:

- We intend to continue our trend of growth and community outreach with new and engaging exhibits at both museums and locations around Maple Ridge.
- We will develop a "Heritage Today" exhibit at the museum where we will tell the diverse stories and histories of the people who make up Maple Ridge's population in 2023.
- We will continue to expand Museum on the Move to reach every corner of town with engaging exhibits and activities for all ages and abilities.
- We will take Museum on the Move into schools, providing educational programs for classrooms that will be free and accessible.
- We will continue our work to make the archives more accessible to the public and searchable on our website.

[mapleridgemuseum.org/contact-2/join-us](http://mapleridgemuseum.org/contact-2/join-us)

## ***New Year, New Displays***

*Find out all about current and future displays at the Museum*

*It's a new year and with that comes new displays and exhibits at the Maple Ridge Museum. Among our exciting projects for the year will be two new additions to the permanent gallery, one focused on Maple Ridge's sports history and hometown heroes, and another on the history of schools in Maple Ridge. Fans of fashion and historic clothing will be happy to hear that an exhibit on wedding attire is in the works for later this year. Stay tuned to our newsletter or social media for further updates on all things displays and collections! Currently on display is our temporary exhibit **What Was Taken** and pop-up exhibit **In Uniform**. **What Was Taken: The Forced Dispersal of Japanese Canadians in Maple Ridge** shares the history of Maple Ridge's Japanese Canadian community through objects, historical images and the stories of various Japanese Canadian families. The exhibition offers visitors the chance to learn about a dark period of our history and reflect on its legacy and impact today. On display until August 2023.*

*In Uniform explores the stories of local veterans while displaying a small selection of the many military uniforms and accessories in our collection. Items on display range from World War I to the Korean War. On display until February 2023.*



## ***You Are Invited!***

The City of Maple Ridge would like to invite all members of the Maple Ridge Historical Society to their annual Heritage Awards taking place Friday, February, 24 at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm). The awards will be taking place at:

Hammond Community Centre,  
20601 Westfield Ave, Maple Ridge

RSVP to [heritage@mapleridge.ca](mailto:heritage@mapleridge.ca)

Light food and refreshments will be served. For more information, please visit: [www.mapleridge.ca/240](http://www.mapleridge.ca/240)

### 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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