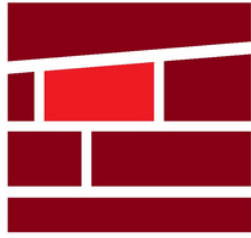


MARCH - APRIL 2023



# MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## Heritage for Today

*Expanding our  
definition of heritage*

Recently, at the 2023 Heritage Awards, three of our beloved youth volunteers were honoured for their contributions to local heritage. Shengbin Li, Xiaoxiao Zhang, Shaohua (Aaron) Dong volunteered with us in the fall of 2021 translating pages from our website into Mandarin. We are thrilled that they were honoured with a heritage award for their work in helping us reach more people with our local history stories. They are particularly impressive youth because they came to us with this project and set us on a path to bring our stories to an even wider audience. After

completing this project, their idea and work began a larger translation project at the museum. We have begun the process of translating history pages on the website into different languages as well as recording a guided tour of the Maple Ridge Museum and Haney House Museum in multiple languages. At the moment we are recruiting volunteers who speak multiple languages to help us with translation. Top of our list of needed volunteers are those who speak, read, or write Japanese, Finnish, Korean, Punjabi and Farsi. This project helps us with our goal of expanding our definition of heritage and reaching people who live in Maple Ridge today. If you are interested in volunteering with our translation project please get in touch!

## ***Heritage Awards - Recap***

The 2023 annual Heritage Awards put on by the Community Heritage Commission took place February 23rd at 7pm at the Hammond Community Centre. It was the first in person heritage awards since 2020 and was well attended and enjoyed. All but one of the city council and the mayor were in attendance, learning about our local heritage champions and the passion our community has for heritage. We look forward to next years heritage awards and continuing to partner with the Community Heritage Commission to celebrate heritage. To read about each of the award winners click here: [Heritage Award Winners 2023](#)



**Heritage Site Award:** The Whitehead Property, located at 11406 205 Street

**History Hero Award:** Haunted History BC

**Sheila Nickols Award:** Tom Little & Jillian Smith

**Stewardship of a Community Cultural Asset Award:** Wild & Immersive

**Youth Heritage Award:** Shengbin Li, Xiaoxiao Zhang, Shaohua (Aaron) Dong

**Heritage Commendation:** Fred Braches

## ***AGM Potluck***

*Thursday March 23rd 6:30pm*

*St Andrews Heritage Church*

We are excited to welcome our membership back to our annual AGM and potluck! We are thrilled to once again be back together sharing a meal. Come share food together and learn about what the historical society and museum have been up to for the last year. We have been busy and are excited to share with you what we have accomplished!

The meal begins at 6:30pm and the AGM presentation is at 7pm. Bring a savoury or sweet dish to share with everyone. If you are feeling bold bring something on theme, important to your family or heritage. Plates, cutlery, and drinks are all provided.

We need as many members as possible to join us and vote. Feel free to bring your friends and family who are interested in the society. We are a friendly bunch who have interesting stories!



## Upcoming Events and Programs

### March 17th - 18th 10am-12pm

Give your child a head start on summer fun by writing their own stories to tell around the campfire! Over two hours, Gina and Victoria of Haunted History will guide them through the writing process and provide prompts to get the creativity started. Participants will have an opportunity to share their stories at the end of the workshop. Learn more on our website: [My Campfire Stories](#)



### March 18th 10am - 2pm

Join us for our first Museum on the Move event of 2023! We are joining the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society at their Repair Cafe held at the Maple Ridge Library on March 18th. Come by our table and learn about ways some of our artifacts have been repaired in the past.



### April 1st and 2nd 2pm

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.



### April 22nd 10am - 2pm

Museum on the Move will appear at the annual earth day celebration in Memorial Peace Park. The Maple Ridge Earth Day 2023 theme, FLOW, looks at the many flows of life that swirl around us, and encourages people to become more conscious about how they interact and react to these continually changing landscapes. Stop by the Museum on the Move tent and celebrate environmental heritage.



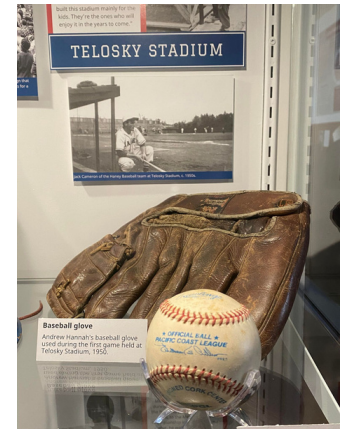
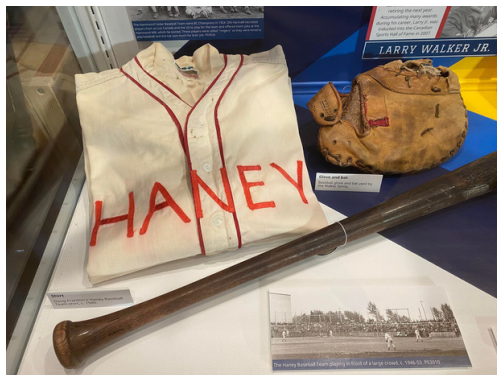




## ***New Exhibits***

### *Sports History of Maple Ridge*

Maple Ridge has a long and rich history of sport. Over the years, the city has created a culture that has helped inspire young athletes to follow their dreams. Whether watching or playing, sports continues to be a source of fun entertainment for the whole community. From famous athletes to unique artifacts this exhibit explores our local sports history that you never knew we had. This exhibit is part of our permanent gallery. Come check it out



## ***Join Our Board***

The Maple Ridge Historical Society board is recruiting! If you would like to be part of the governance of the society and add your expertise in helping us grow please get in touch with us and we will send you more information about what it means to be part of the governance board. If you are interested in helping to shape the future of our heritage management get in touch today.



### 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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