



MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CollectiveAccess

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Counts

There are **4283** objects, **245** object lots, **1936** entities, **376** places, **0** occurrences, **7043** collections, and **18** object representations.

Improved Catalogues, Improved Access

Transitioning to CollectiveAccess at the museum and archives

The long process of updating the Maple Ridge Museum & Community Archives server and cataloguing system continues and has hit a major milestone. As of the end of April, all existing descriptions of the museum's artefact collection - 7043 of them - have been uploaded to the CollectiveAccess digital database system, allowing easy access and search of the objects in the holdings. The infinite customizability of the program means that employees can add images to descriptions and connect objects and archival records to each other, adding as much information as they need to flesh out the story of items.

In addition to the object collections, all existing descriptions of textual archives have been added. This includes 152 fonds and 224 series - all redescribed to modern standards - along with 3730 file descriptions.

The most daunting project will be the remediation and upload of nearly 16,000 photograph descriptions, which will be accompanied by their respective images in the system. This move away from text-only databases will create a new experience for the user, allowing a simple tie between image and context.

This modern way of viewing and connecting otherwise disparate records will eventually be expanded to an online front-end, which will be accessible through the museum's website. This work has been done thanks to our Archivist who is with us on a temporary contract. We hope to continue to do this important work with the city of Maple Ridge's help in making our archivist a permanent part of the Maple Ridge Museum & Archives.

MAY - JUNE 2023

NEW EXHIBIT ALERT!

Getting Hitched

WEDDING FASHIONS OF
THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY

On display until August 27, 2023



Pat and Bill Archibald at their wedding in 1956.

We are excited to announce our latest temporary exhibit, *Getting Hitched*. What better way to kick off the wedding season than by stopping by the Maple Ridge Museum to learn all about wedding fashion history? Visitors will get to learn about the changing styles of the past, how historical events impact fashion trends, and get to know a little bit about the original owners of these historical outfits. The wedding dresses shown in all three of these photos are currently on display.



Algernon Laity and Jessie James standing in front of their wedding cake, 1912.



Kathleen Handsworth and Jake George Bryans with their wedding party, 1930.

Upcoming Events

Alice's Tea Party Mother's Day Family Fun

- Play croquet, Yardzee, giant Jenga, chess, and bean bag toss on the lawn
- Tour through Haney House and spot all the hidden Cheshire Cats
- Make a craft for Mom
- Enjoy iced tea from T's - Once Upon a Tea Leaf and macarons from Kizzy's Macarons!
- Have our photographer take your family photo as a keepsake! (Photos are \$10 and will be delivered 1-2 weeks after the event)

May 14, 11am - 3pm at Haney House

By Donation

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Headstone Preservation Project

The Maple Ridge and Whonnock cemeteries have graves dating back hundreds of years. Many of the people buried there do not have anyone left to care for their resting place. We are once again looking for locals who value historical preservation to help with the important task of cleaning and maintaining the headstones in our cemeteries.

Maple Ridge Cemetery

June 22 5-8pm

July 15 9-12am

August 17 5-8pm

Whonnock Cemetery

August 12 9-12am

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All Aboard for Father's Day

- Play giant Jenga, Molkky and bean bag toss on the lawn
- Tour the museum and visit the train diorama on the lower level (the trains will be running!)
- Make a craft for Dad
- Enjoy refreshments
- Have our photographer take your family photo as a keepsake! (Photos are \$10 and will be delivered 1-2 weeks after the event)

June 18, 11am - 3pm at Maple Ridge Museum

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CROQUET, ALL DAY!
(from 10-4)



Sundays at Haney House
from May-September
(weather permitting)

First come, first served
30 minute time limit per group

March & April Events Review

After a few months with very few events, things started to pick up at the museum. We attended our second **Repair Cafe** at Maple Ridge Library with a display of vintage quilt blocks. We held our annual **AGM** and enjoyed some delicious food brought by our members. For the first three weeks of April we held **Trees In Bloom** in order to drive more people to visit our exhibit, *What was Taken: The forced dispersal of Japanese Canadians in Maple Ridge*, in partnership with Vanilla Bean Bakeshop and Maple Ridge Florist. We kicked off festival season with **Earth Day** on April 22. Lastly, the **2023 Tourism Challenge** started on April 22 and over the first two weekends we had over 200 visitors to the museum as part of the challenge.



A close up of our display at Repair Cafe on March 18



Vanilla Bean Bakeshop put our museum on their lattes during Trees in Bloom

Upcoming MotM Appearances

May 27 - Memorial Peace Park
Event: Haney Farmer's Market

June 3 - Memorial Peace Park
Event: Pride in the Park

June 17 - Memorial Peace Park
Event: National Indigenous People's Day

June 24 - Memorial Peace Park
Event: Canadian Multiculturalism Day

July 1 - Memorial Peace Park
Event: Canada Day

July 5 - Fairview Park

July 19 - Webster's Corners Park

July 29 - Albion Fairgrounds
Event: Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Country Fest

August 19 - Memorial Peace Park
Event: Haney Farmer's Market

August 23 - Albion Park

September 24 - ALLCO Park
Event: Rivers Day

More appearances are being added all the time! For an up-to-date list, visit:
mapleridgemuseum.org/motm

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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