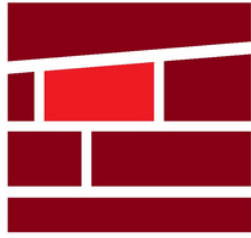


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MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



LAC Funds Storage Upgrades for Museum

Maple Ridge Historical Society receives DHCP grant

As many of our patrons know, the museum and community archives are housed in heritage buildings, from the 1910s and 1930s respectively. While some upgrades have been made to the buildings with modern electricity and plumbing, limitations remain on sealing up the environment where precious objects and papers are stored. Library and Archives Canada has graciously provided the Society with a grant of \$17,863 as part of the Documentary Heritage Communities Program, enabling the staff to purchase sealed cabinets with climate control, an upright freezer, and a high-capacity dehumidifier.

While this new storage won't hold all of our spectacular objects, it will provide much-needed safe spaces for the most delicate of our holdings, like films, magnet tapes, and materials that need quarantine in deep-freeze conditions as pest control. The primary use for the cabinets will be housing at-risk negatives while they await the long process of digitization.

Supplies are being ordered immediately, but the installation of furniture and rehabilitation will take some months yet, with specialty items on back-order. In the meantime, the archivist and archives assistant will triage and prepare items for their new storage.

We thank Library and Archives Canada for their generosity in helping a small community archives maintain high standards!

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Busy Bees

Exciting projects underway with arrival of new summer students



If you stop by Maple Ridge Museum or Haney House this summer, you're likely to see some new faces. This summer, thanks to the Young Canada Works and Canada Summer Jobs grant programs, the museum is busier than ever with the addition of four summer students. This year each student has their own unique role in the organization, and staff are excited to see just how much can be done over the course of three months.

Image caption: Our new summer students, (L-R) Yumi Son, Thorn Austin, Kelsey Sullivan, and Chiara Pirritano, at the City's Canada Day celebration.

Chiara Pirritano, the Archaeological Repository Assistant, is working on reorganizing and safely storing objects and materials from cx^{wi}t (Katzie Village site, known to others as the Hammond Mill Site). Kelsey Sullivan, the Collections Assistant, is working on upgrading our museum collections storage, making storage more intuitive and increasing object care. Thorn Austin, the Program and Education Assistant, is facilitating our Museum on the Move appearances over the summer, and working on new programs for the Fall. Yumi Son, the Archival Assistant, is working on migrating our archival image database to our new Collective Access system and rehousing archival materials

Upcoming Events

Headstone Preservation Project

Maple Ridge Cemetery has graves dating back hundreds of years. Many of the people buried there not only helped found our community, but do not have anyone left to care for their resting place. Every summer locals who value historical preservation help with the important task of cleaning and maintaining the headstones in our cemeteries.

July 15 9am-12pm (Maple Ridge Cemetery)
August 12 9am-12pm (Whonnock Cemetery)
August 17 5-8pm (Maple Ridge Cemetery)

mapleridgemuseum.org/headstone-preservation-project

Historic Places Days

Historic Places Days is a National Trust initiative to encourage people to visit more historic places in Canada. This year, Historic Places Days runs from July 8-23.

Visit Maple Ridge Museum or Haney House during Historic Places Days, take a selfie, post it on your social media and tag us and @nationaltrustca, and you could win \$1000!

On July 8 we will have lawn games in Jim Hadgkiss Park from 10-4, which is the perfect opportunity to take your selfie!



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Music on the Wharf

Music on the Wharf is back! Join us for four exciting concerts on the historic Port Haney wharf.

July 10, 7:30pm - Gift Shop
July 24, 7:30pm - Pat Chessell
August 14, 7:30pm - James Buddy Rogers
August 28, 6:30pm - Penny Pom Pom

mapleridgemuseum.org/events/music-on-the-wharf

Croquet, All Day!

This summer at Haney House, come for a historical tour and stay for a rousing game of croquet!

First come, first served. Thirty minute time limit per group.

Sundays from May-September.
Weather permitting.

mapleridgemuseum.org/croquet-all-day

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: August 5 at 2pm
Downtown: August 6 at 2pm

mapleridgemuseum.org/historic-walking-tours

May & June Events Review

We kicked off May with our annual Alice in Wonderland **Mother's Day** event at Haney House. We also started **Croquet, All Day!** that will be every Sunday at Haney House until the end on September, weather permitting. Our former President Erica gave two very successful **walking tours**. Museum on the Move attended both **Pride in the Park** and **National Indigenous Peoples Day** for the first time, as well as **Multicultural Day** and the **Haney Farmer's Market**. Lastly we hosted a train-themed **Father's Day** event at Maple Ridge Museum along with the Dewdney-Alouette Railway Society.

We also received a Heritage BC Recognition award in the Education, Awareness, and Communications category for Museum on the Move!

"Recognizing Abby Lizee (Community Engagement Coordinator, Maple Ridge Museum) for 'Museum on the Move,' shows how people can be encouraged to think about museums beyond buildings," says Britney Dack, Chair of Heritage BC. "Place-making in community is important. It takes programs such as this one to draw attention to how heritage is integral to our communities."



Throughout the Pride in the Park celebration the museum collected memorabilia as a record of the event.

Upcoming MotM Appearances

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 9 – Whonnock Lake

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

August 23 – Albion Park

September 24 – ALLCO Park
Event: Rivers Day

September 30 – Memorial Peace Park
Event: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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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