

MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Maple Ridge 150

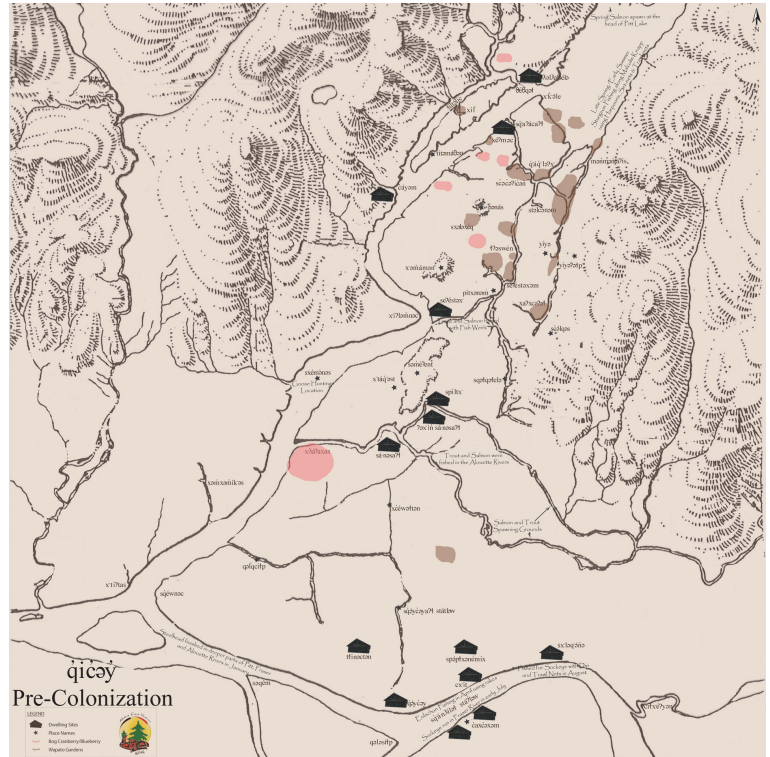
Maple Ridge 150 series, our story part 1 of 6.

On September 12, 2024, the municipality of Maple Ridge will turn 150 years old, and we want to tell the story of the city's founding. Over the course of the year we will be telling the story of the founding of Maple Ridge here in the newsletter and at events all over town. Check back with each addition to hear the whole story.

In the beginning, there were already people here. Archaeological evidence shows that people have lived in this area for at least 10,000 years. The Katzie and the Kwantlen who live here today tell us, from their histories, that their people have lived here since time immemorial. The land today remains the traditional and unceded territory of the Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations. Archaeological sites all over Maple Ridge tell a story of a well populated and

highly cultivated area that was home to thousands of people. The year played out in a seasonal round following abundances of plants, fish, and game. Archaeologists have unearthed settlements as small as a single family or hunting party all over the area to large sites with hundreds of families around Pitt River and in Hammond.

For thousands of years the Katzie, and their ancestors, have lived in what would eventually become Maple Ridge. Any history of celebration of mutual heritage in this place will always start with the 10,000+ history of the Katzie. This almost immeasurably deep history changed forever with the arrival of European colonists. The colonial history of Maple Ridge, even before the building of forts or fortifications began with the arrival of disease. These diseases reduced the local population so significantly that the when representatives from the Hudson Bay Company arrived to build Fort Langley across the Fraser River, the Katzie they encountered were drastically changed.



Map of known Katzie village sites, courtesy of Katzie First Nation.

While we aim to tell the history of our municipality with accuracy and respect, we recognize that traditional knowledge of Katzie heritage in this place far exceeds what we know. To learn about Katzie history in the Nation's own words, visit their website here:

<https://katzie.ca/who-we-are/>



You Are Invited!

The City of Maple Ridge would like to invite all members of the Maple Ridge Historical Society to the annual Heritage Awards. Come and enjoy local food, refreshments, and music, while celebrating individuals and organizations conserving community heritage. The event details are:

Date: Wednesday, February 21st, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)

Location: Albion Community Centre, 24165 104 Avenue, Maple Ridge

RSVP is not necessary but is appreciated! Please email heritage@mapleridge.ca with your RSVP.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.mapleridge.ca/240/Heritage-Awards>



New Protected Heritage Property

On October 10th, 2023, Council approved the Heritage Designation Bylaw for 23575 124 Avenue, known as Westacre Farms. The residence located at 23575 124 Ave is an agricultural landscape located in the East Haney neighbourhood of Maple Ridge and has been on the Heritage Register since January 29th, 2019. The property is an active farm in the Agricultural Land Reserve and is significant for its associations with the early agricultural development of Maple Ridge as well as early Japanese settlement in the area. The property is also significant for its association with the Maple Ridge Music Society, and for its natural environment. The main house is also a good example of mid-century modern architecture in Maple Ridge.

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.



Close up of some of the baking artifacts on display from 'The Great Maple Ridge Bakeoff'.

Upcoming Events

Museum on the Move at the Winter Fun Fair

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

January 27, 11-2 at Maple Ridge Library

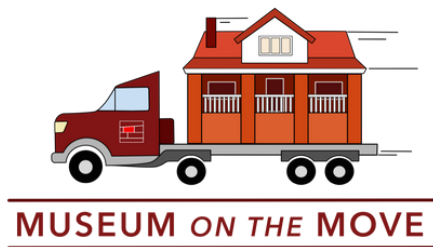
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Museum on the Move at Repair Cafe

Bring your broken items to get fixed by volunteers and stop by our table to see a selection of artifacts that have either been repaired or were used for repairing other items!

March 16, 10-2 at Maple Ridge Seniors Activity Centre

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DeWdney 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 28, 1-4 at Maple Ridge Museum

February 25, 1-4 at Maple Ridge Museum

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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 2024:

- 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 honour Maple Ridge's Sesquicentennial in a manner that is respectful and mindful of the area's 10000+ year history.
- We will continue to bring Museum on the Move to every corner of town with engaging exhibits and activities for all ages and abilities.
- We will provide Maple Ridge's educators with more resources to enhance their lessons on local history.
- We will continue our work to make the archives more accessible to the public and searchable on our website.

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Children put their own spin on ornaments during our second annual Holiday Ornament Making workshop

Recap of November and December Events and Programs

November and December are some of our quietest times after a busy summer and October, but we still had a few fun events. We attended **Repair Cafe** for the second time this year, bringing a cheeky display of artifacts that came with their original (now expired) warranties. We held our second annual **Holiday Ornament Making** workshop for kids that received excellent feedback. Lastly, we opened Haney House before and after the **CP Holiday Train** for the community to visit and warm up.



Thank you for supporting Museum on the Move in 2023!

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.