



MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Maple Ridge 150

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



After the City of Maple Ridge Was incorporated on September 14, 1874, the municipality, neighbourhoods, towns, and eventually a city has continuously grown since. While Maple Ridge was the original settler name for the area, its use was almost entirely bureaucratic until recent years. What began as Maple Ridge soon developed into seven historic neighbourhoods which took on identities and cultures of their own. Five of these neighbourhoods were along the new CPR line and two were the results of the roads built from tax collection after incorporation.

Hammond, which began as Port Hammond, is named after the Hammond Brothers who were the first pre-emptors of the area. The town would eventually grow into a company town for the Hammond Cedar Mill. Though the mill now closed, Hammond contains the highest number of historic houses and buildings left in Maple Ridge. Haney, also known as Port Haney, would become the commerce centre of Maple Ridge in the early years and would in the later 20th century become downtown to the growing Maple Ridge population. After the building of Lougheed Highway in 1931 and a devastating fire in Port Haney, the centre of town moved, and remains, along Lougheed highway and 224th street. Albion was the first area settled by settlers from Fort Langley, the first being Maillot PeoPeoh a Hawaiian Kanaka employee of HBC. This neighbourhood was settled over the years by farmers and became berry and fruit farms for people from all over the world. Whonnock, which remains a rural area of Maple Ridge was settled largely by Norwegian and Japanese farmers. Ruskin, CPR stop furthest east, was founded as a socialist commune following the teachings of environmentalist and socialist John Ruskin. While this commune only lasted a few years it quickly became a logging operation. Logging and farming were the main industries of the area and it today also remains a rural area of Maple Ridge. Moving away from the train line is Websters Corners. This community also began as a socialist community founded by Finnish settlers from Sointula. This commune also only lasted a few years but from it sprang a thriving and vibrant Finnish community. Many of the descendants of the Finnish settlers still live in Websters Corners today. And finally, Yannadon is home to much of the environmental beauty of Maple Ridge. The UBC research forest would be founded out of the Marc Family land and Golden Ears Park, Maple Ridge Park, and Davidson Pool have become iconic to the Maple Ridge experience. These neighbourhoods still make up the fabric of modern day Maple Ridge.

As we think about our 150 years of settler history we consider what legacy we are leaving to the future. Our past contains moments to be proud of, moments to be sad about, and moments to be ashamed of. Each are valuable and each have a lesson to teach us. We hope to continue to tell these stories for the community for the next 150 years.



Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again!

It's that time of year where we once again ask for your continued support of the Maple Ridge Historical Society. It's been another exciting year at the museum and there has been quite a few new exhibits such as 'Legendary Lapidary', and 'What Was Taken'. In terms of events and programming, we are still busier than ever! 2024 was the 150th anniversary of Maple Ridge. To celebrate we did a very successful 150 day long social media campaign sharing highlights from our past. We also created new displays

and interactives that were brought to several city events to ring in the big anniversary. We had 17 Museum on the Move appearances across the city, and Music on the Wharf was a smashing success. Our Headstone Preservation project was incredibly popular, and 61 volunteers were able to clean over 500 headstones across 6 sessions. Of course, none of our work would be possible without the support of our members. We look forward to your renewed support in years to come! As always memberships can be renewed by filling out the Membership Renewal Form under the memberships tab on our website, or by mail.

St Andrews Church Hall Rental

Are you looking for a rental space to hold a small gathering of up to 60 people? Don't forget that the Maple Ridge Historical Society rents out the St Andrews Heritage Church and Hall for group meetings, small gatherings, weddings, celebrations of life, baby showers etc. Visit our website for rental rates and to see a copy of the rental contract. If you are interested in renting the church for your group our event please contact our Buildings Manager at samantha@maplevalleylandservices.ca



Midwinter Closure

The Maple Ridge Museum and Haney House Museum will be closed from December 22nd to January 2nd for mid-winter break.

On behalf of the Maple Ridge Historical Society, we want to wish each and every one of you a wonderful holiday season. We can't wait to see what the New Year will bring and we are excited to welcome everyone back for a new year in 2024!

Upcoming Events

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!

November 23, 10-2 at Maple Ridge Library

mapleridgemuseum.org/motm



Holiday Ornament Making

Get into the holiday spirit by making three ornaments for your tree using a variety of techniques and materials, then enjoy some hot chocolate and a treat!

Registration required.

\$5 per child

Ages 5+

December 7, 11-12 & 1-2 at Maple Ridge Museum

mapleridgemuseum.org/holiday-ornament-making

Holiday Train at Haney House

The CP Holiday Train is back! Warm up at Haney House and see it all decorated for the holidays. We will also be accepting donations for the Friends in Need Food Bank.

December 19, 6:30pm-8pm at Haney House Museum

Maple Ridge Museum Merch Makes a Great Gift!

Show your love for Maple Ridge Museum with some fun merchandise options! This is your chance to get historical Maple Ridge icons like The Beast or one of the dinosaurs from Dyck's Dino Park on a t-shirt, tote bag, sticker, or notebook. Best of all, you can choose the style, size, and colour of your shirt and have it shipped directly to you through RedBubble!

redbubble.com/people/mapleridgemus/shop



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September & October Events Review

We had a strong finish to event season! Over 100 headstones were cleaned at our final Headstone Preservation Project session at Whonnock Cemetery. We attended Our Neck of the Woods, which celebrated 150 years since the incorporation of Maple Ridge as a municipality, with displays, trivia, and giveaways.

Maple Ridge's annual Tree Planting event was held right here in Jim Hadgkiss Park on a very rainy Wednesday; nine new trees were planted. We ended September with National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, educating the public about the museum's role as an archaeological repository, and what to do if they found archaeological materials on their property.

October was also busy, with our annual Culture Days offering of Apple Harvest Festival at Haney House. Less than a week later we were back at Haney House for our annual In the Dead of Night: Paranormal Investigations at Haney House fundraiser. Lastly, we hosted over 200 visitors at Maple Ridge Museum for Halloween Family Fun during the last weekend of October!

We would like to give a HUGE thank you to Cornerstone Supernatural for volunteering their time at In the Dead of Night: Paranormal Investigations at Haney House. We would also like to thank Haunted History for their donation of apples for Apple Harvest Festival, and the Haney House caretakers for doing a fantastic demonstration of their fruit press during the event.



Left: Volunteer Savannah cleans a headstone on September 7

Middle: Premier Eby stopped by our tent during Our Neck of the Woods

Right: A child samples fresh-pressed apple juice after a demonstration from the Haney House Caretakers

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.