

MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

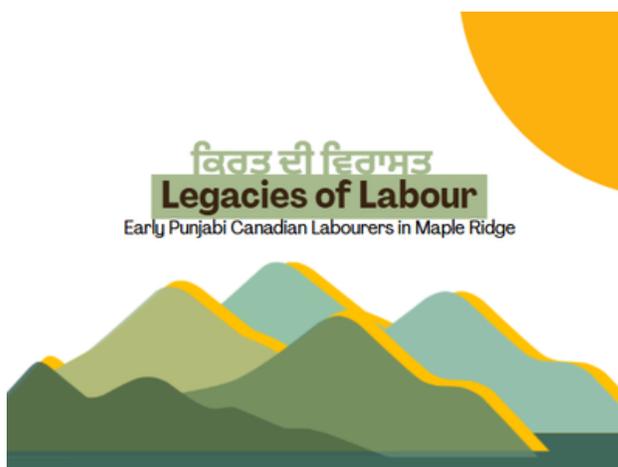
New Exhibits



If you haven't been to the Maple Ridge Museum since the summer, it might just be time to stop by. There has been a flurry of activity in the museum's gallery space since last Autumn and early Winter. During this time, staff were hard at work bringing new exhibits to the space that bring new perspectives to the history of Maple Ridge.

In the permanent gallery, a new exhibit called *Legacies of Labour* has been added. This exhibit, created by Gurnoor Powar, highlights the early Punjabi Canadian labourers who helped shape Maple Ridge through farming, mill work, and everyday resilience, despite facing racism, exclusion, and systemic barriers. This community is often underrepresented in historical records, and this exhibit offers visitors a chance to learn about how their presence was invaluable to the growth of Maple Ridge.

In the temporary exhibit room, we closed out the year with the newly installed exhibit, *qicay: Land of Moss*. This exhibit, created in partnership with Katzie First Nation, offers visitors an opportunity to hear some of their stories and to learn more about qicay's relationship to the lands now known as Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. Included throughout the exhibit are hand-painted images that help bring to life the stories told. With equal parts of love and delusion, staff undertook the task of creating a wall sized storytelling map combining qicay's creation story with a map of their traditional territory. We hope that visitors come away from this exhibit with a much deeper appreciation for the rich history of this land and all it has to offer.



While the focus has been for quite some time on exhibits, this year staff will be prioritizing collections work. However, you can expect a few changes around the permanent gallery space, including updates to our section on the Haney Brick & Tile Company and our historical medicines display cabinet. Stay tuned for more updates!

Upcoming Events

Spring Break at MRM

Drop in to Maple Ridge Museum for some Spring Break fun! Complete a scavenger hunt while checking out our exhibits and displays, play lawn games, and take a craft and other activities to do at home.

March 19-22 & 26-29 10am-4pm
Maple Ridge Museum

mapleridgemuseum.org/spring-break

Walking Tours

Join Erica Williams, local history expert and former president of the Maple Ridge Historical Society, on historic walking tours of downtown Maple Ridge and Maple Ridge Cemetery.

May 3 2pm - Maple Ridge Cemetery
May 4 2pm - Downtown Maple Ridge

mapleridgemuseum.org/historic-walking-tours

Headstone Preservation Project

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.

Tuesday June 9 5-8pm (Maple Ridge Cemetery)
Thursday June 18 5-8pm (Maple Ridge Cemetery)
Thursday July 9 5-8pm (Maple Ridge Cemetery)
Saturday July 11 9am-12pm (Whonnock Cemetery)
Wednesday July 22 5pm-8pm (Whonnock Cemetery)
Tuesday Aug 4 5-8pm (Maple Ridge Cemetery)
Saturday Aug 8 9am-12pm (Whonnock Cemetery)
Saturday Aug 15 9am-12pm (Maple Ridge Cemetery)
Saturday Sep 12 9am-12pm (Maple Ridge Cemetery)

mapleridgemuseum.org/headstone-preservation-project



MUSEUM ON THE MOVE

Museum on the Move brings free, accessible, and inclusive museum learning to all corners of Maple Ridge. The goal of this project is to bring the museum's stories and programs to the residents and visitors of our city by setting up a mini "pop-up" museum in locations that are frequented by the public as they go about their usual summer activities.

April 18 - Memorial Peace Park
Event: Earth Day

June 20 - Memorial Peace Park
Event: National Indigenous Peoples Day

More appearances are being added all the time! For an up-to-date list, visit:

mapleridgemuseum.org/motm



Get your MRM Merch!

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

The Story We All Speak: Maple Ridge's past translated by its people

Maple Ridge Museum has accepted two grants for our The Story We All Speak, our new translation project. We are asking members of the public to share their expertise with us and translate a very basic history of Maple Ridge into as many languages as possible. At the conclusion of this project, visitors will be able to access a recording in their language of choice as they visit the museum. We are always trying to address how we can make Maple Ridge's history more accessible to the people of Maple Ridge and beyond, and we hope that this project will help newcomers and English Language Learners feel more welcome in our shared community.

We would like to thank the Maple Ridge Community Foundation and the City of Maple Ridge for their support of this project. Funds will primarily be used to provide honoraria to volunteers.

If you speak a language other than English and you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Abby at engage@mapleridgemuseum.org.



Abby Lizée accepts a grant from the City of Maple Ridge at the Heritage Awards on February 19

You are Invited!



Annual General Meeting 2026

Thursday March 26, 6:30pm

Come share food together and learn about what the historical society and museums 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!



Join us at St Andrews Heritage Church for a potluck dinner and socializing about our shared love of heritage.

We will reflect on and review our 2025 year.

All are welcome but only current members will have voting powers.

CPR Caboose

The CPR Caboose, built in Montreal in 1944, which was installed and cared for by the Dewdney Alouette Railway Society has unfortunately come to the end of its life. The caboose had been exposed to the elements for too many years and came down with ease in February. We are very sad to see it go as it was a wonderful display of our railway history but had become too much of a safety hazard. We look forward to educating on our railway history in other ways.



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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