



# MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## UBC Research Forest Field Trip!

In April, the Maple Ridge Museum staff were invited to attend a guided tour of sections of the UBC research forest by staff members. We jumped at the chance to tour the beautiful and historic research forest. On the tour we were lucky enough to visit the Marc Family house, which is owned by and continually used by the BC Forestry Department. We also took a drive out to Marion/Jacobs Lake, which was the site of Alouette and Lougheed Logging Company Camp 4 as well as a retreat cabin built by Sam Edge, Frank Blackstock, and Nelson Howe and used as a family cabin by Marion and Chauncey McCormick. If you would like to visit the research forest yourself, see their website for a [map of walking trails](#). You will see several dozen interpretive historical signs around the park as well, explaining the rich and fascinating history of the area.



Shea, Abby, and Tisha on the porch of the Marc family house, 2026



Shea, Abby, and Tisha on the doc of Marion Lake, across from the site of ALLCO camp 4, 2026



Alice, Germaine, and Marcel Marc on the porch of the Marc Family house, 1911



ALLCO camp 4 on Marion Lake, 1920s



## ***Shea Henry Departing ED***

After six years as executive director, and eight years with the Maple Ridge Museum, Shea is departing the museum for a new position. In late April Shea was offered the position of Executive Director for Heritage BC. During her time at the Museum Shea has made it her goal and focus to grow the image and presence of the museum and heritage in the Maple Ridge Community and to share the importance and value of heritage. *"I am proud of the work that I have done at the Maple Ridge Museum as first the curator and then the Executive Director. I will always have a special place in my heart for Maple Ridge and our amazing history. As I move into an advocacy role with Heritage BC, I hope to continue to work with Maple Ridge on growing and valuing our local heritage."*



## ***Abby Lizee Departing CEC***

Abby Lizee, our Community Engagement Coordinator will be finishing her time with the Maple Ridge Museum at the end of June. Abby began at the Maple Ridge Museum in early 2022 taking the reigns of the award-winning Museum on the Move program and turning it into the success that it became. She has become a force of nature within the community and a great voice of heritage. *"I am incredibly sad to leave Maple Ridge Museum. Over the past four years I have worked hard to get people excited about learning their history and supporting heritage. While I don't know where I will go next, I am hoping to continue to building and advocating for our shared community."*

## Upcoming Events

### *Music On The Wharf*

Join us for the 30th annual Music on the Wharf concert series at the historic Port Haney Wharf.

**July 13 7:30pm - Gift Shop**

**August 3 7:30pm - Knudson & Connaughton**

**August 10 7:00pm - Cat Murphy Band**

**August 24 7:00pm - Golden Ears Jazz Band**

[mapleridgemuseum.org/music-on-the-wharf](http://mapleridgemuseum.org/music-on-the-wharf)

### *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.

**June 6 2pm - Maple Ridge Cemetery**

**June 7 2pm - Downtown Maple Ridge**

[mapleridgemuseum.org/historic-walking-tours](http://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)**

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Introduction to Katzie First Nation History  
with Len Pierre

**May 14, 6 - 7:30 pm Maple Ridge Public Library**

Explore Katzie First Nation History, territory, and stories related to the land. Discuss Katzie cultural practices like hunting, fishing, cedar harvesting, family raising, and more with Len Pierre at the Maple Ridge Public Library.

### 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.

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

June 27 - Memorial Peace Park  
Event: Canadian Multiculturalism Day

July 1 - Memorial Peace Park  
Event: Canada Day

July 24-26 - Albion Fairgrounds  
Event: Country Fest

September 27 - 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](http://mapleridgemuseum.org/motm)

## *March and April Events and Programs Recap*

Spring at the museum is usually dedicated to prepping for a busy summer. We had a busy **spring break**, inviting families to do a scavenger hunt and crafts at the museum. We attended **Earth Day**, supporting this year's theme of ReConnect with an opportunity for the public to send a message to their past self and our hanging school timeline. We are again participating in the **Tourism Challenge**, and we anticipate having our largest visitor turnout ever. The **Translation Project** is ongoing and we have begun to receive submissions. We are still looking for more volunteers to provide translations, to please contact us if you speak a language other than English and would like to participate.



Abby and Shea at Earth Day on April 18. Photo by Niklas Koehn

## *Bicycle Museum*

In April the Board of Directors took a guided tour of the new Bicycle Museum in Maple Ridge, "Two Wheel Time Machine." The museum explores the history of the bicycle using real antique bikes to guide you through the technological and cultural evolution of bicycles. Visit The [Two Wheel Time Machine](#) website to learn about the new cultural experience in Maple Ridge, and to sign up for a tour.

Gordon Hobbs, the founder and creator of the museum is also recruiting for volunteers who are passionate about bicycles or learning the tour. If you are interested in being a volunteer in this new museum, email Gordon at [admin@twowheeltimemachine.com](mailto:admin@twowheeltimemachine.com).



One of the antique bikes on display at Two Wheel Time Machine

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.

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