

## Newsletter September 2016

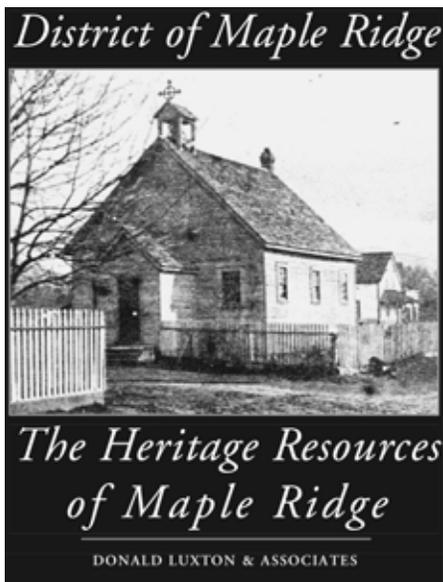
### **IS THERE HOPE FOR OUR COMMUNITY HERITAGE?**

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Speaking of Art & History with Donald Luxton.  
At the ACT: Thursday, September 29th at 7pm

With the current rush of new development, is heritage being left behind? Join well-known local author, advocate and heritage consultant Donald Luxton for a lively presentation and discussion about how the heritage conservation movement is adapting to new and unexpected pressures in the 21st century. The presentation will include recent events in Vancouver, including the protection of First Shaughnessy and the 'Demolition Derby' occurring on the city's west side, as well as an update on heritage issues in Maple Ridge.

Donald Luxton is principal of Donald Luxton & Associates, a leading western Canadian heritage and cultural resource management firm. *aw*



For Don Luxton's 1989 inventory of our heritage resources go to <<https://www.mapleridge.ca/241/Heritage-Inventory-Resources>>



### **HERITAGE INVENTORY OPEN HOUSE - YOU ARE INVITED!**

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Monday, October 3, 2016 | 4:30 - 8:30 pm  
Ridge Meadows Seniors Activity Centre,  
12150 224 Street, Maple Ridge

Get more information on the Heritage Inventory Project and talk with the team working on updating the Heritage Inventory. Share your ideas for sites you want to nominate. We encourage you to bring your old photos, photo albums, newspaper clippings and any other general information on sites you feel have heritage value.

The Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission (CHC) wants your input to help update the heritage sites listed on the Heritage Resources of Maple Ridge (aka Heritage Inventory). The Inventory contains a listing of 100 historic sites, which have been researched, photographed and described as special historic places within the community. It was completed in 1998 after a public nomination process, undertaken by Donald Luxton & Associates, and has served as an invaluable tool in the community's heritage management program.

It is time for an update and again, Don Luxton will be at the helm. It is time to go beyond buildings and nominate some of the special places in our community that may never have had a building but are no less special for it.



We joined the Canada Day celebrations: the second year having a tent in Memorial Peace Park. From left to right: Ashley Vandepol, Alison Pocock, Allison White, Kaity Neff, and Sarah Davies.

## SUMMER STUDENT WORK 2016

This year we welcomed back students Kaity Neff, Alison Pocock, and Ashley Vandepol to the museum(s), along with new hire, Sarah Davies.

We commenced the summer season with annual Canada Day celebrations, our second year having a tent in Memorial Peace Park. We had a “touchable” artifact display for visitors to our tent, on the history of parks and camping, along with games and our very popular wooden stilts. We had hundreds of people come visit our tent, despite the chilly weather.

At the museum we continued to focus on re-packing more sensitive materials from our textile collection, along with a detailed inventory and object photographs. We also took the time to put in a new Katzie First Nation display titled, “Katzie: Living with the Land”, which focuses on archeological records, stone tools, basketry and weaving.

Our online presence continues to grow. Students worked this summer on making Instagram and Twitter online priorities, and we have seen a growth in the number of followers through Face-

book as well. Short videos, and photographs of artifacts have been used, in addition to purely archival photographs.

In July, we did a cemetery clean-up, and finished data entry on the Maple Ridge Cemetery, which will help us next year when doing annual inventory on site. Also in July the students installed their individual displays at the library. Topics were; fishing, entertainment and equestrianism.

Students also continued to help process the *Maple Ridge Times* collection of photographs, which will continue into the fall.

Overall, it was a very productive summer that came and went too fast but we were impressed with the level of detail our students brought to their work, and hope to keep some of them on in a part-time capacity throughout the year. *aw*



# I CULTURE!

## CULTURE DAYS

On Sunday, October 2nd from 1-4pm the Maple Ridge Museum will take part in Culture Days. Culture Days is devoted to providing Canadians with opportunities to participate in, and appreciate, all forms of arts and culture.

Visitors coming to the Maple Ridge Museum on October 2nd will have free admission for a tour of the museum.

On the lower level of the museum, the Dewdney Alouette Railway Society (DARS) will be hosting an open house with model train building for children and a backstage pass to their world class railway diorama.

Culture Days is an incredible opportunity to “discover more about your community through the world of artists, creators, historians, architects, curators, designers and creative people in their communities.”

For a full list of activities and participating organizations is available at [culturedays.ca](http://culturedays.ca). *aw*



## RIVERS DAY

Sunday, September 25th 11am – 3pm

Allco Fish Hatchery & Rivers Heritage Centre

On the last Sunday of September, Alouette River Management Society hosts the Ridge Meadows Rivers Day Celebration at the Allco Fish Hatchery & Rivers Heritage Centre.

This fun, FREE family event has live entertainment, BBQ, children's trout fishing pond with the BC Federation of Drift Fishers, environmental displays and LOTS of activities for children of all ages. The Maple Ridge Museum will be there with displays archival on the history of logging.

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## DONATION FROM IAN BARKER

Some of you will recall a visit ten years ago from Ian and Val Barker of Fenstanton, England. Ian is a descendent of John and William Hammond's sister and found an envelope stamped “John Hammond: Fruit Grower: Port Hammond, BC” in her archives. They contacted the museum and the rest, as they say, is history.

Ian and Val have maintained contact and their membership over the decade and they recently donated \$100 to our cemetery cleaning project for more/new equipment as they appreciate our upkeep on the John Hammond monument. We will use the money to replace the worn surgical brushes and to get more buckets and kneeling pads for the cleaning kit.



Ian and Val Barker with John Hammond's monument at the Maple Ridge Cemetery

## MUSIC ON THE WHARF

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For the 20th season of Music on the Wharf we received well over 50 applicants, making the committee's decision to pick only 4 extremely difficult. We had no rainouts this year, and each concert averaged 275 people.

The concert would not have been successful without the community and financial support of the Meadow Ridge Rotary, Haney Rotary, Kiwanis Club, The ACT Arts Centre and the City of Maple Ridge, as well as the volunteers who helped out at each concert. We hope to take the encouragement of audience turnout this year, into our 21st season next summer. /aw

New Westminster historian Archie Miller addressing the crowd on the wharf at the Heritage River Walk opening on September 12, 1992 – one of the few times other than Music on the Wharf when there has been a substantial crowd there.



Hot Rocks at Davidson's Pool are a good candidate to be recognized as a non-structure heritage resource. This image was taken in the 1940s.



Wharfinger Office cleanup on September 10 – We have some enthusiastic new partners to help us care for the Wharfinger’s office.

New residents of the “Reflections on the River” condo development next to the Billy Miner Pub offered to help repaint the building on Sept 10 and have also agreed to watch over it from their balconies.

We had another pair of campers in the building who were chased off when the painting crew arrived but clearly it will be an ongoing problem. The Wharf office now has a fresh coat of paint to help protect it through the winter and to resist the inevitable graffiti.



Summer students standing where the ladies once stood on that old photo of Haney House. Remarkable how the house has retained its look after 110 years.

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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