

Newsletter January & February 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Family Day at the ACT – February 17th

The Museum will be at the ACT for their community Family Day event on February 17th from 11:00 am-3:00 pm! We will be there with our historic dress up bins and photo booth, along with a historic matching game. Check out this FREE Family Day event at the ACT where community groups will have arts, crafts, and activities.

Heritage Week: Bringing the Past Into the Future – February 17th-23rd

This year B.C. Heritage week is running on the theme “Bringing the Past Into the Future.” Heritage institutions, and all cultural institutions in our modern world are always considering how to change with the changing times. Our mandate this year is to consider how to bring our knowledge and wisdom of the past into the future with us during changing times. Check out some local events below to see how the Museum and Heritage Society are helping to bring the past into the future.

Heritage Awards – February 20th

Join the City of Maple Ridge, the Community Heritage Commission, and Historical Society in celebrating BC Heritage Week with the annual Heritage Awards, presented at St. Andrews Heritage Church on February 20th at 7:00 pm. Come and celebrate local heritage with us and help us continue our community’s long history of preservation of the past.

HERITAGE WEEK 2020

Bringing the Past into the Future

Feb 17–23, 2020

Heritage Week Open House – February 23rd

The Museum will celebrate Heritage Week 2020 with a 20/20 look at the museum! We will be offering behind the scenes tours of the museum, including storage areas as well as opening the 1933 Brick Yard Office building next to the main museum building in Jim Hadgkiss Park.

If you have ever wondered what is inside this little brick building then this is your chance! You will also learn what the Museum and Historical Society do, how we are “Bringing the Past Into the Future” and why we are so important to the community. Come by on this day for behind the scenes tours at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 Sunday February 23rd.



Bernice Gehring leaning on the railing of the Port Haney Wharf with the Wharfinger's office visible in the background. November 1, 1993

REMEMBERING BERNICE GEHRING

On Nov 11, 2019, our community lost the force of nature known as Bernice Gehring. Along with husband Don, she was a mainstay of the Maple Ridge Historical Society and so many other groups. From her base at the Billy Miner Pub, she oversaw the rentals at the Heritage Church, helped care for and display Haney House and was the creator of our popular "Music on the Wharf" concert series.

But the best memories of Bernice are of her tours. Bernice did walking tours of Hammond and Port Haney, speaking from memory of her childhood and what she had learned from the lives of her elders.

On one memorable occasion, there was an event at the Maple Ridge Museum and Bernice had volunteered to meet a group at the Port Haney Wharf and walk them up past Haney House and down the path past the old lumber yard site to the brickyard site and the museum. Two hours passed. Then three. Just as we were starting to get worried, at nearly four hours, Bernice and her flock of about 25 people finally finished their tour and were every bit as rapt in their attention as they had been at the beginning. To an extraordinary woman – thanks for the memories!

MARK CALENDARS FOR MARCH AGM

Our AGM will be on March 26th at St. Andrews Heritage church Hall. We will gather at 6:30pm for our traditional pot luck supper. If you know anyone who has been thinking of becoming a member or who is just interested in local history, invite them to join us. The dinner is followed by a brief business meeting and then some social time.

BOOKSHELF

A nudge to remind you that the Maple Ridge Museum keeps offering a selection of history and heritage related books some of which can't be found in your regular book store or even on the Internet. Here is a list of the present selection:

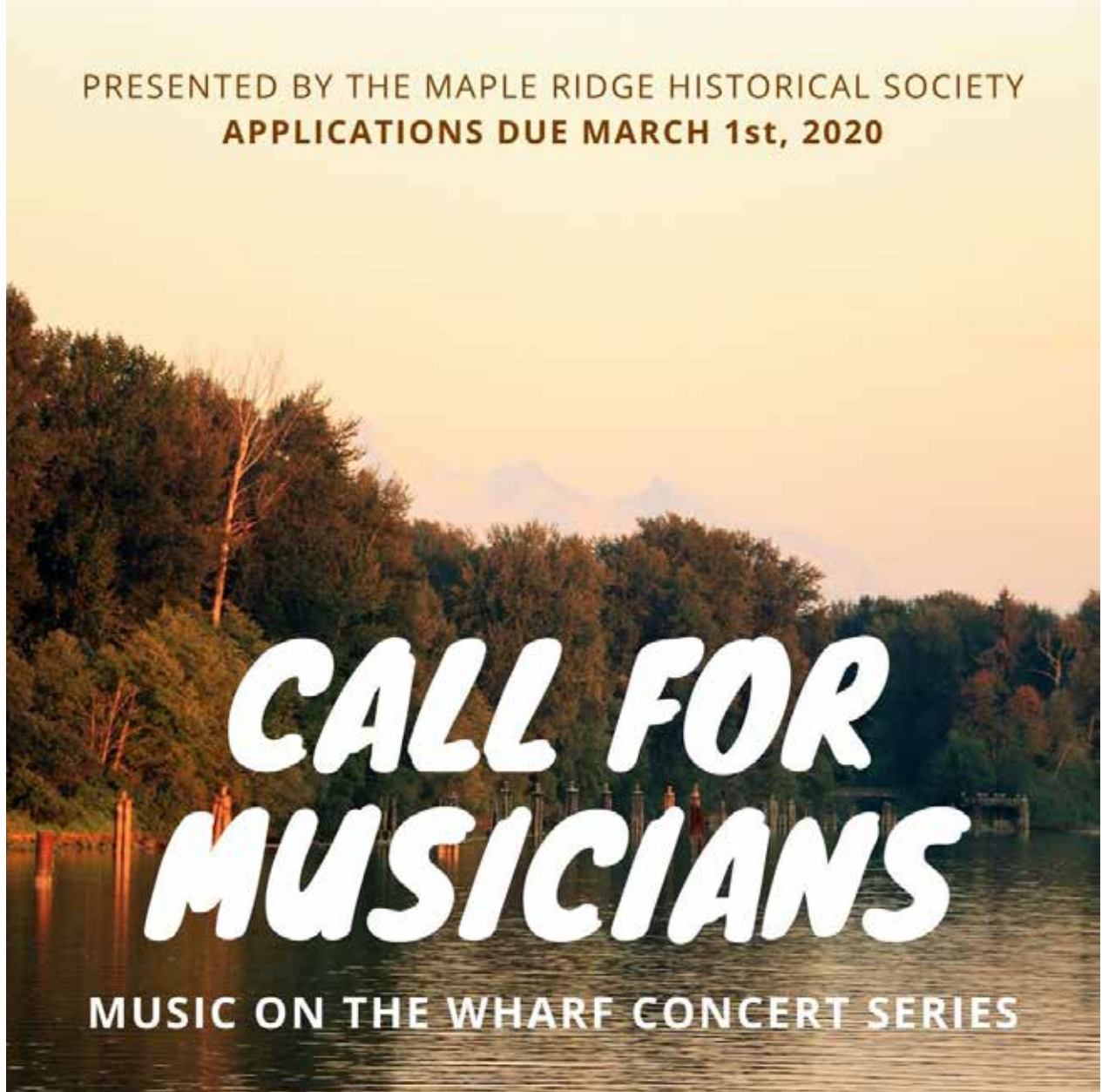
<i>Maple Ridge: A History of Settlement Looking Back</i>	Sheila Nickols et al	\$10
<i>History of Haney Nokai</i>	Sheila Nickols	\$20
<i>Maple Ridge: Moments in Time</i>	Yasutaro Yamaga, translated by W.T. Hashizume	\$25
<i>Heritage Recipes</i>	Chris Campbell	\$25
<i>Bannock and Beavertails</i>	Maple Ridge Historical Society	\$5
<i>Vancouver Exposed: A History in Photographs</i>	British Columbia Friends of the Fort, Fort Langley and Barbara O'Neill	\$10
<i>Toshiko</i>	Donald E. Waite	\$40
<i>Frail Memorials: The Cemeteries of Langley</i>	Michael Kluckner	\$20
<i>Pitt Polder: Legends & Dreams</i>	Warren F. Sommer	\$25
<i>Karizumai: a Guide to Japanese Canadian Internment Sites</i>	Sandy MacDougall	\$10
<i>Poignant Moments</i>	Linda Kawamoto & Beth Carter Reid	\$5
<i>The Extra Mile: Celebrating 150 Years of Service - Government Agents in British Columbia 1858-2008</i>	Ernie Poignant	\$20
<i>Heritage Plaque Program Tenth Anniversary</i>	Editor: Patricia Freeman	\$10
Assorted neighbourhood history booklets	Maple Ridge Heritage Advisory Committee, 2002	\$20
	Museum staff	\$10

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is renewal time so please send in your annual dues.

You can pay by mail, by PayPal through our website or in person at the museum.

It is important for us to have the largest voice possible for the protection of our history.



MUSIC ON THE WHARF CALL FOR MUSICIANS

Our annual call for musicians for Music on the Wharf 2020 is open! If you have or know a band that would like to play an evening concert on the historic Port Haney wharf then check out our website for information on how to apply. <http://mapleridgemuseum.org/education-programs/music-on-the-wharf/motw-submissions/>

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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