

MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Kilby store and hotel, Harrison Mills, 1908

HISTORY GOES TO MARKET AGAIN!

The Maple Ridge Museum & Archives is taking another historical display to the Farmer's Market on Saturday, July 30, from 10am to 2pm. The focus this time will be on our agricultural history, providing background and context for some of today's agricultural issues. Save the date and join us on the BC Day long-weekend. We'll be the ones on the Bandstand!

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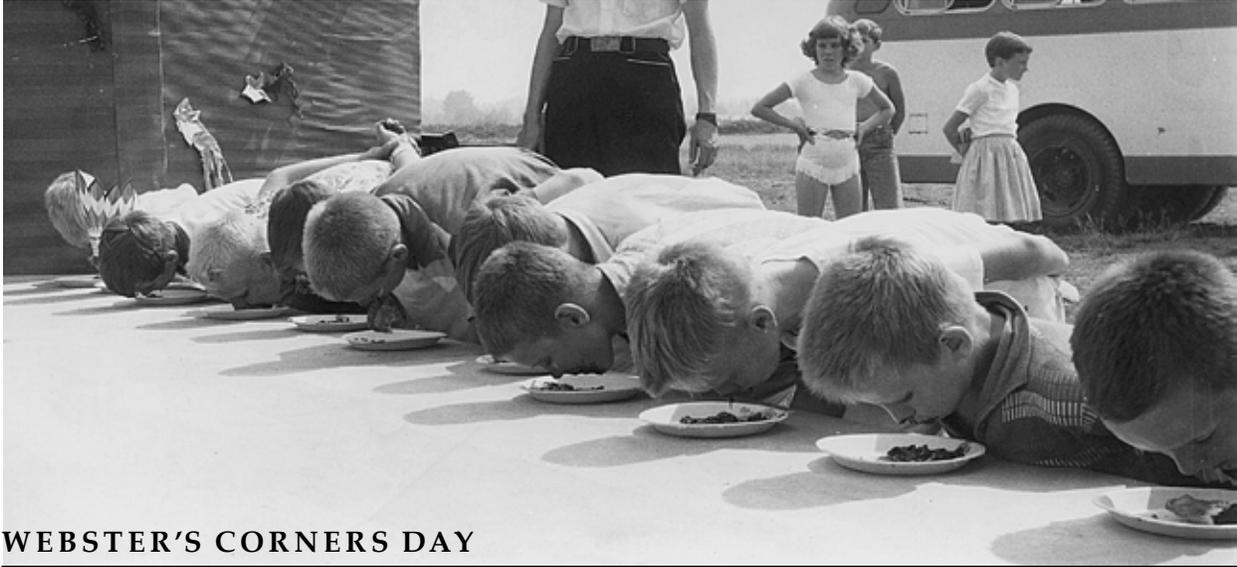
FIELD TRIP TO KILBY HISTORIC SITE

Join us for a field trip to Kilby Historic Site in Harrison Mills on Saturday, June 25th. We will meet at the Maple Ridge Museum (in the parking lot) to caravan to Kilby at 11:30 am.

Our behind-the-scenes tour of the site starts a 1:00 pm and costs \$5 per person.

Current exhibitions on display at the site are *Art Deco Fashions*, and an their enhanced *First Nation* display. For more information on the site please visit www.kilby.ca

Please contact Allison at 604-463-5311 to sign-up!
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WEBSTER'S CORNERS DAY

The same day as our field trip to Kilby will be the annual Webster's Corners Day celebration. The museum will attend with displays regarding the history of that neighbourhood and its large Finnish community. There will be lots of activities for children and opportunities to reminisce with old neighbours at their Heritage Tea. The whole event runs from 11:00 am to 3:00 with the Tea starting at noon. There will be a pie-eating contest at 1:00 pm. Photo: pie eating contest at the Fall Fair in the 1960s. *vp*

WALKING PORT HANEY WITH IAN MCLEOD

On Saturday morning, May 7, MRHS member **Ian McLeod** hosted a walking tour entitled "Port Haney: Past, Present and Future." The walk was organized in conjunction with Think City Tours, an annual event that highlights history, culture and development options in neighbourhoods across the Lower Mainland.

Ten registered tour participants gathered at the cenotaph in Memorial Peace Park to begin the tour, including four from Vancouver, three from Abbotsford and one from Surrey. The ninety-minute tour took the group along lower 224 Street, once a thriving commercial district, to the Haney Wharf, a calling point for the passenger and freight vessels that once plied the Fraser. The wharf looks over to the original site of Fort Langley, the Lower Mainland's first European settlement (1827).

Much of the Port Haney area is now vacant or otherwise due for redevelopment. Tour participants were called on to use their imaginations to fill in the gaps – looking backward and looking

forward. Thanks to **Val Patenaude** for providing photos of now-vanished streetscapes, and to **Tom Little** for greeting the guests at Haney House. *im*



Ian McLeod telling the story of the intersection of 224th Street and Lougheed Highway.



Two little beauties explore the dress-up collection at Canada Day 2010.

CANADA DAY CARNIVAL AT HANEY HOUSE

Date: Friday July 1st 2011

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Place: 11612 - 224th Street



A carnival atmosphere, community and family history, beautiful gardens; the Haney House Museum is the place to be this Canada Day! There will be lots of activities for everyone in the family:

- Games (such as bean bag toss and croquet)
- Face painting
- Free popcorn and cold drinks
- Cotton candy by donation
- Colouring contest
- Canada Day crafts
- Dress up chest

Tours of Haney House by staff and volunteers in heritage costumes will also be happening during this event. Come see our new display inside the house, showcasing activities that were available to pioneer residents during the warm summer months.

This event is completely free! Donations will be happily accepted.

Please contact Sandra Borger at 604-463-5311 for more details. *aw*

MUSIC ON THE WHARF REMINDER

Our summer concert series is nearly underway, and we have an impressive list of musicians ready to turn the Port Haney Wharf into a dance floor this summer. However, before the concerts get underway we need your help - we are looking for volunteers for each concert. Please contact Allison at 604-463-5311 if you are interested.

July 11: **Marty Bernard & The Bloo Zebras**

July 25: **Steven Hansen & The Grove Merchants**

August 8: **Willy Blizzard**

August 22: **Bruce James Orchestra**

Note: first three concerts start at 7:30 pm; last concert starts at 7:00 pm.

There is no seating provided at these events so bring a lawn chair.

In case of rain the concert will be cancelled. This decision will be made by 4:30 pm on the day of the concert. Signs will be posted at the wharf and you can contact the museum the day of the concert for more details. *aw*



Alison Pocock Library Display - Alison Pocock is returning for a second summer and will be overseeing Haney House for us.

SUMMER SEASON

We seemed to have reached the halfway point of the year at a rapid pace! Our summer students have all been hired, and of course we have already put them to work. Our senior students are currently working full-time, and our junior students will start the last week of June. We are fortunate to have some returning faces; both **Sandra Borger** and **Alison Pocock** who have worked at Haney House Museum in the past are returning as Interpretation and Event Coordinators. Sandra has also been doing contract research work for us over the spring. **Chris MacMillian** and **Stephanie Sihota** will be our Conservation and Collections Coordinators. Chris worked at the Maple Ridge Museum last year and we are happy to have him back for another season. As well, **Erin Woelders** will continue on as our Archival Assistant throughout the summer months.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Maple Ridge Museum will be getting new display cases this month. When the newsletter returns in the fall look for an article and photographs on the ground floor renovation – we are all extremely excited at the prospect of new cases and look forward to implementing all new displays.

Remember we have expanded summer hours for July and August (Wednesday to Sunday every afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 pm) so come and visit and bring all your out of town guests! *aw*



“THE OLDE POST OFFICE FOR PANTS”

The ongoing conversation between the museum and the Facebook group called “We Call It HANEY!!!” continues to bear fruit. As the group nears 550 members, it is planning a reunion party in Memorial Peace Park in mid-August. Join the group if you want to find out more!

Someone mentioned a store with the unlikely name “The Olde Post Office for Pants” as a fashion leader in the mid-1970s being a purveyor of the sought-after Seafarer jeans. Val recalled seeing a picture of the store in our collection and posted it to the group. It wasn’t until people described its location as Fraser Street next door to Dr. Arber’s office that Val realized it was “our” Old Post Office – the building we now lease as the Old Post Office Preschool.

Historic buildings often have a somewhat checkered past but truly, that is one of the oddest store names ever. *vp*

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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