



# MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter June 2012



### **CHANGE OF VENUE FOR FUTURE MEMBERS MEETINGS**

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We're trying something new for our next programming year. Rather than meet every month at St Andrew's, where the turnout has been dropping steadily, we're looking at holding fewer gatherings and varying what happens at those gatherings. There will be no members meeting in September but on October 11 and November 8, we have booked the Fraser Room at Maple Ridge Library. We hope that the more central location will encourage more people to come out to our events. We're looking for speakers so if you have read a fascinating new history book or know of someone who is a great presenter, please contact us at 604-463-5311.

We're also thinking of introducing a "Show 'n Tell" time to our meeting where people can share with us any historical treasures they have or tell us about an historical place or event they attended. We'd be very interested in feedback on that idea. Finally, if you belong to other groups who have similar gatherings and who are getting a good turnout, please take notes and pass them along. We are always looking to improve what we offer to our members but we need more input from members on what they want to see.

### **WORKING WITH THE CHC**

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The Maple Ridge Historical Society board participated in a joint meeting with the Community Heritage Commission [CHC] on June 5. The purpose was to bring all parties up to speed on the history of the museum expansion project and to explore the potential for joint actions to further that objective. If we are ever going to see a new museum and archives in this community, we need all of our potential partners on board.

### **FAMILY HISTORY PROGRAM**

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Due to lack of response and coupled with circumstances beyond our control, we have cancelled the June 23 Family History workshop. If you are interested in some help with finding, organizing, and storing your family's stories and historical documents, please contact the museum and let us know what it is you would like. [604-463-5311] If there is a sufficient expression of interest, we will design a program to suit the needs expressed.

### **DOLL DISPLAY AT MUSEUM**

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## ALL DOLLED UP

Starting in June, the Maple Ridge Museum will have on display various dolls and doll accessories from its collection. Most notably the display will feature a selection of artifacts from resident Daphne Clowes; from ceramic dolls, to toy wicker furniture to a large collection of paper dolls from the 1930s.

In addition to ceramic and paper dolls, the museum will also be showcasing a brand new collection piece: a toy pram from the mid-1930s donated by Maple Ridge resident **Shirley Goetzen**, who also donated two adorable vinyl dolls with the carriage.

Drop by the museum this summer to see the exhibit. Summer hours for both the Haney House Museum and the Maple Ridge Museum beginning July 4: Wednesday – Sunday from 1 to 4pm.



## LIBRARY DISPLAYS

Starting July 1<sup>st</sup> and carrying through until Sept 1<sup>st</sup> the Maple Ridge Museum will have various displays rotating in the Maple Ridge Library. Archery and Dairy Farms will be on display in July, and our summer student staff will be curating the displays in August. Stop by this summer to check out the artifacts and photographs! The August displays form an important part of our summer students' work experience, so we welcome feedback on the topics and presentation.

## WEBSTER'S CORNERS DAY

There is a special air of celebration for Webster's Corners Day on Saturday, June 23, from 11am to 3pm. The Finnish dedication stone from the Sampo Hall has been moved into the new park and will be rededicated that day. In addition, the Webster's Whonnock United Church congregation will be celebrating 100 years at their Webster's Corners site. Finally, the museum will have a display of Finnish history and a special display on Violet Bokstrom and the Katainen family.

## DIAMOND JUBILEE AND CANADA DAY CELEBRATION AT HANEY HOUSE MUSEUM

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Come celebrate Canada Day and the Queen's Jubilee at Haney House Museum with fun for the whole family! There will be many activities including croquet, bean bag toss, face painting, dress-up clothes, arts and crafts and prizes given out for the various Jubilee-themed games. We will also be offering tours of the historic house throughout the afternoon.

Food and drinks are available upon donation. The event runs from 1pm until 4pm on Sunday July 1st.

For more information please call 604-463-5311.

## MUSIC ON THE WHARF 2012

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Come and join us on the Port Haney Wharf Mondays at 7:30pm (August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm) for our free concert series. There is no seating provided at this event so bring a lawn chair. The best seating area fills up fast so it is best to be there early. Parking is limited so plan ahead and carpool if you can. There are refreshments available. We are grateful to our many sponsors who help make this a success every year!

**July 9: Wendy Biscuit Blues**

**July 23: Penelope Above**

**August 13: Bruce James Orchestra**

**August 27: Good for Grapes**

## TECHNO-WIZARDRY!

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Member Darren Durupt, who is an IT specialist, has been volunteering to upgrade our computer network to modern standards and to help us manage our increasing digital resources. This is the sort of expertise that

we could never hope to pay for so we are most grateful to Darren for his generosity.



## WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF

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We have hired our senior students for the summer. They are **Mallory Palliyaguru** (left), who will be working at the museum, and **Megan Gerryts**, who will be primarily concerned with Haney House. In July, we will have two more students, which will allow us to go to summer hours after the Canada Day celebration.

## WEB SITE CHANGES

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We have added direct links from our web pages to the photo collections stored on Flickr. Go to [www.mapleridgemuseum.org](http://www.mapleridgemuseum.org) and look at the bottom of the main page or any of the neighbourhood pages for those links. We are also adding information about our much needed museum expansion with a link to a letter of support for that project that you can send to Mayor and Council direct from the web site. We really need a show of community support on this!

## HISTORY GOES TO MARKET

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**Our Sporting Life** – On Saturday, August 4th, from 9am to 2pm, museum staff will host a historic display on the bandstand in Memorial Peace Park alongside the Haney Farmer's Market. Join us as we celebrate our favourite games and local sports heroes. If you have photos of local sports triumphs or unusual sporting efforts, please bring them to the museum to donate or have them copied. Members of the "We Call It Haney!!" Facebook group will also be present at the event and selling Haney themed stickers and other memorabilia.

# Our Sporting Life !



A log rolling competition on Labour Day, 1949.



Children developing hula-hoop skills at Haney Central Elementary in 1958.

Finnish teens make a pyramid in the early 1930s.



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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