



MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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A SPOOKTACULAR EVENT AT HANEY HOUSE

Sunday, October 28 12:00 -3:00 pm at Haney House Museum, 11612 224th Street

Halloween is only a few weeks away and it's time to get out your costume and get ready for some fun!

Sunday, October 28th is this year's date for the Spooktacular Halloween at Haney House. We encourage families to come for spooky crafts, some sweet treats and a Haney House scavenger hunt. Can you wear your costume? Of course! Try out your costume for the big day, see you then.

This event is by donation for children, and \$2 for adults.

Haney House is now operating under its winter hours. We are open Sunday from 10 in the morning to 4 in the afternoon. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children/seniors.



Alison Pocock, Sandra Borger and Allison White at last year's Haney House Halloween Happening.



TRAINS 2012 TOURS

The Dewdney-Alouette Railway Society club and members will be hosting the model railway tours for Trains 2012. The guided tours will take place in the evening of Saturday November 10, 2012.

For more information on the tours and the Trains 2012 Meet, check the website at www.bctrains.org and click on "Meet". The associated public Train Show will take place on November 10 and 11 at the Cameron Recreation Complex at 9523 Cameron St. Burnaby, from 10:00 to 4:00 both days.

Even if you can't make the tours, do stop by during any museum open hours and particularly on the last Sunday of the month to see what the DARS club has been up to with the diorama at the museum. If you haven't seen it in a while, you'll be surprised and delighted by all the work that's been done. What was once merely spectacular is now positively magical!



MUSEUM EXPANSION WORKSHOP

On September 25, we held a gathering at St Andrew's Heritage Church Hall to take advantage of the wisdom of two men – Ian McLennan & Brent Cooke – who between them have 90 years experience in the building and renovation of museums. Given that our own project ground to a halt in 2006, it is time to re-examine our position.

According to these professionals, what we need most is a Champion - someone with youth and passion and connections to lead the charge and drive the project. It would take an extraordinary person but the benefits to that person would be many including a vastly increased public profile and the chance to bring to the community a new gem that would be remembered forever. And that's immortality, isn't it?

We also need new blood in general and younger blood in particular. We need more of the energy and enthusiasm of youth so those of us who have been involved for so long need to impart to younger generations what the history of our community means to us and *can* mean to them.

I have included here a thought-provoking list of questions that we need to find answers to. While you read over them, consider whether you are in a position to get more involved with the society as a board or committee member. Encourage your friends to join and expand our voice in the community.

QUESTIONS TO ASK OURSELVES...

- If the museum/ archives were to disappear, who would care?
- If we are not an essential service, how do we become one?
- Is there a match between community needs and the museum?
- Who is (are) are public - and stakeholders?
- How does the community perceive us?
- How do we substantially increase membership?
- Can we create a "critical mass"- destination attraction?
- What are the growth opportunities?
- What are the impediments to future progress?
- Is the current plan (2006) still relevant?
- If so, how do we implement it?
- If not, what do we do to address it?
- What is our next five-year plan?
- What are the next (bite-size) steps?
- What steps do we take to find and inspire the community CHAMPION?



HERITAGE HOMES & NEIGHBOURHOODS

The theme for the BC Heritage Week (18–24 February) is “Good Neighbours: Heritage Homes and Neighbourhoods.”

We are planning a year-long celebration of our neighbourhoods. We would like to involve all of the community associations to participate with events or activities in their neighbourhood which will share their history and accomplishments with the rest of the district. It would be wonderful to see some new associations form and develop the history of their neighbourhood.

Every neighbourhood has a history – for some, its just not been compiled yet.



MINIATURES

It seems to be that time of year for small treats, and I’m not just referring to the mini-sized sweets soon to be collected for Halloween. Many of the recent accessions to the museum have been miniatures!

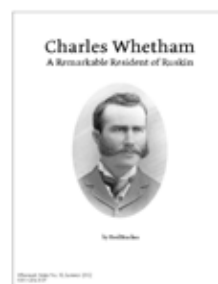
Miniature toys have often been associated with children, but collecting and crafting these pieces has also been a hobby for many adults.

In last month’s newsletter we shared a picture of the 1940s dollhouse kitchen diorama. This dona-

tion also came with two full tea sets, which are in excellent condition and will be added to the larger permanent toy display area. Along with the tea sets, some of my favourite objects so far this year: a set of collectable pencil sharpeners.

These vintage collectables were made popular from the 1920s to the 1950s. If you have seen any, or have some you would be willing to donate, we would love to add them to our collection. Right now our set of six will be incorporated into our permanent school display.

A RUSKIN HERO



The latest issue of *Whonnock Notes* is out: “Charles Whetham: A Remarkable Resident of Ruskin.”

Call Fred at 604 462 8942 if you want a printed copy (\$5.00).

To read it free on the Web or download a copy free, Google “whonnock notes” and pick No. 18 on the list.



FREEMASONRY IN ABBOTSFORD

Thursday, October 25, 2012

As part of Living History series, join Abbotsford Lodge No. 70 Historian, Bill Overy, at The Reach as he shares the history of Freemasonry from its earliest beginnings to its establishment in Abbotsford and debunks myths and misunderstandings about Freemasonry.

The program is free but pre-registration is required. Contact Kris Foulds, kfoulds@thereach.ca or 604-864-8087 ext. 112. The Reach Gallery Museum Abbotsford, 32388 Veterans Way, 6:30-8:30pm

“Shingle Mill at Ruskin.”
That is all we know about this photo. If you know whose mill this was and have other information please call us: 604 463 5311.



STACEY EARLE & MARK STUART

Friday, October 26, 2012

This couple will be performing at St Andrew's Heritage Church Hall at 8:00 pm with doors open at 7:30 pm. You may have seen them playing with Stacey's wellknown brother, huge hit country rock guy Steve Earle, on TV shows like Letterman. As a duo they offer thoughtful, funny and simply wonderful stories expressed in music. For more info on the artists, see <http://www.StaceyandMark.com/>. Book a seat at <http://rocamusic.ca/house-concerts/>. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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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