



Face painting: Meaghan Durupt sporting one of Sharon Malone's unicorns].

40TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

On one of the hottest days of the summer, the Maple Ridge Museum celebrated its 40th Anniversary, welcoming over 275 people through the museum for tours, which included all new exhibits, with the temporary gallery focusing on the first donations the museum collected in 1974.

DARS members provided tours of the diorama, and of the 1944 caboose.

Outside featured historical displays, musical entertainment, and the book launch of Shelia Nickol's *Looking Back: Volume One 1987 – 1991*, which includes columns from her *Looking Back*

series in the *Maple Ridge News*, along with additional information and pictures. The day ended, of course, with birthday cake.

A big thank-you to all the volunteers, service clubs and musicians who helped make the event a success; Kiwanis Club of Golden Ears, Golden Ears Chapter of the Vintage Car Club, Sionnaine Irish Dance Academy, Emerald Pig Theatrical Society, Lupita Mexican Foods, Kat Wahamaa & Tony Rees and Gary Comeau & the Voodoo All-stars. Also, to Remax and the Parks and Leisure Department of Maple Ridge for lending tents, which provided much needed shade throughout the day!



Kaity and Allison dishing out the cake.

MUNICIPAL 140TH

History Goes to Market, took place Saturday, September 13th, where the Maple Ridge Museum participated in the celebration of the District's 140th Anniversary. Displays showcased the early history of the community, its reeves, mayors and councils and the growth of transportation and other services. There was also a focus on "Heritage Afloat", showing our continuing tradition of working, living and playing on the water and as a nod to the Fraser River Port Authority, a sponsor for the event.

As part of the celebration, five historic mayors – Nelson Lougheed, John A. McIver, Solomon Mussallem, Peter Jenewein, and Betty Dube – were "re-created" by actors from Emerald Pig using information from the community archives. The performance was debuted before Mayor and council at the September 9th council meeting and then again at the birthday celebration on September 12.

ST ANDREWS HERITAGE CHURCH

Courtesy of the municipality, the heritage church hall has a whole new heating system – new baseboards and thermostat – which we hope will be far more efficient than the outdated ones and result in a lower heating bill. The hall was also used for a TV movie shoot with the provisional name "Adrian". We'll let you know when the movie is released.

HANEY HOUSE

This fall the Haney House Museum will be showcasing technology and its many uses in the home. The tour will include domestic technology, highlighting the Hover vacuum, the Singer sewing machine, and kitchen gadgets that have advanced with the introduction of electricity into the home. The evolution of technology is shown through the emergence of personal computers from typewriters, and the digitalization of music.

Haney House is open Sunday, 10am – 4pm.

LOOKING BACK BOOK

A big part of our 40th Anniversary was the book launch for *Looking Back: Volume One (1987-1991)*, a collection of Sheila Nickols' "Looking Back" columns from the Maple Ridge News, with additional photographs and information on each selected article. Sheila spent the day greeting long-time admirers of her column and signing book copies for them. Courtesy of the Arts Council, we had a draw for two tickets to the Remembrance Day concert by Dal Richards as a special treat for book buyers. John Merritt was the lucky winner.

Copies of the book have been a hot commodity, and are available for purchase at the Maple Ridge Museum for \$20. There are signed copies available in limited supply.



UPCOMING EVENTS

RIVERS DAY

This year marks the 21st anniversary for the annual celebration of our local rivers and streams. The event takes place at Allco Hatchery from 11am to 3pm on Sunday, September 28th and the museum is looking for a volunteer to attend the event with our display. If you're interested in volunteering, please call 604-463-5311 or email mrmuseum@gmail.com

HALLOWEEN AT HANEY HOUSE

Mark your calendar to take your children or grandchildren to Haney House for a Halloween Party on Sunday, October 26. More details in the next newsletter.



PASSAGES - ALICE CLAYTON

Over the summer, a very long time volunteer with the Historical Society passed away. Alice Clayton was part of the team that got the museum moved into the brickyard office and she managed rentals at St. Andrew's Heritage Church hall for many years. Here we see her in 1986 with the Historical Society "float" for the Mountain Festival parade.

MUSIC ON THE WHARF

For this season of "Music on the Wharf" we had nearly 20 applicants, and although it was hard to choose only 4, we managed to put together a great roster. The first 2 concerts averaged 220 people, with the last one bringing in 185. We managed to raise just over \$850, which will help fund our annual Heritage Tea next year.

Many thanks to the Meadow Ridge Rotary, Haney Rotary, Kiwanis Club of Golden Ears and the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council for their financial support, and to the volunteers who helped out at each concert.

1924: CELEBRATING OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Maple Ridge has celebrated all of its big anniversaries and the 50th was no exception. There was a "Pioneer Re-union" for those who had "helped to hew towns out of forest". An article in the 1924 Gazette refers to a sumptuous feast at the Aggie Hall where many reminiscences were exchanged.

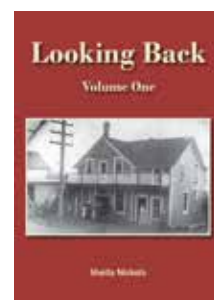
The festivities were presided over by Reeve John A. McIver on whose father's land, the first meeting for incorporation was held.

Highlighting the changes since 1874, it would take only a slight change in wording to echo the same sentiment today:

"Today high-powered automobiles race over the well-kept highways, transcontinental flyers thunder past the many railway stations, the radio tells the farmers at night of the latest happenings in the big world, the telephone links farmhouse to farmhouse, the electric lights make milking easy and rouse Bidy from her slumbers to lay the early egg for market, and the huge saws buzz and scream in such great mills as were never dreamed of." [Gazette May, 1924]

Invitations were sent to 150 households including such names as Dockstader, Blaney, Ferguson, Callaghan and Spilsbury. Many Pitt Meadows residents were included and the same article notes:

"In the early days, Pitt Meadows was still a part of Maple Ridge and even today, while Pitt Meadows is a separate municipality, it is like a married daughter, for there are no sorrowings or rejoicings in Maple Ridge in which Pitt Meadows does not share."





From left, Kristina, Alison, Kaity and Matthew in front of new displays in the museum.

SUMMER STUDENT WORK

It was an event-filled and eventful summer at the museum this year. We welcomed back students, Alison Pocock, Kaity Neff and Matthew Shields to the museum(s), along with new hire, Kristina Kapitza, who joined us while on summer break from her studies at McGill University in Montreal.

We commenced the summer season with annual Canada Day celebrations at Haney House. Our "Picnic in the Park" theme was perfect for the sunny afternoon, and visitors enjoyed fresh fruit and treats with free tours of the museum, exploring our summer exhibits. Attendance was just under 100 people.

At the museum we focused on doing a box inventory and updating the object image collection, photographing artifacts for our files and for web content. We've made a push this year to being more active in social media; students updated information regularly, and wrote articles that went directly to the website, which we plan to continue throughout the year.

Another big project was preparing for the 40th Anniversary celebration. This meant the students assisted with displays within the museum, in addition to their own library displays. Nearly every display case was updated with new artifacts, photographs and information. So while some of the themes have remained; logging, farming, our children's corner – the artifacts are new!

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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