

# Heritage Here

**Quarterly Newsletter Spring 2015**

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## LOCAL VOICES LIVENS WINTER PROGRAMMING

*Local Voices* at Maple Ridge Library has proven that audiences are eager to learn more about their neighbours. This pilot project, a partnership of Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission, Maple Ridge Historical Society and Family History Group, Golden Ears Writers, and Fraser Valley Regional Library, offered four evenings at the library from January to April.

Over the four evenings, we learned about fishing, and fish hatching. We debated the needs of the family story. We pondered orphans in Cambodia and the joys of growing water lilies. We heard letters written home from World War II, and ate bread pudding.

Many thanks to all the partners for their work in developing and promoting the first series. And special thanks to library staff and the Friends of the Library for managing setup and providing refreshments.



Clockwise from top right: Janice Brown, Darren Durupt, John Sims, Brenda Smith, Fred Braches, Ross Davies, Craig Speirs, Klaus and Betty Von Hardenberg.



Join us for *Local Voices* again on the first Thursdays in September, October and November to meet another exciting line-up of your neighbours sharing their passions for our community.

## Community Heritage Commission Members

- Sandra Ayres, Community-at-Large
- Faye Isaac, Maple Ridge Historical Society
- Cyndy Johnson-McCormick, Community-at-Large
- Len Pettit, Community-at-Large
- Eric Phillips, Community-at-Large
- Steve Ranta, Community-at-Large
- Mayor Nicole Read, Alternate Council Liaison
- Brenda L. Smith, Maple Ridge Historical Society
- Councillor Craig Speirs, Council Liaison
- Lisa Zosiak, Staff Liaison—Planning Department
- Sunny Schiller, Committee Clerk

## Join the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission

Become a member:

The Community Heritage Commission is committed to projects aimed at promoting heritage education and public awareness. If you are interested in joining the Community Heritage Commission, please submit a letter of interest to:

Community Heritage Commission  
c/o the Maple Ridge Planning Department  
11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 6A9  
Fax: 604-466-4327  
Email: [lzosiak@mapleridge.ca](mailto:lzosiak@mapleridge.ca)

The CHC meets at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month from September to June. You are invited to come and tell us about your heritage interests and initiatives.

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## From the Chair

Your Community Heritage Commission has had a busy winter. We have enjoyed the successful launch of *Local Voices* at Maple Ridge Library, and hosted events during Heritage Week in February, including a webinar and the revitalized Heritage Awards.

The Maple Ridge Historical Society has brought us the Downtown Heritage Walking Tour, the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party, and Annual Heritage Tea. Don’t miss the Mother’s Day Tea at Haney House on May 10.

The Historical Society doesn’t just drink tea. To celebrate the 2015 heritage theme—Main Street: at the Heart of the Community—the museum created three display windows in Maple Ridge Library. And keep an eye out for their new and improved web site still found at <http://mapleridgemuseum.org>

Maple Ridge residents participate in telling history beyond City boundaries too. Chris Hayes just learned that he will receive a Vancouver Heritage Award for his work in recovering the story of his great grandfather’s construction of the Stanley Park Rock Garden.

Congratulations, Chris.

We look forward to hearing your stories and news of your events.

Yours in telling the Maple Ridge story  
Brenda L. Smith, Chair



Mark Dalton and Sheila Nickols prepare to serve cake at the 2015 Heritage Tea.

## New Member of the CHC



### Len Pettit

Len Pettit has lived his whole life in Maple Ridge. His parents were Grace and Ervin Pettit and his brother Don lives in Ottawa. Len and his wife Wilma have two stepchildren and two grandchildren.

Len grew up on acreage on 203<sup>rd</sup> Street when it was known as 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, about where Dale Drive is now. The playground was bush and fields. When Len and Don went swimming they went to the Alouette River at Neaves Bridge or Davidson's Pool. Their parents also would take them to Alouette and Hatzic Lakes.

Len attended Hammond Elementary School for grades one to six, Maple Ridge Junior High School for grades seven and eight. He graduated from Pitt Meadows Senior Secondary in 1966. He worked at picking blueberries when in his early teens, then Berryland Cannery in the summers of 1965 and 1966. On October 5, 1966 the Hammond Cedar Mill called and he worked there 39 years until retirement January 12, 2006.

Len's interests are photography, science and local history. He also likes to go for walks and bicycle rides, and he and his wife like to travel.

## Heritage Award Winners 2015

### Heritage Landscape Award

JOSINE EIKELENBOOM—WESTACRES

Iconic landscape and view

### Sheila Nickols Heritage Achievement Award for Community Heritage and History Teaching

EMERALD PIG THEATRICAL SOCIETY

MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Creative telling of the Maple Ridge Story debuted during the City's 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations

### History and Heritage Research and Publication

SHEILA NICKOLS, author/ANDREA LISTER, designer

*Looking Back: Volume I*

### Significant Contribution to the Preservation of Historical Collection

DOWNTOWN MAPLE RIDGE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

City of Maple Ridge Parks and Facilities

Celebration of a community heritage collection

### History Hero Special Award

FRED BRACHES

Outstanding contributions to Maple Ridge and British Columbia history

### Stewardship of a Community Cultural Asset

MAPLE RIDGE CONCERT BAND

Gale Yip—President, Tom Walker—Designer

For restoration and preservation of the Community Band Stand in Memorial Peace Park





Old friends and new in the audience



## **HERITAGE AWARDS 2015**

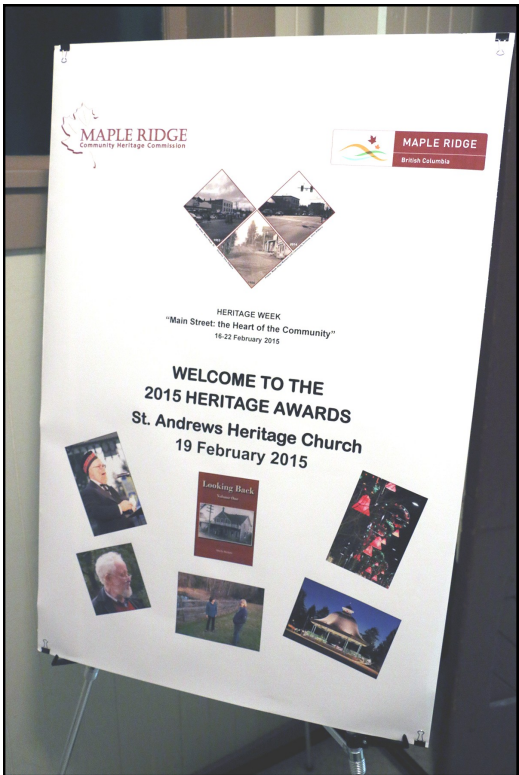


Lisa Zosiak, Annette Fulford, and Helmi Braches



Maple Ridge Concert Band





Steve Ranta



Josine Eiklenboom

## CELEBRATE THE STORY



Emerald Pig Theatrical Society with Mayor Nicole Read



Andrea Lister

## COMING SOON...



### 2016 Heritage Awards

Do you know someone who should receive a Maple Ridge Heritage Award. The CHC is accepting nominations now for 2016. Nominations close on October 15, 2015. For information and to submit nomination packages contact Lisa Zosiak, Planning Department, Maple Ridge City Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 6A9.

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### Mother's Day Tea

Take your mother, grandmother, and neighbour to enjoy tea on the veranda at Haney House on May 10. Volunteers and staff will be serving tea and treats, followed by a tour of the historic home from 11-3pm, rain or shine! For larger groups please reserve a spot at [mrmeventplanner@gmail.com](mailto:mrmeventplanner@gmail.com)

Where: Haney House Museum 11612 224 Street, Maple Ridge When: Sunday, May 10th 11am- 3pm Cost: \$8

### Model Trains Make History on Sundays

The Dewdney Alouette Railway Society opens its diorama to visitors downstairs in the Maple Ridge Museum and Community Archives on the last Sunday of each month. The display features Port Haney in 1926, the CPR railway along the Fraser River from Hammond to Ruskin and the sound of steam whistles brings back memories of the old locomotives. For more information contact Dick Sutcliffe 604-467-4301 or E-Mail: [ras1@uniserve.com](mailto:ras1@uniserve.com)

### Music on the Wharf All Set for Summer 2015

We can look forward to another summer of fine concerts on the Port Haney Wharf. The line-up includes: The John Pippus Band (acoustic soul-folk, rough and ready blues, finger picking, open tunings, harmonica and vocals) on July 13; MoZayic (four-piece band that creatively blends Afro-Carib and soul in their original music) on July 27; 5 On A String (you may have heard them at the True North Fraser Bluegrass Festival last summer) on August 10; and Reid Jamieson (singer songwriter) on August 24. Concerts start 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Bring your lawn chair and join the crowd on the river. For information call 604-463-5311.

### History Goes to Market on May 30

Once again telling the Maple Ridge story will dominate the Haney Farmers' Market. While you are choosing a fresh loaf of bread and salad greens, take time to explore the displays with this year's theme Main Street: at the Heart of the Community.

