

Heritage Site Award

The Whitehead Property is an outstanding example of conservation to an early Craftsman bungalow in Maple Ridge. The generous wood detailing contributes to the character of Hammond and the intangible heritage of early Port Hammond settlement. In addition to the conservation work to restore the property, throughout the restoration there was careful consideration to creating a net zero energy home, which includes solar panels.



11406 205th Street



Before Photo



After Photo

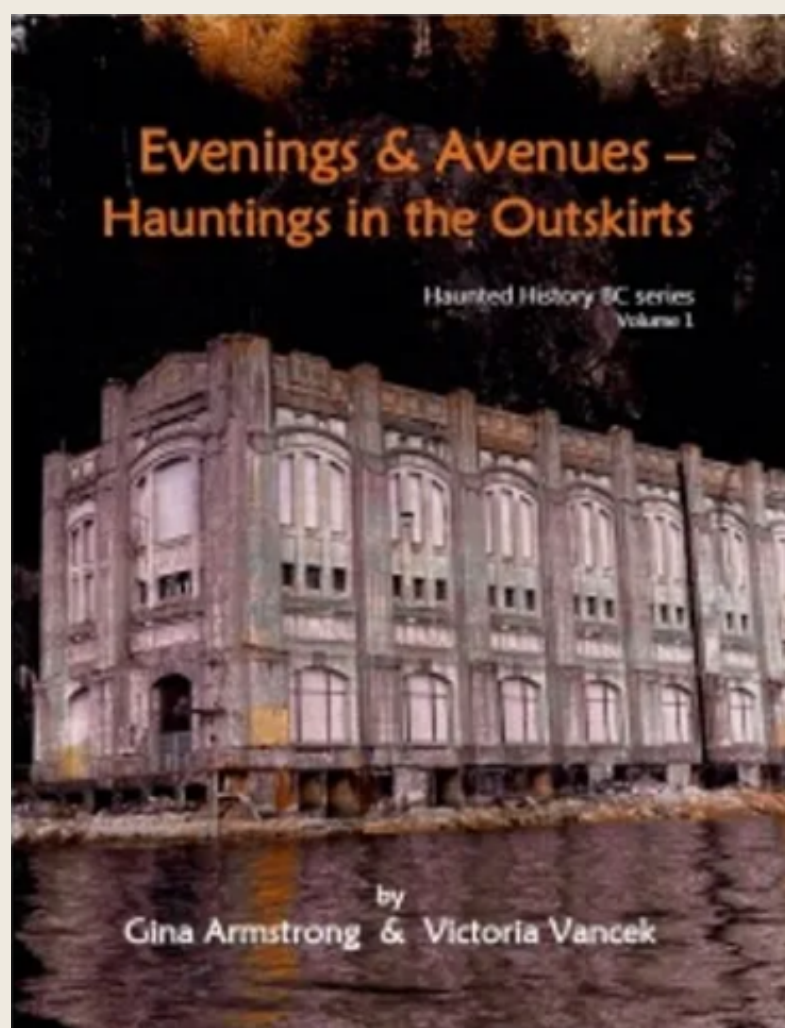
About Us

The property owners, Leanne Koehn and James Rowley, entered into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement on February 24th, 2015 and have recently completed the conservation work for the property located at 11406 205th Street, Maple Ridge.

The house was built in 1923 by Ms. Koehn's grandfather and is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year!

History Hero Award

Gina Armstrong and Victoria Vancek of Haunted History BC are the creators of the very first Canadian paranormal magazine, “Evenings & Avenues – Hauntings in the Outskirts”, released June 2022.



Victoria Vancek



Gina Armstrong

The book features Maple Ridge’s Kanaka Creek Regional Park, Golden Ears Provincial Park, and Alouette Mountain Trail. Through their passions for history and storytelling, they foster a better understanding of our past and popularize Canadian history, including the histories of Maple Ridge.



About Us

Gina Armstrong and Victoria Vancek co-founded Haunted History BC in 2020. They are published authors, historians, photographers and paranormal researchers residing in British Columbia, Canada.

The ladies believe storytelling is an age old tradition and serves to entertain, educate and to preserve societal traditions and values. They are inspired by BC's natural and cultural diversity to share Canadian history through ghost stories, local legends, and folklore in a unique and engaging way.



MAPLE RIDGE
British Columbia



Tom Little &
Jillian Smith

*City of Maple Ridge
Heritage Award Winner*

Sheila Nickols Heritage Award



Tom Little and Jill Smith were caretakers of Haney House for 27 years. Together, Tom and Jill took great care of the house, garden, and grounds. Tom and Jill have recently semi-retired, as Tom still takes care of bookings of St. Andrews Church, but their contribution to protect and beautify Haney House, so that future generations can learn historical facts, stories, and memories is invaluable.

About Us

We came to Maple Ridge as an adventure and 27 years later, remain. This due to the wonderful people we have met. Foremost of these – Sheila Nickols, an inspiration to all, a perfect lady; to whom our continued community involvement is testimony.

Thanks for this, we are honoured.



Wild & Immersive

City of Maple Ridge
Heritage Award Winner

Stewardship of a Community Cultural Asset Award

Wild and Immersive runs educational programming for youth in the UBC research forest and immerses kids and adults into the environment. Through the program, attendees are taught the importance of our local ecosystems and diverse ecology. The program teaches people of all ages how to take care of the natural heritage in our own backyard.

Learn more about Wild & Immersive at:
www.wildandimmersive.ubc.ca



About Us

Wild & Immersive provides outdoor nature-based programming to children and adults. Our programs are designed to plant the seed of environmental curiosity by educating people about British Columbia's diverse ecology. We believe hands-on activities and outdoor recreation creates understanding and lifelong connection to the natural world. We also believe that everyone deserves access to nature and our programs, and we strive to be accessible to all groups and families.



Shengbin Li
Xiaoxiao Zhang
Shaohua (Aaron) Dong

City of Maple Ridge
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Winners

Youth Heritage Award

Shaohua (Aaron) Dong, Shengbin Li and Xiaoxiao Zhang, three International Baccalaureate students from the Meadowridge School, volunteered with the Maple Ridge Museum to complete a translation project. Together, they translated a series of the Museum's blog posts into Chinese.



From left to right: Shengbin Li, Shaohua (Aaron) Dong, Xiaoxiao Zhang

About Us

Shaohua (Aaron) Dong: After a thrilling four years of high school at Meadowridge School, Shaohua went on to study business at the University of Toronto Rotman Commerce. He likes watching soccer and Formula 1 in spare time.

Shengbin Li: Shengbin came to study in Canada in Grade 7 and is currently a first-year student at the University of Toronto. He likes traveling to new places in search of fun and new experiences.

Xiaoxiao Zhang: Xiaoxiao Zhang has lived in Maple Ridge for four years and now studies life science at the University of Toronto. She likes to explore the surroundings and watch movies during her free time.



Fred Braches

City of Maple Ridge
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Heritage Commendation

Fred Braches, award winning author, published “**Whonnock: Pictures from the Past**” in late 2022.

The book is full of rare images of people and places associated with the Whonnock area that was collected through 25 years of research. The compilation of images and writings deserve special recognition.

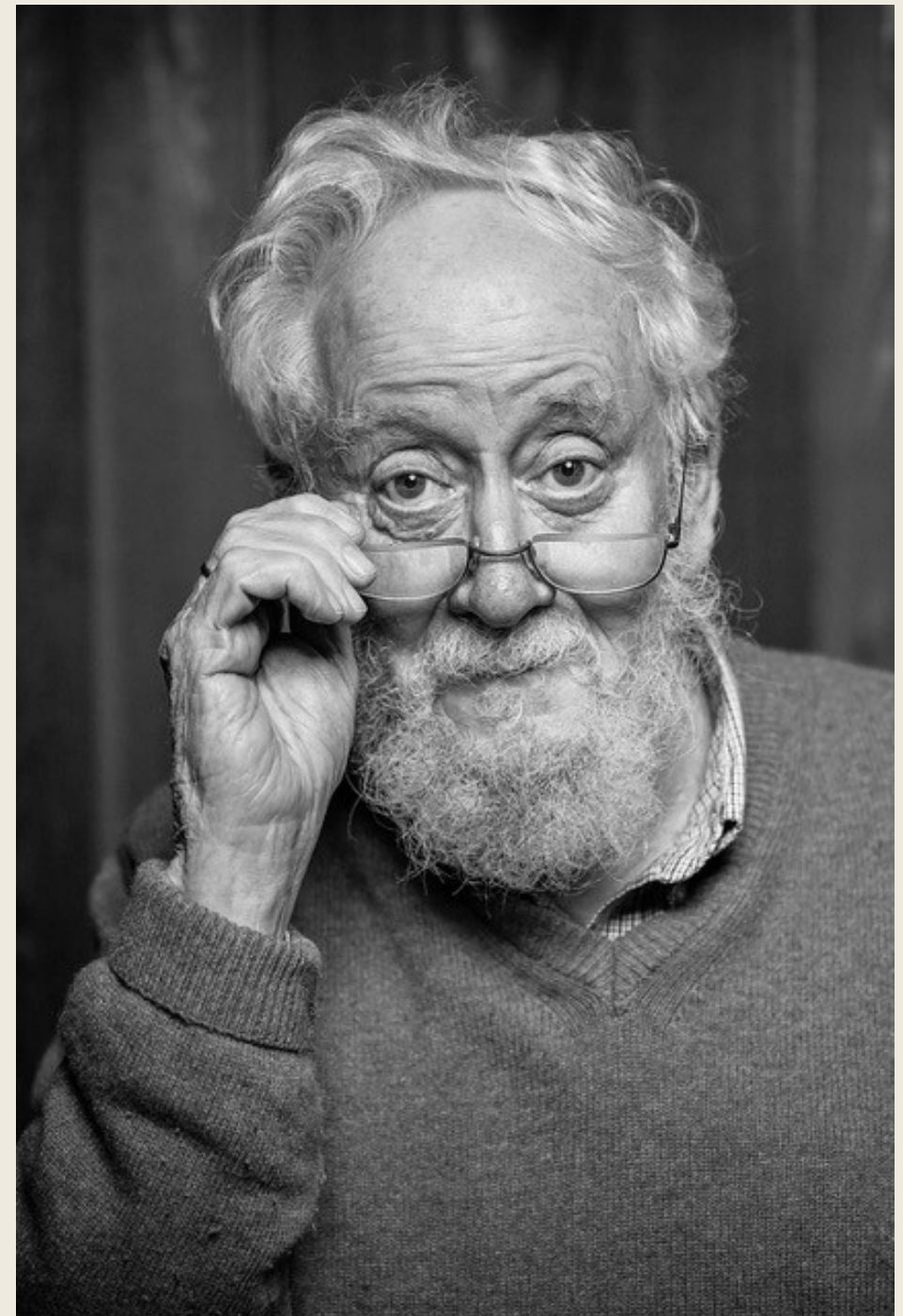
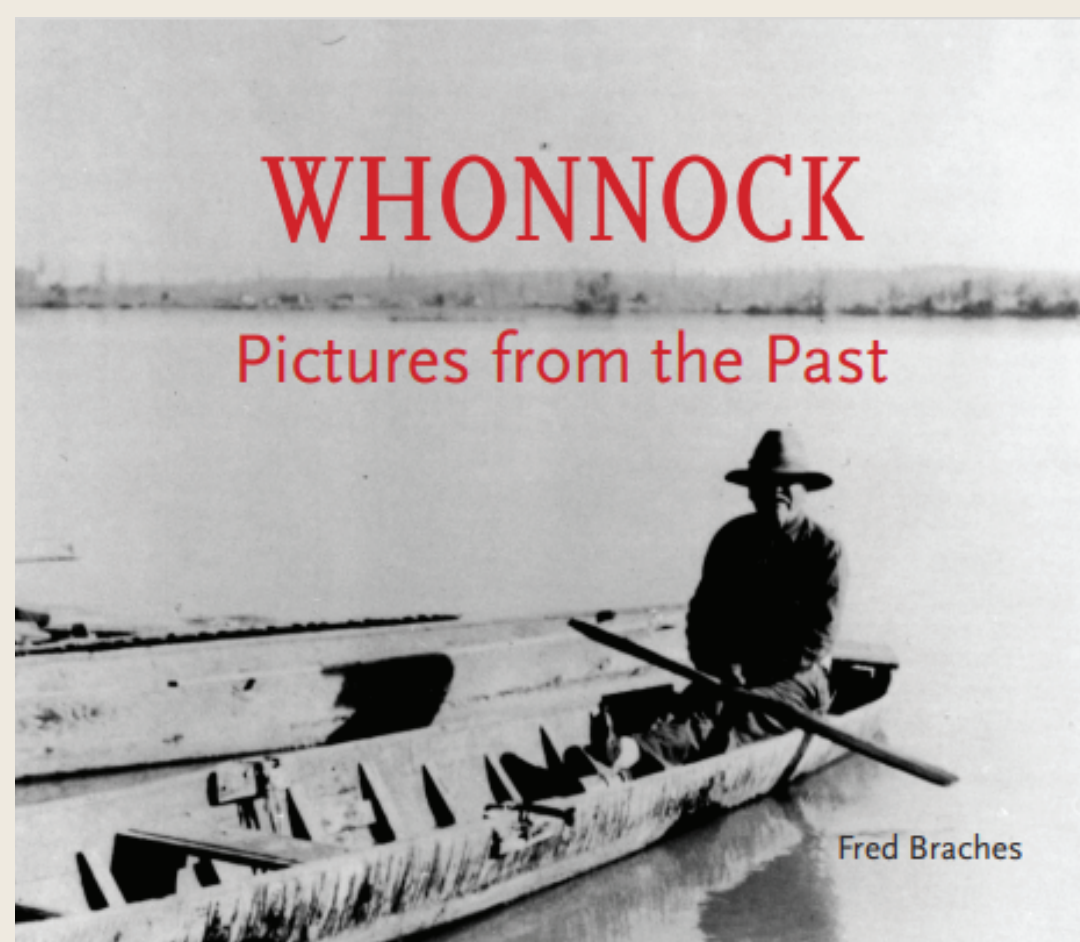


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About Me

Since he retired from a career in ocean transportation in 1995, Fred Braches, born in Indonesia in 1930, has been steadily amassing material, researching and writing about the early history of Whonnock and Ruskin.

He has so far published three books on the subject, continues to add volumes to a series called Whonnock Notes, contributed to the “Looking Back” column of Maple Ridge News, and set up and maintains a Website on Whonnock and Ruskin history. He is also recognized as an authority on the history of the legendary Pitt Lake gold.

"History isn't a myth-making discipline, it's a myth-busting discipline."
- Sir Richard Evans FBA

