Burnaby Village Museum

2013 Annual Report

2013 Highlights

187 Volunteers contributing 10,242 hours School program attendance 17,706 Public program attendance 9,186 Off-site events attendance 400 On-Site attendance 224,111 Grants and Donations \$31,112.56 In-Kind Donations \$75,000

2013 Openings

Village Scavenger Hunt, March 16-24 Summer Season, May 4-Sept 2 Haunted Village, October 25-27 Heritage Christmas, Nov 23-Jan 3

2013 Year in Review

Where History Comes to Life

Our third year of free admission and we are well on way through this transition. Systems are in place to deal with increased numbers and staff have fine-tuned logistics to address the volume and crowds. Community partners are growing and well as interest from corporate sponsors as the numbers reached are significant to those working with us.

In the marketing area we started the summer season with a fresh new look. Updated branding elements that reenforce our uniqueness and visitor's on-site experiences were launched in May. The *Carousel News & Trader* magazine, July issue, featured our C.W. Parker #119. Coverage included the front cover, 27 images with text resulting in over 9 pages including a full image of the carousel as the centerfold.

Site maintenance continued to be a priority: chimney repairs were made to two of our heritage buildings as well as drainage, painting, and several awning and tent upgrades assisted with aesthetics, access and, site enjoyment.

The Radio theme this year saw our space used in a new and refreshed way. The site was connected through radio broadcasts aired in many of the exhibits. The construction of a broadcast studio in Stride Studios was a hub of activity as various community members, historians and local artists made appearances throughout the season.

For the first time, we hosted the City's World Rivers Day event this year in September and despite the weather was a great success. Heritage Christmas grew in popularity with the addition of more lights, entertainment and the popular *Twelve Days of Christmas* scavenger hunt.

Deborah Tuyttens Museum Services Supervisor

Curatorial

In 2013, the BVM continued to add to its extensive collections, make material more accessible to the public through cataloguing, and produce and present original research related to Burnaby.

Collections Management

Work continued on a project to create library-quality catalogue records of the 5,857 books in the Museum's care. Working in partnership with volunteers over 2,000 books were catalogued by the end of 2013. The catalogue records will be integrated into the Heritage Burnaby website in 2014.

A review of incoming loan procedures and forms was undertaken, in consultation with the City's Risk Management staff. The new forms and procedures were used to process loans associated with the *On the Air: Live from the Burnaby Village Museum* exhibition, including a large loan from the Society for the Preservation of Antique Radios in Canada (SPARC).

Loans were made to other museums and community groups, including the loan of a selection of school-related objects to Burnaby's Second Street School to help them celebrate their 100th anniversary.



Research

Projects included research into the history of radio technology and the development of radio stations in Burnaby and the surrounding region, in support of the summer 2013 radio exhibit. The project included sourcing images for display, as well as audio files to play on site in the working early 20th century radio station.

Original research was presented through two presentations of History in the Heights at the McGill Branch of the Burnaby Public Library. A visit to the Century House seniors' home on April 17 featured a presentation on the history of the B.C. Electric Railway.

Research on the Deer Lake watershed and Deer Lake Brook was undertaken in advance of Rivers Day, resulting in interpretive panels about the history and ecology of the creek and watershed.

Information and research were made available through an ongoing partnership with the *Burnaby Newsleader* that features a monthly column written by the Museum Curator.

Donations

There are a total of 61,406 items in the Burnaby Village Museum collection. In 2013, 644 items were catalogued. 59 donations were made, representing 507 objects that will be added to the collection.

A few highlights from items donated in 2013 include:

Oakalla Warden's helmet BV013.2 - a helmet that once belonged to Warden William Marr of Burnaby. (image bottom left)

Harold Winch collection BV013.12 – 6 boxes of records, spanning the lifetime of Harold Winch. Winch was the son of Burnaby politician Ernest (Ernie) Winch, and a high profile MLA and MP representing the CCF, and NDP in Vancouver.

A photograph from Harold Winch collection BV013.12.75 – Left to right: New Democratic Party (NDP) members Stan Knowles, Grace MacInnis, and Harold Winch; Irma Douglas; and, party leader Tommy Douglas. The photo was likely taken during the period Douglas was Member of Parliament for Burnaby-Coquitlam (1962-1968). (image top left)

Bob's Sporting Goods sign BV013.18 – iconic Hastings Street sign, featuring an image of a bear standing on its hind legs. Like neighbouring store "Helen's", Bob's Sporting Goods was well known for its large sign.

Interurban railway track BV013.6 – a section of the rail from the interurban line that was built between Vancouver and New Westminster in the early 1890s.

Wagon BV013.21 – wagon purchased at Woodward's in Vancouver in 1953 by Burnaby's Conway family for daughters Kathi and Marlene. The girls' mother used the wagon to go shopping on Hastings Street to buy the family groceries. The girls rode in the wagon with the groceries. (image bottom right)

The original family phone number is painted on the bottom of the wagon, "GL 0978 R", GL= Glenburn. (image top right)

Sally Pankratz collection – a collection of family, school and Girl Guide items used by Pankratz and her family in Burnaby from the 1950s through 1970s.



Stan Knowles M. P. - grace Mac Innie.



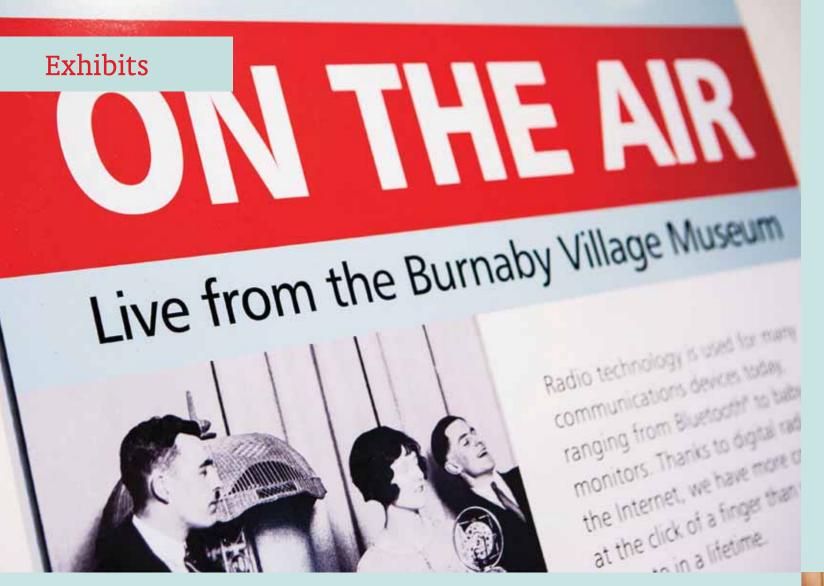




extend these controls into the Burnaby Art Gallery storage room. Museum quality storage cases were built for two dancing dragons, gifts from Burnaby's sister city.

to treat a special artifact. The rolled birch bark hid a secret message that was slowly revealed after the fragile bark was soften by ethanol vapours. The lab welcomed intern Shawn-Elisa Lloyd from the Collections Conservation and to conserve in order to earn her diploma.





Upgrades and repairs were

Exhibit upgrades

Upgrades and repairs were made to several permanent exhibits in the heritage village, in order to expand interpretive opportunities and public access.

Upgrades included:

Billboards – Existing replica billboards in the Village were repaired and repainted. Several new signs were researched, painted, and installed around the skirt of the patio at the Ice Cream Parlour, tying the new building into the overall look and feel of the Village while also drawing attention to products sold at the restaurant, including fish and chips and hot dogs.

Repairs – Repairs and improvements were made to the Tom Irvine house display, Royal Oak Garage, and Central Park Theatre. The Theatre received a new paint colour, and the outhouse at the Tom Irvine House was stabilized, received a new foundation, and had rotten wood replaced. A new enclosure was built for the 1920s delivery vehicle outside of the Royal Oak Garage, creating more visual access to the artifact and making it easier to access the car for use.

Carousel gallery – A new exhibition was designed and installed in the carousel pavilion, celebrating the art, history, and science of the carousel. The exhibit includes graphic panels about the history of the carousel, including the role of the Friends of the Carousel in preserving and restoring the C.W. Parker #119. Models, photographs, hands-on activities, and illustrations are used to show how a carousel works, how the horses were made, and the work that went into restoring the carousel.

Summer Exhibit On the Air: Live from the Burnaby Village Museum

On the Air: Live from the Burnaby Village Museum featured a working radio station inside the Stride Studios exhibition gallery. The station broadcast to a network of radios located throughout the Village, re-creating the experience of an early 20th century community radio station. Content featured on Radio BVM included archival recordings of 1920s and 1930s broadcasts, recreated content typical of the 1920s and 1930s, and popular songs from the era. Visitors also participated in creating content that was broadcast over the network.

The exhibition included:

Stride Studios – working broadcasting booth, and displays about the history of radio stations in Burnaby and the evolution of radio technology in the first half of the 20th century.

Throughout the Village – radios from the 1920s to 1950s were located in nine exhibit buildings throughout the site, where they broadcast content to visitors.

Treble Clef Music Shop – radios and radio accessories were featured, including radio tubes, antenna kits, and speakers.

Multi-purpose room – visitors could try making sound effects using the same methods used by foley artists in the pre-digital age.

Tram Barn – a *Radio on Rails* display told the story of Canada's first national radio network, which broadcasted to rail cars in the early 20th century.

Real Estate building – a *Radios at Work* display included historical information, photographs and radio equipment to show the role of radio in workplaces between the 1890s and 1950s, including Morse-code equipment and an early walkie-talking from Oakalla prison.

(above) An interpretive panel from the *On the Air* exhibit (right) Visitors trying out old-fashioned techniques to create sound-effects

Outreach Exhibits

Farm to Fork: tools for growing and preparing food

In partnership with Burnaby Public Library's children's librarians February 20-May 21

A display of tools used to produce and prepare food was circulated to the four Burnaby libraries, and displayed in the children's book areas. An activity sheet encouraged them to match the tools to the food it was used to cook or grow.

McGill Library, February 20-March 18 Cameron Library, March 19-April 8 Tommy Douglas Library, April 9-29 Bob Prittie Library, April 30-May 21

The Translucent World of Glass

Shadbolt Centre for the Arts June-October

A selection of glass objects from the Museum's collection were displayed, along with interpretive panels explaining the history of the production of the various pieces on display.

Birds' Eye Burnaby

In partnership with Burnaby Public Library's summer reading program July 3-September 10

A birds-eye map of Burnaby illustrated by City of Burnaby employee Mark Lewis for the Burnaby Centennial in 1992 was used to encourage participants in the Burnaby Public Library summer reading program to look at Burnaby from above, and identify 12 local landmarks. They were also asked to observe how the community had changed in the past 21 years.

McGill Library: July 3-23 Cameron Library: July 23-August 6 Tommy Douglas Library: August 6-20 Metrotown Library: August 20-September 10

Talking Machines

Shadbolt Centre for the Arts November & December

Wax cylinder recorders and early record players from the Museum's collection were displayed, along with interpretive panels outlining how the objects illustrate the evolution of sound recording and playback technology from the late 1900s to the 1950s.

Living history. It's amazing to see so much in such wonderful condition.

Guest Book Comments, July 7, 2013

Programming

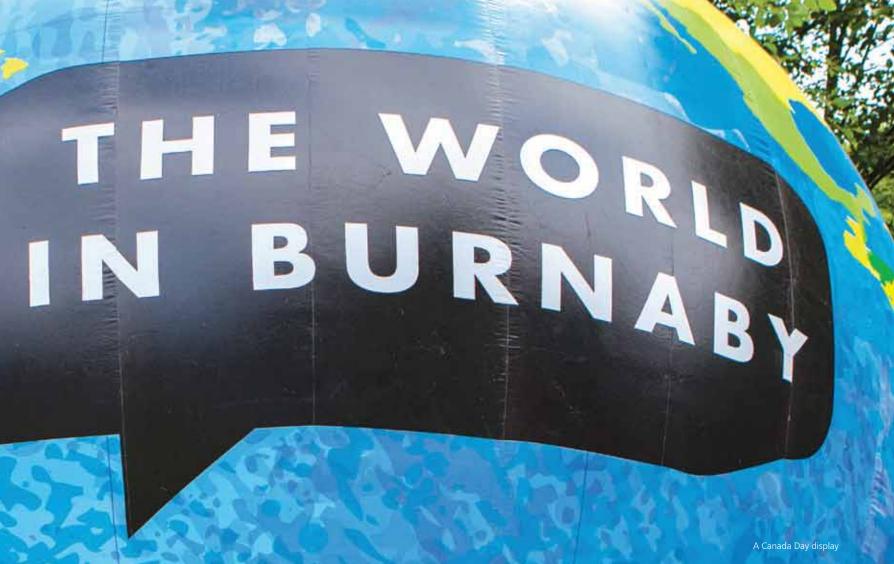
In 2013, our summer exhibit theme on radio really helped bring the Village to life. And who better to introduce visitors to the experience than our Museum Interpreters taking on the role of radio hosts. Throughout the summer, our Radio BVM announcers hosted their own "shows" live in front of an audience featuring readings, interviews and news items. Visitors were invited to read old news clippings and advertising scripts "on the air", and to try their hand at making radio sound effects using Foley equipment.

Several interesting special guests gave interviews in our radio booth, including Gail and Ken Yip who grew up farming in Burnaby's Big Bend area, Shushma Datt who operates a local radio station for the South Asian community, and Dennis Duffy from the BC Archives who authored a book on the subject of broadcasting history in BC. We were also lucky enough to host the occasional impromptu interview with well-known, local personalities like Red Robinson who popped in for a visit. Finally, the Museum partnered with the Burnaby Intercultural Planning Table to bring the Burnaby Storytelling project to our BVM airwaves. Newcomers to Burnaby recorded stories from home and stories of arrival live in front of a studio audience.

Every Saturday, musicians at the band stand performed vintage jazz, folk, rhythm and blues. Many of the performers gave interviews to our radio hosts during intermission, and some even played a few tunes on the air. The Museum partnered once again with the amateur radio group, the Ouarter Century Club. Every week, visitors came to practice sending Morse code signals live across the globe with the help of club members. Children also got to test out their deciphering skills searching for clues on the popular Morse Decoder scavenger hunt. Eight weeks of summer camp included two new radio-themed camps where kids learned how to make sound effects, build a transistor radio, and develop their radio-announcer voices.

Regular steam demonstrations were added to our weekly schedule, and more staff were trained to give Carousel Tours and the From Field to Fork family program. In 2013, From Field to Fork was sponsored by VanCity and co-delivered by Burnaby Food First. The Village was also transformed for a day into a Shakespearean setting with Moscrop Secondary School students performing A Midsummer's Night Dream. Two new blacksmithing courses were added to our series—a more advanced course on ornamental animal heads and a basic immersion course that ended up being a big hit. Ice Cream workshops were full and waitlisted throughout July and August.

In addition to our regular special events like Spring Break Scavenger Hunt, Victoria Day, Canada Day, BC Day, Labour Day, and Haunted Village, we were pleased to host two brand-



new events. The Museum partnered with the Greater Vancouver Motorsport Pioneer Society who brought their classic car show to the Meadow for Father's Day. We also worked with the World Rivers Day Organization and the City's Planning Department to put on Burnaby's World River's Day on the last Sunday in September. Children paraded around in colourful animal costumes, interacted with live aquatic animals, and saw baby turtles and giant raptors up close. With so many local organizations taking part in our "eco tent village", the event had a real community feel.

Over the course of the year, we interviewed and retained a record number of new volunteers—37 in total. Each volunteer was given a copy of our new BVM volunteer handbook, which provides an orientation to our organization and the role of a volunteer. All the new recruits have been greatly appreciated especially with the number of students attending school programs last year-almost 15.000 in total!

Most interesting site, full of interesting artefacts. Great staff/volunteers too!

Guest Book Comments, August 2, 2013

Illuminations at Heritage Christmas

The second year of the *Illuminations at Heritage Christmas* light display and heritage Christmas event was held from November 23 to January 3.

The light display included re-installation of the lights purchased in 2012, with several new light features added, including:

- Snowfall lights inside the orientation plaza
- Stars and spheres made of natural wood twine were hung in several trees throughout the site, including the large Beech tree outside the Elworth home and among the trees in an "enchanted path" through the forest adjacent to the bandstand.
- A sound-reactive light display at the bandstand, where lights changed colour and intensity in response to sound made by visitors and performers.

Larger-than-life characters like Frosty the Snowman and the Gingerbread Man greeted visitors in the streets, and children created old-fashioned cornucopias to take home and children enjoyed puppet shows and plays in Brookfield Hall. Professional choral singers and musicians enjoyed making music in the bandstand which created a beautiful dancing light display.

An expanded display of lighted eco-sculptures was created by staff at Parks Design. Of special note was a "band" of Eagle Ecosculptures with musical instruments that visitors could play.

The popular scavenger hunt activity returned, featuring the *Twelve Days of Christmas*. Representations of a Partridge in Pear Tree, Leaping Lords, and other lines from the classic Christmas carol were incorporated into indoor and outdoor displays throughout the Village, including 8 larger than life illuminated Maids a Milking in the meadow.

The homes and businesses in the Village were decorated in 1920s Christmas style, including wreaths, swags, trees, and ornaments. A display of historic clothing depicting a family Christmas eve was created in the parlour of the Love Farmhouse by the Canadiana Costume Society. Store windows featured replica displays of holiday goods, including crepe paper decorations and costumes in the window of the General Store.



I love the holiday spirit and especially the Christmas carolers at the church.

Guest Book Comments, December 23, 201



Academie Duello Arrow Squadron 637 BC Hydro BCIT Evolution radio station Burnaby MLAs & MPs Burnaby Art Gallery **Burnaby Arts Council** Burnaby Christmas Bureau Burnaby Heritage Commission **Burnaby Historical Society Burnaby Hospital Choir** Burnaby Public Library Burnaby Lake Park Association Burnaby School District SD 41 Byrne Creek Volunteer Club Byrne Creek Streamkeepers Canadiana Costume Society Coastal Painted Turtle Group Coquitlam School District SD 43 Coquitlam Weavers & Spinners CUPE Local 23, Burnaby

Docents Connect

Ecole Marlborough Elementary, Burnaby Edmonds Community School, Burnaby Fisheries and Oceans Canada Freshwater Fisheries Society Friends of the Carousel, Burnaby Gone Hooking Greater Vancouver Motorsport Pioneer Society KidsWorld Langley Weavers & Spinners Leigh Elementary School, Coguitlam (Maypole dancers) Mission Home Learners, Mission Musqueam First Nation New Westminster School District SD 40 New Westminster Secondary School North Shore Black Bear Society O.W.L. Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society Pacific Spirit Quilters Guild Participation and Healthy Families BC

Quarter Century Wireless Club Red Hat Ladies - The Cranberry Sauceys Rotary Club of Burnaby Royal Canadian Mounted Police - Burnaby Detachment Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, Burnaby Society of the Preservation of Antique Radios in Canada (SPARC) Stoney Creek Elementary Stanley Park Ecological Society Stream of Dreams Stride Avenue Community School, Burnaby Tourism Burnaby The Nature Trust of British Columbia The Nylon Zoo The Train Gang Vancouver Aquarium Volunteer Burnaby World Rivers Day Organization

Sponsorships

Fix Auto Mineral Resources Education Program of BC Vancity

Grants

BC Arts Council BC Heritage Fairs Society – Heritage Fair Department of Canadian Heritage – Canada Day

Cash Donations

Burnaby Heritage Commission – Heritage Fair BC Heritage Fairs Society – Heritage Fair Burnaby Historical Society – Heritage Fair CUPE –Local 23 - Labour Day Carousel Ride Donation New Westminster Museum and Archives– Heritage Fair Rotary Club of Burnaby – Heritage Fair World Rivers Day Organization – World Rivers Day

In-Kind Donations

Burnaby Now CTV Love it here. We were married here in 2003. Happy to see it's free now to get in.



Lin, Angela Lindsay, Kathryn Little, Megan Liu, Harry Lowe, Les Lee Lu, Yile Lu, Irene Lum, Christy MacGregor, Ian Mah, Lucinda Mahal, Reveena Marr, Laura Martin, Caitlin Martinson, Audrey Masuhara, Jenna Meng, Anika McCutcheon, Eilean Milburn-Brown, Caroline Mirhady, Renata Moroz, Alicia Morrison, Beth Mulingtapang, Angelita

Mulingtapang, Gerry Munoz, Mariana Mysuria, Shivani Neumann, Kennedy Ng, Annabel Nguyen, Charlie Nolan, Alexander Nowicki, Paulina Orr, Robin Pang, Wingshun Pearen, Diane Peradenic, Elena Pettigrew, Carol Picco, Kevin Picco, Lucas Pierson, Gabrielle Poon, Rebecca Proctor, Bob Proctor, Ellen Que, Jessica Quon, Shannon Randhawa, Aviaah

Amazing, timeless, Always entertaining.

Guest Book Comments, July 2, 2013

Abdulla, Azmina Agabob, Natasha Ashbourne Bruder, Anna Astren, Ila Au, Alyssa Aujla, Kehar Singh Bains, Megan Barrett, Kelsie Battista, Natalie Beaton, Jean Bell, Kay Bell, Margaret Bolam, Paul Bowes, Barbara Bricker, Lee Ann Brown, Hannah Cameron, Pat Cameron, Barbara Cameron, Lindsay Cassamali, Shaireen Chen, Sally

Chow, Brianne Chow, Jennifer Clausen, Amy Collins, Linda Collins, Russell Culley, Claire DeCosse, Bianca Drescher, Linda Elder, Brian Elworthy, Roisin Espeseth, Lorri Farrow, Bob Ferrari, Muriel Fiedrich-Michels, Doris Flores, Amy Flores, Rui Miguel Francis, Evelyn Fraser, Hannah Fraser, Kyla Fulop, Krisztina Fynes, Brenna

Gibson, Kayla Gidinski, Bruce Gillespie Andrew Golzadeh, Razieh (Rose) Goodall, Madolyn Guo, Joanna Hajdu, Lala Halls, Cleo Hao, Sally Henderson, Meghan Hill, Denielle Ho, Clara Hollinger, George Horvath, Julianna Huang, Sylvia Huang, Alice Hume, Shirley Hume, Sandra Ide, Daien Irving, Lorraine Jackson, Arehzou

Johnson, Ruby Joo, Young Kyn Ju, Joey Kalsi, Vivek Kennedy, Doreen Kim, Alex (Young-So) Konesky, Carissa Krawczynaki, Joanna Kung, Salina Le Nguyen, Whitney Lee, Leanne Lee, Jenine Lee, Christina Letkeman, Grace Levchuk, Larry Lew, Janice Lezo-McFarlane, Maja Lim, Yooyoun Lim, Jeanette Lim, Katrina Lin, Ella



Ravikularam, Janani Reynolds, Camille Robbins, Charlotte Rodriguez, Olivia Rumble, Gwen Rush, Carol Saldana, Alejandra Santecroce, Olivia Serafini, Natalie Serban, Cristina Sheard, Ewan Smitherman, Maureen Smitherman, Renee Sran, Sonya Steel, Janette Stefanovic, Milena Stewart, Barbara Stewart, Kristie Strutt, Nicole Svangtun, Polly (Rosemary) Takeshida, Gail Tan, Samantha

Thompson, Katelyn Tietjen, Kathy Tolusso, Dario Tsai, Wendy (Chia-Chen) Vandaelle, Hazel Virgl, Charlotte Wadehra, Keshav Wang, Ivy Wang, Jane Wiebe, Arlene Wong, Jim Xin, Johnson Xing, Yiming (Calyn) Xu, Bill Xu, Yuanlin (Linda) Yensen, Lisa Yensen, Nathan Yeo, Roy Yet, Maggie Zhang, Ellen Zhang, Martin

Wonderful service from volunteers and amazing set-up.

Guest Book Comments, August 2, 2013



Regular Staff

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* Many staff work in multiple areas. The area where the majority of hours are accrued is where they are listed.

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Maintenance Grounds

Shirley McGrew Michael Des Mazes



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It was extremely wonderful. I learned so much. More than I would have from a book.

Guest Book Comments, July 24, 2013

The village grounds are beautifully decorated, love the free admission.

Guest Book Comments, December 1, 2013

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