

2022 Year in Review

Happy 50th birthday, Burnaby Village Museum! 2022 has been a remarkable year of celebrations, including the Gala event, Kids Conservation Lab, the Community Arches in the meadow, the Neighbourhood Speaker Series that connected us with some of our founding members, and the wide-range of public celebrations and activities that the programming team created. It was also a year of recognizing the early beginnings of the Museum as well as celebrating the changes along the way.

The 50th Anniversary Gala event brought together founding members of the Century Park Museum Association as well as staff, volunteers and community members from all 5 decades of the Museum's operation. We also released our coffee table book, Our Stories at 50: Fifty Years at the Burnaby Village Museum, highlighting the Museum's evolution from the Centennial Commemorative project in 1971 to today's free, diverse and inclusive organization.

The Burnaby Village Museum also made progress in South Asian research studies with the creation of a community advisory committee dedicated to the preparation of the 2023 exhibit launch of *Truths Not Often Told: Being South Asian in Burnaby*, which explores the diverse experiences of Burnaby's South Asian Canadian communities. The Museum also made strides in digital innovation with industry-leading upgrades to our database. As a result, Burnaby is now one of the few places in North America with a database that can represent Unicode characters to accurately record Indigenous languages. Moreover, we are proud to have hired our first permanent full-time Indigenous Education Programmer, allowing us to grow and integrate Indigenous learning, teaching, and understanding throughout our entire site.

The return of Eerie Illusions for a second year was highly successful and attracted over 20,000 visitors! Despite the Carousel being temporarily out of service for repairs, the Heritage Christmas event kept its popularity with a high attendance, rivaling pre-COVID numbers. Additionally, we were thrilled to welcome back and expand our volunteer program, which had been dormant for several years due to the pandemic. The positive growth achieved in 2022 leaves us optimistic and excited for continued progress ahead.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continuous support of the Burnaby Village Museum and look forward to your next visit.

Kind regards,

Deborah Tuyttens Cultural Heritage Manager

Burnaby is located on the ancestral and unceded homelands of the həńqəmińəm and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples.



Curatorial

2022 provided opportunities to continue historical research into Burnaby's diverse communities which have been historically marginalized. This work helped address several components of the City's Corporate Strategic plan including celebrating diversity, creating an inclusive community and providing a connected community.

Contributing to an inclusive community

Researching and sharing stories representing Burnaby's diverse history is a priority for the Museum and supports the City's goal to be an inclusive community.

Work continues on a multi-year research project with Burnaby's South Asian Canadian communities. Museum Registrar Rajdeep Dhadwal and contract co-curator Dr. Anushay Malik joined the project team. Initiatives in 2022 included hosting a community engagement session in August, launching an advisory committee, and the beginning of an oral history project for community members to share their stories. Future exhibit and interpretation upgrades include 2023's temporary South Asian Canadian exhibit told through the lens of counter-storytelling.

New in 2022 was a collaboration between Burnaby Village Museum and Simon Fraser University's Global Asia Program. The curatorial team worked with students to assess the difficulties of bringing marginalized stories to institutions of public memory. Collaborations with this department are expanding in 2023.

Since 2018, students at the University of British Columbia's Asian Canadian and Asian Migration Studies Program have participated in a research partnership with Burnaby Village Museum focusing on learning more about the stories of Asian Canadians who've lived in Burnaby. In 2022, two students worked to create a retrospective film looking back at the research projects over the past five years.



(right) Members of the South Asian Canadian Advisory Committee Not all members pictured.

Outreach exhibits

CHINESE CANADIAN FARMING FAMILIES

January-May | Shadbolt Centre for the Arts A look at the long history of Chinese Canadian farming in Burnaby.

WE ARE 50!

May-October | Shadbolt Centre for the Arts The history of the collection of the Burnaby Village Museum.

WINTER IN BURNABY

November-December | Shadbolt Centre for the Arts A cross-cultural look at winter celebrations from Burnaby's past.

AGENTS OF CHANGE

March-December | Christine Sinclair Centre An exploration of those who've promoted or supported social justice in Burnaby.

Digital Connections Protecting the City's assets, information and services helps us meet our goal to be a connected community through digital connections. This year, staff devoted a considerable amount of time revamping the <u>HeritageBurnaby.ca</u> website, the City's free, online database for historical research. This included thousands of the Museum's records, but also Burnaby City Council records from the 1890s, heritage homes across Burnaby and more. The new site highlights are: » Indigenous languages and Nation names are now displayed accurately. Burnaby is now one of the only places in North America whose database can reflect Unicode characters. » The digital book collection is easier to access. » There are now 30 high-resolution zoom-able maps and more are coming, as the Museum has an oversize document scanner. » There's a homepage with dynamic and changeable collections to give researchers a head start, and a sense for our collections. » The site has hyperlinked archival hierarchies for all relevant records across the Museum and City archive records. The collection of the Burnaby Village Museum consists of 55,000 artifacts, 8,800 photographs, over 1,000 maps, more

- than 4,500 books and 1,200 archival records. More than 40 percent of the collection is on exhibit at the Museum.

Museum staff purchased a large format scanner with specifications to fit the more than 1,100 oversized maps, plans and technical drawings in the Museum's collection. The scanner can scan up to 9,600 dpi/1,200 dpi optical resolution and create any standard file type (tiff, jpg, PFD, BMP, etc.). The project will increase the Museum's ability to provide online accessibility to the public via HeritageBurnaby.ca, as well as preserve a digital copy of a record in case of sudden loss or damage and the natural decay of paper. This project was coordinated in tandem with new enhanced Heritage Burnaby features which allow users to zoom into high-resolution maps and plans to view fine details.

Growing the Museum's Collection

Staff received a number of significant donations in 2022 including a large donation from Jimmy Chow, a local Burnaby prop master who's worked in TV and film for more than 42 years. Jimmy's father, Robin Chung Dip Chow, paid the \$500 head tax and arrived in Canada from China at the age of 14. In 1950, Jimmy and his mother left China to reunite with Robin in Canada. The family settled in Vancouver in 1954 and moved into the Mount Pleasant neighborhood. In 1973, Jimmy and his wife Donna purchased a home in Burnaby where they still live today.

Jimmy launched his career in the film industry in 1973 working for CBC Vancouver on the set of the television series The Beachcombers. In the years since, Jimmy was responsible for designing, managing and sourcing props for films such as BFG, X-Men 2, Fantastic Four, Watchman, Little Women, Seven Years in Tibet, Shanghai Noon, The Shipping News, The Changeling, Man of Steel (Superman), Legends of the Fall, And the Sea Will Tell, and Once a Thief.



(above) Digital scan of a high-resolution zoom-able map (left) Apothecary kit prop made by Jimmy Chow for the film Little Women (1994)

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Celebrating 50

Visitors and patrons joined the Museum in celebrating its 50th operational year. A variety of exciting recognition programs took place, starting with a May long weekend birthday celebration, marked by an Indigenous welcome, speeches by Mayor and Council, family friendly stage performances, face painting and giveaways, including anniversary pins and chocolate.

Other highlights included a 50th anniversary guided tour, which was offered 3 days a week in the summer months, a special Golden Gala evening event with speeches, performers, savory appetizers, cupcakes and signature drinks (Dapper Dan or Peachy Flapper).

The Museum offered several public programs linked to the 50th anniversary themes and projects including Art by the *Arches Series, Fun for our 50th Camp, Preserving Personal Papers* and *Research Your Home's History*. This year's Neighbourhood Speaker Series featured talks on the Museum's history, blacksmithing through the decades, Carousel restoration, Indigenizing the Museum and more.

Temporary exhibits

WE ARE 50!

May-December 2022 | Stride Studios

The gallery featured an exhibit looking back at 50 years of collecting at the Burnaby Village Museum. Visitors were encouraged to explore the evolving nature of the Museum's collections and see objects rarely seen by the public. Interpretation focused on the changing nature of museum collecting and reflected on the role museums can play in the future.

KIDS CONSERVATION LAB

May-September | Real Estate building

A hands-on exhibit was created for young visitors to introduce the work of museum conservators. Agents of deterioration were explored with fun interactives and a YouTube style video showed the high speed mending of a smashed teacup.

50th ANNIVERSARY ARCHES

May-September | Meadow

Larger-than-life arch installations showcased the Museum's evolving role in the community through the eyes of local artists: Faria Firoz, Jenie Gao, Karl Hipol, Laara Cerman and Chrystal Sparrow.

VIEW THROUGH TIME

May-September | Throughout the site

Visitors explored the history of the Museum's buildings through historical photographs and anniversary banners.

Neighbourhood Speaker Series

The Museum's Curatorial and Programming Departments cohosted the Neighbourhood Speaker Series with the Burnaby Public Library for another successful year. The series' talks focused on the Museum's 50-year history and featured guest speakers from past and future initiatives. The series was held digitally over Zoom® and Facebook Live® and integrated prerecorded video and live streaming video. The films can still be viewed at HeritageBurnaby.ca.

The series included:

- Turning 50: The History of the Burnaby Village Museum with Jane Lemke, Jim Wolf and John Adams, September 13
- » Curating the Museum's Artifact Collection: A Rare Behind the Scenes Look with Kate Petrusa, September 15
- » Since Time Immemorial: A Look at the Rich Culture of Coast Salish Peoples and its Role at the Museum with Carleen Thomas, September 20
- Stepping over the Barrier: Expanding Diversity at the Burnaby Village Museum with Jane Lemke, Dr. Sharanjit Kaur Sandhra, Meagan Innes and Denise Fong, September 22
- » Ups and Downs of Conserving the C.W. Parker Carousel with Liz Czerwinski, Michael DesMazes and Carly Bouwman, September 27
- » 50 Years of Blacksmithing at BVM with Eric Damer and Lorne Gray, September 29

(left) We Are 50! exhibit in the Stride Studios

Conservation

The Conservation team worked hard in 2022 to carefully preserve and maintain heritage buildings, which is an important way the Museum protects community histories for generations to come.

Community amenity safety

EMERGENCY PREPARATION

An on-site emergency is not fun and games, but tabletop exercises allow work teams to roleplay emergency procedures that would help protect visitors and the site in the event of a real emergency. This year the Curatorial team completed a tabletop exercise based on extreme weather events that could impact exhibit buildings and collections in the Village.



Learn(ed) so much from
Sabrina and Madeline
in the Chinese Herbalist Shop.
Thank you!:)

YT, March 22, 2022

Maintaining city facilities

ELWORTH

In the 1970's, the upstairs of Elworth was converted from two bedrooms to a series of smaller office and storage spaces. For the 100th anniversary of the house in 2022, the upstairs was returned to the original floor plan and the space now has better airflow and reduced dampness.

Elworth was built with a partially finished basement with some areas remaining as dirt crawlspace. Proximity to Deer Lake and aquifers around the house kept the crawlspace damp causing water ingress through the foundation walls.

In 2022, a drain pipe was installed to remove accumulating water and the dirt crawlspace was covered with a skim coat of cement making the interior of the house less damp and easier to heat.

LOG CABIN

City of Burnaby carpenters removed rotting lower logs and replaced them with new timbers and cement supports below ground.





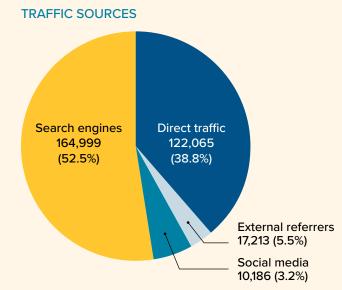
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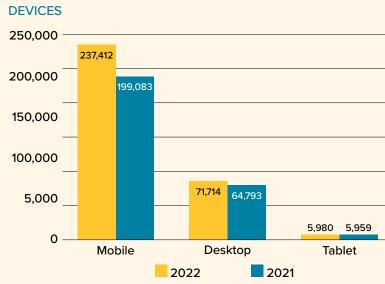
Corporate Communications saw several significant accomplishments that helped enhance the 50th anniversary milestone. Short-form videos were posted on social media to promote the seasonal offerings of what visitors could expect to see. These videos saw great engagement with the community. In addition, longer format videos were produced and were shown during the summer season in Central Park Theatre. These videos helped celebrate the 50th anniversary, showcasing the many changes since the Museum's opening as well as special greetings from local celebrities and dignitaries. The marketing for Canada Day saw a combined effort by promoting all three of the city's events to connect communities. The Burnaby Village Museum was incorporated in all advertising collateral that included digital ads, print ads and event posters.



Website Update

The Burnaby Village Museum website continues to be a valuable resource for visitors looking to gain information about the Museum. In 2022, improvements and enhancements were made to the interactive map as updated reference images and descriptions were added. The website also saw an increase in visits and page views from 2021. The distribution of visits by device remained similar to 2021 with most users accessing the site via their mobile device.





TOP 3 MOST POPULAR PAGES

| Home page 161,622 | Heritage Christmas 108,499 | Hours and Rates 71,825 |
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WEBSITE OVERVIEW

| | Visits | Page views | Unique visitors | Returning visitors | Bounce rate |
|------|---------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 2022 | 315,106 | 766,688 | 230,827 | 3,197 | 52.39% |
| 2021 | 269,835 | 708,428 | 191,065 | 1,978 | 49.55% |



Programming & Education

Through seasonal openings, public and school programs, events and activities, the Museum staff create valuable connections with community, upholding the Burnaby Promise. Programs puts visitors and patrons first, by fostering relationships and meeting visitor needs through interpretation, animation, demonstration and education.

Indigenizing the Museum

This year the team expanded, welcoming a new full-time Indigenous Programmer to strengthen ties to local Coast Salish communities, culture and knowledge. The visitor experience was enhanced with a variety of public programs and initiatives, including Indigenous plant walks, tea blending workshops, cedar weaving classes, tours featuring the history of Deer Lake and more. Cedar Grove, the Matriarchs Garden, and the Learning House are exhibits that have undergone transitions for activation and engagement throughout the year.

At the City's National Indigenous People's Day celebration in June, children and families were invited to come together for community textile weaving and colouring activities.

The Museum is honoured and humbled to have skilled educators onsite who share their knowledge with staff and visitors throughout the year. Delmar Williams shared his hide preparing skills and multiple leather projects and Valeen Jules shared her whale bone spear, fish leather preparation and other cultural demonstrations at the Learning House.



School Programs

GUIDED PROGRAMS

The year started with a gradual return-to-school program bookings at the Burnaby Village Museum with the most popular ones being Navigating the Neighbourhood and the Three 3Rs. The Chinese Canadian virtual school program, Museum Detectives, obtained

SCHOOL PROGRAMS BY THE NUMBERS

- » Number of students 3,761
- » Number of chaperones
 1 014
- » Number of school choirs 4 groups

valuable feedback from teachers this year, as did *Let's Talk About the Past*, the Museum's English Language Learners (ELL) program. Unique to this year, the team embarked on translating 2 more guided school programs into French, meeting the needs of the growing Immersion programs across Burnaby and Greater Vancouver.

SELF-GUIDED PROGRAMS

To increase experiential value, the department included thoughtful, inclusive, curriculum-connected self-guided activities for both Spring Discovery Days and Winter Wonder. As part of these programs, students were invited to enjoy the *Kids Conservation Lab*, We are 50! and the artistic arches in the meadow. As well, students puzzle-pieced together the Indigenous map of Burnaby, inviting them to look at maps in a different way. Take-home crafts were also distributed to participants.

(left) Burnaby Mayor and Councillors cutting a celebratory cake for the 50^{th} anniversary. (right) Visitors finding scavenger hunt clues in the Tram Barn. (far right) Museum staff distributing Labour Day scavenger hunt

Special Events

CANADA DAY

Over 6,000 visitors returned for the Museum's Canada Day 2022 celebration. Coastal Wolfpack opened the event with a territorial land acknowledgement and a performance in the morning. And the official ceremony began with The Tsleil-Waututh Worriers welcome and performance in the early afternoon. Visitors strolled through the site enjoying multicultural entertainment on 2 stages; multiple displays and demonstrations; hands-on activities such as the community loom project; face painting; crafts and more. Many enjoyed the mini Canada Day cupcake giveaway. New to this year's Canada Day was the use of QR Codes for quick, paperless access to the event schedule and a site map featuring nine different languages.

WORLD RIVERS DAY

On September 25, Burnaby saw a return to an in-person World Rivers Day celebration, an annual family-friendly event focusing upon the importance of waterways in our communities. This year's event featured musical performances; interactive hands-on activities; Indigenous community involvement; historical and environmental interpretation; and tours of Deer Lake. Over 18 community organizations and 7 City of Burnaby partners collaborated to provide engaging demonstrations and displays honouring the community's commitment to the sustainability and stewardship of its streams, rivers and watersheds.

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Public programs

Lovely people telling us the story:)

New areas of expansion consisted of more intermediate blacksmithing and a course called *Open Forge*, which is designed to create shop space allowing participants to work on their own project or practice specific techniques. The department focused on highlighting environment and sustainability by offering

PUBLIC PROGRAMS BY THE NUMBERS

- » Number of registered programs offered 133
- » Number of participants
 974

programs such as Intro to Urban Beekeeping, Bonkers for Bats, Intro to Container Gardening and Upcycled Winter Decorations.

Was the most beautiful museum I've ever seen.

Claudia, August 25, 2022

HERITAGE CAMPS

Heritage camps were a success this year, not only in selling out, but also in the way relationships with community organizations continued to be built. Highlights included the introduction of a *Truth and Reconciliation Professional Development Day Camp* and a weeklong *Winter Break Camp*.



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Volunteers

Azmina Abdulla Jean Beaton Barbara Bowes Lina Chan Linda Collins Russell Collins Candace Espeseth Lorri Espeseth Teresa Findlay Irene Fung Rick Greenwell Gwen Guguin Lala Hajdu Paul Harris Sandra Hume Lorraine Irving Ruby Johnson

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Ewan Sheard
Jammy Smith
Peter Smith
Renee Smitherman
Janette Steel
Kathy Tietjen
Arlene Wiebe
Shelly-Ann Van Hoof
Jim Wong

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Pandher
Kalwant Nadeem
Parmar
Sangeeta Bhonsale

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Richard Liu
Daphne Woo
Gail Yip
Ken Yi
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Kevin Huang



Community Groups & Partners

Community Groups

Association for Injured Motorcyclists

B.C. Athletics

B.C. Bee Supply

B.C. Wildlife Federation

Burnaby Art Gallery

Burnaby Art Gallery

Burnaby Beekeepers Association

Burnaby Community Heritage Commission

Burnaby Central High School

Burnaby Christmas Bureau

Burnaby Eco Sculptures Program

Burnaby Engineering Department

Burnaby Environmental Services, Solid Waste & Recycling

Burnaby Food First

Burnaby Lake Park Association

Burnaby Mountain Secondary

Burnaby Environmental Planning Department

Burnaby Public Library

Burnaby School District

Burnaby Water Dispensing Trailer

Burnaby Youth Custody Centre

Byrne Creek Streamkeepers

Cariboo Heights Forest Perservation Society

Chinese Taoism Kuan-Kung Association Tian-Jin Temple

City of Burnaby Archives

Classic Motorcycle Club of BC

Coast Salish Arts & Cultural Society

Community Bat Programs of BC

Confederation Park Choir

Critter Care Wildlife Society

Deer Lake United Church

Edmonds Community School

Faria Firoz

Gilpin Elementary

Greater Vancouver Motorsport Pioneers Society

Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver

Kwantlen First Nation

Lower Mainland Green Team (Green Team Canada)

Mark Angelo - World Rivers Day founder

Melodia Community Carolers

Mixers & Elixirs

MLA Office for Burnaby

Morley Elementary

MP Offices for Burnaby

Musqueam First Nation

Newport Brass Community Band

North Shore Black Bear Society

North Vancouver Community Band

Ocean Wise Moble Programs

Official Community Plan - City of Burnaby

Our Lady of Mercy School

O.W.L.

Pacific Spirit Quilters Guild RCMP Burnaby Detachment

SFU Science Alive

Squamish First Nation

St. Francis de Sales

St. Francis of Assis School

St. John Ambulance - Div. 304 (Burnaby)

St. Thomas More Collegiate

Stanley Park Ecological Society

Stoney Creek Environment Committee

Tsleil-Waututh First Nation

Volunteer Burnaby

Wildlife Rescue

Sponsorships

Concord Pacific

Royal Bank of Canada

Burnaby Civic Employees Union CUPE 23

Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission

Grants

Department of Canadian Heritage World Rivers Day Organization

So glad this is still free.

Makes for an affordable outing to teach the younger generations about local past.

Brock, March 18, 2022



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Deborah Tuyttens, Cultural Heritage Manager

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Maggie Fang, Reception

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Ted Barber, Museum Janitor

Roy Malanday, Museum Janitor

Sean Jamieson, Museum Janitor

Keith Thompson, Gardener

Auxiliary Staff*

* Many of the Museum's auxiliary staff work in multiple areas. The area where the majority of their hours are accrued is where they're listed.

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Jeannie Castellanos Mickey Ng

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