

Museum Newsletter

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Summer has finally arrived at the Pemberton Museum (sort of)

June was a very busy month at the Pemberton Museum! Our fearless leaders, Charmaine and Tara, have built a strong team of young people ready to take on any task. Everything from landscaping, house keeping, hosting classes of school children, updating exhibits and activities, and helping set up special events like The Supermarket's Staff Appreciation Party and the beloved annual Women's Institute fundraiser, Blueberry Shortcake and Tea.

We had 552 visitors in June, some from as far away as New Zealand and a few locals that had never visited the Museum before. With the weather warming up (very slowly) and summer vacations revving up, we are excited and ready to welcome the world... hopefully not all at once, but we will be ready if it does!

The Museum is open Tuesdays to Saturdays , 10am – 5pm.

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INTRODUCING THE TEAM!

While the world struggles with staffing shortages, the Museum has been fortunate to find a team of dedicated locals ready and willing to share the unique history of Pemberton and local Indigenous communities.

Kaitlyn Pierre, our longest standing staff member, has returned as Digital Media Editor and has been busy preparing videos from the various events we have already hosted in 2022. Stay tuned for new videos in the coming weeks.

Jessica Hill has returned as our Collections Coordinator and has been powering through the backlog of objects that were donated to the Museum over the winter months.

Deanna Andrews has joined us from Lil'wat Nation. Her experience at the Animal Barn, and enthusiasm for local history and engaging with the public, makes her an excellent leader for our Guest Services team.

Ethan Ronayne has already shown his dedication as a Museum Guide and we are thrilled he has chosen to spend his summer working with the ladies at the museum.

Abi Ronayne has returned as a Museum Guide after graduating high school. Her knowledge and experience from last year has been instrumental to putting together the Logging and Forestry Exhibition in the Soo Building and updating signage and activities for our younger guests.



Ethan, Deanna, Abi and Kaitlyn



Jessica hard at work.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A special thank you to Clara Ronayne and Linda Welsh for taking the time to meet with Museum staff on July 5th, to show us what's in our flower beds. We were delighted to learn that most of our plants are not weeds and will bloom this summer or fall. It's wonderful to learn from the experts and get some hands-on instruction on how to best care for our gardens. We know our guests love exploring the site and the flowers and gardens are a big part of the experience.

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A KIND DONATION FROM PEMBERTON VALLEY NURSERIES

Each spring, Museum staff dust off the cobb webs, set up the exhibits and beautify the ground in anticipation of our guests. A big part of the beautification process is maintaining our gardens and planting flowers in pots and hanging baskets around the site.

This year Pemberton Valley Nurseries donated close to \$400 worth of flowers and fertilizer to the museum and we are so grateful for their generosity. Thank you Allan and Shelley Fraser!



BLUEBERRY SHORTCAKE AND TEA

On Tuesday, June 28th, the Pemberton Women's Institute hosted their annual Blueberry Shortcake Fundraiser between 2pm and 4pm. The sun came out to play, but so did a gusty wind that made set up and service an exciting challenge.

The ladies' experience showed as they set up in record time and served a whopping 129 shortcakes in 2 hours. Their delivery service was also a success and brought the total of shortcakes served in 2022 to 470, raising \$2100 for the important work they do in our community.

Thank you to all of the volunteers and our staff; we all enjoyed the delicious fruits of our labour at the end of the day.



SCHOOL VISITS

On June 21st we welcomed Ms Hamersley's class of 2nd and 3rd graders and 5 parent supervisors from Signal Hill Elementary.

On July 12th, we welcomed Sarah Jone's Dragon Flies from Pemberton Children's Centre. Twenty 3-and 4-year-olds were given a tour, did a scavenger hunt and had lunch, in the sunshine, on the lawn. They were small and sweet and asked a lot of questions, but our tour guides were up for the challenge.



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LOGGING EXHIBITION IS OPEN

With the guidance of veteran Abi Ronayne, our guides set up the logging exhibition in the Soo Building, the first week of July. We encourage our guests to stop in and check out the exhibit. It's supported by logging videos created by the industry in the 80s and showcases the equipment used in the logging / forestry industry over the last 100 years.

WELCOME THE NEWEST PDMAS BOARD TRUSTEE

At the 2022 AGM, Ola Perkins was persuaded to join our team of dedicated trustees for a two year term. We are honored to have Ola, with her experience and knowledge of Pemberton, helping us guide the direction of our work.

BC HYDRO UPGRADE

With the addition of the 2 new buildings to the Museum site, we have reach capacity with our current BC Hydro offering and have applied for a service upgrade. The process is long and arduous, but we have Bill McLeod on the job, with the support of Mark from Wire-It and our own Niki Madigan, helping long-distance. Things are moving forward and the timeline for completion is in the Fall.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP COUNTS MORE THAN EVER!

Your annual Museum Memberships is now due. Keep up to date with historical happenings, contribute to the preservation of Pemberton and District history, and demonstrate local community support, which aids in our application for grants. Individual memberships are \$15, families are \$20.

We can provide charitable receipts for cash and in-kind donations.

Pay by e-transfer to: info@pembertonmuseum.org or by cheque to: Box 267, Pemberton, BC V0N 2L0.

