

THE PEMBERTON AND DISTRICT MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES



Pemberton & District Museum & Archives Society

NEWSLETTER

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Thank you Pemberton!

The Pemberton Museum 2024 Season Kick-Off – Fundraiser & Membership Drive was a super fun day and a great success!

On June 15th, we welcomed the community to help us celebrate the launch of the 2024 season, offer us feedback about our annual events and programs, and join us as members of our not-for-profit society.

The day started off sunny and warm, with DJ Ira Pettle leading the kids through an impressive dance routine, conga line, and limbo. Mid-afternoon, the sky opened up and the rain poured down. The temperature dropped, and the wind gusted, but our spirits were not dampened. Pemberton's ukulele duo, Highly Strung, delighted us with a mix of beloved classics and a few humorous tunes that made us giggle. DJ J to the U kept the energy alive with his funky beats, ensuring the day ended on a high note.

Despite the "January" weather, the event was a great success! We welcomed 147 guests, raised an incredible \$1230, and added 16 new members to our membership program. All proceeds from the Kick-Off go to our Event and Programming fund, helping us design fun events for the whole family through out the season.

Thank you to everyone who braved the weather to join us! Thanks to our hard-working staff and our dedicated volunteer Board of Directors for helping the day run smoothly!

Toonie Teas Tuesdays are back for the 2024 season!

Join us the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 2-4pm for delicious refreshments, entertainment, excellent conversation, and lots of laughs.

The season's first Toonie Tea is set for July 16th.

We will see you there!



SAVE THE DATE!

We're excited to announce that the museum's 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on July 10th at 7pm. Join us for a review of the past year's accomplishments and challenges and to discuss plans for the future.

If you are interested in joining our volunteer Board of Directors please email: info@pembertonmuseum.org

ANNUAL BLUEBERRY TEA

Once again, the annual Pemberton Women's Institute's Blueberry Tea was a smashing success!

In addition to delivering 396 cakes around the valley, the Women's Institute welcomed 137 guests to the museum for their famous homemade shortcake, refreshments, and plenty of laughs and lively conversation.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the ladies of the Pemberton Women's Institute for their tireless efforts in our community and for consistently hosting the most exquisite tea parties each year!

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the Pemberton Valley Supermarket for their generous support, as well as museum staff and volunteers, who helped out during the day.

We are already counting down until next year's tea!



2024 MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES!

The Pemberton and District Museum and Archives is a membership driven not-for-profit society. Over the last 42 years our members have helped us build and maintain the site, grow and share our collection of stories, artifacts, and archival materials, and have been integral to the creation of a permanent record of settlement in the area.

Membership includes a bi-monthly newsletter and the knowledge that you are a part of the community of folks in Pemberton dedicated to keeping our rich history alive. Having community support is an important factor when we are fundraising and applying for grants.

We count on YOU!

This year, we are excited to be adding a business membership option, extending our reach and impact within the local business community.

members

Individual - \$20

Family - \$25

ALL NEW Business - \$100

To renew your membership or to become a member for the first time, please fill in the attached membership form and return it with a cheque made out to the Pemberton Museum or e-transfer to info@pembertonmuseum.org.

HUMAN RESOURCES–MUSEUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP)



In 2023, the museum received a fantastic boost of federal funding through the Museum Assistance Program (MAP) to review and update our HR policies and procedures, ensuring our staff have the best support throughout their journey with us.

Thanks to the Canadian Red Cross, these funds have been put to great use, modernizing our HR manual, enhancing our recruitment, onboarding, and training processes, and connecting us with HR professionals for ongoing guidance. We're incredibly grateful for the support from the MAP program and can't wait to welcome our 2024 team with these shiny new policies in place.

FIRESMART PREPAREDNESS



In anticipation of the dry, hot summer ahead, we connected with Pemberton's FireSmart team to ensure we have done everything we can to prepare and protect the museum site, our precious collection of buildings and objects, and our archives.

Efforts included vegetation management, infrastructure upgrades like roof-top sprinklers and an irrigation system, and updated emergency planning. With the assistance of Pemberton Secondary School students, we were able to assess the site and remove 3 trailers of debris and unneeded building supplies.

A huge thank you to the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation for their generous support of these initiatives, which has allowed us to complete most of the work over the last month. Thank you to the Pemberton FireSmart team for their time and commitment to the site and thank you to the Pemberton Secondary students for helping us complete the work before the heat of summer arrives!

NEW ART EXHIBITION IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE GALLERY

The Creative Cupboard invites you to experience, *"Growing Discomfort: Embracing Imperfection in the Artistic Process,"* an exhibition that celebrates the beauty of creative growth through discomfort.

This exhibition showcases 3 incredible artists and their journey, featuring not only their most proud pieces but also the raw, imperfect exploratory works that highlight their process.

Participating Artists: Keita Selina, Jill Gotto and Emma Hall-Leah

FROM NEAR AND FAR – GUESTS OF JUNE 2024

June was a busy month here at the Pemberton Museum! With the Kickoff Party, the Pemberton Women's Institute's Blueberry Tea, the Pemberton Valley Supermarket's annual staff appreciation party, and plenty of school groups passing through the grounds, June welcomed an impressive **906 guests** to the museum!

This month, we had a great deal of both local AND international visitors, including guests from all over BC and Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, the Czech Republic, and even Kenya!

What an incredible month! We look forward to welcoming visitors until October!



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – MEET THE FOUGBERGS!



This photo, dated June 1973, captures Slim and Margaret Fougberg. Slim and Margaret's love story culminated in the Pemberton Valley, where they served as sort of "founding fathers" to the Pemberton Museum. They were wed in 1939.

Margaret's influence extended beyond the museum's development. She spearheaded efforts to establish a local school in the valley, a dream which came to fruition in 1951, with the creation of The Pemberton Superior School.

She also collaborated with Frances Decker and Mary Ronayne to create and publish *Pemberton: The History of a Settlement*.

This book, which provides an exhaustive history and insight into life in Pemberton before and during settler times, may be purchased at "Purden's General Store" - here at the museum!

Check out our entire collection of books for sale on our website!

PRIVATE EVENTS – SPACE RENTALS

The Pemberton Museum has been a cherished community space for over 40 years. With the addition of the Pemberton Station Schoolhouse in 2021, we can now offer year-round, flexible space to our guests. Over the last two years, we have hosted a diverse collection of special events, programs, workshops, exhibitions, and meetings for our local community and visitors from far and wide. If you, your school or your business are looking for affordable space, please email us with a brief description of your plans, preferred days and times, and the number of people you are expecting, and we will promptly provide you with a quote. Contact us at info@pembertonmuseum.org



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