



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services  
Burnaby Village Museum

Home of the CW Parker Carousel

## INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION DATE: 2015 April 2

FROM: DEBORAH TUYTTENS

**SUBJECT: BURNABY VILLAGE MUSEUM UPDATES**

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The BVM is busy getting ready for the summer agriculture-themed exhibit and preparing for the Heritage Burnaby website re-launch.

- The book digitization project is moving forward, with 9 fully searchable Burnaby history books ready to launch as part of Heritage Burnaby upgrades. Staff have coordinated scanning the books and are indexing them to the standard Heritage Burnaby search terms to make it easy for researchers to find the information they are looking for, and to link to related information such as photographs and oral history recordings.
- We are developing exhibit for Stride Studios and the Village about growing and processing food in Burnaby, with a focus on the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- A living “backyard garden” exhibit is being created in the meadow, featuring plants grown in Burnaby backyards today. The exhibit will highlight the diversity of food grown in Burnaby. We’ve had a great response from people in the community willing to share advice and stories.

Throughout the summer season visitors will be able to enjoy the following public programs:

- ***Carousel Tour:*** 30 minute drop-in tour all about the history, restoration and workings of the Carousel.
- ***School Days:*** 30 minute drop in program where visitors play "students" at the Schoolhouse and experience what a school day was like in the 1920's.
- ***Car Rides:*** Ride in a model T Ford. Departs from Tram Plaza May & June, from Carousel Garage July & August.
- ***Village Tour:*** 30-45 min tour of the Village led by a museum interpreter.
- ***Tin Demo:*** One hour drop in tinsmithing demo.
- ***Steam Demo:*** One hour drop in steam equipment demo.

Starting in July and August visitors will also be able to enjoy:

- ***Apprentice:*** 30 min hands-on program at the Royal Oak Garage about Model Ts and automobile history.

July and August *Homegrown Harvest* Highlights

- ***Garden Tour and Tea:*** Private tours followed by reserved lunch and tea in the heritage Ice Cream Parlour. Tours will provide an opportunity for groups to enjoy a private tour before the museum opens to the public.
- ***Farmer in Residence:*** Every Tuesday in July and August visitors can stop into the exhibit garden and chat with our “farmer in residence” for a tour of our garden exhibit and to learn all about the different types of backyard agriculture that can be found in Burnaby. Free drop in program.
- ***Drop in Garden Days:*** Every Thursday and Saturday visitors will be invited to get down and dirty in our exhibit garden. Parents will learn how to get their own garden’s started with our Master Gardener. Children will get to have fun digging and planting in the "play garden" and will be able to plant a seedling to take home. Free drop in program.
- ***Filed to Fork:*** Every Friday in July and August visitors will be invited to join this fun, hands-on 45 minute tour about local food, sustainability, and agricultural history in Burnaby. Free drop in program.
- ***Ethnobotany Tour:*** On alternating Fridays in July and August visitors will be invited to join this drop in program and tour to learn more about our local natural food sources and how first nation communities use traditional practices to select, harvest and prepare these natural resources. Tour is presented in partnership with Takaya Tours of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation. Free drop in program.
- ***Weaving Squamish Stories:*** On alternating Sundays in July and August visitors will be invited to join Squamish Nation educators as they facilitate a drop-in session about weaving and basketry. Free drop in program.
- ***Homegrown Harvest Workshop Series:*** Presented in partnership with Burnaby Food First this series will include expert led container gardening, low sugar jam making, pickling, seasonal meal planning, harvesting and storing and winter gardening workshops. Free drop in programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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