



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services  
Burnaby Village Museum

Home of the CW Parker Carousel

## INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION DATE: 2016 February 04

FROM: DEBORAH TUYTTENS

**SUBJECT: BURNABY VILLAGE MUSEUM UPDATES**

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Another great Heritage Christmas Season at the BVM:

- 50,000 attended
- 31,000 carousel rides
- 1,500 volunteer hours
- Whole Foods sponsorship for Heritage Baking at Love Farmhouse

Staff are working on a “technology now and then” for summer 2016. The Stride Studios gallery will feature examples of early 20<sup>th</sup> century technology that performed tasks that can now be performed by a Smart phone, including: telegraph equipment, type-writers, adding machines, phonographs, cameras, and telephones. Visitors will have an opportunity to try out examples of 1920s technology in several of the permanent exhibit buildings.

A donation of material from Don and Barbara Copan was received just before Christmas, which included Don Copan’s Kushiro Cup. Don was the first recipient of the award in 1982.

Museum Curator Lisa Codd has been serving on the Steering Committee for the Festival of Learning, a partnership between the COB and SFU to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University. Over 50 free learning events are planned for the week of May 1 to 7 throughout the City of Burnaby. As part of the event, the Museum is planning to host an indigenous plant tour of the museum site as part of Rhodofest, and to offer several tours and demonstrations on the Museum’s opening day on May 7. Also on May 7, we are partnering with the Burnaby Public Library on an “Analog Library” event at the Metrotown branch, focusing on pre-digital technology.

### Programming

- Our Spring Break opening (Mar 14-24) now offers more interpreted exhibits, longer hours and free admission. This on top of our regular program offerings like crafts, children’s entertainers, tours, and activities.

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- For Spring Break, we are launching our new Adventure Guide booklet series. The booklet, which visitors may purchase for a fee, engages visitors in activities around the Village and includes a Carousel ticket. Get your tram ticket punched, receive a gold star from the Schoolhouse teacher, cash a cheque at the Bank, and take your shopping list to the General Store.
- Our two weeks of Spring Break camps are already filling up. Our After Camp Club is proving to be a real draw for working parents looking for full-day fun activities for their kids.
- Our Blacksmithing classes, which run almost every Saturday, are full and waitlisted. Lorne Gray, our senior blacksmith, has a real following!
- We are celebrating Family Day with special event at the Carousel for young children, including crafts, games and children's entertainment.
- We are holding our Volunteer Appreciation Tea on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be honoured with certificates, pins, and gifts.
- We are once again offering monthly Learning Workshops for all volunteers and staff on topics ranging from a fashion history of hats to working with special needs visitors.

Respectfully submitted,

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