



Above: Engraving tools & artwork from the fall feature exhibit. Fastfact: The 1954 \$1 bill appeared to have a devil in the Queen's hair. It was later altered.

Voices

FROM THE ENGRAVER

Feature Exhibit: Sep 12 - Nov 21

From concept to final product, the artistry behind Canadian currency and stamps is on exhibit at the Nanaimo Museum. Travelling from Ottawa, Voices from the Engraver is from the Bank of Canada Museum in partnership with the Canadian Museum of History. The exhibit runs from September 12 to November 21.

Voices from the Engraver features artifacts such as water colours, photos and drawings along with engraver's tools and printing plates used in the production of bank notes and stamps. We are pleased to bring this travelling exhibit to our community during its cross Canada tour. Voices from the Engraver also takes a peek behind the scenes and shows bank note and stamp designs that were not retained.

Some unusual artifacts are featured in the exhibit, including a Birds of Canada \$1000 litho proof from 1988, artwork for the back of a 1954 \$2 bill and a Scenes of Canada proposed back of a \$2 bill from 1967.

There is a workshop, Engraving Fit for a Queen, for homeschooling families with children ages 10-14 years. Students will learn about the art and technical processes behind stamps and currency.

The workshop is on Wednesday, November 9 from 1:30-2:30.

Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$5 per student which includes museum admission for caregivers and younger siblings. Caregivers must be on-site at all times during the workshop.



Nick Bantock Visit

Author Nick Bantock visited the Nanaimo Museum on August 30. His Griffin & Sabine books inspired the innovative Story Behind the Artifact exhibit letters. As fans of Bantock's work, the staff were thrilled that he liked the exhibit and enjoyed a few entertaining conversations with him after the tour.

Summer Wrap-Up

Thank you to Tourism Nanaimo for another successful summer with the info kiosk in the Bastion. We also thank Brigadoon Dance Academy for highland dancing performances at the cannon firings on Thursdays and Saturdays in July and August. We appreciate the on-going support of Bastion and cannon firings provided by the Nanaimo Port Authority and the City of Nanaimo.

Summer students Clarice Bland, Robin Fast and Emily Larsen did a great job assisting with family programs, the Bastion, front desk and a variety of other tasks. Impressive for their first summer at the museum!

There is a new Nanaimo souvenir in our gift shop thanks to museum member and volunteer, Les Dickason. Les created a puzzle using a popular Nanaimo waterfront scene. He is graciously donating all proceeds from puzzle sales to the Nanaimo Museum. These will be ideal gifts for visitors looking for a Nanaimo keepsake and locals shopping for the people in their lives who are already have everything.

Cruise ship season was busy this spring and summer. On an average cruise ship day approximately 500 visitors attend the gift shop and museum. Sales in the gift shop are usually brisk, further supporting the museum's endeavors.



Fall Programming

Brother XII Tours

Wednesdays, October 19, 26

6:30pm - 7:15pm

This downtown walking tour features Nanaimo's most infamous resident. Join the Nanaimo Museum as we separate fact from fiction about the life of Brother XII. The tour stops at locations connected to Brother XII before and after he started a cult in Cedar-By-the-Sea in the late 1920s. Artifacts connected with the Brother XII colony will be on exhibit in the museum. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$10 per person. Online bookings are now available.

Lantern Tours

Fridays, October 14, 21, 28

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Lantern tours cover the darker side of history at downtown locations including the site of the last public hanging, the scandalous story of the famous architect who designed the courthouse and a murderer who was hung on Gallows Point. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$15 per person. Online bookings are now available.

For more information about any of the above programs, please contact Jamie Franzmann at 250-753-1821, or email program@nanaimomuseum.ca

Haunted Coal Mine

Saturday, October 29

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Prepare to be scared! The popular Haunted Coal Mine is back again this year. This year's theme is "Enter the Funhouse!" so be ready to experience a terrifying circus! Admission is by donation. Visit us on Saturday, October 29 during the downtown DNBA Halloween Howl from 11:00 am to 3:00pm for some tricks and maybe even a treat!

Homeschool Christmas Program

Wednesday, November 23

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Join us on Wednesday, November 23 from 1:00-2:30 for this year's home school Yesteryear Christmas. Home school students will get the chance to experience what Christmas was like for children 100 years ago in Nanaimo. Students will make an ornament, visit the miners cottage, explore Christmas traditions, and eat a festive treat. The cost is \$5 per child and pre-registration is required. The minimum age for this program is 5 years old.

Princess Royal Day Ceremony

Sunday, November 27: 11am-1pm

Ceremony: HBC Bastion (rain or shine)

Refreshments & Presentation: Nanaimo Museum

Join us to celebrate the 162nd anniversary of the arrival of settlers from the Princess Royal ship.

Please email info@nanaimomuseum.ca for details!



Japanese Tour

The Nanaimo Museum received a visit from Japanese dignitaries on July 19th. The Consul-General of Japan in Vancouver, Ms. Asako Okai, her husband Mr. Tomoaki Okai and the Consul of Consulate-General of Japan in Vancouver, Mr. Takashi Nakatsugawa went on personalized tour led by Aimee Greenaway, Interpretation Curator. The visit was arranged by Mr. Toshi Yonehara (Director) of the Nanaimo Japanese Community Association and attended by Ms. Eiko Eby (President). Ms. Okai and her party were interested in the history of Japanese Canadians in Nanaimo as well as the region's coal mining industry.



Consul-General of Japan, Ms. Asako Okai and group view the Hino matsuri doll collection in the gallery



As a non-profit, giftshop sales support our educational programming. Discounts for members!

Partnering with First Nations

The ownership of First Nations artifacts have received national news coverage this year. All First Nations artifacts at the Nanaimo Museum are held in trust for Snuneymuxw First Nation, based on a Memorandum of Understanding signed by Snuneymuxw and the museum initially in the early 1990s.

The content in the Snuneymuxw exhibit is developed in close consultation with Snuneymuxw and changes are driven by the efforts of Geraldine Manson, Elder in Residence at VIU and Special Advisor to the NM Board of Directors. Our First Nations school programs are also developed in close consultation with Snuneymuxw through Mrs. Manson to ensure content respects and accurately reflects Snuneymuxw culture.

Event & Meeting Rentals

Looking for space downtown to host an event or meeting? We offer a unique atmosphere & negotiable rates for events large or small - from gala cocktail parties in the gallery to small business meetings in the freshly updated program room. Venue rental is a great fundraiser for the museum and allows us to effectively utilize our space after-hours and between programming. Contact Becka at 250-753-1821 or email rentals@nanaimomuseum.ca for more information.



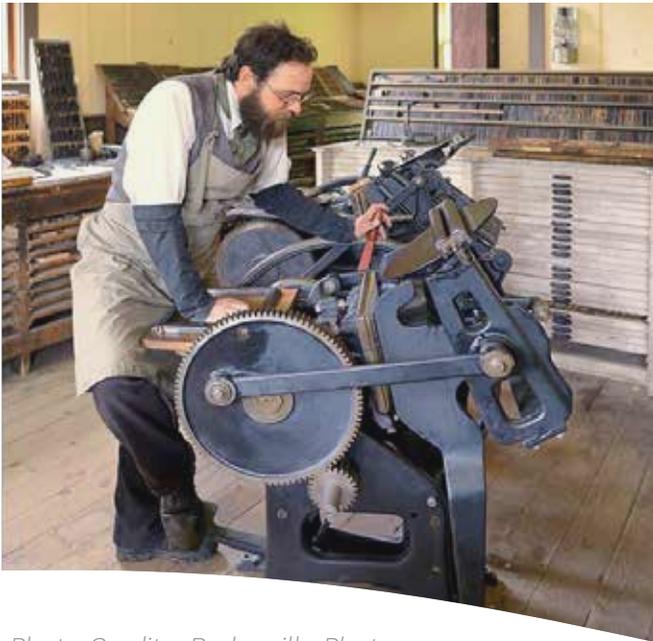


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Printing Press Travels to Barkerville

During our ongoing collection project, we found a new home for a printing press that had been in storage for decades. The press had no recorded history so we sent photos of it to other BC museums. Barkerville contacted us because they were trying to replace the broken printing press in the Cariboo Sentinel office. A few weeks later the press and its type were loaded onto Barkerville's truck and transported to the historic town.

Recent Acquisitions

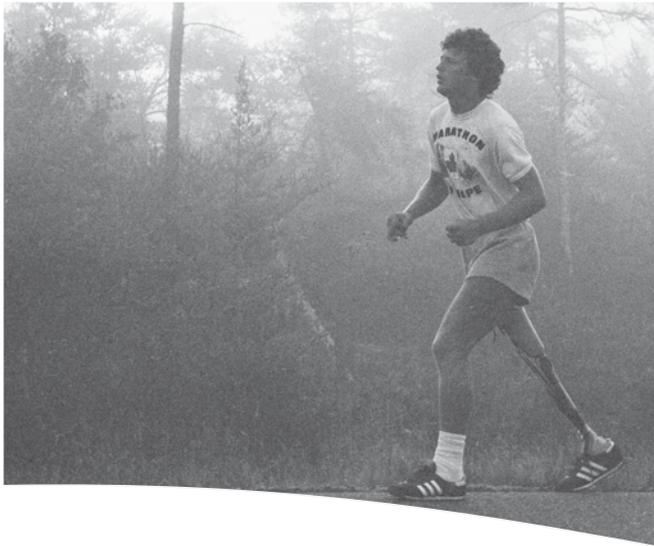
May Queen Crowns & Regalia

The Nanaimo Empire Days Celebrations society donated two crowns and associated May Queen regalia to our collection. After celebrating Queen Victoria's birthday since 1863, the society will be dissolving this fall.

The 1925 May Queen crown has been on loan to the Nanaimo museum for four years and the donation officially makes it an artifact. The crown is unique as a registered war memorial in Canada, an honor more typically bestowed on cenotaphs and other monuments.

The modern May Queen crown, a replica of the 1925 crown, purple robe, cape and parasols were also donated by the society. The museum is pleased to preserve these artifacts for their connection to a long-standing and significant event in Nanaimo's history.





Terry Fox Exhibit

JULY - SEPTEMBER

Sharing the life and incredible accomplishment of one of the most inspiring Canadians, Terry Fox-Running to the Heart of Canada, is a travelling exhibit developed by the Canadian Museum of History, in partnership with the Terry Fox Centre. The exhibit runs until September 24.

Upcoming
Feature Exhibits

Capturing Christmas (Dec - Jan 2016)

Moments in time from winter and Christmas in Nanaimo have been captured by cameras for 150 years. The museum's collection of cameras and historical photographs will highlight Christmas' past in the Harbour City. Get into the Christmas spirit while catching a glimpse of how our community has changed over the years.

Centennial Stories (Feb - Aug 2017)

Celebrate Canada's 150th! Explore the history of Nanaimo as it intersects with events of national significance. Includes life in Nanaimo during Canadian confederation in 1867, Sir John A. Macdonald's visit to Nanaimo, the Battle of Vimy Ridge and WWI experiences in Nanaimo plus a nostalgic look at past centennial events like the Bathtub race.



Hallway Display

- **JULY 2 - SEPTEMBER 24:** Terry Fox Exhibit
- **OCTOBER:** Nanaimo Arts Council
- **NOVEMBER - DECEMBER:** Nanaimo Interiors (Nanaimo Museum)



Interior shot of Fletcher's - a popular downtown store for many years.

Community Notes

SHOF Call for Nominations

The Nanaimo Museum is accepting applications for induction into the Nanaimo Sports Hall of Fame. The SHoF is a tribute to outstanding Nanaimo athletes from the past and present, and is located in the museum lobby. Past inductees include Michelle Stilwell, Harry Manson and the 1956 Timbermen team.

The success of the Hall of Fame relies on community members to nominate individuals and teams in five categories: Athlete, Builder, Media, Pioneer, and Team. Anyone can submit a nomination for consideration. Nomination forms and guidelines are available online (nanaimomuseum.ca) or in person.



Above: Part of the Nanaimo Museum Sports Hall of Fame, showcasing some of the many talented & dedicated people associated with sports in our city.

Call for Centennial Artifacts

The Nanaimo Museum is looking for 1967 centennial artifacts to borrow from the community. Artifacts must relate to people, places or events in Nanaimo. No photos, newspaper clippings or other papers, please. For more information about loaning an artifact for Centennial Stories, please contact Aimee Greenaway, Interpretation Curator, at 250 753-1821 or email aimee@nanaimomuseum.ca.



Jean Burns Fire

On March 30, the historic 1955 Jean Burns building on Terminal Avenue was devastated by fire. The Nanaimo Museum supported two displaced tenants including the Nanaimo Arts Council and Aquilla Archaeology. NAC was provided with temporary exhibit and event spaces at the museum. Aquilla Archaeology set up artifact conservation areas behind the scenes until their new office was move-in ready.

Calendar

AT A GLANCE

Feature Exhibit: Voices From the Engraver

September 12 - November 21, Mon-Sat: 10:00am - 5:00pm

See page 1 for more details about our Feature Exhibit

December In-House Exhibit: Capturing Christmas

December 1 - January 6, Mon-Sat: 10:00am - 5:00pm

See page 6 for more details about our next exhibits

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