



NANAIMO MUSEUM

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Nanaimo Museum Christmas in the Golden Age of Radio Exhibit

Nanaimo – The Nanaimo Museum is curating a feature exhibit in December called *Christmas in the Golden Age of Radio*. The exhibit includes radios from the museum's collection and highlights popular culture from the 1920s-1940s including Christmas traditions. *Christmas in the Golden Age of Radio* opens on Tuesday, December 1 and runs until Monday, January 4.

Christmas in the Golden Age of Radio features radios from the 1920s-1940s. "We have an extensive collection of radios," says Aimee Greenaway, Interpretation Curator at the Nanaimo Museum. "Most of them came from Fletchers, a music and furniture store that was a fixture on Commercial Street for over 100 years." The exhibit also takes a nostalgic look at Nanaimo's history in that time period, daily life and Christmas traditions. "Over the last few years we've been building a tradition of Christmas-themed exhibits in December," says Greenaway. "Families are returning annually to check out a different take on Christmas and the history of Nanaimo."

The exhibit coincides with the museum's busy Christmas season. "We have 600 primary students participate in our *Yesteryear Christmas* school program," says Greenaway. "They enjoy seeing the Christmas exhibit while participating in hands-on activities that teach them about the history of Nanaimo."

Admission to the museum in the month of December is by cash donation to the Great Nanaimo Toy Drive. "The holiday season provides a great opportunity for us to support local organizations that help Nanaimo families," says Debbie Trueman, General Manager. "Community members can visit the museum for a family Christmas experience and know they are helping people in our area."

The museum's gift shop is stocked with unique gifts, stocking stuffers and Christmas decorations. "All proceeds from the gift shop directly support the museum," says Trueman. "You can shop and help a community organization at the same time."

The museum is open Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm, except for holiday closures listed on the website at www.nanaimomuseum.com. The Nanaimo Museum is located in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre, beside Serious Coffee. For more information please visit www.nanaimomuseum.ca or call 250 753-1821.

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*early media preview is Friday, Nov. 27 at 2pm.

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