















# Heritage Week 2023

	<p><b>BC Métis Federation</b> <a href="http://www.bcmetis.com">www.bcmetis.com</a></p> <p>The BC Métis Federation (BCMF) is a non-profit association that works with Métis communities to ensure the well being of BCMF members. Through grassroots efforts, BCMF advocates on behalf of its many members, living all across the province. Our local Partner Community in the Okanagan is MACO - Metis Association of Central Okanagan. Our Mission is to work towards the advancement of Métis knowledge, language, culture, wellness, and self-determination today and for future generations.</p>
	<p><b>Central Okanagan Heritage Society</b> <a href="http://www.okheritagesociety.com">www.okheritagesociety.com</a></p> <p>COHS supports heritage buildings and provides education, grants and recommendations for heritage restoration preservation.</p>
	<p><b>Friends of Fintry Provincial Park Society</b> <a href="http://www.fintry.ca">www.fintry.ca</a></p> <p>We manage, conserve and promote the history of Fintry Manor House and heritage site.</p>
	<p><b>Kelowna Canadian Italian Club</b> <a href="http://www.kelownaitalianclub.com">www.kelownaitalianclub.com</a></p> <p>We are preserving Kelowna's Italian heritage and host monthly public presentations to celebrate this heritage.</p>
	<p><b>Kelowna &amp; District Genealogical Society (KDGS)</b> <a href="http://www.kdgs.ca">www.kdgs.ca</a></p> <p>Our mandate is to assist people in discovering their family history through educational opportunities, providing a resource centre and other support.</p>
	<p><b>Kelowna Museums</b> <a href="http://www.kelownamuseums.ca">www.kelownamuseums.ca</a></p> <p>Since 1936 as a community interest and since 1951 as a registered not-for-profit society, the Kelowna Museums Society has provided the region's residents and visitors with on-going interpretation of the Okanagan and beyond.</p>
	<p><b>Kelowna South-Central Association of Neighbourhoods</b> <a href="http://www.ksan-kelowna.ca">www.ksan-kelowna.ca</a></p> <p>Our mandate is to maintain and improve the quality of life for residents and to preserve and promote the historic character of our older neighbourhoods.</p>
	<p><b>Kelowna Tree Protectors</b> <a href="mailto:kelownatreeprotectors@gmail.com">kelownatreeprotectors@gmail.com</a></p> <p>We educate the public about Kelowna's tree canopy, significant trees in the city and how to care for trees. Look for us on Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/KelownaTreeProtectors">Facebook-Kelowna Tree Protectors</a> and Instagram <a href="https://www.instagram.com/kelowna.tree.protectors">Instagram-kelowna.tree.protectors</a></p>
	<p><b>Lake Country Museum</b> <a href="http://www.lakecountrymuseum.com">www.lakecountrymuseum.com</a></p> <p>The Lake Country Museum &amp; Archives are open Mon, Wed and Sat 1 - 4 pm.</p>
	<p><b>Okanagan Historical Society Kelowna Branch.</b> <a href="http://www.okanaganhistoricalsociety.org">www.okanaganhistoricalsociety.org</a></p> <p>Researches and records local history and provides information via articles, books and calendars to educate people about the history of the area.</p>
	<p><b>Okanagan Regional Library</b> <a href="http://www.orl.bc.ca">www.orl.bc.ca</a></p> <p>Provide information through books, media and talks. Our libraries are a haven for curious minds.</p>
	<p><b>Rutland Residents Association</b> <a href="http://www.rutlandresidentsassociation.ca">www.rutlandresidentsassociation.ca</a></p> <p>We support community concerns and help with historical and heritage events in the city.</p>
	<p><b>Sncewips Heritage Museum</b> <a href="http://www.sncewips.com">www.sncewips.com</a></p> <p>We believe in the power of our voice to inspire, educate &amp; transform. We aspire to benefit the community by maintaining a safe space for language, culture &amp; knowledge through open &amp; respectful dialogue. We make our resources &amp; collections accessible to local, regional &amp; international patrons through consultation &amp; collaboration with individuals &amp; organizations.</p>
	<p><b>Westbank Museum</b> <a href="http://www.westbankmuseum.com">www.westbankmuseum.com</a></p> <p>Locally run and operated by knowledgeable staff passionate about our local history, the Westbank Museum boasts interesting and unique facts about the history of our region.</p>

# Heritage Week Events 2023

<b>Wednesday, February 15</b>	<b>7:00 pm Kelowna Canadian Italian Club: talk: “L’ACQUA: The Greening of the Okanagan”</b> Special guests Ian Pooley and Wayne Wilson will talk about how Italians helped ‘green’ the Okanagan. The talk will be in person at the KCIC Hall & by Zoom. Free event. Registration is required: <a href="http://kelownaitalianclub.com/nfirrigation.html">kelownaitalianclub.com/nfirrigation.html</a>
<b>Sunday, February 19</b>	<b>10am to 3pm Heritage Week Kickoff Event at the Kelowna Community Theatre</b> There will be displays by various groups participating in this year’s Heritage Week. There will also be an exhibit by local artist Clea Haugo “Welcome to the Neighbourhood” on display. Hot chocolate and hot apple cider will be available. For more information on <b>Heritage Week</b> , please visit: <a href="http://okheritagesociety.com">okheritagesociety.com</a> or the individual participants’ websites.
<b>Monday, February 20 (Family Day &amp; Heritage Day)</b>	<b>10:00-12:00pm Sncewips Heritage Museum</b> There will be a free museum tour for an in-depth look at syilx community - past and present. During the free tour you’ll learn about syilx societal structures and the importance of family. A demonstration of elk calls, cow calls, bull call, and bugling by <b>Charles Kruger is at 1pm to 2:30pm</b> . Registration is required for the Charles Kruger event. <a href="http://sncewips.com/workshops">sncewips.com/workshops</a>  <b>11am Westbank Museum</b> The museum is hosting a children’s story time by local author Marie-Jane Martin, followed by a craft in which children can build their own beaver. Contact the museum for more information: <a href="http://westbankmuseum.com">westbankmuseum.com</a>  <b>12:00 to 4:00pm Okanagan Heritage Museum: “Time machine!”</b> Visitors will get the chance to ‘figuratively’ go back in time through the gallery spaces to visit stations run by education staff of significant historical time period connected to the rich heritage of the Okanagan Valley. Free family event: <a href="http://kelownamuseums.ca/event/family-day-time-machine">kelownamuseums.ca/event/family-day-time-machine</a>  <b>1:00 to 4:00pm Lake Country Museum</b> is hosting “Let’s play...Dress up!” This is a free family event. There will be a variety of photo opportunities to capture your family memories- including vintage costumes, craft tables, and learning stations for family fun. <a href="http://lakecountrymuseum.com/events/bc-family-day-lets-play-dress-up">lakecountrymuseum.com/events/bc-family-day-lets-play-dress-up</a>
<b>Tuesday, February 21</b>	<b>6:30 to 8:00pm Kelowna &amp; District Genealogical Society’s Claire Smith-Burns</b> will give a talk entitled “Have you heard about these Okanagan Resources for your Local and Family History Research?” There are some fabulous resources online and in our Central Okanagan libraries and archives. However, you may not know they exist! This program is presented in partnership with the Okanagan Regional Library. <a href="http://kdgs.ca/updates/news">kdgs.ca/updates/news</a> Pre-registration is required: <a href="http://Okanagan Regional Library Event Registration">Okanagan Regional Library Event Registration</a>  <i>Watch The Daily Courier for the OHS’s weekly column featuring this year’s COHS Heritage Award Winners!</i>
<b>Wednesday, February 22</b>	<b>8:30 to 11:30 am Michael Howard of the Central Okanagan Naturalist Club in partnership with the Friends of Mission Creek</b> will lead a walking tour to observe birds along the lower stretch of Historic Mission Creek. <a href="mailto:birding@okangannature.org">birding@okangannature.org</a> There are a limited number of spots. Registration is required <a href="http://Regionaldistrictofcentralokanagan">Regionaldistrictofcentralokanagan</a>  <b>1:00 to 3:00pm Kelowna &amp; District Genealogical Society</b> will have their “Genealogists in Residence” at the Kelowna Downtown Library to give advice on starting (or making progress on) your Family History project. This is a free service on a first-come, first-served basis - no reservation required. For more information: <a href="http://kdgs.ca/genealogist-in-residence">kdgs.ca/genealogist-in-residence</a>  <b>5:30pm to 6:30pm Okanagan Heritage Museum</b> presents “Chief Dan George: Actor and Activist VIP Tour”. Chief Dan George is a historically significant Tsleil Waututh chief who accomplished many important advancements in Indigenous rights and representation in media and song. Tickets are \$15. For more information: <a href="http://kelownamuseums.ca/event/chief-dan-george-actor-and-activist-vip-tour">kelownamuseums.ca/event/chief-dan-george-actor-and-activist-vip-tour</a>
<b>Thursday, February 23</b>	<b>5:30pm to 6:30pm Okanagan Military Museum</b> presents “Canadian First World War Service Rifles”. What’s the difference between a Ross Rifle and Lee-Enfield rifle in 1915? Visitors will experience these weapons up close and learn about the cause and effect they had on WW1. \$15 per person. For more information check: <a href="http://kelownamuseums.ca/event/canadian-first-world-war-service-rifles">kelownamuseums.ca/event/canadian-first-world-war-service-rifles</a>  <b>6:30 to 8:00pm Kelowna Museums</b> is offering a virtual talk called “ná?k’ulamən (what we do): syilx Wellness Practices”. Have you heard of “new” terms like forest bathing and eco-wellness? This discussion is led by syilx/Okanagan Elders and knowledge carriers. \$15 per household. Registration is required: <a href="http://kelownamuseums.ca/event/syilx-wellness-practices">kelownamuseums.ca/event/syilx-wellness-practices</a>  <b>7:00 to 8:30 pm Central Okanagan Heritage Society’s 39th Annual Heritage Awards</b> presentation will take place at Benvoulin Heritage Church (2279 Benvoulin Road). Light refreshments will be available after the presentation. This event is open to all Heritage Week participants as well as the general public. <a href="http://www.okheritagesociety.com/awards-by-year">www.okheritagesociety.com/awards-by-year</a> For more Information: <a href="mailto:cohs@telus.net">cohs@telus.net</a>
<b>On Going Events During the Week:</b>	<b>Kelowna Tree Protectors and the Kelowna Library</b> created a reading list of tree-related books for different age groups. The reading list will be available through Social Media & during Heritage Week. There will be prizes awarded in each each group. By reading these books, you will learn about the ‘tree-mendous value of trees’. <b>Kelowna Downtown Library</b> will have a number of “Heritage Personalities” displays from Feb. 18-25th. These displays have been researched and created by members of <b>Kelowna &amp; District Genealogical Society</b> . <b>Lake Country Museum and Archives</b> will have free <i>Stroll Guides</i> on Lake Country’s history. The stroll guides can be picked up from the museum Mon., Wed. and Sat. 1-4pm. <a href="http://lakecountrymuseum.com">lakecountrymuseum.com</a>