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**CELEBRATE OUR UNIQUE & DIVERSE HISTORIES, CULTURE AND HERITAGE
BC MUSEUMS WEEK MAY 14-21, 2017**

VICTORIA, BC – The BC Museums Association (BCMA) is pleased to announce that May 14-21, 2017 is declared [BC Museums Week](#). BC Museums Week celebrates the contributions of museums, galleries, historic sites, and other related heritage organizations to BC's communities and economy. BC Museums Week is perfectly situated within the global museum calendar as it includes International Museum Day on May 18th.

Many museums across the province are running special events or programs for BC Museums Week. Examples include the BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum (Vancouver) remaining open late and by donation on May 18, Two Rivers Gallery (Prince George) offering a Sunday Open Studio program and the Roedde House Museum's (Vancouver) exhibit, *Vancouver's Pioneers of Print*, in celebration of Asian Heritage Month. The BCMA is also leading social media discussions throughout the week using the hashtag #BCMuseums.

"BC Museums Week is an excellent opportunity for BC museums, heritage centre, galleries and cultural centres to celebrate and raise awareness about their crucial role in preserving and making accessible the province's rich history," says BCMA Council President David Alexander. "2017 is a particularly exciting year for the museum community as we mark the 60th anniversary of the BCMA and the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation."

Many museums across the province are undertaking legacy projects to honour the province's unique and diverse histories, culture and heritage as part of the *British Columbia | Canada 150: Celebrating B.C. Communities and their Contributions to Canada* program, which is administered by the BCMA with support from Heritage BC.

Show your support and appreciation for museums in whatever way you like: visit your local museum, send a shout-out over social media (don't forget to use #BCMuseums), volunteer or make a donation to support the important work museums do in building a culturally aware and inclusive province.

About the BC Museums Association:

Founded in 1957, the BC Museums Association represents the institutions, trustees, professional staff and volunteers of the BC museum, gallery and heritage site community. The BCMA supports the industry through advocacy work, networking, an annual conference, and professional development training opportunities such as regional workshops and webinars. [museumsassn.bc.ca](#)

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