Take Part in Family Fun at the Royal BC Museum this May

VICTORIA, BC–The Royal BC Museum's May activities focus on family matters in anticipation of the exciting new feature exhibition, <u>Family Bonds</u> <u>and Belonging</u>, opening on June 2. The popular companion exhibition, about the young man who inspired the nation, <u>Terry Fox: Running to Heart of Canada</u> is open and runs until October 1.

Have a question that's been troubling you? Come to a creative conclusion with <u>Museum Sage Mondays</u>. Our facilitators will guide you through this process, using objects in the museum to help you unlock the answer to your question. Take part between 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Monday, May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. The program is included with museum admission or membership.

Seniors are invited to take part in <u>Remember When</u>, a drop-in program where participants can discuss, share and learn using objects from the Royal BC Museum's learning collection. The 45 minute program starts at 10:30 am and is \$10 per participant, with no charge for accompanying caregivers; it runs in the Community Room on Wednesday, May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.

What tools are available to dig into your own family history? Where do you start? Archivist Genevieve Weber will explain at <u>Live @ Lunch: Finding Family in the BC Archives</u> on Wednesday, May 3 from noon to 1:00 pm in the Newcombe Conference Hall.

Enjoy the beautiful spring weather with a hike to the top of Mt. Douglas and a walk around the summit to look for insects with Entomology Curator Dr. Joel Gibson. Fieldtrippers: Insects at the Summit is by donation and takes place on Sunday May 7 from 10:30 am to noon. There is no road access to the summit at this time; participants should allow 30 to 60 minutes prior to the start of the program to hike up to the top and meet at the summit parking lot of Pkols.

Delve into DNA with your family; learn about genetic codes and hereditary traits at Wonder Sunday: Family Science. The program is on Sunday, May 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm and is included in museum admission or membership.

Take part in national <u>Science Odyssey</u> week with <u>Surprising Science</u> at the Royal BC Museum. See the documentary film <u>Every Living Thing:</u> <u>Experiencing a Bioblitz</u> on May 12 at 5:00 pm in Newcombe Conference Hall. Entry to see the film is by donation. Get a chance to speak to our experts, stationed throughout the galleries, on Tuesday, May 16 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. This is included in museum admission or membership.

Were you a fan of Un.Expected Conversations? Missing this series and looking for something similar? It's Complicated, a new participatory



discussion series, is for you. The first instalment is on Thursday, May 17 from 5:15 pm to 7:00 pm in Helmcken House. It will tackle <u>legal aspects of family</u> like adoption and divorce. This program is by donation.

On Saturday, May 20 from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm enjoy music from the <u>Langley Ukulele Association</u> who is giving a <u>free recital</u> in Clifford Carl Hall.

The monthly series, <u>Stories at Helmcken House</u>, is taking place on Saturday, May 20 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, and is by donation. The theme is family so there will be no shortage of stories!

To celebrate Asian Heritage Month, the Royal BC Museum is pleased to present a <u>Distinguished Lecture</u>: <u>Dr Vivienne Poy</u> on Sunday, May 28 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in Newcombe Conference Hall. Dr. Poy will deliver a talk, Heroes & Gamblers: Tales of Survival and Good Fortune of the Poy Family. It is a story illuminating the Chinese diaspora from the perspective of one family.

For more information about any of these events, visit our online calendar at <u>royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/visit/calendar</u>.

About the Royal BC Museum

The Royal BC Museum explores the province's human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. We are a hub of community connections in BC; onsite, offsite and online; taking pride in our collective histories.

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