



Heritage Week 2017 – Presentation to Mayor and Council by the Central Okanagan Heritage Society

February 6th, 2017

PowerPoint presentation of Heritage Week events in the Central Okanagan

Your worship, council members, thank you for the opportunity to present Heritage Week and for the support of the City of Kelowna.

Introduction: Central Okanagan Heritage Society

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Heritage Week 2017

My Canada! My BC! My Okanagan!

February 13 – 19

Heritage Week is celebrated across Canada and across the province of British Columbia each year, with events celebrating our built and natural heritage. In the Central Okanagan, our committee, led by COHS, have worked together each year to offer exciting local events. 2017 is our 10th year of celebrating our local heritage through events, tours, family activities, and exhibits. We invite you to come and celebrate with us!

This year's theme - 'My Canada! My BC! My Okanagan!' - inspires us to explore and enjoy our heritage places and spaces throughout our beautiful valley and across the country.

This Heritage Week, visit the many unique places and events of our region and share your experiences with the world.

#MyCanadais

#MyBCis

#MyOkanaganis

Heritage Week 2017 celebrates Canada's Sesquicentennial birthday and the history of our communities and our people in the Central Okanagan, sharing stories of the past as well as visions for the future.

This year, Heritage Week also celebrates:

- 125th Anniversary of Benvoulin Heritage Church
- 125th Anniversary of the new town sites of Benvoulin (Mission) and Kelowna
- 35th Anniversary of the Central Okanagan Heritage Society

Our Heritage Week feature image this year is 'Sacred Spotted Lake' by Okanagan artist David Wilson. In this painting he captures the holistic nature of our heritage and connections throughout the Okanagan Valley with the sacred lake of the Okanagan People.

The work of David Wilson is an exploration of traditional narratives of the Okanagan First Nations' people. Based on pictographs found on several sites in the Okanagan region, the artist creates a re-interpretation of traditional stories.

Wilson was born and raised in the Vernon area and is a member of the Okanagan Indian Band.



Events:

Monday, Feb 13th

Family Day Sesqui-venture at the Okanagan Heritage Museum, 11am to 2pm

Our Okanagan!

Heritage Week Opening Celebration at Benvoulin Heritage Church
3pm to 5pm

Wednesday, February 15th

The Central Okanagan Heritage Society's 33rd Annual Heritage Awards Luncheon in partnership with the Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society

Wednesday, February 15th from 12:00 to 1:30pm

The Ki-Low-Na Friendship Centre
442 Leon Ave, Kelowna, BC

\$25 tickets available through the Central Okanagan Heritage Society at 250-861-7188 and at the Ki-Low-Na Friendship Centre at 250-763-4905, ext. 213.

Friday, February 17th

History Mystery Bus Tour

Who? What? Where? We're not telling! Journey to historical places and unravel a mystery from local history!

1pm to 4pm

\$25 ticket available through the Okanagan Heritage Museum at 250-763-2417

Saturday, February 18th

Rutland Centennial Hall Birthday Celebration

11am to 3pm

All Week: Heritage exhibits and tours:

- Westbank Museum, Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm
- Sncewips Heritage Museum, Mon-Wed, Fri 10am – 4pm
- Okanagan Heritage Museum, Mon - Sat 10am – 5pm, Family Day 11-4
- Okanagan Military Museum, Tues, Thurs, Sat 10am – 5pm
- Lake Country Museum, Wed and Sat 1pm – 4pm

To celebrate Canada 150, heritage events will continue throughout 2017:

- The Central Okanagan Heritage Society will be offering guided history tours of Benvoulin Heritage Church and gardens
- The COHS Heritage Festival is planned for September 2017 during Culture Days
- Partners:
- The Kelowna South-Central Neighbourhood Association (KSAN) will be offering guided bicycle tours of Kelowna's heritage areas.
- For updates on these and more events, please like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HeritageWeek2017. Events will also be posted on the COHS website and on our partner's websites.

Thank you.