



Our Focus

The Friends Society is a charity and membership organization helping to develop awareness of our community history by supporting and raising funds for MONOVA: Museum and Archives of North Vancouver, their programs, exhibits and activities.

Our People

The 14-member volunteer board of directors works closely with MONOVA staff to engage Friends Members and residents at local events, attract volunteers, and raise funds to support activities that will inspire ideas for a better global community by connecting people to the culture and history of North Vancouver.

Facts

North Vancouver has a rich and diverse history with many voices, stories and perspectives. Museums and Archives help us value and understand the places where we live, work and visit. They help us connect and form a sense of identity. As the only history museum on the North Shore, MONOVA's role in the community as a vibrant and welcoming community hub is strengthened by the Friends Society's members and donors.

Want to learn more about how MONOVA is serving you and our community?

Visit our web site at monova.ca/about to find the recently released 3-Year Strategic Plan

Friends of the North Vancouver Museum and Archives Society

3203 INSTITUTE ROAD, NORTH VANCOUVER



Our work in the community

The Friends Society is a registered charity and membership organization that raises funds for MONOVA: Museum of North Vancouver.

Supporting the Friends Society means investing in programs and exhibits that will ignite curious minds through powerful stories of North Vancouver. The Friends Society and MONOVA: Museum of North Vancouver are kicking off a community fundraising campaign called "Bringing Stories To Life."

We want to transform the way you experience North Vancouver's stories through innovative programming that creates space for authentic sharing of Indigenous knowledge and First Peoples Principles of Learning, Sensory Friendly Mornings that offer children with autism spectrum disorder tailored museum visits in a calm atmosphere with fun activities, experiencing the Archives in new ways with the Living History project, school curriculum-based activities, thought-provoking exhibits and dialogue, and so much more.

Support us to ensure that North Vancouver's stories live here.

Testimonial

This program [Chief Dan George & Coast Salish Ways] provided my students with an experience I could have never achieved in the classroom. I would like to share one moment that should be a point of pride for all of you. One of the students in my class — who is from the Tsleil-Waututh Nation — completely stood out as he spoke at length about his family, culture and beliefs. The other students listened very intently as they learned from their peer things that none of the adults could have conveyed. I credit this moment entirely to the encouraging staff and the thoughtful display as it inspired him to step forward and teach us about what he already knew and what he had freshly learned about his beloved relative, Chief Dan George.

- North Vancouver Elementary School Teacher

A recent story

In May 2020, MONOVA Archives launched #NorthVanStories. Designed as a way to capture history in the making, MONOVA sought to document the experience of our North Vancouver community during COVID-19 and were delighted to receive close to 200 submissions. The North Shore community shared photography, sketches, poems, homework assignments and even the script to a screenplay. Throughout the pandemic, our community has found strength in the natural environment. We are a creative community.

And last but not least, we are resilient. The #NorthVanStories project was initiated to bring our community together during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of Mayor Linda Buchanan's Healthiest Small City Social Resilience Collective, MONOVA's expanded #NorthVanStories Living History program is exploring the power of personal storytelling to foster resilience in our communities by engaging North Shore youth, seniors and other potentially isolated members of the community to create and share personal stories through an online platform.

Events

The Friends Society regularly attends local community events and hosts fundraising events. Sign up for the MONOVA newsletter to follow all of these events at monova.ca/newsletter-sign-up/.

How you can get involved

Donations to the new museum will help to create programs and exhibits that will engage, strengthen and inspire our community by exploring the past, present and future of North Vancouver and its people.

- Donate online: monova.ca/donate
- Donate by mail: 3203 Institute Road, North Vancouver, BC V7K 3E5



Słwxwú7mesh (Squamish) carver Wade Baker provided us with a sneak peek of his studio for our "Bringing Stories To Life" campaign.

Bringing Stories to Life, for Today and Tomorrow

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