

Mission District Historical Society



Lifetime Achievement Award

The Mission District Historical Society provides leadership in the areas of historic preservation, historical and cultural education, and community initiatives by offering a wide range of programs and educational opportunities that foster an appreciation for local heritage. The Society has been in operation for the past 50 years and offers its services to the community through the operation of its three branches: Mission Museum, Mission Community Archives, and Heritage Places.

The Mission Museum was established in 1972 and preserves thousands of artifacts that would otherwise be lost to the community and to posterity. There are new exhibits each year, which showcase Mission's past, increase historical awareness and foster community pride. The museum also provides historical education and makes history accessible online through the Mission Museum

website, the Virtual Museum of Canada's Community Memories, and social media.

Mission Community Archives was established in 1989 and houses vivid, first-hand accounts of the region's recent past. With documents dating from the 1890's to the present, the collection provides the basis for a better understanding of who we were, who we are, and, if we are open to the lessons it holds, who we can be as a community. Through its innovative acquisition strategies, including the School Archives Program, the Paths and Pathfinders: Women of Mission Program, and its Outreach Programs, the Archives is continually expanding its holdings in order to preserve and make accessible a more representative record of the community.

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1972-2022



The Heritage Places Branch was established in 1994 and performs research that is used to create an inventory of Heritage Resources which celebrates Mission's rich history and its diversity.

Over the past 50 years, Mission District Historical Society has relied heavily on the commitment, enthusiasm and talents of its hardworking and dedicated volunteers - from the good men and women who have served on its board to the students, retirees and working folks who show up week after week to do research, assist the public, and catalogue documents and artifacts behind the scenes. It is these individuals who have made the Society what it is today – a vibrant, successful, innovative organization that preserves our past, celebrates our present, and inspires our future.

It is with a profound sense of gratitude that Councillor Herar will now present the Mission District Historical Society's Board Chair, Mike Scudder, this well-deserved 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award.

(Text read aloud at the 2022 Community Service Awards Ceremony, Clarke Foundation Theatre, April 26, 2022.)