



## Fraser Valley Regional Heritage Fair May 11 & 12, 2017

**S**tart planning now for your school to participate in the 2017 Regional Heritage Fair. Your students in grades four to ten will engage in project-based, hands on learning which develops research and communication skills. By participating in the Heritage Fair your students can find their place in Canadian history!

*“Heritage Fair aligns seamlessly with the new B.C. Curriculum as Project Based Learning is embedded in all facets of developing the Core Competencies of learning from K-12. Students are encouraged to explore a research topic that can be developed into a project with a real world connection. Teachers are able to lead, guide and walk alongside their students as they learn to develop their content area and skills and produce a final project that can be showcased at an evening parent/community fair.”*

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The 2017 FV Regional Heritage Fair is a collaboration of the MSA Museum Society and The Reach Gallery Museum Abbotsford. The Regional Fair will be held at the University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford Campus with 120 participants representing schools from throughout the Fraser Valley.

The Heritage Fair is a tiered program:

1. Classroom Level

Students choose a topic of personal interest on some aspect of Canadian history. They take on the role of historian, interpreter, interviewer, story teller, TV producer, or artist to communicate their learning to others. Schools host their own fair in the early spring. Adjudicators select a designated number of students to attend the Regional Heritage Fair.

2. Regional Level

The Regional Heritage Fair is a one day exhibition for student delegates from throughout the Fraser Valley held at UFV. The program includes project judging, heritage workshops, a campus tour, and culminates in an awards assembly held the following evening. A select number of students will be chosen to attend the Provincial Heritage Fair.



### 3. Provincial Level

The BC Heritage Fairs Society organizes the five-day Provincial Fair. Delegations from each of the thirteen Regional Fair sites attend with their chaperones, they engage in heritage related activities and field trips and showcase their projects to the public. The Provincial Fair is usually held in a different BC community each year. Delegates are eligible to apply to the BCHFS Alumni program.

### 4. National Level

Through Canada's History Heritage Fair students may create a short video about their Heritage Fair project. Submitted videos are hosted on the Canada's History website, judged by a panel and by visitors to the site. Winners from each province attend a ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

## Getting Involved

- Decide to participate at your next school planning meeting.
- Select a date for your School/Classroom Fair by March 31, 2017 to allow ample time for participant registration to the Regional Fair. Heritage Week in February is ideal!
- Register your school for the program with the Regional Fair Coordinator, forms will be available in the fall of 2016.
- Utilize available resources to guide the process on project selection, program guidelines and information for students found on the BC Heritage Fairs website and/or book a presenter to visit your school.

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