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2018 President's Report Presented by Billie-Ann Woo, March 19th, 2019

Welcome

Welcome to our members, volunteers and community guests to our Annual General Meeting. We had another great year with some memorable highlights and updates, which I am excited to share with you.

Staff changes in 2018

Annika Penner left the museum in April for the Space Museum. Kelsey Johnson is the new House Manager, done a great job in learning the ropes with a keen eye for growth opportunities. Darcie Dyer left the museum in the fall, Montanna Mills joined us as the Community Engagement Coordinator. She has lots of experience in Museums specifically at Craigdorrach in Victoria, Museum of Vancouver. She could not join us tonight but feel free to reach out to her regarding volunteer opportunities

Attendance statistics

Our attendance for 2018 continues to be robust with the bulk of our visitors coming from the Tourism Challenge that happens in April/May. Our year end visitor total for 2018 was **6135**, up 2% from 2017. Tourism challenge turnout was a bit lower in 2018 but we had a big weekend in September for the Memories of the Future launch and Heritage Foundation tour.

Rentals Update

Our rentals have increased in the last 6 months from a commercial standpoint, two film rentals including one multi-day production. Just a reminder that we are open to renting for weddings, parties, meetings. We were a sponsor at Vancouver Short Film Festival with a donated prize of a short rental, hoping will bring in more film rentals

Membership

Our membership numbers aren't the biggest – but we saw a 23% increase in 2018 over 2017 and trending for 2019 is optimistic. (77 vs 95).

Program Highlights

School program continues to be well utilized, many thanks to the McGrane Pearson foundation for their continued support of bringing kids to the museum and facilitating other educational programming in the area. Many thanks to Jenny Yule for another year of support and subject matter expertise. With McGrane Pearson's support, we expanded the program funding to include more schools and we received a lot of interest, with many coming from the French Immersion stream. As of today, we

currently have 8 schools on the wait list, hosted 278 students so far this school year with 11 more schools scheduled for the remainder of the year. There is great value in this programming, please support the program to expand the reach

Concerts

Both series are doing really well, happy to announce that this summer we will be taking the Jazz summer concerts outside on the porch again. We have applied for funding, fingers crossed we get the grant so we are able to recoup costs of these free shows. It is a great neighborhood success story, encouraging people to enjoy music in the park, and involving local musicians. Many thanks to Dan Reynolds and Catherine Laub, our artistic directors.

We launched "**Canada, Your Prints Are Ready**" - exhibition by Peter Lowery, local photography expert who volunteered countless hours as curator in residence, guiding our visitors through just a slice of his extensive collection.

We hosted "**Memories of the Future**" curated by Katherine Dennis featuring artists Diyan Achjadi and Cindy Mochizuki, This exhibition was the third in a series of projects where contemporary artists create artworks for display in historic house museums in Canada. Memories of the Future included a collection of digital prints, textiles (handkerchiefs) and an experimental dance film. Diyan Achjadi and Cindy Mochizuki are both well-known, local artists who have exhibited their work internationally. Diyan teaches at Emily Carr University. Two of the three artworks in this exhibition were created specifically for the Roedde House. The artists conducted site visits and, in the case of Cindy Mochizuki extensive historical research, to create works that respond to the history and domestic setting of the Roedde House. We had a series of related programming - launch weekend, artists talk and sip & stitch event, both extremely successful. We had lots of great media mentions and public relations. We are grateful for the support of the Government of British Columbia, the British Columbia Arts Council and the City of Vancouver.

Upcoming for this year - a speaker series organized by Montanna and Taylor Tomko featuring different experts in related regional history, literature or heritage conservation. Next month's speaker is Andrea Sandeen presenting " 'In Plane Sight: Envisioning Geometry and Symbol in Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland" and takes into account Victorian mathematics to reconsider Carroll's original manuscript of Alice as a way of envisioning abstract concepts of shape and number through illustration. April 24th, 7pm, tickets online
Other events we participated in: tourism challenge, strawberry festival, tea festival, Vancouver Heritage Foundation's West End heritage home tour, Jane's walk, Culture Days, Remembrance Day talk put on by Cam Cathcart.

Fundraising - shoutout to Board Members Pam McPhail and Laurence Beauvais who have breathed new energy into our development campaigns. Many thanks to them and our generous donors.

New board members - exceeding our limit so we are expanding the number of how many we can have. Expressed interest in concert programming, conservation, and exhibitions.