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President's Report for 2017

2017 President's Report

Presented by Billie-Ann Woo, March 20th, 2018

Changes to the Board:

- New Treasurer - Holly Parker
 - formidable finance and accounting background
 - our budget may be a bit smaller than what she's used to but has already applied her knowledge to our forecasting and budget analysis
- welcoming on some new board members - Tanya & Marie Helene
- thank you to those who served last year, hope to see you around the house

Changes to Staff

- Darcie Dyer - new Community Engagement Coordinator
 - volunteer, programming, community engagement

Year in Review:

- our attendance numbers are up from last year - continue to trend from the last few years
- 20% increase in special events
- 10% increase in school tours
- 17% increase in tea and tours
- Tourism Challenge still brings in a lot of visitors - almost 20% increase from last year, we are being better equipped to handle the crowds
- Memberships are up by 14%, I hope some of those new members are here but please encourage your friends/family to join us – great perks including special events, discounted rentals, and of course access to the tour hours of the museum year round
- Rentals are down - so please encourage your local organizations and contacts that we do rent! meetings, showcase space, parties, etc

Program Highlights:

- School program continues to be fully utilized - thank you to the McGrane Pearson foundation for their continued support of bringing kids to the museum and other educational programming in the area (stanley park?)
- for this academic year we will have 30 visits from 16 different schools
- many thanks to Jenny Yule as always for her work and dedication to the program
- concerts continue to be popular, many thanks to our artistic directors (Catherine Laub & Daniel Reynolds) for their work



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Other Highlights:

- Tea Exhibition & Launch
- invited tea professionals to do demonstrations and a talk
- Professor Roger Lee has loaned us 21 out of his 400 YiXing teapots, still upstairs so please take a look (exhibit by visiting curators Naomi Nguyen and Tina Ly)
- Members Event
 - preceded our tea event, had Brendan Wayne of the Tea Guy who did a very interactive tasting and education session for the members, we also had cellist Clara Shandler play for the crowd
- Food Fest
- Quick Pickles
- Culture Days
- Pam McPhail's walk
- Strawberry Fest
- bake sale and open house
- Jane's Walk

Upcoming

- new exhibitions - Canada 150 "Canada, your prints are ready" – April, Peter Lowery
- some items are already on display, Peter has quite the collection it will be a very impressive show

Other things happening in the works

- porch concerts
- fundraising push
- -membership

Billie-Ann Woo, President