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Community collaboration highlights historic places in Penticton

PENTICTON – The Penticton Museum & Archives and the Penticton & District Community Arts Council (PDCAC) partnered to celebrate Historic Places Days with a scavenger hunt and colouring book that highlight some of the special historic places around Penticton.

Historic Places Days is part of a larger national event hosted by the National Trust for Canada. Events take place July 3 - 31, 2021 in communities across the country with the theme that “every place, a story.”

“A lot of Penticton’s history unfolds as you start looking at the historic places around the city,” said Dennis Oomen, museum curator.

“Buildings like the Kendall Building or Empire Theatre, now Lloyd’s Gallery tell us that Front Street was once the commercial centre of Penticton in the early 1900s.

“The post office on the corner of Main and Nanaimo was built in 1936, and speaks to Penticton’s rise in prominence in the South Okanagan despite the Depression.”

Nearly 30 historic places are highlighted in the scavenger hunt and colouring book.

The Scavenger Hunt is a guided journey through some of Penticton’s historic places where you will need to get out walking and looking to hunt for clues. Participants can enter answers digitally or in the printed booklet.

“The Colouring Book was a fun collaboration with local artists who reimagined historic places in their own style,” said Bethany Handfield, PDCAC Administrator.

“You can add your own flair by colouring them in how you like.”

20 local artists were commissioned to create the colouring book pages based on the historic places.

The colouring book and scavenger hunt can be picked up at the Museum and the PDCAC. Both are free to the public. Digital downloads are always available online for you to print. A digital version of the scavenger hunt is available through the Actionbound app.

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