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Connected Heritage exhibit by Articulation Textile Group coming to the Sidney Museum

Sidney, British Columbia, August 19, 2021 - After a three month closure the Sidney Museum will be re-opening its doors on September 1st, 2021. The Museum will be welcoming the public back in to see the refurbished space and a new exhibit from Articulation Textile Group: *Connected Heritage*. This exhibition will run from September 1st until December 27, 2021.

Articulation Textile Group is a collective of artists from across the western half of Canada who bring their unique styles and perspectives together to create impactful exhibitions, and the latest one is no exception. *Connected Heritage* examines the connections between Icelandic and Canadian culture through textiles. Through their work, the artists of the collective have explored their own personal stories, Icelandic heritage and culture, and Icelandic-Canadian history. With over thirty pieces of original textile art by six different artists on display, the exhibit will present something for all tastes.

The first Europeans known to set foot on North American soil were Icelandic Norsemen around 1009 CE, making the connection between Iceland and Canada over a thousand years old. However, the modern connection is more often traced to the eruption of the Icelandic volcano Askja in 1875, which displaced a large population of Icelanders and caused many to migrate to Canada and establish the colony of New Iceland on the shores of Lake Winnipeg. This event marked the beginning of a wave of Icelandic immigrants to the Canadian prairies.

This exhibit is being presented in partnership with the Icelandic Canadian Club of BC and will feature objects such as Icelandic pottery, jewellery and art.

In addition to this exhibit, the Sidney Museum will be showcasing newly refurbished permanent exhibits on the history of Sidney and North Saanich, a new layout, and an interactive LEGO* train table.

Beginning on September 1st, the Sidney Museum will be open seven days a week from 10-4, subject to change based on current public health recommendations. Please see the Museum's website for details.

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