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The Sidney Museum takes Pride in the Saanich Peninsula's Queer History

Sidney, British Columbia, June 5, 2024 - The Sidney Museum is excited to present a new exhibit, *Reading Between the Lines for Local Queer History*. With a focus on LGBT+ history in and around the Saanich Peninsula, it will remain on display throughout June, Pride Month, after which it will become a part of the permanent upstairs gallery.

The exhibit features information about local Queer history, AIDS on the Saanich Peninsula, David Tuff's film *Are We Going Backwards?*, and items from The Transgender Archives at the University of Victoria.

The Sidney Museum will also be participating in multiple Pride Events happening in June, including the Sidney Pride Festival, June 15 from 11:00am-3:00pm and Pride Night at the Sidney Street Market, June 13 from 5:30pm-8:30pm.

The Sidney Museum booth will feature a pop-up version of its 2024 Pride exhibit, plus interactive activities such as button making and blackout poetry to engage with local Pride history. Visitors will be able to make a free button inspired by the pride buttons on display at the Sidney Museum or come up with designs or their own! The blackout poetry activity will allow visitors to take homophobic and problematic articles from *The Review's* archives and reclaim them through poetry.

"We are thankful for the opportunity to express the Sidney Museum's position as an ally to the LGBT+ community," says Michael Goodchild, Executive Director of the Sidney Museum. "Too often, Queer narratives are excluded from traditional museum spaces and public knowledge. This display is an important part in our efforts to diversify Sidney Museum's exhibits and provide an inclusive space that represents all the people of the Saanich Peninsula."

The Sidney Museum is located at 2423 Beacon Avenue, in the lower level of the Old Post Office building. The Museum is open seven days a week from 10:00am-4:00pm.



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Entrance is by donation. Please visit the Museum's website for more details on the current and upcoming exhibitions.

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