

UBC Museum of Anthropology
Guide to Canadian Museums & Archives that have B.C. First Nations Materials

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NOTE: This guide is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all Canadian or US sources of information about Canadian First Nations materials. It contains suggested sources only. We welcome your suggestions for updating the Guide. Thank you.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Alert Bay Museum & Library

Box 208, Alert Bay, B.C. V0N 1A0
Contact: Joyce Wilby or Sheila Jolliffe
 (250)-974-5721

Archives of the Anglican Diocese of BC

912 Vancouver Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 3V7
Contact: Stewart Daniel - Diocesan Archivist
 (250)-386-7781 ext. 107

British Columbia Archives and Records Service

655 Belleville Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4
Contact: Gary Mitchell - Provincial Archivist
 (250)-387-5885
 Fax: (250)-387-2072

Campbell River & District Museum & Archives

Box 70, Station A, Campbell River, BC V9W 4Z9
Contact: Sandra Parrish - Collections Manager
 (250)-287-3103
 Fax: (250) 286-0109

City of Vancouver Archives

1150 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 3J9
Contact: Sue Baptie - City Archivist
 (604) 736-8561
 Fax: (604) 736-0626

Coqualeetza Cultural Centre, Archives

7201 Vedder Road P.O. Box 2370, Sardis, B.C. V2R 1A7
Contact: Shirley Leon – Manager
 (604)-858-9431
 Fax: (604)-858-8488

First Nations House of Learning Library, UBC

1985 West Mall, Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1Z2
Contact: Librarian (604) 822-2385
 Fax: (604)-822-8944

Haida Gwaii Museum

Skidegate, B.C. V0T 1S0
Contact: Nika Collison - Curator
 (250) 559-4643
 Fax: (250) 559-4662
 email: muse@haidagwaii.net

Heiltsuk Cultural Education Centre

P.O. Box 880, Waglisla, B.C. V0J 1Y0
Contact: Jennifer Carpenter
 (250)- 957-2626
 Fax: (250)-957-2780

'Ksan Historical Village and Museum

'Ksan Historical Village, PO Box 333, Hazelton, B.C. V0J 1Y0
Contact: Laurel Mould
 (250)-842-5723
 Toll Free 1-877-842-5518
 Fax: (250)-842-6533

Museum of Anthropology

6393 N.W. Marine Drive, Vancouver, B.C. V6T1Z2
Contact: General: (604) 822-5087
Nancy Bruegeman - Collections Manager (604)-822-6530
Pam Brown, Curator - Pacific Northwest (604) 822-6587
Heidi Swierenga -Conservator (604) 822-2981

Museum of Northern BC

PO Box 669, Prince Rupert, V8J 3S1
Contact: Susan Marsden - Curator (250)-624-3207 ext. 21
 Fax: (250)-627-8009

National Archives of Canada

2751 Production Way Burnaby, B.C. V5A 3G7
Contact: (604)-666-9699

Royal British Columbia Museum

675 Belleville Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4
Contact: Reception; (250) 387-3702, Fax (250) 356-8197

Secwepmenc Museum

345 Yellowhead Highway, Kamloops, B.C. V2H 1H1

Contact: Daniel Saul (250)-828-980

Fax: (250) 372-1127

email: school_liason@sewepmenc.org

Simon Fraser University: Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology

Department of Archaeology, Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6

Contact: Dr. Barbara Winter - Curator (604) 291-3325

email: bwinter@sfu.ca

Fax: (604) 291-5666

Specific Claims West, DIAND, Scotia Towers

Suite 2600, 650 West Georgia, Vancouver, B.C.

Contact: Jacques Siegrist - (604) 666-5293

Fax: (604)-666-6536

U'Mista Cultural Centre

Box 253, Alert Bay, B.C. VON 1A0

Contact: (250)-974-5403

Fax: (250)-974-5499

Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, Archives

3rd Floor, 342 Water Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Contact: Librarian (604)-684-024

Fax: (604)-684-5726

United Church of Canada, BC Conference Archives

(UBC School of Theology), 6000 Iona Drive,

Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1L4

Contact: Bob Stewart - Archivist (604)-822-9589,

Fax: (604) 822-9212

University of British Columbia (UBC) Library

Special Collections Division

1956 Main Mall, Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1Z1

Contact: (604) 822-2521

Fax: (604) 822-9587

UBC Laboratory of Archaeology

The Department of Anthropology and Sociology

6303 N. W. Marine Drive, Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1Z2

Contact: (604) 822-5630

Vancouver Public Library

Special Collections

350 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 6B1

Contact: Special Collections Divisions Kate Russell – Librarian,

email: katherus@vpl.ca

Division Head Jeannie Cockroft

email: jeanncoc@vpl.ca

Vancouver Museum

1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 3J9

Contact: (604) 736-4431

Fax (604) 736-5417

ALBERTA**Glenbow Museum (Collections)**

9th Ave and 1St. S.E.,
Calgary, Alberta T2G OP3
Contact: (403) 268-4176
Fax: (403) 265-9769

SASKATCHEWAN**Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre**

401 Packham Place, Saskatoon, Sk S7N 2T7
Contact: Donna Ahenakew - Director of Library
(306)-244-1146

Saskatchewan Indian Federated College

University of Regina Campus
College West 118, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4S OA2
Contact: (306) 546-8400
Fax: (306) 584-8470

MANITOBA**Manitoba Museum**

555 Main Street
Winnipeg Manitoba R3B 0N2
Contact: (204) 956-2830

NEW BRUNSWICK**The New Brunswick Museum**

277 Douglas Ave, St. John, New Brunswick E2K 1E5
Contact: General (506) 643-2300
Archives & Research Library (506) 643-2322
Fax: (506) 643-2360

ONTARIO**First Nations House, Library**

University of Toronto, 563 Spadina Avenue,
Toronto, ON, M5S 1A1
Contact: (416)-978-8227
Fax: (519)-759-8912

McMichael Canadian Art Collection

Islington Ave. Keinburg, Ontario L0J 1C0
Contact: (905) 893-1121
Toll Free 1-888-213-1121
Fax (905) 893-0692

National Archives of Canada

395 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A ON3
Contact: General Information (613) 995-5138
Toll Free 1-866-578-7777
Reference Services (613) 992-3884

Royal Ontario Museum

100 Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2C6

Contact: *Curator of Anthropology*
(416) 586-5836

United Church of Canada /Victoria University Archives

73 Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1K7

Contact: (416) 585-4563
Fax (416) 585-4584

QUEBEC**Canadian Museum of Civilization**

100, rue Laurier St., P.O. Box/C.P. 3100,
Station/Succ. "B", Hull, Quebec, J8X 4H2

Contact: *General: Toll Free 1-800-555-5621*

Andrea LaForet (819) 776-7000

Louis Campeau - Photo Archives (819) 776-8177

McCord Museum/ Musee McCord

690 Rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Montreal, Quebec H3A 1E9

Contact: (514) 398-7100
Fax: (514) 398-5045

MUSEUM ASSOCIATIONS**British Columbia Museums Association**

514 Government Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 4X4

Contact: (604) 387-3315
Fax: (604) 387-1251

Canadian Museum sAssociation

Suite 400 - 280 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1R7

Contact: (613) 233-5653
Fax: (613) 233-5438

American Association of Museums

1575 Eye Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005

Contact: (202)-289-1818

Fax: (202)-289-6578

TDD: (202)-289-8439

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REQUESTING A GENERAL LIST OF CULTURAL MATERIAL FROM A MUSEUM

The following letter is an example of how an individual or a community can request information about cultural materials in museum collections. This is a general letter that asks for a list of such materials.

(Date)

Dear (Name of person or museum),

On behalf of the _____ Nation, I am writing to request a complete catalogue listing of _____ material in your museum's collection. We would like to know how many _____ objects you have in your collection, who made them, where they are from, and the name of the person who collected them. We would also like to know if you have any objects in your collection related to or used in conjunction with those named above. We are also looking for information on work done by _____ (name of artist).

One of the difficulties we have encountered in trying to find _____ material in museum collections is that our objects may not be specifically identified as _____. You may have to look under different names such as _____ or First Nations names such as _____. You may also need to look for these items under the names of the places that they were classified under by early anthropologists. We may be listed under the term _____. The names of some of the places that are in our territory that may be associated with the objects (i.e. lakes, mountains, inlets, islands) are _____. The names of missionaries, art collectors, community leaders, and/or other prominent individuals that were in and around our community, and who may have knowledge of the removal of our cultural objects are _____. Some prominent family names (last names) in our community are _____. In addition, any archival information would be appreciated. This includes photographs and negatives of the community and/or cultural material, as well as written documentation.

We would also like the names of other museums that may have some of our material.

Your assistance is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

(Signature, Printed Name, address, tel, fax, and email)

REQUESTING INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIFIC CULTURAL OBJECTS IN MUSEUMS

This guide can be used to help locate specific cultural objects that are known to exist, and that may be in a museum. This is specifically relevant for objects of First Nations origins, but can be used for other requests. You can make the search quicker and more thorough if you include all possible information that you can find or remember about the object.

Some examples are:

- the cultural affiliation of the object, including the former names or alternate spellings (if any) of the culture (ie Cowichan, Quwutsun)
- other names for the object that may have been previously recorded ("club" instead of "wand")
- the name of the object's artist/maker
- photographs of the object being used, worn, etc. (Note: do not send originals!)
- list of materials the object was made of
- colors
- shape

- dimensions
- designs (painted, carved, etc.)
- special marks (wear and tear, scrapes, holes, etc)
- Information about the era in which the object disappeared/was sold

Remember to include any information about:

- when the object was last seen
- where it was last seen
- any place names associated with the object (where it was made, where it was used, etc.)
- who it was last seen with
- what church/religious group was in the area at the time. (Often church leaders were collectors of the arts or had knowledge of activities such as the sale of First Nations cultural material).