



# Welcome to the



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## About the museum

We are located within the traditional territory of the Tseshaht and Hupacasath peoples of the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations, in the City of Port Alberni, which was formed through the 1967 amalgamation of Alberni (incorporated 1913) and Port Alberni (incorporated 1912).

The Valley's rich forests and waters are home to an equally rich human history, which it is the Alberni Valley Museum's mandate to preserve and share. Photographs and artefacts tell the stories that define the unique identity of Port Alberni and its surrounding areas: stories of the Nuu-chah-nulth people and their traditions, of the industries that flourished in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and of the strong communities that built up around these industries.

## Visible Storage

As we are a Visible Storage museum, our galleries double as display and storage areas in order to maximize public access to our artefact collection. Visible Storage catalogues containing historical notes for each artefact enrich the permanent exhibits. *Note that some areas of the museum have dim lighting in order to protect artefacts from light damage.*

## Links

*Online historic photograph archive:* [portalberni.pastperfectonline.com](http://portalberni.pastperfectonline.com)

*Online Exhibit - "The Great Tsunami of 1964":* <http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/virtual-exhibits/exhibit/the-great-tsunami-of-1964/>

*Walking tours of historic Port Alberni:* [www.portalberni.ca/historic-walking-tours](http://www.portalberni.ca/historic-walking-tours)

## Museum Hours

Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm  
*Open Thursday evenings (to 8pm). Closed statutory holidays. See our website for extended summer hours.*

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## Alberni District Historical Society Community Archives

Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 10am-3pm  
or by appointment  
(250) 723-2181 - local 267  
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## Permanent Exhibits

**First Nations** | Tools and crafts of Nuuchah-nulth cultures, including grass and cedar bark weaving and cedar carving.

**Food Production** | Fishing, farming, trapping & hunting, and food processing.

**Household** | Household objects of days gone by. See upstairs for furniture collection.

**Made By Hand** | Craft work and folk art by Alberni Valley community members and artists.

**Communication & Transportation** | How people, things, and information used to travel.

**Power & Light** | Traces the early development of energy use.

**Trades & Professions** | From hairstyling and health care to metalwork and mining.

**Recreation** | Music, sports, games and other pastimes

**Forestry** | Artefacts from the industry that has long defined this area's economy.

**Community (upstairs)** | Objects by which to remember the Valley's diverse community, including its everyday life, its celebrations, and how it was affected by two world wars.

**Textiles (upstairs)** | Clothing and other apparel, quilts, flags, and more.

