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Ghosts, Goblins and Ghouls: It's Alive at the Langley Centennial Museum

The Langley Centennial Museum is welcoming everyone to this year's Halloween event, Ghosts, Goblins & Ghouls: A Halloween Fun Fest, taking place twice on Saturday, October 29th. This year's theme was inspired by the museum's current exhibit, *It's Alive! The Development of Modern Electricity and Electromagnetism*. "The theme for this event just naturally flowed together. With early electromagnetic lab equipment, antique batteries and generators showcased throughout the gallery, the Halloween theme just had to be based on all things *Mad Scientist!*", laughed Hannah Bennett, Arts & Culture Programmer.

This year's Halloween event will include several activities for children including face-painting, games, a scavenger hunt, mystery specimen game, colouring contest, crafts for all youth ages, as well as a table where kids can roll-up their sleeves to safely build circuits. Participants can also check out the museum's plasma ball as well as other interactive science equipment. The program runs twice on Saturday, October 29 and the cost is \$10 for a family of four. To register online go to recexpress.tol.ca and enter barcode 495466 for the 10:00-12:00pm program; or barcode 495467 for the 1:30-3:30pm program.

The exhibit runs until December 23 and focuses on an exciting and astonishing period of the 19th century, when almost all we now take for granted technologically was investigated, eventually understood, and developed. Before 1600, very little was known about static electricity and magnetism, but the discoveries over the next two centuries led to the creation of life as we now know it today - lighting, telegraphy, telephony, and the wireless.

The "electrifying" exhibit was developed by the museum with the collection, expertise and support of Dieter Blum, a local collector and scientist. Blum has amassed a collection of early scientific instruments, including many unique pieces. He is an inventor with over forty patents, and a patron of the Royal Institution (London). The Township of Langley thanks Dieter Blum for his generosity and encourages the public to learn about this incredible part of our history by visiting the museum. Register today and join us on Saturday, October 29 for a "ghoulish" time.

For more info, call the Langley Centennial Museum at 604.532.3536 or visit museum.tol.ca.