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New Exhibit, “The Laundry Room”, Now On-Show at the Sidney Museum

SIDNEY, B.C. - Sidney Museum and Archives is delighted to announce the opening of a brand-new featured exhibition, *The Laundry Room*. A combination of artwork and historical artifacts, this exhibit showcases different features of what has been historically viewed as women's work. This exhibit will be on show at the Museum from September 15-November 30, 2023.

The artwork on display was done by four local fibre artists, Elizabeth Carefoot, Laura Feeleus, Sharon Stoneman, and Lesley Turner. Sixty pieces of their unique laundry-related art are now on display in the Garnham Gallery. To create the pieces the artists reflected on their experiences with laundry, focusing on the social, personal, and political perspectives of this activity.

Complementing the artwork is real historical laundry objects ranging from many different types of irons, to wash tubs and washboards. The exhibit aims to highlight the effort and skills required of women to perform this endless and frequently unrecognized chore, solidified as their domestic duty. In doing so, the Museum hopes to elevate this underrepresented aspect of social history.

The Museum's Executive Director, Michael Goodchild, is excited about this partnership. "One of the Museum's long-term goals is to engage more with members of the Saanich Peninsula community in our displays and exhibits. This exploration into the world of laundry opens a unique window into the past, and enables us to reflect on this important but often uncelebrated aspect of women's work through time", said Goodchild.

The Museum would like to thank the artists for their contributions, without which *The Laundry Room* would not have been possible.

The Sidney Museum is open seven days a week from 10:00am-4:00pm.

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