

NEWS RELEASE

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New public event links art with nature and sustainability

Artful Resilience is a family-friendly sustainability and art event

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is pleased to sponsor and launch the first annual "Artful Resilience" event in partnership with Vancouver Island University, the Regional District of Nanaimo and the Nanaimo Art Gallery.

Everyone is welcome to attend "Artful Resilience", a public event celebrating nature, art, and sustainability on Thursday, June 8 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Vancouver Island University (VIU). This free, family-friendly event includes:

Public Art Activity: Drop by and contribute to a collaborative public art project with the Nanaimo Art Gallery. This family-friendly art project will use sustainable materials to weave together a mural that will be displayed for public enjoyment.

Film Screening: At 4 p.m. at the Malaspina Theatre (Building 310) enjoy a screening of Studio Ghibli's delightful classic, "My Neighbour Totoro" (1988), which tells the story of two young girls who encounter friendly forest spirits in rural Japan. At 7 p.m. watch one or more documentaries including "Beyond Climate" (2018), a film by Ian Mauro, narrated by David Suzuki, about climate change in British Columbia, followed by "Walking With Plants" (2021) by Trevor Dixon Bennett and Leigh Joseph (ancestral name Styawat).

Activities: Build your household and community resilience by learning more about the benefits of heat pumps from the Regional District of Nanaimo, speak with Nanaimo Area Land Trust (NALT) representatives about building a culture of stewardship, watch a tree-planting demonstration, or join a tour of VIU's Garry Oak Restoration project with Dr. Caroline Josefsson, a VIU Biology Professor and botanist.

Food Trucks: Grab a meal or ice cream.

For more information on this event, visit the [Artful Resilience Information Page](#).

Strategic Link: This event will support free family-friendly activities that promote community sustainability and livability.

Key Points

- The first annual "Artful Resilience", a family-friendly public event celebrating nature, art, and sustainability will be held on Thursday, June 8 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Vancouver Island University Building 310 (Malaspina Theatre).
- The City of Nanaimo sponsored and organized the event in partnership with Vancouver Island University, the Regional District of Nanaimo and the Nanaimo Art Gallery.
- Participants will have an opportunity to enjoy a variety of activities, including making a collaborative public art project, watching selected movies, and learning about how to build resilience in your home and community while enjoying a meal or ice cream from a food truck.

Quotes

"We are grateful to partner with Vancouver Island University, the Regional District of Nanaimo, and the Nanaimo Art Gallery to help bring this event to the community."

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- **What:** This free, family-friendly event will celebrate art, nature, environment, and sustainability to build community resilience hosted by the City of Nanaimo's Sustainability Section, Vancouver Island University, the Regional District of Nanaimo, and Nanaimo Art Gallery.
- **Where:** Vancouver Island University Building 310 and nearby area (see attached campus map for directions, parking, and bike-parking).
- **When:** Thursday June 8, 2023 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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