**What’s New in December**

**Calling All Artists! Seeking Designs for the 2016/17 City Street Banner Design Competition**

Submissions due January 8, 2016

We’re currently seeking artist submissions for the 2016/17 City Street Banner Design Competition. The selected design will be installed on City lamp posts on major streets for the summer of 2016 and 2017. This year’s theme is “Culture in Horticulture”.

Local floras— is the plant life occurring in a particular region or time, generally the naturally occurring or indigenous—native plant life. Sometimes bacteria and fungi are also referred to as flora.

There are a few requirements of course... Designs should be bold and use no more than four colors (plus black and white).

(Pictured : The 2015 Street Banner, designed by local artist Laura Timmermans)


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**Heritage Home Light Up**

This year, we’ve partnered with the Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce to include a special “heritage” feature in their annual “Spirit of Christmas” Residential Light Up Contest.

Participating heritage buildings include:

- McCourt Residence (750 Franklyn St)
- Newbury Residence (39 Milton St)
- Van Houten Residence (184 Mt Benson St)
- Harrison Residence (546 Prideaux St)
- Jones Residence (639-41 Prideaux St)
- Newbury Farm House (678 Second St)
- Sharp Residence (261 Vancouver Ave)
- Bird Residence (461 Vancouver Ave)
- Rowe Residence (545 Haliburton St)

This year’s theme: An Old Fashioned Christmas.
More What’s New...

Holiday Horse & Buggy Rides
December 5, 12 & 19
Grab a ride on a free shuttle between downtown Nanaimo and the Old City Quarter, old-time style! Horse-drawn trolleys will be running Saturday afternoons (December 5, 12, 19) before Christmas from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. Last trolley leaves at 3:45 pm.
Pick up points are at 100 Museum Way & beside St. Andrew’s Church on Wesley St. Each ride is about 15 minutes in length.

17th Annual Nanaimo Art Walk
December 5 & 6 from 11 am to 5 pm
Nanaimo is home to an astounding number of incredibly talented and accomplished artists. This year 46 artists who work in a variety of mediums open their studios or set up displays in businesses in downtown Nanaimo to offer work for view and sale. This year features many new and exciting artists, new locations and as well as favourites from years before. Find more information, visit www.facebook.com/NanaimoArtwalk.

Nanaimo Art Gallery presents: POP-UP Shop
December 4, 5 & 6
Just in time for holiday shopping, the Nanaimo Art Gallery’s Art Lab presents a Pop-Up Shop featuring a selection of handmade, unique items including pottery, glass, jewelry, textiles, paintings, prints and other treasures made by the local artists and artisans you love.
Stop by the pop-up shop on December 4 (from 5 pm to 9 pm), December 5 (from 10 am to 5 pm) or December 6 (from 11 am to 5 pm). For more information, visit www.nanaimoartgallery.com.
More What’s New...

**2015 Festival of Trees**

**November 20 to January 2**

It's that time of year again! The Festival of Trees will be on display all across Nanaimo North Town Centre. Stop by to view the trees and to vote for your favorite. To sponsor a tree, visit Guest Services or [www.bcchf.ca/events](http://www.bcchf.ca/events).

**DNBIA Presents: Santa’s Workshop**

Join Santa and his elves at the Downtown Nanaimo Workshop (101 Gordon Street) for Christmas music, crafts and cookies. Visit with Santa and pick up free reindeer antlers and snowman sticker sheets.

- **Saturdays in December**
  - 12:00 to 5:00 pm (Santa departs at 4:30 pm)
- **Sundays in December** (incl. November 29)
  - 12:00 to 4:00 pm (Santa departs at 3:30 pm)

**Nanaimo Lions Club Presents: Santa Claus Parade**

**November 28 at 5:00 pm**

Brought to you by the Nanaimo Lions Club and the DNBIA. Downtown Nanaimo comes alive with the magic of the holidays at the Nanaimo Lions Club Santa Claus Parade. Join us in Diana Krall Plaza at 4:30 pm and enjoy the delightful voices of the Vancouver Island Symphony Children's Choir followed by the Christmas Tree Light Up. Grab a hot chocolate or a snack and get ready for the night time Santa Claus Parade! **The parade begins at 5:00 pm.**

Parade route starts at Victoria Road & Selby Street, along Victoria Crescent, along Commercial St., and Church St., ending at Front St.) Watch for signage. All streets along the parade route will be closed from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. To avoid being towed away, please do not park on any of the streets along the route after 4:00 pm.

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More What’s New...

Heritage Register Additions

On November 23, Council approved four new additions to the Community Heritage Register! The Community Heritage Register is an official list of properties identified by the City as having heritage value, at this time, the Register includes 160 buildings, 8 sites and 9 structures. Search the online register at any time at http://www.nanaimo.ca/Heritage/search.aspx.

Grieve Residence (711 Wentworth Street)

Built around 1890, this modest, residence is an excellent example of a vernacular, late Victorian cottage with an eastern Canadian influence, and ornate detailing. The Grieve Residence is significant as one of the oldest, surviving historic buildings in this area that recalls its early identity as a prestigious residential neighbourhood. The building forms part of the ambience of this immediate area, which still maintains much of its Victorian and Edwardian era housing stock. The residence was built by or for George Grieve, who grew up in New Brunswick, but lived most of his life in Comox. While living in Nanaimo he was a saw filer for the nearby Haslam Mill. Surrounded by mature, sympathetic landscaping, the residence is part of a significant concentration of heritage buildings located in one of the City’s oldest neighbourhoods, immediately adjacent to the downtown core.

Tuck Residence (959 Wentworth Street)

Built around 1936 for Harry and Eleanor Tuck (Henry was an auto painter), this residence is a very good example of the English Cottage Style that was very popular in Nanaimo during the interwar period. Design features representative of this style include the asymmetric floor plan, as well as jerkin headed and steeply pitched gable roofs. Another common feature of this style was the early use of stucco siding. In this case, it appears the residence’s original exterior was clad in stucco, but later replaced with wood siding.
Pine Street Bungalow (20 Pine Street)

Built around 1918, this residence is a very good example of a Craftsman bungalow, with many of the features typical of this style including long and low proportions, gable roof, narrow course siding, twin course shingles in the gable ends, and a small inset porch.

The building is located on a busy thoroughfare in one of the City’s oldest neighbourhoods, immediately adjacent to the downtown core.

All four of the residences are significant examples of the type of superior housing; both in design and construction, which typifies this neighbourhood. By the beginning of the late 20th century, the Old City area of the City was established as a middle to upper-class residential neighbourhood; a comfortable distance from the busy commercial core and adjacent mixed-use neighbourhood.

Cowman Residence (150 Kennedy Street)

Built around 1918, this residence is a very good example of an Edwardian era bungalow, with many of the features typical of this style including a simple, square form, restrained ornamentation, and an open front verandah inset under a projecting second storey front gable, supported by square chamfered columns.

During the 1920s and 1930s, the residence served as the Manager’s House for Shelly Brothers/Canadian Bakeries Ltd. and was the home of the Percy Cowman family. Percy was the company’s Bread and Cakes manager. Located opposite Gyro Park, the building is part of a significant concentration of heritage buildings located in one of the City’s oldest neighbourhoods, immediately adjacent to the downtown core.
How to Participate

1. Can you identify this piece of Nanaimo’s history? Watch this newsletter each month as we feature a close-up visual “clue” that highlights a piece of Nanaimo’s history.

2. Send your response by email only to cultureandheritage@nanaimo.ca.

3. Answers must be sent by email only. The first person to respond with the correct answer will receive a limited edition art print by local artist Fred Peters. Winners will be notified via email.

Last Month’s Clue: Congratulations to Ms. Nancy Skeels, who correctly identified the November clue: the Christian Science Society Building, located at 20 Chapel Street.

Christian Science Society Building (20 Chapel Street)

Excerpt from the Nanaimo Community Heritage Register

Renovated in 1932, the Christian Science Society Building is a very good example of Classical Period Revival architecture. Typically monumental in scale and often featuring massive order columns and other oversize elements, this style was very popular for churches and public buildings during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Christian Science Society Building is, however, a very modest rendition of the style, more appropriate to the small congregation it served in Nanaimo and the financial constraints of its construction during the Depression.

A good example of early adaptive re-use, the building, original a residence known as the McDonald Property, was substantially renovated in 1932. Renovations included removing the interior partitions, setting the house on a concrete foundation and covering the outside in stucco. Since that time, the building has remained remarkably unchanged and continues to serve the function for which it was renovated.
Celebrating Naomi Beth Wakan’s 2nd Year as Nanaimo’s Poet Laureate

On November 21, Naomi Beth Wakan celebrated her 2nd year as Nanaimo’s official Poet Laureate with a special ceremony. Thank you to Kathleen Darby for arranging the event. Read about Naomi at www.naomibethwakan.com and view her news and upcoming schedule of events @ www.nanaimo.ca/goto/poetry.

Strongitharm Gallery Portraits

Due to space constraints in the Strongitharm Gallery located at the Port Theatre, it has been necessary to make some changes to the layout of the gallery, specifically to the display of past recipient portraits. Many of the original prints have been converted to a digital format and displayed in a framed electronic monitor. This makes it possible to have the portraits remain on display in the gallery for many years to come.

Our department is seeking your assistance to contact these former award recipients:

Bea McLeod  Upper Island Music Festival
Fred Peters  Arts Alive

If you have any contact information on any of these organizations or individuals or their family members or friends, please contact us at cultureandheritage@nanaimo.ca.

Calling All Poets! Submit your poems to the Nanaimo Poetry Map *NEW*

Inspired by Nanaimo’s Poet Laureate, the Nanaimo Poetry Map provides a creative perspective of the city.

A map, generally speaking, imposes a system of knowledge upon a place. It denotes the official names of streets and buildings, displays property ownership, tells the reader where s/he can or can’t go — that kind of thing. This map is different, it asks the reader to explore the city through poetry, to understand the spaces within it differently because of the poems. Want to submit a poem? View the Submission Guidelines.

View the Nanaimo Poetry Map @ www.nanaimo.ca/goto/PoetryMap.

Poetry on the Bus

We’re working with the RDN’s Transit Authority to have poetry displayed on all 49 buses in the district in the new year (2016). The goal is to have poems visible on the inside of buses to enhance the riders experience and to highlight and promote the literary arts in Nanaimo! Keep an eye out for a “Call for Poets” for this fantastic initiative.
More What’s New...

Nanaimo Museum Presents:
Christmas in the Golden Age of Radio

December 1 to January 2

Experience the Golden Age of Radio during the Christmas season. The exhibit features the museum’s radio collection, including artifacts connected to Fletcher’s Furniture, a popular downtown store for over 100 years. For more information, visit www.nanaimomuseum.com.

VIU’s Student Art Sale

December 11, from 10 am to 6 pm (Building 330)

Just in time for Christmas, VIU is having their annual Student Art Sale. Students will be selling paintings, prints, ceramics, sculptures, photography, jewellery, cards and much more. Come show your support to the vastly growing group of talented artists in Nanaimo.

There will also be a silent auction with artwork donated by faculty and various artists to raise money for the Arts Club which will go towards VIU’s year end art show Progressions. Cash, credit cards, (and cheques, depending on artist) will be accepted. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/events/505799429595388/.

Calling all Photographers!
Heritage BC 2016 Photo Contest

Submissions due December 11

Heritage BC is holding a photo contest for their 2016 Heritage Week poster! Anyone can enter by sending a photo of an historic place in BC that represents a Distinctive Destination, somewhere that attracts locals and tourists alike to experience BC’s heritage.

The winning photo will be seen throughout the province on Heritage BC’s Heritage Week poster and will be featured in the Winter 2016 Quarterly magazine. Other prizes will be available.

Submit your photo @ http://cnan.ca/1lz71H1.

TheatreOne’s 2016 Season

For over 30 years, TheatreOne has worked to entertain, educate and enrich the mid-Island community with professional offerings. Here’s a peek at their upcoming 2016 season schedule:

• 2016 Fringe Flicks (see full schedule here)
  • Grandma: Starring Lily Tomlin (Nov. 29/30)
• 2016 Just Kidding for Kids (see full schedule here)
  • Hamelin: A New Fable by Leslie Mildiner (Nov. 28)
  • Mima La Diva Malbouffa (Jan. 30)
  • The Great Balanzo! (Apr. 9)
• Mainstage Productions (see full schedule here)
  • La Mamma: Starring soprano Natalie Choquette (Jan. 30)

For more information, visit www.theatreone.org or visit them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/TheatreOne/188502390853.
More What’s New...

Take a Walk Through Time in Nanaimo’s Historic Cemeteries, Burial Sites & Memorial Areas

In partnership with the Nanaimo Museum, the City of Nanaimo has released another self-guided heritage tour brochure entitled “A Drive Through Time: Your Guide to Nanaimo’s Historic Cemeteries, Burial Areas & Memorial Sites”. At approximately 22.1 km in length, the self-guided tour highlights a number of key cultural landscapes throughout Nanaimo.

This is the eighth edition in our series of self-guided heritage tours.

We also have tours of: Downtown
Harewood
Old City
Newcastle
South End
Nob Hill/Chinatown
Downtown Bike Tour

Want your very own copy?

Pick one up at City facilities or request a special delivery to your door, by sending your mailing address to cultureandheritage@nanaimo.ca.

Still Seeking Input on Heritage Conservation

We’re currently undergoing a review and update of the City’s Heritage Conservation Program, and would love to hear your thoughts. We want to know:

• What do you value most about Nanaimo’s heritage?

• How could the City of Nanaimo better connect “culture” and “heritage”?

• Are there any policy or action improvements that would strengthen the current Heritage Conservation Program, or expand its scope? If so, what are they? (View information on the City’s current program at http://cnan.ca/1j5Ceb).

• Could the City of Nanaimo improve the way it celebrates, remembers or promotes Nanaimo’s heritage? If so, how?

Share Your Thoughts Online
More What’s New...

Nanaimo Arts Council is Calling All Artists

Calling for original works from Nanaimo area artists for an exhibition in the EJ Hughes Gallery located in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

For consideration, please submit a maximum of 5 digital images of work labelled with title, medium, size and date completed by December 20, 2015 for jurying to nadc@nac@nanaimoarts.ca. Date of opening reception to be announced.

Please be sure to include a submission form (available at the NAC space at #4 Commercial Street, Thursday to Saturday, from noon to 4 pm; OR the NAC Facebook page; OR by emailing admin@nanaimoarts.ca.

For more information, contact nadc@nac@nanaimoarts.ca or 250-729-3947.

Details

• All works must meet a min. dimension requirement of 36’x36’ or equivalent of 1296 sq. ft.
• All 2D mediums will be accepted (painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, mixed materials -- original works of art only (not applicable to photography).
• No work can exceed 70 pounds in weight.
• Exhibitors must be Nanaimo Arts Council members.
• The exhibit will hang for four months.
• All works must be for sale (Commission is 40%).
• All works must be hang-ready, with appropriate wire to sustain the works weight.
• All artists submitting work will be notified regarding the status of their submission.
• Accepted works will be delivered to the VICC on the hanging date (December 28) by 10:00 am.

Community Carol Festival

December 2, from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Launch the Christmas season as nine community choirs entertain and inspire with the sounds of the season at the 20th annual Community Carol Festival. Enjoy beautiful choral singing and join in singing favourite carols. Following the festival, join the choirs at a reception in the church hall. To be held at St. Andrew’s United Church (311 Fitzwilliam Street) from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Admission by donation with proceeds going to St. Andrew’s United Church and the Salvation Army. For more information, call 250-591-8676 or visit www.harbourliving.ca/event/community-carol-festival114/2015-12-02/#sthash.6Tg4lhWh.dpuf.

Nanaimo Arts Council presents:
Where the Old Meets the New

August 27 to December 2015

The inaugural exhibit for the partnership between the Vancouver Island conference centre & the Nanaimo Arts Council. Featuring: Nixie Barton, Natasha Broad, Dennis Brown, Julie Dives, Willow Friday, Gerda Hofman, Grant Leier, Carly Neigum, Lance Van Dyk.

Help send the Nanaimo Youth Choir (NYC) to New York City (NYC)!

The Nanaimo Youth Choir is raising funds to go to New York City’s Carnegie Hall. They have partnered with New York Style Pizza (Nanaimo) for the “NYC to NYC” campaign. The restaurant has named their pepperoni pizza the “NYC to NYC pizza”. To help raise funds for the trip, 10% of all sales from the “NYC” pizza (eat in, take out, or u-bake) from now until June 2016 will be donated to the Nanaimo Youth Choir! View their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NanaimoYouthChoir.
Help us reach 300 followers! Follow us on Instagram @cultureandheritage

Please help us reach our goal of 300 followers by the end of 2015. Once reached, we will draw one name to receive a Culture and Heritage prize pack. Follow us at www.instagram.com/cultureandheritage, and don’t forget to tag your favorite Nanaimo holiday photos with #CultureAndHeritage #ItsWhoWeAre.

Connect With Us

Our office is open Monday to Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact us:

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