What’s New in March

2017 CULTURE & HERITAGE AWARDS CELEBRATION

PORT THEATRE    TICKETED EVENT    FREE ADMISSION
THURSDAY APRIL 6, 2017 @ 7:00 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM)

Presented By The Port Theatre

Reserve your tickets now for the April 6 Awards Ceremony!

Join us for an evening of recognition and entertainment by Nanaimo’s very own local talent. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Culture & Heritage Awards honour the best of Nanaimo’s culture and heritage. Council has recognized the 2017 award recipients, who will be honoured at a special ceremony on April 6 at the Port Theatre.

To be Honoured:

Ms. Gerda Hofman Honour in Culture
Ms. Jacqui Kaese Excellence in Culture

Hosted By:

Ms. Kait Burgan

Performances By:

Footprints of the Wolf
Vibe Dance
Wellington Jazz Band
and more!

Post reception in the Port Theatre Lobby presented by LOVE ARTS NANAIMO.

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW    CONTACT THE PORT THEATRE AT 250-754-8550 (www.porttheatre.com)
More What’s New...

Introducing Nanaimo’s New Poet Laureate and Inaugural Youth Poet Laureate

The City of Nanaimo is pleased to welcome Ms. Tina Biello as its new Poet Laureate, and Ms. Kailey DeFehr as Nanaimo’s inaugural Youth Poet Laureate. The poets were introduced and shared their original poems at the Council Meeting of February 20, 2017. We look forward to hearing more from these talented artists!

A Year of Poetry

This will be the year of driving down backroads; turning left where I normally turn right, just to catch the setting sun light up that Georgia Straight, a shimmering prelude to darkness.

This will be the year I stop and listen to the waves a little longer, breathe a little deeper, sink my toes a little farther into the West Coast sand I normally take for granted beneath my starving feet.

This will be the year of writing what for so long I’ve left unwritten; of forgiving parts of myself I know should be forgiven, and for tasting; letting coffee float over my tongue before I swallow.

A year of discovering what it really is that I need to feed when I feel hollow. This will be the year of poetry; of setting a blazing fire within my soul; a year of late night walks in moonlight, and the year of becoming whole.

- Kailey Defehr

Nanaimo

Take this jewel, make it shine.
Polish the edges, scrape off the dirt
look inside for a hidden clue.

Take this town, make it whole.
Bake a square and name it after them.
Unite north, south, white, brown, haves, have nots, sea, mountains, shopping malls.

Take its name in its origin
Snuneymuxw.
Learn to say it, spell it.
Roll the sound around in your mouth.
Hear the beauty of a people who knew the names for each tree root, sandstone, sea lion, tree frog, before we ever walked this place.

Say come together in 50 lines on one page.
Say courage.
Say thank-you in your language.

Bring words to the people help celebrate the beauty of this place.
Sit silent in the Salish Sea and sing yourself home.

- Tina Biello

UPCOMING INITIATIVES AND APPEARANCES:
Immigrant Welcome Reception
Mayor’s Challenge
Culture and Heritage Awards

Celebrate World Poetry Day on March 21, 2017!
On November 4, 2016, the City of Nanaimo began releasing a series of ten short videos through its website, YouTube channel and Facebook page featuring a “Seagull Eye” aerial view of Nanaimo’s heritage buildings. Produced by Arrowsmith Aerial Photography for the City of Nanaimo, the 60-second videos are intended to promote awareness of Nanaimo’s built heritage with each building being featured from a unique aerial perspective. A new video in the series will be released every two weeks up until March 10, 2017. In February, and the Globe Hotel and Nanaimo Firehall No. 2 were featured.

Nanaimo Fire Hall No. 2, 34 Nicol Street
With its crenellated fortress-like roofline, Fire Hall No. 2 is a highly visible landmark at a busy downtown intersection. Built in 1893 in the Victorian Italianate style, it served as a symbol of protection in its day. In 1914, a concrete hose tower was added to aid in drying fire hoses efficiently.

Globe Hotel, 25 Front Street
Built in 1887 in the Italianate style, the Globe was one of many area hotels that provided affordable housing and social space for single men working in Nanaimo’s coal mines. Contractor Alexander Forrester constructed a plain back addition in 1916, while architect Thomas McArravy added multi-coloured Art Deco tile work across the ground floor in a 1936 north side addition.

Check out all the “Seagull Eye” videos at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityOfNanaimo.

Coming up in March...

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City of Nanaimo
More What’s New...

Immigrant Welcome Reception

Saturday, March 25, 2017 - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Newcastle Island Lobby,
Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 101 Gordon Street

Mayor Bill McKay, Nanaimo City Council and the Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society will be hosting an afternoon reception to welcome new immigrants to our community. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact John Horn, Social Planner, at 250-755-4491 or john.horn@nanaimo.ca.

Italian Centennials Fountain

Rehabilitation work on the Italian Centennial Fountain located near Port Place Mall is now complete. Built by the local Italian community to celebrate B.C.’s 100th year anniversary and listed on the City’s official Heritage Register, the fountain was dedicated by the Italian Centennial Fountain Committee to the City of Nanaimo on June 24, 1961.

Thank You for Attending the 2017 Heritage Summit

Thank you to everyone for attending our annual Heritage Summit and sharing information about their group’s upcoming projects and accomplishments.

Special thank you to Aimee Greenaway (Interpretive Curator at Nanaimo Museum) for her excellent presentation on the Nanaimo Museum’s new feature exhibit, Canada 150 - Centennial Stories. The exhibit celebrates Canada’s 150th anniversary with stories that intersect local and national history. Highlights include Nanaimo in 1867, the E&N Railway, WWI home front experience in Nanaimo, the Battle of Vimy Ridge centennial as well as a look at past community centennial celebrations. It is open for public viewing from February 17 to September 5, 2017.

Visit www.nanaimomuseum.ca for complete details of all exhibits and events.
More What’s New...

Festival Nanaimo 2017
Explore Nanaimo this March!

Festival Nanaimo is a multi-dimensional community festival taking place in Nanaimo throughout the month of March.

FREE Heritage Walking Tour!
Join our Heritage Planner, Chris Sholberg on March 11th for a free guided walking tour of historic downtown Nanaimo. Rain or shine! Meet Chris at the Bastion at 1:00 pm

Visit www.festivalnanaimo.com for complete details of all events.

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More What’s New...

Nanaimo Art Gallery presents:

**Spring Break Art Camps**  
**March 20-24, and March 27-31**

What does it mean to live on an island? With this question in mind the Art Gallery will explore ideas, experiment, learn and create using traditional and contemporary approaches to sculpture, painting, video, and photography.

**Week One: March 20 to 24** (Ages 5-7: 9:30 am—12 p.m., Ages 8-12: 1—4 p.m.)  
Kids will explore *Landfall and Departure: Prologue* and become inspired by stories and ideas about harbours—both real and imagined.

**Week Two: March 27 to 31** (Ages 5-7: 9:30 am—12 p.m., Ages 8-12: 1—4 p.m.)  
Kids will explore radio, sound art and broadcasting as we experiment with new ways of engaging with art.

Instructors include Kaylea Reeves, Yvonne Vander Kooi and Arlene Deptuck, who will make these camps super-fun and memorable.  

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**“Black Diamond Dust” Book Launch**  
**Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Nanaimo Art Gallery**

Join the Nanaimo Art Gallery in celebrating the launch of its first major publication, *Black Diamond Dust*. The event will feature readings by local historian Lynne Bowen, curator and co-editor Jesse Birch, and Vancouver-based artist and writer Elisa Ferrari, who will share the work of the late Nanaimo poet, Peter Culley. There will also be a reception with beverages, book signings, and an opportunity to see our current exhibition *Landfall and Departure: Prologue*.  

The publication expands on the contemporary art exhibition by the same name that took place at Nanaimo Art Gallery in 2014. *Black Diamond Dust* refers to coal mining, an industry that formed and fragmented communities through economic development, racial segregation, and labor inequity, while fuelling the modern world. This book brings to light forgotten or under-acknowledged histories, through artworks, poetry, essays, literature, folk songs, and archival images.  

*Black Diamond Dust* is co-published with Sternberg Press in Berlin and edited by Jesse Birch with Will Holder. It is the first of three curatorial projects to engage the main resource industries of Vancouver Island (coal mining, forestry, and fisheries) through contemporary art.

See [http://nanaimogallery.ca/index.php/events](http://nanaimogallery.ca/index.php/events) for more information.

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**Nanaimo Historical Society**

**“Vanishing Vancouver Island: Images of our Time” Presentation and Annual General Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 9 - 7:30 p.m. at Bowen Complex**

Nanaimo Historical Society President, Darrell Ohs, will display and discuss selected photographs from his articles for the Times-Colonist Islander magazine and other publications. The slideshow images depict the explorations of an eclectic range of Vancouver Island Subjects and places, many on the verge of fading from our landscape and remembrance.

Email NanaimoHistoricalSociety@shaw.ca for more details.

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**FREE EVENT!**
More What’s New...

Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra and Island Consort Chamber Choir presents:

“Singers & Strings”
March 11 - 7:30 p.m. at Brechin United Church, 1998 Estevan Road

The Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Karl Rainer, is a welcome partner to spring as it presents the program, “Singers & Strings”. The “Singers”, the Island Consort chamber choir directed by Bruce Farquharson, will join with the NCO as guest performers, broadening the scope of music and adding extra sparkle for the audience to enjoy.

For ticket information see www.nanaimochamberorchestra.com and www.islandconsort.ca

TheatreOne presents:

“Creative Criticism”
by Michael Poirier
March 7 - 7:30 p.m. at Harbour City Theatre, 25 Victoria Road

“Creative Criticism” is featured in TheatreOne’s Emerging Voices series of staged readings of new Canadian plays by local and regional playwrights. Its character, John Sarokowski, is a sessional teacher at a university where he teaches creative writing. He has several plays of his own floating about and jurors’ plays for competitions. He also freelances as a dramaturge and a director. He supplements his theatre/teaching income by doing renovations and odd carpentry jobs. John has had a rough ride in life, but he creates most of his own problems; mainly by having a rather arrogant attitude. When a young, budding playwright hires him to critique a play he has written, a bond

Visit www.theatreone.org for complete details of all TheatreOne shows and events.

WordStorm presents:

WordStorm
Tuesday, March 28 - Open Mic Starts at 7:00 p.m.
Tandoori Junction, 489 Wallace Street.
Featured Performers: Murray Reiss and Heidi Garnett

Bring a poem (3 minutes) or prose (5 minutes) or sing an original song of your own. Full details at www.wordstorm.ca.

“Maliglutit (The Searchers)”
March 12 & 13 at Avalon Cinema, Woodgrove Centre

TheatreOne’s Fringe Flicks presents Maliglutit (The Searchers), the newest film from Inuk filmmaker Zacharias Kunuk (Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner). This Arctic epic was inspired by the classic John Ford western, about a vengeful husband who sets off in pursuit of the violent men who kidnapped his wife and destroyed his home.
Community Celebrations

Hometown Hockey
Held February 26-27, 2017 at Maffeo Sutton Park

With exciting activities, sports celebrities, blue skies, and enthusiastic Nanaimoites, Hometown Hockey’s visit to Nanaimo was a huge success!

Maple Sugar Festival
Held February 25-27, 2017 at Beban Park

The joie de vivre of French Canadian culture was embraced at the annual Maple Sugar Festival with food, entertainment and fun for all! Learn more at http://francophonenanaimo.org/festival/fest_en.htm.

Follow us on Instagram!
Stay updated on culture and heritage happenings, programs and events: www.instagram.com/cultureandheritage

Connect With Us
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