What’s New in May

May 8-12 is Public Art Week in Nanaimo!

At its January 16, 2017 meeting, Council approved seven new artworks as part of the 2017 Temporary Outdoor Public Art Program. Look forward to seeing the following art pieces installed in preparation for Public Art Week:

1. **CORE III** by Bryan Faubert
2. **JEAN BURNS PROJECT** by Gerda Hofman collaboration
3. **HUNGRY BUNNY** by Dale (Dasch) Shulz
4. **MEET ME AT THE BLUE FLOWERS** by Deryk and Samuel Houston
5. **ROPE CIRCULAR SCULPTURE** by Heather Passmore
6. **LUNAR FLYER** by Heather Wall
7. **PALEO DENTRITIOUS I** by Trish Smith

The 2017 Temporary Public Art Tour brochure featuring the locations and descriptions all of the fantastic new art pieces will be available soon. Begin your self-guided tour at Maffeo Sutton Park and use the brochure to guide your walking route. Brochures will be available at City facilities, or follow along with the online Public Art Mobile Tour app using your mobile phone (m.nanaimo.ca/art) by scanning this QR code.

**Watch for new street banners**
**coming soon to a location near you!**
Roll Out of “Seagull Eye” Aerial Videos Completed

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. The 60-second videos are intended to promote awareness of Nanaimo’s built heritage with each building being featured from a unique aerial perspective. All videos in the series have now been posted and can be viewed on the City of Nanaimo’s YouTube channel at the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/user/CityOfNanaimo
“Seagull Eye” Video Releases:

- Bastion (98 Front St.)
- Great National Land Building (5-17 Church St.)
- Nanaimo Court House (31-35 Front St.)
- Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Station (321 Selby St.)
- Earl Block (2-4 Church St.)
- Nanaimo City Hall (455 Wallace St.)
- Ashlar Lodge Masonic Temple (101 Commercial St.)
- Globe Hotel (25 Front St.)
- Nanaimo Fire Hall No. 2 (34 Nicol St.)
- St. Andrew’s United Church (315 Fitzwilliam St.)
More What’s New...

New Heritage Income Tax Credit Being Considered By Parliament

Bill C-323 is a private member bill introduced in the Canadian House of Commons in February. If adopted, it will amend the Income Tax Act by allowing a 20% income tax credit to be claimed on the rehabilitation of recognized historic places across Canada, including for buildings listed on the City of Nanaimo’s Heritage Register. This initiative mirrors a similar program that was created in the United States in 1976, which has leveraged over $78 billion in private investment to date, and resulted in the preservation of over 41,000 historic properties. Creation of a national Canadian Tax Credit program for heritage buildings would be a major boost to conservation efforts across Canada and a significant new tool in the heritage conservation toolkit used by local governments.

For more information visit: https://www.nationaltrustcanada.ca/get-involved/hcf-news/voice-your-support-federal-incentives-rehabilitation-canadas-historic-places.

Nanaimo Historical Society: Encounters by Early Explorers of Vancouver Island

A Perfect Eden: Encounters by Early Explorers of Vancouver Island
May 11, 2017 - 7:30 p.m.
at Bowen Park Complex

Author Michael Layland will present his new book, A Perfect Eden. The book explores the stories of the first European explorers’ (1500s to 1800s) encounters with the geography and peoples of what would eventually be known as Vancouver Island.

Email NanaimoHistoricalSociety@shaw.ca for more details.

Bastion Opening May 20, 2017

The Bastion, Nanaimo’s most prominent historic landmark, will open for tours on Saturday, May 20th. The public can visit the Bastion between 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. daily until Saturday, September 2nd. Come down to the waterfront for the cannon firing ceremony at noon each day!

For complete information about the Bastion and other Museum offerings, visit http://nanaimomuseum.ca.

BC Studies Conference

“(Un)Settling British Columbia”
May 4 - 6, 2017 at Vancouver Island University
Snuneymuxw First Nations Territory, Nanaimo

Vancouver Island University, in association with BC Studies, is proud to be hosting the multidisciplinary BC Studies Conference in 2017, on the theme (Un)Settling British Columbia. We wish to acknowledge and thank the Coast Salish people on whose traditional territory Vancouver Island University resides. We appreciate and value the opportunities we have to share, learn, and live together. Please join us!

Visit https://ah.viu.ca/bcstudies for further information.
More What’s New...

Introducing “Seniors Connect”

An age friendly community enables older persons and those with disabilities to live in security, enjoy good health and participate fully in society. The City of Nanaimo has entered into a partnership with a group of Nanaimo based non-profit agencies and the Government of Canada called ‘Seniors Connect’ to support making Nanaimo an Age Friendly community.

City Builders Survey

One of the projects, City Builders, focuses on making the physical aspects of Nanaimo more accessible for seniors. We would like to learn about the physical ways that Nanaimo is already age-friendly and also hear how things could be improved to make our city MORE age-friendly. Please help us by answering a few questions based on your experience!

To participate in the City Builders survey, please visit http://www.nanaimo.ca/goto/CityBuildersSurvey.

New Bus Shelter Benefits Seniors

Bus riders in Nanaimo will enjoy a little more shelter this spring, thanks to a partnership between a new City of Nanaimo initiative and BC Transit.

The new bus shelter, shown in the picture to the left, is located outside Bowen Park on Bowen road. The shelter was provided in part by the Seniors Connect City Builders initiative, a project funded from the Government of Canada’s New Horizons for Seniors Program and administered by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC). Through feedback gathered from local seniors, the Seniors Connect City Builders identified the need for a new shelter in this location and allocated $25,000 for this purpose. The rest of the funding for the $42,000 shelter was provided by BC Transit’s Transit Shelter Program.

Thank you to Seniors Connect City Builders and BC Transit for keeping us dry while we wait for a ride!
Thank You for Supporting the 2017 Culture & Heritage Awards Ceremony!

Thank you to all of the recipients, performers, sponsors, volunteers and guests who participated in the City’s 2017 Culture & Heritage Awards Ceremony! Without your help, these awards would not be possible. Held at the Port Theatre on April 6, the awards honoured the following recipients:

Gerda Hofman | Honour in Culture
Jacqui Kaese | Excellence in Culture

Hosted by Kait Burgan, guests were entertained by some of Nanaimo’s best up-and-coming youth and local talent who delivered a truly amazing night of entertainment:

Wellington Secondary Jazz Band,
Footprints of the Wolf,
Vibrant Dance Studio,
Poets Patricia (“Jazz”) Smekal and David Fraser,
and the Snuneymux Dance Group.

Special appearances by Poet Laureate Tina Biello,
Mayor Bill McKay and Councillor Diane Brennan

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More What’s New...

Nanaimo Ballroom Dance Society presents:

“25th Annual Island Fantasy Ball”
May 6 and 7 - Beban Park Social Centre

The Nanaimo Ballroom Dance Society is proud to be hosting the 25th Annual Island Fantasy Ball at the Beban Park Social Centre.

Come to our big anniversary celebration and watch two days of spectacular world class Ballroom and Latin dancing!

A complete schedule of events and ticket information is available at www.islandfantasyball.com.

Island Bel Canto Singers presents:

“Here’s to Song!”
May 6 - 2:30 p.m. at Christ Community Church, 2221 Bowen Road, and May 13 - 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, 4235 Departure Bay Road, Nanaimo

Island Bel Canto Singers is celebrating 20 years of singing for Nanaimo! After two decades now, this all-women’s choir shows no sign of slowing down. In “Here’s to Song”, Artistic Director Sharon Sinclair has chosen a program with a variety of songs from concerts past and exciting new pieces, honoring the vital place that music, singing and songs have in our lives.

Visit www.islandbelcanto.com for more details.

Island Consort Chamber Choir presents:

“Faire Music of Remembrance”
May 7 - 7:30 p.m. at Brechin United Church, Nanaimo

The Island Consort Chamber Choir is celebrating its 10th Anniversary with a program of wonderful, at times, heart-wrenching classical, choral music highlighted by a performance of Gabriel Fauré’s Requiem. Music Director, Bruce Farquharson, has assembled a 15-piece orchestra for the Requiem: solos to be sung by soprano, Skye Donald and baritone, Jeremy Roszmann. With a chamber choir and a compact orchestra the work will be performed with deserved musical grace and balance.

Visit www.islandconsort.ca for more info.

Nanaimo Art Gallery presents:

“Marianne Nicolson - Awi’nagwiskasu: Real Land”
Exhibition showing from April 21 - July 2, 2017

Nanaimo Art Gallery is pleased to present a solo exhibition by Marianne Nicolson, a Victoria BC based artist of Scottish and Dzawada’enuxw First Nations descent. The Dzawada’enuxw People are a member tribe of the Kwakwaka’wakw Nations of the Pacific Northwest Coast. Nicolson’s work first came to prominence in 1998 when she scaled a cliff face near her ancestral village Gwa’yi to paint a 1.5 meter high by 8.5 meter wide pictographic crest symbol that shows the origin story of her people. This was the first petrograph in the region in more than sixty years, and marks the continued vitality of the Dzawada’enuxw. Operating as a potent expression of land rights and community connections, this work anchors the exhibition Awi’nagwiskasu: Real Land. This exhibition showcases Nicolson’s creative scope through paintings, light installations and video. Many of the works invite visitors to share the artist’s pressing concerns about the waters that surround and course through land, and serve as a gauge for the health of coastal communities.

More What’s New...

Vancouver Island Children’s Book Festival

“BookFest 2017” *For Ages 5-12*
May 6 from 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Diana Krall Plaza and the Vancouver Island Conference Centre

Celebrate literature through stories, poetry, art, music and books at BookFest 2017. Nine distinguished children’s authors and illustrators will come from across Canada to share their work, tell stories and inspire youth through their fun-filled, lively and interactive sessions.

The festival’s lunchtime activities are a hit with the whole family: crafts, bubble blowing, dress up, music, food carts, face painting, book sales and more! The event will also feature some great FREE activities: pre-school sessions at the library, morning yoga for the kids and a special Teen Session with presentations by graphic novelist Richard Van Camp and a panel of published teen authors.

www.bookfest.ca

Western Edge Theatre Trivia Fundraiser

“The Great Canadian Challenge”
Saturday, May 6 - 6:30 p.m.
Taphouse Restaurant, 321 Selby Street

Cast off your Canadian politeness and show off your Canadian know-how! While enjoying a beer and burger (because what could be more Canadian?), contestants will be presented with questions on all things Canuck, with prizes going to those demonstrating the most true patriot savvy.

Enter a team or join up with one when you arrive and then get set for some fun and friendly competition. You’ll get a jump on Canada’s 150th birthday celebrations, and also Western Edge’s all-Canadian line-up for their 2017/18 season.

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