What’s New this Summer

Happy 150th Birthday, Canada!

Thousands in Nanaimo celebrated Canada’s Sesquicentennial with great enthusiasm at Maffeo Sutton Park on July 1st.

Photo by Grace de Boeck
**More What’s New…**

**Canada**

Kanata, Iroquois for village or settlement.
This land we call home, Kanata.
This country, this 150 years, this Confederation.

In the language of Sitka Spruce 150 is a baby.
Those who were here first know this,
To tend this land, shape her hills, drink from her waters
know it like a woman knows her baby.

As wars blazed across the Atlantic, they lived here.
The elders sensing change in the wind.
How many suffered
while Kanata was birthed from village to nation.

In Canada the most common greeting is the handshake.
It should be firm and accompanied by direct eye contact
and a sincere smile,
otherwise you might be mistaken for an American.

My people greet with a kiss on both cheeks.
This land cold to them, this language foreign
I come from the south part of a boot,
where our dialect is dying,
Casacalendes’
Moddèmó scₜa lènghé da vocche mije
z’n’và è nesiûne me cápisc’.

Let’s do it Canada,
from black to brown to white to yellow
from English to French to First Nations dialects,
to all dialects.
Let’s talk to each other in human
in love
in I’m sorry.
Let me hear your story and I’ll tell you mine.

Let’s honour those that stood here for generations.
Listen to the 1000 year old trees left standing,
be the bridge
for the next 7 generations
coming down the road.

-Tina Biello, City of Nanaimo Poet Laureate

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“**Imaginary Gardens**”

Writing Retreat featuring Susan Musgrave
August 17 - 20, Annie’s Acre, Nanoose Bay

Nanaimo’s Poet Laureate, Tina Biello, is bringing Susan Musgrave to Nanoose Bay for an exciting chance for writers to work with her one on one and in a group setting.

Susan is one of Canada’s finest writers. She is coming for an extended weekend retreat. This will be an amazing opportunity to work with her in an intimate setting.

For complete registration details, email Tina Biello at tbiello@shaw.ca

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The flags of Snuneymuxw First Nation, Nanaimo and British Columbia fly atop City Hall alongside the Canadian maple leaf with Nanaimo’s spectacular harbour as a backdrop.
Rainbow

Once we were branded.
Pink triangles, bright beacons.
Bad news for the men
who dared to show their colours
in the concentration camp.
Here in this house we call home,
we have told our story.
The one where a woman loves a woman.
A man loves a man.
Today this flag is us
in so many colours.
Proud.
Loud.
How many ways can we love each other?
As many as a thousand rainbows in the sky.
Stop,
look,
remember.
To love and be loved
it is why we are here.

-Tina Biello, City of Nanaimo Poet Laureate
More What’s New...

Nanaimo Art Gallery presents:

**Summer Art Camps in the Art Lab, 150 Commercial Street**
- Ages 5-7: July 10 - 14 and July 17 - 21, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Ages 8-12: July 10 - 14 and July 17 - 21, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Young artists will explore a variety of approaches to art making. Inspired by our diverse histories and the cultures of our communities on beautiful Vancouver Island, we will design, draw, paint, collage and build using traditional and contemporary approaches to art making. Taught by regional artists, Summer Art Camps are a fantastic way to inspire learners to explore and experiment! Register soon!

**Call 250.754.1750 or visit www.nanaimogallery.ca for more details.**

Crimson Coast Dance Society presents:

**“19th Annual InFrinGinG Dance Festival: Dancing in the Belly of the Dragon”**
**Indoor and Outdoor Events and Workshops**
**July 6-9 at multiple locations**

Hot Dance In Your Hometown! The Moving Voice of Canada: Diverse, Excellent, Unique

The 19th Annual InFrinGinG Dance Festival: Dancing In The Belly Of The Dragon takes place alongside Save On Foods DragonBoat Festival and features some of Canada’s most extraordinarily inventive, interesting and successful artists! Performers present traditional dance from the rich cultures of people who make up our country and our city. Also presented are fusions of cultural practices with today’s artist’s contemporary voices and contemporary dance genres.

Take in 4 days of Splendid! Ticket INdoor performances at VI Conference Centre, include engaged opportunities to explore the dance as it’s unfolding. FREE OUTdoor performances at Maffeo Sutton Park offer performances and opportunities to dance along! Featured artists represent: Snuneyumuxw First Nation, Philippines, Thailand, Greece, South East Asia, Africa. Enjoy Temple Dance, Cacao Ceremony, Thai Classical Dance called Kohn, Live Jazz and tap, and a Samba and Reggae Dance Class! There will also be a community performance from Body Of Water Project, a solo by Samantha Letourneau, a Flash Mob and a Splash Mob!

Participate in free and ticketed workshops outside on stage and a roundtable dialogue: Culture as Commodity. **DISCOUNTED FESTIVAL PASSES ARE AVAILABLE!**

For the full schedule of events and ticket information visit [www.crimsoncoast.org](http://www.crimsoncoast.org) or call 250-716-3230

Nanaimo Ukelele Festival

**July 15-16 at Nanaimo Neighbourhood Church**
**4951 Rutherford Road, Nanaimo**

Come celebrate the love of the ukulele, meet with other “ukesters” and enjoy a showcase of accomplished and talented ukulele players from across the country at the Nanaimo Ukelele Festival.

For a full schedule of performances and workshops, visit [http://nanaimoukulelefestivale.ca](http://nanaimoukulelefestivale.ca)

Lunchtime Summer Music Series

**Presented by the Old City Quarter Association**
**FREE Performances in June, July and August**
**12 - 1 p.m. at various Old City Quarter locations**

**At Bocca Cafe**
- June 21 - Tina Jones
- June 28 - Jayden Holman
- July 5 - Jona Kristinsson & Anthony R. Soares Jenkins

**At Gallery Row**
- July 12 - Nicola Lindie
- July 19 - Whitney Somers

**At Lobelia’s Lair**
- July 26 - Scott McGill
- August 2 - Mark Crissinger
- August 9 - Sydney Needham & Mary Steele

**At Wesley Square**
- August 16 - Hope King
- August 23 - David James

Tribute to The Man in Black

SHOWS START AT NOON TILL 1:00PM.
WE WILL HAVE SOME CHAIRS AND TABLES IN CASE YOU WANT TO BRING YOUR LUNCH.
COME EARLY TO GET YOURS.

ALL SHOWS FREE

For more information visit [www.lunchtimemusicseries.ca](http://www.lunchtimemusicseries.ca) or call 250-754-1750
More What’s New...

EVENTS

15th Annual Dragon Boat Festival
July 7, 8 & 9, 2017, at the spectacular Maffeo Sutton Park.
Dragon boat racing is one of the most amazing sports you will ever get to witness, so take the time to come down and cheer on more than 70 racing teams. Then stay for the Shriner’s Pancake Breakfast, food trucks, candle and carnation ceremonies, Longwood Brewery beer gardens, and more.
See more info at www.nanaimodragonboat.com

51st Great World Championship Bathtub Race
Start time: Sunday, July 23rd at 11:00 a.m.
Come out and watch dozens of teams from Vancouver Island and beyond compete with a mix of determination, luck and hard work for the glory of winning in their class.
Visit www.bathtubbing.com for complete details of all Bathtub Weekend events.

Bathtub Days Street Fair

“Downtown Nanaimo Bathtub Days Street Fair”
Sponsored by the Loyal Nanaimo Bathtub Society, Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce and Victoria Crescent Association
Friday, July 21: 10 am-6 pm & Saturday, July 22: 10 am-4 pm
Join in two days of festivities and entertainment along Commercial Street, Diana Krall Plaza, and Victoria Crescent! The annual Sail Past on Wheels Fun Parade starts Saturday at 10:30 am at Selby Street, proceeding down Fitzwilliam Street through the Old City Quarter, over the bridge into Downtown, to the Bastion, then along Front Street to Cliff Street. Many of the World Championship Bathtub Race teams participate in the parade!
Victoria Crescent is bursting with entertainment and fun activities, including a waiters race, dog agility show, roller derby demonstration, and displays from Nanaimo Search and Rescue and the Coast Guard. Don’t miss the car show, “Cambioke” karaoke, martial arts demonstrations, outdoor ping pong and the weird and wacky bicycles of the Crank Pedlars, and kids can enjoy face painting, a bouncy castle and giant slide!

Downtown Nanaimo Bathtub Days Street Fair
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**Gallery Row Arts Festival**

**Saturday, August 14 - 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.**
**Gallery Row, 308 Fitzwilliam Street**

The Gallery Row Arts Festival is an annual family event that celebrates local artists and raises funds to support local youth art programs. At the festival, new local art is unveiled and then auctioned off, with all profits generated being donated to local art programs. Gallery Row will be filled with live music, family activities, collaborative art projects and BBQ concessions.

Visit [www.galleryrow.ca](http://www.galleryrow.ca) for complete details.

**Concerts in the Park**

**Presented by the City of Nanaimo**

**Performances run throughout July and August**

**FREE!**

**Concerts IN THE PARK**

This summer, bring a lawn chair and a picnic while enjoying some great musical entertainment in two of Nanaimo’s most beautiful and popular parks.

More info at [www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca)

**Crescent Day**

**Saturday, August 26 on Victoria Crescent**

It’s the main event tag team rumble on the Crescent – and you’re invited!

On August 26, enjoy kid’s activities and a stage with entertainment during the day and in the evening wrestling taking centre ring for bouts in the middle of the street. The Victoria Crescent Association and Vancouver Island Professional Wrestling will hold a half-dozen matches, culminating in a tag-team extravaganza that will get you yelling and screaming from your seat. The cost - everything free!

**FREE!**

**Victoria Crescent Scavenger Hunt**

**Sponsored by the Victoria Crescent Association**

**Friday-Sunday, September 22 to 24**

This exciting, free, inclusive event for youth and young adults promises to foster community spirit and create excitement around the opportunities in Nanaimo. Sign up on September 22 at Rasta Troll (56 Victoria Crescent) between 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
2017 Summertime Blues Festival

August 24 - 27, Maffeo Sutton Park
Featuring artists Sonny Landreth, Victor Wainwright and the WildRoots, Shemekia Copeland any many more!

Plan to have the best time ever at this year’s “Summertime Blues”. A unique venue, incredible talent, amazing volunteers, artisans and food vendors (plus liquid libation for our adult friends) all add up to a an awesome experience!
Visit www.nanaimobluessfestival.com for more info.

Loaves & Fishes fundraiser show on Thursday, August 24!  Admission by donation - proceeds to the Food Bank.

Symphony by the Sea

Presented by the Vancouver Island Symphony
Saturday, August 12 at 6:00 pm at Maffeo Sutton Park

Rain or shine! An outdoor summer concert performed by the Vancouver Island Symphony, produced by Concertmaster Calvin Dyck. Bring your blanket, lawn chair and a picnic basket!

This event is supported by donations collected at the event!
Details at http://vancouverislandsymphony.com

2016 Culture & Heritage Report Card

Now available online!
Check out our Report Card for a snapshot of Culture & Heritage events and statistics for 2016.

7th Annual Nanaimo Fringe Festival

Presented by Pacific Coast Stage Company
August 10 - 20, 2017
Venues: Harbour City Theatre, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, and the Port Theatre

The Nanaimo Fringe Festival began in 2011, back when it was called the Fringetastic Theatre Festival. This year’s 7th annual Nanaimo Fringe Festival will feature 8 companies performing in front of a live audience who may love, hate, become transfixed or even be startled. Our festival is perfect for developing, emerging and experimenting artists.

The international and local theatre companies that participate in the Nanaimo Fringe Festival are selected by lottery to ensure that local and international performers have a fair chance to be selected for the stage. Each lottery selected company gets 6 performances during the festival, an outfitted and staffed venue, a listing in our festival program and much more!

For complete details, visit http://nanaimofringe.com
More What’s New...

Seeking Participants for Nanaimo’s 2017 PARK(ing) Day!

We’re seeking proposals for this year’s PARK(ing) Day, which will be held on Friday, September 15.

PARK(ing) Day is an annual open-source global event. Nanaimo’s 2017 PARK(ing) Day will see groups transform a limited number of select parking spaces along Commercial Street into temporary short-term mini cultural spaces. Check out some inspiring examples @ cnan.ca/1Jnwdok.

For more information, please email parking.day@nanaimo.ca

Blackstones & Bathtubs

Performances run from July 2 through July 8 at the Port Theatre!
Spirited singing, dancing and food were plentiful at the opening gala of Blackstones & Bathtubs on Sunday, July 2.

Tickets are available at www.blackstonesandbathtubs.com

Attention Culture & Heritage Grant Applicants!

New guidelines and application forms for the 2018 Culture & Heritage Project and Operating Grants will be available by September.
Stay tuned and look for more information posted on the City website, facebook page and local newspapers.

Reminder about Final Reports

Did you receive City of Nanaimo funding in 2017?
If so, please remember that final reports must be submitted prior to any new applications for 2018 funding. Failure to submit a final report will result in the rejection of new applications.

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