What’s New in September

Apply for a 2018 Culture & Heritage Grant

Deadline for applications is Monday, October 16, 2017

We are currently accepting applications from community non-profit cultural organizations seeking financial assistance to support their 2018 operations, projects and/or events. Funds are available under two grants:

Culture & Heritage Operating Grants
Culture & Heritage Project Grants

Guidelines, criteria and application forms are available online (www.nanaimo.ca/culture-environment/grants) or by contacting us directly. The deadline for applications is Monday, October 16, 2017, no later than 4:30 pm.

Questions? Contact us at cultureandheritage@nanaimo.ca or 250-755-4483.

Please Note: Groups that have received funding in previous years are required to submit a final report before applying for new funds.

Nominate someone for a 2018 Culture & Heritage Award

Deadline for nominations is Friday, November 17, 2017

We are seeking public nominations for the 2018 Culture & Heritage Awards. The awards recognize outstanding organizations, groups and individuals in the culture & heritage fields. There are five categories:

Excellence in Culture
Honour in Culture
Emerging Cultural Leader
Honour in Heritage * New Award Category *
John Thomson Heritage Memorial

Nomination forms are available online (www.nanaimo.ca/culture-environment/awards) or by contacting us directly. The deadline for applications is Friday, November 17, 2017, no later than 4:30 pm.

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Peace Walk

Saturday, September 16
@ 11:00 am

Make signs and banners. Identify yourself. Bring your group. Stand for peace. Meet under the flags at Maffeo Sutton Park.

www.peacenanaimo.com
More What’s New...

Calling all artists! Submit a proposal to supply and install artwork on the Colliery Dam Spillway

Deadline for proposals is Friday, September 15, 2017

The City is seeking proposals for artwork that celebrate the creativity of indigenous artists and the rich cultural histories and continuing presence of indigenous peoples in the place now known as Colliery Dam Park, as well as look toward the city and the country’s future. Colliery Dam Park is located on 645 Wakesiah Avenue. This opportunity is open to established professional artists.

All artists are invited to submit their proposals through “Call for Artist No. 2011 Supply, Installation of Public Art on the Colliery Dam Park Spillway” available online (http://cnan.ca/2vIAbgC) or by contacting us directly. The deadline for proposals is Friday, September 15, 2017 at 3:00 pm.

Questions? Contact Debbie Bezenar, City of Nanaimo Buyer, at purchasinginfo@nanaimo.ca or 250-754-4251.

Nanaimo International Jazz Festival

September 15, 16, 17

New Orleans is coming to town to celebrate the inaugural Nanaimo International Jazz Festival September 15 to 17. For 3 days and nights Nanaimo’s downtown will be hopping with the beats and grooves of live jazz. The Festival will put Jazz in Diana Krall Plaza, as well as a ‘Jazz Krall’ in other downtown cafes and public spaces throughout the event. Traveling all the way from New Orleans is the John Ellis quintet “Double Wide” who will headline the Festival main attraction at the Port Theater Saturday night.

There will be jazz goings-on for all ages, --- from 4 ticketed events to many FREE live performances occurring all weekend long. One of our favourites being the New Orleans-style “second line” parade happening at noon on Saturday. Sunny Side Up Blues & Gospel will kick off the Sunday morning program, and ending will be a final ‘Fly Finale’ Gala concert at the Port Theatre.

Questions? Check out www.nanaimojazzfest.ca and Nanaimo International Jazz Festival on Facebook for a detailed event calendar, information on the musicians and more.
More What’s New...

Port Theatre Welcomes
Interim General Manager

Welcome Lindy!
Lindy Sisson has joined the Port Theatre team as Interim General Manager following eight years as the Executive and Artistic Director for The ACT Arts Centre in Maple Ridge where she was recently named Non-Profit Business Leader of the Year. “I’m very excited to be joining the incredible Port Theatre team and am looking forward to being a part of the dynamic arts scene in Nanaimo, especially working with the community to move the important studio theatre project forward.”

WordStorm
Tuesday September 26, 2017
St. Paul’s Anglican Church
100 Chapel St, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5B2
Open Mic Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Bring a poem (3 minutes) or prose (5 minutes) or sing an original song.

Yvonne Bloomer is an award winning writer and the Poet Laureate of Victoria, British Columbia. Born in Zimbabwe, she has lived in Japan and England and has cycled in Southeast Asia, Japan, Mexico, Canada, France and the UK. Sugar Ride: Cycling from Hawai'i to Kuala Lumpur (Palimpsest Press, 2017) is her most recent book about her three month journey by bicycle. She has also published three poetry collections, most recently As if a Raven (Palimpsest Press, 2014). In the fall of 2017 Baffinian Poems for the Pacific, edited by Yvonne will be released with Caitlin Press.

Rhonda Ganz: Crime fiction, reality TV and bad dreams inform Rhonda Ganz’s poetry, which has appeared in Rattle, The Malahat Review, Room, on city buses and in the anthologies Reckless: An Anthology of Contemporary BC Poetry, Home from Planet Earth, Root to Root and Forest Field: 77 Women Poets of BC. A poem of hers was chosen by Harvard Design Magazine for their December 2015 issue “Shelf Life.” She has been a featured reader at Planet Earth Poetry in Victoria, WordStorm in Nanaimo, Word on the Street in Vancouver and at the inaugural Galloco Literary Festival. Rhonda Ganz was born in Kenya. She lives in Victoria, B.C., where she works as a graphic designer and editor. She shares a home with one human and varying numbers of cats. She speaks German and can hold a conversation in Sorakill. She has been known to write poems on the spot for people in hotel lobbies, parks and cemeteries. rhonz.com

Sponsored by The League of Canadian Poets, The Writers’ Union of Canada, the City of Nanaimo and the Canada Council for the Arts

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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In Person: Service & Resource Centre (411 Dunsmuir Street)
By Mail: 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6

More Details at www.wordstorm.ca