What’s New in November

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Saturday, November 11 at 11:00 am

Gather together as a community on this Remembrance Day to honour those who helped make Canada such a lovely place to live. Ceremonies commence at 11:00 am at the Nanaimo Cenotaph at 85 Front Street. After the ceremonies, everyone is invited to visit the Military Museum, then off to Royal Canadian Legion Branch #10 for a buffet lunch.

A Day of Remembrance at VIRL

Friday, November 10 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (Harbourfront Library)

Commemorate Remembrance Day with crafts for kids, movie, author readings, and virtual reality. For details, contact nanaimoharbourfront@virl.bc.ca.

Come see, learn and experience history at the Vancouver Island Military Museum

Browse through the more than 25 exhibits and displays showcasing Canada’s proud military history and traditions. Examine life on the home front and the important work of the Red Cross, St. John’s Ambulance, the Salvation Army, RCMP and the critical role played by the Merchant Navy in war time. Follow the evolution of Women in the Armed Forces, from Nursing Sisters during the Boer War to present day operations in all branches of our Armed Forces. The Vancouver Island Military Museum is located downtown at 100 Cameron Road. For details, visit www.vimms.ca.

Vancouver Island Military Museum is Seeking Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to cover regular, morning and afternoon shifts, or as spare to cover vacations. Volunteers conduct tours, interpret displays and exhibits, and discuss military history with museum visitors.

For details, call 250-753-3814 or drop in at 100 Cameron Road.
More What’s New...

Calling all artists! Submit a proposal for 2018 Temporary Public Art

**Deadline for proposals is Friday, November 17, 2017**

Each year, artwork is temporarily installed in City parks and spaces for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. The parks essentially becoming outdoor art galleries, showcasing works for a limited period of time. We are seeking artist proposals for temporary public art for display in 2018. This is a chance to have your artwork displayed in City parks and public spaces.

All artists are invited to submit their proposals through the “CALL FOR ARTISTS FOR TEMPORARY OUTDOOR ART No. 2050” available online (www.nanaimo.ca > Doing Business > Bid Opportunities) or by contacting us directly.

**The deadline for proposals is Friday, November 17, 2017 at 3:00 pm.** The call is open to all artists who live in Canada. Participants do not have to be a professional artist to submit a proposal. **Questions?** Contact us at cultureandheritage@nanaimo.ca or 250-755-4483.

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
- Emerging Cultural Leader
- Honour in Culture
- Honour in Heritage
- John Thomson Heritage Memorial

**The deadline for applications is Friday, November 17, 2017 at 4:30 pm.** Nomination forms are available online (www.nanaimo.ca/culture-environment/awards) or by contacting us directly. **Questions?** Contact us at cultureandheritage@nanaimo.ca or 250-755-4483.

Apply for a 2018 Social Development Grant

**Deadline for applications is Thursday, November 30, 2017**

The City of Nanaimo’s Social Planning Grant program provides funding to assist organizations in responding to social issues with initiatives that enhance social cohesion, address the root causes and effects of poverty, contribute to the vitality of our community and foster social inclusion and social equity.

Applications for 2018 Social Planning Grants are now being accepted. **The deadline for submissions is Thursday, November 30, 2017, no later than 4:00 pm.** Eligibility criteria, guidelines and application forms are available online (www.nanaimo.ca/culture-environment/grants) or by contacting us directly. **Questions?** Contact us at communityandculturalplanning@nanaimo.ca or 250-755-4464.
Cultural Gathering Results

We want to send a big thanks to everyone who attended the 2017 Cultural Gathering on September 28 at the Nanaimo Museum. The evening began with a presentation by SpaceFinder BC, followed by roundtable discussions with those in attendance. We asked groups to discuss two questions:

- What are your needs?
- What are some opportunities to meet those needs?

Here is a summary of what we heard: http://cnan.ca/2xRtplH.

The results were presented to the City of Nanaimo’s Community Vitality Committee who will review with staff and consider recommendations for action. Thank you for your participation, and please stay tuned for information on future events.

On This Spot Nanaimo

The On This Spot app takes people on guided walking tours through the history that surrounds them. At each stop on their journey users will find themselves standing on the spot a historic photo was taken. They can view a then and now photo comparison, use the built in camera to create their own, and read about local history and how it ties into the broader human experience.

Preview some of the 400 “then and now” photos of Nanaimo. Use the app to experience Nanaimo’s history in an exciting new way with six historical walking tours. Check it out at http://onthisspot.ca/nanaimo.html (works best in Google Chrome).

Nanaimo Artwalk

Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
28 locations in Downtown Nanaimo and the Old City Quarter with over 50 artists displaying their artwork. For more information, visit www.nanaimoartwalk.com.
Ashlar Lodge Masonic Temple Project Complete

Rehabilitation work on the exterior of the Ashlar Lodge Masonic Temple building located at 101 Commercial Street is now complete. Project work included brick repair and cleaning, as well as window/door repair and exterior detail painting. The work was completed, in part, with the support of a $14,999.25 grant approved by Council and provided under the City’s Heritage Façade Grant Program on a 50/50 cost sharing basis.

History of the Ashlar Lodge Masonic Temple

Purpose-built in 1923 as a meeting lodge and commercial space, the Ashlar Lodge Masonic Temple is an excellent example of the Classical Period Revival architectural style. The rigid symmetrical front elevation that typifies this style has been modified by the placement of the lodge entrance door at the extreme eastern side of the building. The door placement accommodates the ground-floor commercial space the Lodge depended on to cover building expenses. Characteristic elements of this style, such as the pediment over the lodge entry, were intended to suggest antiquity and permanence.

Still used for lodge meetings, the building exemplifies the historic and continuing importance of fraternal societies to the cultural, economic and social life of Nanaimo. The building occupies the same site as an earlier lodge that was built in 1873, the first Freemason’s Lodge in British Columbia.

The Lodge is also significant for its association with Alexander Ernest Henderson, best known, in partnership with George W. Grant, for the design of the Vancouver City Hospital (now known as the Heather Pavilion) of Vancouver General Hospital in 1903.

For more information, view the Community Heritage Register online (www.nanaimo.ca > Culture & Environment > Community Heritage Register).

About the Heritage Facade Grant Program

Façade grants are available yearly on a first-come, first-served basis to significant heritage buildings listed in the Downtown Heritage Conservation Area, as outlined in the City’s Official Community Plan. Each grant covers up to 50% of a project cost, to a maximum of $10,000 per building side facing onto a street.

To date, $318,365.66 has been paid out under the grant program for 33 exterior building façade improvements leveraging $7,106,716.00 in private investment.

Learn more about the Heritage Facade Grant Program online (www.nanaimo.ca > Culture & Environment > Grants).
Nanaimo Historical Society presents  
**Oka Remembered: A Soldier’s View**

**Thursday, November 9 at 7:30 pm (Bowen Park Complex)**

The Nanaimo Historical Society meets monthly and presents a free feature presentation. Everyone is welcome to attend. November’s featured speaker is Retired Corporal Rob McGuin, who will talk about his participation in the 1990 Oka crisis.

**For more information** about this meeting, please view the Nanaimo Historical Society’s Facebook page “Oka Remembered: a Soldier’s View” at [www.facebook.com/Nanaimo-Historical-Society-466384560135141](http://www.facebook.com/Nanaimo-Historical-Society-466384560135141)

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**Urban Issues Film Festival**

**12th Annual**

**Tactical Urbanism & Creative Cities**

*We will explore a variety of perspectives through Films, keynote speakers & discussion*

**Friday November 10**

**Vancouver Island University Building 356 Room 109 2-9 pm**

**Keynote Speakers**

Laura Lee Coles  
Michael Geselbracht

**register online at eventbrite.com**

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**VIEX Reconciliation Quilt Project**

Presented by the Vancouver Island Exhibition, Mid Island Metis Nation, and Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre. The creation of 94 quilt squares will reflect the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action. Community members are invited to volunteer to create a square that represents one of the actions listed in the TRC’s final report. Gather together with others at the Tsawalk Learning Centre, located at #1-1559 Estevan Road.

- Thursday, November 9 (6:00 to 8:00 pm)
- Saturday November 18 (1:00 to 3:00 pm)
- Thursday, November 26 (6:00 to 8:00 pm)

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**Poets in Nanaimo**

**Saturday, November 4, 2017**

**Nanaimo North Library**

6250 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC

Open Mic Starts at 1:00 p.m.

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

**Heidi Greco**

*For many years Barbara Pelman has taught English at high school and college, primarily in B.C. Born in Vancouver, she has degrees from the University of British Columbia and the University of Toronto. She has been an active participant in the Victoria writing community as a member of the Random Acts of Poetry team, a regular reader at Planet Earth Poetry, and the instigator of Victoria’s “Poetry Walks,” created by her students, in the downtown core. Pelman’s poems have appeared in many literary journals, including Event, Paddleshed, Antigonish Review, Dalhousie Review and CV2. Borrowed Rooms is her second book of poetry, following One Stone published in 2005 by Ekstasis Editions. Narrow Bridge is her most recent collection.*

**Barbara Pelman**

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