What’s New in December

Fly Over Nanaimo’s Heritage Buildings

Check out a “Seagull Eye” view of Nanaimo’s heritage buildings

Produced by Arrowsmith Photography for the City of Nanaimo, check out these 60-second videos of Nanaimo’s most well known heritage buildings! The videos feature aerial, current and historical photos of each building.

Click on the photos to view the videos, or check out this link for a full listing: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrCro5JKlzTuVx1CEC9ZmP-6YM58kwFX-

Street Banners for Sale

Design by artist Patrick Belanger

Street banners from 2016 have been removed from street lamps and are now available for public purchase. Pick up a set at Beban Park (2 for $10). Designed by artist Patrick Belanger, these beautiful banners were inspired by Nanaimo’s culture in horticulture, and depict a variety of local flora and fauna.
Canada

by Tina Biello, Nanaimo Poet Laureate

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:
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.’ So says
a tourist site on the internet for those searching to come here.

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 sc_ta lénghe da vocche mije
z’n’và è nesciùne me cápisc’.

Let’s do it Canada,
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.
Listen to the 1000 year old trees left standing,
be the bridge for
the next seven generations
coming down the road.

Poet Laureate Reading Series

December 16, 2017 @ 1:00 pm

Feeling poetic? Drop by the Harbourfront Library on
December 16 to enjoy readings by poets Patrick Lane
and Lorna Crozier. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Nanaimo’s Poet Laureate attends
Governor General’s Literary Awards

Nanaimo’s Poet Laureate, Tina Biello, was invited to
attend the Governor General’s Literary Award Ceremony
on November 29. The Governor General’s Literary Awards
recognize great Canadian books, promoting Canadian
literature, and encourage Canadians to read. The 14
winners in 2 official languages and 7 categories reflect
Canada’s rich diversity. Congratulations, Tina! Learn
more about the awards at www.ggbooks.ca/#winners.
Santa Claus Parade

Saturday, December 2 at 5:00 pm
In Downtown Nanaimo at nighttime, a light up parade. Before the parade Santa will be at the Gingerbread Village in the Vancouver Island Convention Center at the Gordon Street Entrance. The Parade will Line up on Victoria Road about 2 hours before. The Check In will be at Milton Street. The Parade will start at Cavan Street, go along Victoria Crescent then Commercial Street to Front Street then Comox Road and end at Cliff Street.

Nanaimo Museum presents | Commercial Christmas

December 5 to 22 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Explore the history of Nanaimo stores during the holiday shopping season. The exhibit will feature artifacts from businesses including Fletcher’s Music and Jean Burns Ladies Wear. Advertising features from local stores and archival photographs provide a glimpse into 165 years of shopping in Nanaimo.
For details, visit www.nanaimomuseum.ca.

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.
Join us at the launch party of our 150 x 39 Poetry Anthology! The goal of this anthology is to celebrate Canada 150 by capturing the character and flavor of the communities we serve in 39 poems.

Special thanks to Tina Biello, Poet Laureate for Nanaimo, for all her hard work and dedication to this anthology and to all of the poets who submitted their work.