What’s New in September?

2015 City of Nanaimo Cultural Grants Now Available!
The City of Nanaimo is now accepting applications for the following grant programs:

- Cultural Operating Grant
- Arts & Cultural Festivals & Events Grant

Application forms and guidelines are available online HERE (www.nanaimo.ca > Departments > Culture and Heritage > Culture & Heritage Grants) or by contacting the Culture and Heritage Department.

**SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2014.**

Calling All Artists! We’re Seeking Submissions for Temporary Public Art
Art has the power to energize public spaces and makes the places we live, work and play more unique, welcoming and beautiful. Public art prompts us to think, to ask questions, see new perspectives, and talk to each other. Since 2010, the City of Nanaimo has been involved in a dynamic and evolving public art program that enhances and animates our City’s parks. Each year, outdoor artwork is installed within our city parks on a temporary basis for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. Essentially, they become outdoor art galleries and showcase artworks for a limited period of time.

On Tuesday, September 9, 2014, the City of Nanaimo will put forward a “CALL FOR ARTISTS FOR TEMPORARY OUTDOOR ART (NO. 1560)”, inviting artists to submit proposed artwork for public outdoor exhibition.

The “Call for Artists” will be placed on the City’s website HERE (as of September 9) (www.nanaimo.ca > Business > Bid Opportunities).

For more information, please contact the Culture and Heritage Department.

**SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL NOVEMBER 18, 2014.**
More What’s New...

PARK(ing) Day - September 19
The PARK(ing) day concept is truly a global movement, happening in over 162 cities in over thirty-five countries and on six continents, transforming close to 1000 parking spots into exciting cultural spaces.
Nanaimo's 2014 PARK(ing) Day will take place along Commercial Street on Friday, September 19 from 11:00 am and 2:00 pm, transforming a limited number of select parking spaces into temporary, short-term mini cultural spaces.
Everyone is welcome! For more information, please contact the Culture and Heritage Department.

RETROSPECTIVE:
Heritage Paint / Shoot Out - September 11
Celebrate Nanaimo's heritage sites as seen through the eyes of local artists and to learn more about our amazing heritage buildings at the Heritage Building Paint Out / Shoot Out RETROSPECTIVE.
The Heritage Paint Out Shoot Out (held July 27) event is a plain air race against the clock testing artists at a whole new level! Imagine having less than 5 hours to bring to life the site you drew out of a hat that morning! This is exactly what artists have been doing annually for 17 years in the wonderful partnership between the Heritage Commission, Nanaimo Museum, and most recently, the DNBIA.
On Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Nanaimo Arts Council Gallery (Nanaimo North Town Centre, 259-4750 Rutherford Road), view local artists visions beside pictures of the original buildings and learn about the heritage sites!
For more information, please contact the Nanaimo Arts Council at 250-729-3947 or admin@nanaimoartscouncil.ca

CREATE, PARTICIPATE & CELEBRATE
September 26, 27 & 28, 2014
Everyone is encouraged to get involved – whether you are a professional or amateur cultural creator (artist, artisan, educator, animateur, historian, curator, choreographer, architect, designer, to name a few), municipality, library, group or organization in an urban, suburban or rural community – you can play a part in Culture Days.
This is an open invitation for all individuals, organizations, groups and municipalities to register free interactive arts or cultural activities in your community during the next Culture Days on September 26, 27 & 28, 2014. Activities can be really simple as long as they are free; interactive; registered on the Culture Days website.
To see what’s happening in NANAIMO, or to register your own event, please visit www.culturedays.ca.
More What’s New...

Seeking Nominations for 2015 Culture and Heritage Awards
Do you know of an organization or individual that has achieved regional and/or national recognition in the field of arts and culture? An organization or someone that is dedicated and supportive of the development of the cultural fabric which identifies this city? Someone that has provided outstanding heritage service and dedication to the community? This is your chance to pay recognition to people and groups you know that have made a significant contribution to Nanaimo’s cultural and heritage sector.

Nomination forms are available online HERE (www.nanaimo.ca > Departments > Culture and Heritage > Culture and Heritage Grants), or by contacting the Culture and Heritage Department.

** NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2014. **

AWARD CATEGORIES:

Excellence in Culture
This award is presented to an organization or individual that has achieved regional and/or national recognition in the field of arts and culture (visual, performing or literary arts). Past recipients include music teacher Brian Stovel, internationally acclaimed jazz pianist/singer Diana Krall, author/historian Lynne Bowen, Jillian Vanstone, Principal Dancer of the National Ballet of Canada and in 2014 Pat Coleman, international jazz musician and guitar instructor for the award winning VIU Music Department.

Honour in Culture
This award is presented to an individual, group or corporation that is known for their dedication and support of the development of the cultural fabric of Nanaimo. Past recipients include literary arts supporter Thora Howell, the Nanaimo Theatre Group, Arts Alive Summer School of the Fine Arts, arts advocate Sandra Thomson, and in 2014, Ian Niamath, award winning architect and president of the Nanaimo Art Gallery Board.

Emerging Cultural Leader
This award was established to recognize up-and-coming, Nanaimo-based cultural leaders. The award recognizes that a thriving Nanaimo cultural community includes leaders who choose to live and contribute to the cultural life of Nanaimo. Shayd Johnson was the recipient of this award in its inaugural year (2014).

John Thomson Heritage Memorial
This award was created in 1994 to honour individuals who demonstrate outstanding heritage service and dedication to the community. Past recipients of the award include Catherine Gisborne (1994), Elizabeth Norcross (1996), Daphne Paterson (2001), Pamela Mar (2003), David Spearing (2004), Clarence Karr (2005), Gino Sedola (2007), Parker Williams (2009), John Cass (2011) and Jill Stannard (2013).
The purpose of a Poet Laureate for Nanaimo is to serve as a “people’s poet” and to raise awareness of poetry and the literary arts and the positive impact literature and poetry can have on community life.

At the Nanaimo City Council meeting held October 2013 Council approved Naomi Beth Wakan as Nanaimo’s first Poet Laureate.

Find Naomi at one of her upcoming events, or online HERE (www.nanaimo.ca > Departments > Culture and Heritage > Poet Laureate)

September 10  
Reading - Courtney Public Library  

September 11  
Reading - Qualicum Public Library  

September 27  
Opening for Nanaimo Culture Days - Diana Krall Plaza  

September 28  
Memoir Writing Workshop - Vancouver Public Library  

September 30  
Reading for Wordstorm Nanaimo - The Vault Cafe  

October 16  
Reading - Central Saanich Library  

October 18  
Reading - Gabriola Museum Fundraiser

Calling All Poets - Monthly Poetry Column

August’s Poem of the Month (see left) has been selected, and here’s why: Written by Naomi Beth Wakan for the Nanaimo Daily News:

Rather longer than the required submission, still, the jury found this such an excellent poem that they chose it. Although it doesn’t announce blatantly that it is about Nanaimo, anyone who lives here will recognize that it is. We all enjoyed the many engaging images such as, “Bastioned dockside,” “drudging tug,” and “furtive seals below a screeching sky.” The rather mysterious poet/oarsman in the last verse does well conjure up the crossing from Nanaimo to Protection Island. This combination of nautical references with those of a poet makes the choice doubly suitable. This poem presents a wonderful image of Nanaimo harbour and the boats bobbing around in it.

Want to submit a poem? Details available online HERE (www.nanaimo.ca > Departments > Culture and Heritage > Poet Laureate) or by contacting callingallpoets@nanaimo.ca. There is no deadline, so just keep those Nanaimo poems coming in whenever creativity strikes.
More What’s New...

Tourism Nanaimo Seeking Applications for Destination Development Projects
As part of the Tourism Strategic Plan for Nanaimo, the Tourism Leadership Committee and Tourism Nanaimo have identified Tourism Product Development as a goal—including visitor services, transportation, infrastructure, attractions and festivals and events. To support this goal, Tourism Nanaimo has a Destination Development budget of $125,000 to assist community groups / businesses to attract overnight visitors to Nanaimo & Region.

Eligible applicants must demonstrate that their projects will drive new overnight visitation to Nanaimo & Region with a tie back to the Tourism Strategic Plan. Eligible project include:
- Capital Funding for new tourism infrastructure projects
- Feasibilities Studies for new tourism products/services
- Bid Fees for new Events/Conferences
- Site inspection/travel costs for new events/conferences (before event awarded)

The deadline for applications is October 15, 2014 at 4:00 pm. For more information, visit www.tourismnanaimo.com/TDF.

Nanaimo’s historic South End Neighbourhood Looks to be Recognized as Canada’s “Greatest Neighbourhood”! Show your support and vote now.
The South End Community Association (SECA) has entered their neighbourhood into the Canadian Institute of Planners Great Places in Canada contest. There are one of eleven neighbourhoods across the country competing for the title of’Greatest Neighbourhood’ and the only entry from BC. Wow!

It’s easy, no registration is required to vote.

CLICK HERE TO VOTE!

Exploring Nanaimo’s Heritage
Did you know that the City of Nanaimo has created a variety of self-guided neighbourhood heritage walk brochures? Explore the history of local neighbourhoods at your own pace and convenience.
- Downtown
- Harewood
- Newcastle
- South End
- Nob Hill / Chinatown

Copies of these brochures are available ONLINE (www.nanaimo.ca > Departments > Culture and Heritage > Learn About Nanaimo’s Heritage), at City facilities, or by contacting the Culture and Heritage Department.

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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