What’s New in July?

Seeking Artists to Participate in Heritage Paint Out / Shoot Out, Sunday July 27

We’re seeking artists to participate in the 17th Annual Heritage Paint Out / Shoot Out. The purpose of this event is to challenge and showcase the talents of local artists and photographers, as well as raise awareness about Nanaimo’s heritage buildings.

How to participate:
1. Enter in person on the day of the event. Painters and photographers meet at the Nanaimo Museum at 10:00 am where they draw randomly for a Heritage building location supplied by the City.
2. Spend the day painting and photographing your selected building, returning to the Museum at 3:00 pm with a presentation ready piece where the work is judged to receive cash prizes totally $1,000.

Cost: $10 public / $8 NAC members. Works from this year’s contest will be exhibited in the Nanaimo Museum for the month of August and as part of a Heritage Paint Out Shoot Out (HPOSO) Retrospective in the Nanaimo Arts Council Gallery in September.

Please contact NAC admin@nanaimoartscouncil.ca or 250-729-3947 to confirm your participation. The Heritage Paint Out Shoot Out is a collaboration between the Nanaimo Community Heritage Commission, Nanaimo Museum and Nanaimo Arts Council.

Nanaimo Marine Festival, July 25 - 27

What began in 1967 to celebrate Canada’s 100th Birthday has become a world class event that attracts spectators from around the world; the Nanaimo Marine Festival and the 48th Annual Great International World Championship Bathtub Race. Enjoy three days of exciting Island-style summer celebrations from Friday to Sunday.

- Arts & Craft Fair
- Vendors and information displays
- Bathtub Days Street Fair
- “Sail Past on Wheels” Fun Parade
- Quality Foods Festival of Lights & Music Fireworks Display
- Great International World Championship Bathtub Race

...and much more!

For a complete and detailed listing of events, please visit www.bathtubbing.com.

Silly Boat Regatta, Sunday July 13

What started out with 5 teams in 1984 has turned into a huge community event with over 50 teams and seeing 10,000 spectators & participants as they join together for a spectacular day full of fun, camaraderie and of course, silly antics!

For a complete and detailed listing of events, please visit www.sillyboat.com.
More What’s New...

Nanaimo Concert Band, July 21
Bring a chair or blanket to sit on and relax and listen to some great toe tapping music from the Nanaimo Concert Band. They will be performing their Summer Concert at Maffeo Sutton Park on July 21 at 6:30 pm. Free!

Concerts in the Park
Bring a lawn chair and a picnic while enjoying some great entertainment for the whole family in two of Nanaimo’s most beautiful and popular parks. What could be better? Free!

- **Wednesday Evenings in July (July 9, 16, 23, 30)**
  @ Bowen Park Amphitheatre from 6-7:30 pm

- **Wednesday evenings in August (August 6, 13, 20, 27)**
  @ Maffeo Sutton Park from 6-7:30 pm

- **Tuesday Afternoons in July (July 15, 12, 19, 26)**
  @ Maffeo Sutton Park from 12:30 to 1:30 pm

Summertime Music Series
Every Thursday (June 5 to August 28) from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, CHLY and the DNBIA invite you to bring your lunch and listen to some live, local music in Lois Lane, just down the China Steps! Tables and chairs available on a first come, first serve basis. Free!

- **July 3**
  Glen Foster
- **July 10**
  Rural Roots
- **July 17**
  Dave Hart & Narissa Young
- **July 24**
  Gerry Barnum
- **July 31**
  Jefferey Randle

Congratulations to Members of the Nanaimo Youth Choir!
The Nanaimo Youth Choir was awarded first place at Provincials for the 5th year in a row and recommended to Nationals. A big congratulations to the Nanaimo Youth Choir!

BC Summer Games, July 17-20
The BC Summer Games are coming to town - bringing together British Columbia’s best emerging high performance athletes, trained coaches, and certified officials for three days of competition. The following events are open to the public and are free of charge.

- **Opening Ceremony - July 17**
- **Competitions - July 18 & 19**
- **Participant Special Events - July 18 & 19**
- **Closing Ceremony - July 20**

Nanaimo previously hosted the BC Summer Games in 2002 and 1985 and the BC Seniors Games in 2007. There will be as many as 2,914 athletes, 583 coaches, and 408 officials attending the Games from across BC. Host Communities of the BC Summer Games will realize a direct economic benefit of over $2 million while also building volunteer and community capacity and promoting sport and healthy living.

For a complete and detailed listing of event schedules and locations, please visit [www.bcgames.org](http://www.bcgames.org).

Callout to Artists - Gallery Row
Nanaimo’s Gallery Row is a local, outdoor art gallery at 308 Fitzwilliam St. beside “G.E.M. Fabrications Gates & Gifts”. Gallery Row has provided the successful opportunity for Nanaimo Artists to expose their work to the community for ~13 years. Several pieces have been commissioned for artists to complete as a result of their art being displayed at Gallery Row. Here’s how it works:

- Submit artwork/proposal by August 1st, 2014. Please inquire if additional time is required. Ensure your artwork is securely fastened to the mounting plate provided and protect your artwork from the elements with a clear UV protection varnish front and back. One product we recommend is “Soluvar”.
- Submit $10 application fee at 308 Fitzwilliam Street to receive mounting plate and art submission guidelines
- Sign a waiver indemnifying the Gallery from any losses due to weather, theft, vandalism, acts of god, etc. By submission, the artist warrants that Gallery Row becomes the owner of the artwork exclusively

Artworks and proposals will be accepted until August 1, 2014. For more information, please visit [www.Facebook.com/GemFabricationsGalleryRow](http://www.Facebook.com/GemFabricationsGalleryRow) or contact showroom@gemfabrications.com or 250-754-5174.
Poem of the Month.

Nanaimo Marina
by Caroline H. Davidson
Sun and wind braise my face as I walk this path beside boats rocking gently from port to starboard ropes chinking against the masts chiming like bells gently calling across the sea calling our sailors home from starboard to port.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their poems to-date! June’s Poem of the Month was selected, and here’s why:

Written by Naomi Beth Wakan for the Nanaimo Daily News:

The judges were unanimous about June’s choice and I really agree with them. The selection committee felt that Nanaimo Marina is a sensual poem which creates the feeling of walking along the harbour front. They commented on the poet’s unusual choice of verbs such “braise” to describe the effect of the weather on a person’s face and “chink” for the sound of a rope. It is this freshness that we found so attractive. After all, we have all walked along the marina, but could we have created such a simple, but evocative poem about it? I loved the repetition of “port” and “starboard”; playing on a double meaning of “port”. The selection committee felt that this added complexity to this short poem, and, yes, it does, and shows how even a brief poem can re-create this marina scene and expand to the feelings attached to the comings and goings of a port to make it not just a personal moment, but a moment we can all share. As they committee noted, “It is a nice reminder that our city is built around a harbour.”

Now, all you poets out there, see if you can write something similar about Nanaimo’s parks, its malls, downtown, the surrounding hills.

Want to submit a poem? Visit www.nanaimo.ca/goto/poetry for guidelines and details.

More What’s New...

Nanaimo’s Poet Laureate - Schedule

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. Naomi was selected for the position based on a set of criteria and an established process for a three-year term. 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:

July 12 Reading at Opening of Hammond Bay Rd Library
August 10 Reading at Hazelwood Farm
August 15 Reading at the Vancouver Island Exhibition

...or visit www.nanaimo.ca/goto/poetry for more information.

Seeking Participants for PARK(ing) Day

The City of Nanaimo’s Culture and Heritage Department is looking for interested organizations, groups or friends, interested in being involved in the 2014 PARK(ing) Day event on September 19, 2014.

PARK(ing) Day is a annual open-source global event where citizens, artists and activists collaborate to temporarily transform parking spaces into “PARK(ing)” spaces: temporary public cultural places.

The 2014 PARK(ing) Day will be held on September 19, 2014 along Commercial Street and will convert a limited number of select parking spaces into temporary very short term mini parks.

Spaces are limited, so contact us at 250-755-4483 or cultureandheritage@nanaimo.ca and begin planning your exciting temporary cultural space!
Culture Days - September 25, 26, 27

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

There is no fee to register. If you want to register a free participatory or interactive arts or cultural activity during the upcoming fifth annual Culture Days weekend, visit [www.culturedays.ca](http://www.culturedays.ca) register your event today.

Reminders!

Did you receive a Cultural Grant or Events & Festivals Grant in 2014?

This is a reminder that final reports must be completed and submitted prior to applying for any 2015 funding. Funding for 2015 is expected to begin in the fall and will be advertised in our monthly newsletter, newspapers, etc.

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:

- **Phone**: 250-755-4483
- **Email**: cultureandheritage@nanaimo.ca
- **In Person**: Service & Resource Centre (411 Dunsmuir Street)
- **By Mail**: 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6

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