



NANAIMO MUSEUM

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Nanaimo Museum's ChowderFest **Cancelled due to weather**

Saturday, August 7, 2010 - 3:30 to 5:30pm - \$15/passport

Back by popular demand. Chowderfest teams up with the Symphony in the Harbour this summer. Come down to Swaylana Lagoon in the afternoon to pick your spot for the Symphony and try up to 10 different seafood chowders prepared by local chefs. When you have tried them all you are eligible to place a vote to help determine the Best Chowder in town.

More details to follow. Please contact Mark Corbett at the Nanaimo Museum for more information on this popular event. markcorbett65@gmail.com or 250.753.1821.

Coaltown Festival

Monday, August 2, 2010 - 10:00am to 4:00pm - donation

Once again the Nanaimo Museum will be participating in the Coaltown Festival and will be offering historical tours from the museum all day. Meet at the museum on Commercial Street.

Bath Tubbin' Fun

Thursday, July 22 to Saturday, July 24th, 2010

10:00am to 2:00pm - \$25.00/person

(members receive a 15% discount)

These workshops are perfect for the young people of Nanaimo. Join in at one (or all) of the workshops and build a watercraft to sail and race in a Nanaimo Museum Regatta at the end of the day. Thursday you can build a motorized rowboat, Friday a catamaran and on Saturday your very own submarine. Registration is limited so please contact Bobbi Williamson at the Nanaimo Museum 250.753.1821 or email program@nanaimomuseum.ca.

Build a Bastion

Saturday, July 17, 2010 - 10:00am to 4:00pm - \$20.00/family

(members receive a 15% discount)

A workshop for the whole family. Come and build your very own bastion from popsicle sticks. Decorate and individualize your creation before entering it in the *Build a Bastion Contest*. This workshop is \$20.00 per family and includes one kit; extra kits are available for \$12.50. Refreshments will be served. Registration is limited so please contact Bobbi Williamson at the Nanaimo Museum 250.753.1821 or email program@nanaimomuseum.ca.

Theatre In Museums

Saturday, July 3 and July 10 - 1 pm to 3 pm - \$15.00/person

(members receive a 15% discount)

Bamerton Historical Society's Seeds & Salt Theatre Company will present one of their summer productions for you to enjoy. What makes Vancouver Islanders unique? This is the question that drives the Seeds and Salt's production "The Road Less Travelled". It

uncovers 3 amazing stories of Vancouver Island's past and retells them in a dramatic style that encourages the audience to interact with the characters and share in the lives, loves, intrigues and heroic deeds of the past. Refreshments will be served. Registration is limited so please contact Bobbi Williamson at the Nanaimo Museum 250.753.1821 or email program@nanaimomuseum.ca.

[Click here to see what Seeds & Salt preformed last summer.](#)

[An Afternoon with Auntie Ellen](#) - **Cancelled due to illness**

Saturday, June 26, 2010 - 1:00 to 3:00pm – donation

This is an afternoon not to be missed. This celebrated Elder of the Snunéymuxw First Nation began writing books for children in 1981. Her latest book, *Legends and Teachings of Xeel's The Creator* is her first book for teens and adults. She started writing this book at age 74 and spent 10 years on the project. As well as being an author, Ellen has been involved in local politics; is a skilled teacher, story-teller and medicine woman. She was Elder in Residence at the University of Vancouver Island for a number of years. She promotes and enjoys sharing her knowledge of the Snunéymuxw history. During this presentation Ellen will speak about the culture of her people using traditional methods of story and song. Admission is by donation and refreshments will be available.

[Wonders of the Night Sky](#)

Saturday, June 19, 2010 - 10 to 4:30pm - donation

Space comes alive once again at the Nanaimo Museum with five video presentations from guest speakers from the Nanaimo Astronomy Club. Telescope displays and a video projector using a sD dome screen showing planets and the moon will be some of the highlights. There will also be a display showing meteorites and moon dust from the Apollo missions, stickers, pictures and posters from the Canadian Space Agency. Speakers include: Greg Arkos, Gail Conway, Pal Virag, William Weller, Rich Fortier.

[Student Photography Workshop](#)

Saturday, June 12, 2010 - 1 - 4pm - \$10.00

For students between the ages of 8 and 16 and in conjunction with the Nanaimo Museum's Photography Contest [Through the Eyes of a Child](#). Participants will learn photography techniques such as lighting and composition from a professional photographer. Robertson.

[Cannon Art Affair](#) was a fundraising event toward the Nanaimo Museum's Passion for the Bastion campaign. Colossal works of art were created while Blastin' for the Bastion on May 23 on Pioneer Waterfront Plaza! [Post event summary](#). Special thanks to all those that contributed to this incredible event.

Artists: Willow Chandler, Derek Rickwood, Patricia Banks, and Gerda Hofman.

Funders: City of Nanaimo, Hudson's Bay Company, Sidney Sharman, and the Lions Club of Nanaimo.

Media: A Channel, Nanaimo Daily News, Shaw TV, Island Radio, Coast Radio CKAY FM.

Contributors: Flying Fish, Home Hardware, Windsor Plywood, Caya Signs, Nanaimo Paintball, Robin Boxwell and NISA Internet Solutions, House of Indigo, all of the Bastion Block Party participants, and Pentti Tikkanen.

Entertainers: Brigadoon Dance Academy, Headliners School of Performing Arts.

Volunteers: Kevin Story and Brian Robertson.

Vincenza Sarpaci presents her book *The Journey of the Italians in America*.

Friday, May 14, 2010.

Vincenza travelled throughout the United States and Canada, including Nanaimo documenting immigrant Italians to America. The author takes a photographic approach towards unraveling the history of Italians of America.

Two Photography Workshops presented in conjunction with the Harbour City Photo Club's Photosalon 2010 Exhibit. Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 10 am and 1pm. The workshops will be facilitated by **Ken Meisner** and **Inge Riis** of Amethyst Imagery. Admittance to both workshops is by donation however participation will be limited to 25 people and it is recommended that you reserve a spot by contacting Bobbi Williamson at the Nanaimo Museum. 250.753.1821 or email program@nanaimomuseum.ca Each participant is asked to bring their camera and instruction manual.

Workshop #1: De-mystifying the Digital Camera

Workshop #2: Get to know Your Stuff

The Night Sky is a presentation from the Nanaimo Astronomy Club. Come see what shines in the night sky. The club will set up four telescopes in the museum lobby and there will be a variety of presentations throughout the day including video displays, meteorite samples and a poster display of Canada's Space Program. Press Release.

Scheduled Presentations:

10:30am **Hubal vs. Reality** by Fich Fortier

11:30am **Mars** by Pal Virag

12:30pm **Introduction to Astronomy** by Williams G Weller

1:30pm **Shooting the Moon** by Randy Crall

2:30pm **The Solar System** by Pal Virag

3:30pm **Science Fiction** and astronomy

Spring Break Workshops provide fun for students on their break from school. Daily from 10am to 2pm. Workshop subjects TBA. \$25.00 for each workshop or five workshops for \$100.00. For more information or to register please contact Bobbi at 250.753.1821 [Click here for a schedule of workshops.](#)

Literary Luminaries welcomes some of Nanaimo's most notable authors during an event to celebrate Heritage Week on Saturday, February 20 between 11 and 3pm. With so many notable authors in Nanaimo it was difficult to figure out who to invite. For the first

year of this event the museum staff chose to invite authors that have a connection or relationship with the museum. We look forward to inviting more authors in the future when the event is a success.

Authors will be on hand to read and sign their books. Please click [herre](#) for the line-up and schedule of distinguished local authors who will be on hand.

For more information on this or any other event please contact Bobbi at 250-753-1821

Lunar New Year is a family oriented event to be held on Saturday, February 6th at 1pm. Admission is by donation for the event.

According to the Chinese Zodiac, the year 2010 is the Year of the Tiger, which begins on February 14, 2010 and ends on February 2, 2011.

Here at the Nanaimo Museum we will be celebrating this auspicious occasion with the Nanaimo Chinese Cultural Society and the Nanaimo Multicultural Society. This must see event will feature exciting ethnic performances including the Lion Dance, musical performances, cultural games, refreshments and more.

If you are interested in getting involved please call:
Bobbi at 250-753-1821.

Yesteryear Christmas is a family oriented event that invites the community to come together with the staff and volunteers of the Nanaimo Museum to celebrate Christmas with carol singing, storytelling, Christmas crafts and hot chocolate and cookies.

Timber! & Mountain Timber complement each other. To celebrate the opening of the Nanaimo Museum's newest exhibit, *Timber!*, author **Richard Mackie** will be presenting his new book, *Mountain Timber* at 1pm on Saturday, November 21, 2009. Mackie will show slides and speak about logging on Vancouver Island and will be available to sign copies of his book purchased in the museum gift shop.

The Closet Collector the museum's newest Feature Exhibit opening will be complemented by a book signing with local author **Doug Steel**. He will present his new book, *Reflections: Nanaimo ~ The Forties and Fifties ~ a Memoir* at 1pm on Saturday, November 14, 2009. This memoir reflects on the good, the bad and the sad events that shaped his youth with a generous dose of humour. Steel will be available to sign copies of his book which are available for purchase in the museum gift shop.

SHOF Induction Banquet 2009 Sports Hall of Fame inductees will be honoured at the celebration dinner that will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2009 in the Mount Benson Ballroom of the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. Tickets for the celebratory event are available to the general public for \$75.00 and can be purchased at the Nanaimo Museum or by calling 250.753.1821.

Historical Pub Tour takes you on a walk around downtown Nanaimo to discover some of Nanaimo's earliest licensed liquor establishments and learn about the development of the British Columbia Government Liquor Control Act. The tour begins at the Nanaimo Museum.

Monday, July 20, 2009: 7 pm - 9:30 pm

Monday, August 17th, 2009: 7 pm - 9:30 pm

Cost is \$15.00 and pre-registration is required.
Please call Bobbi at 250.753.1821

Nanaimo Cemetery Tour encourages an intriguing look at the evolution of Nanaimo's harbour as a hub of activity involving transportation and trade and its functions as a shipping port for coal and timber. It also looks at the harbour's recreational functions such as sailing and diving. Tour participants meet at the Howard Street entrance to the Nanaimo Cemetery.

Monday, July 27, 2009: 7 pm - 10 pm
Monday, August 25, 2009: 7 pm - 10 pm

Cost is \$15.00 and pre-registration is required.
Please call Bobbi at 250.753.1821

Coal Town Music Festival

Saturday, August 29, 2009
10 am - 7 pm

The Nanaimo Museum is pleased to be a partner with this exciting festival as one of the venues...more details...

Theatre in Museums engages the visitor in an overview of local history from Nanaimo's early days to its more prominent years as a coal mining town. Visitors are also treated to a continuous slideshow of Nanaimo's past on a large monitor as they first enter the gallery. The Seeds and Salt Theatre Company, in association with the Bamberton Historical Society present "Four Stories: Pieces From our Past" a play about Vancouver Island, performed on the island, for islanders!...more details...

Show Times:

Saturday, July 4, 2009: 1 pm to 3:30 pm
Thursday, July 16th, 2009: 7:30 pm - 10 pm
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All seats are \$15.00 and tickets are available at the museum or by phone: 250.753.1821