## Christmas at BGCA

This time of year, is extremely busy and joyful at the BGCA as we get ready for all of our seasonal events and programs.

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Registration is required for all the Christmas Events. Please call us at 250-388-5251 to register.

#### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Thursday, November 30 5 pm Suggested donation of \$5

#### SANTA'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 2 9 am-11 am

\$7/family (up to 4 members), \$3/person

#### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR SENIORS**

Thursday, December 14 12 pm \$8/person.

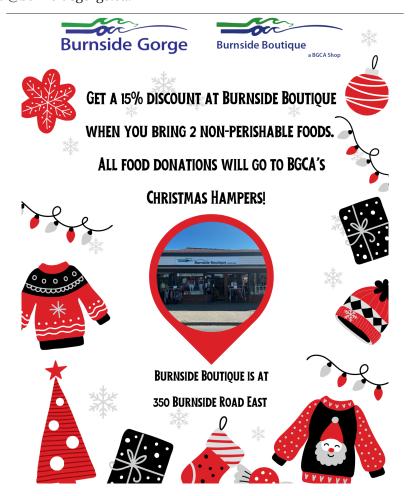
We're also working hard on our annual Christmas Hamper program which supports families who may not be able to provide a special Christmas experience for their children without assistance. Families receiving hampers are currently involved with one of the many programs here at the Burnside Gorge Community Centre. Christmas Hampers include food cards for fresh produce, a box of non-perishables, and personal gifts for children to open on Christmas day.

#### **WAYS TO SUPPORT!**

We realize that this is a busy time of year and recognize that helping looks different to everyone. No gift or offer of support is too small and there are many ways to give:

- Sponsor a family Christmas Hamper with friends & family or with a work or church group;
- Raise funds through your respective group to make a cash gift to the BGCA and we will purchase gifts and food vouchers;
- Collect non-perishable food items and grocery gift certificates and drop them off at the Donation bin at the centre to include with Christmas Hampers;
- Purchase gifts or gift cards for the BGCA to distribute in hampers;
- Volunteer to help us put the hampers together. Whether you can spare a few hours or more, get involved and be part of the magic of giving this holiday.

However you choose to give, we greatly appreciate your support and contribution. Tax-deductible receipts are available upon request, where applicable. For more information, please call us at 250-388-5251 or email Sevval at sevval@burnsidegorge.ca.



## Gift of Good Food Box

With the leaves changing and the days getting shorter, it's time to announce that the Gift of Good Food fundraiser is back—this year marks one decade of this fundraiser.

In the past nine years, this program has supported over 1,500 families and raised around \$850,000 towards fresh food for families.

Our goal is to support 200 families in 2024 and raise \$150,000 towards this campaign.

If we reach our fundraising goal, we will break \$1,000,000 in donations given to this campaign since it's start.

Here's a refresher—the Gift of Good Food raises funds to support families in need across

entire year. This year, the campaign runs from November 14th until midnight on December 31st, 2023—we need your help!

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We have partnered with community organizations across Greater Victoria to directly distribute fresh produce to the Gift of Good Food recipients through the Good Food Box program. The Good Food Box is a bulk buying food distribution program run by Fernwood NRG that packs and distributes bags of fresh produce from local farms and distributers.

There are lots of ways you can get involved and support this fundraiser:

- You can donate directly by going to <u>thegiftofgoodfood.ca/donate</u> from November 14th until December 31st, 2023. All proceeds make a huge impact!
- You can volunteer to support the campaign by distributing posters, dropping of donation request letters, picking up auction donations, and more! Email <a href="mailto:nada@fernwoodnrg.ca">nada@fernwoodnrg.ca</a> if you are interested in getting involved.
- You can also create your own fundraising team with your friends, family, co-workers, or anyone you want to team up with! Each fundraising team chooses a fundraising goal that they want to achieve. Teams can also choose to support families in a specific neighbourhood or at a specific organization. If this sounds right up your alley, please register your team at <a href="mailto:fernwoodnrg.ca/ggf-fundraising-teams">fernwoodnrg.ca/ggf-fundraising-teams</a> or email <a href="mailto:nada@fernwoodnrg.ca">nada@fernwoodnrg.ca</a> if you have any questions.
- You can donate an item to our auction or create a fundraising initiative through your business.
- You can spread the word on social media or share this fundraiser with friends, at work, over email, by megaphone! Whatever you like.

Make sure to keep an eye on our social media (<u>@fernwoodnrg</u>) for updates and more ways to get involved.

# Join the BGCA Team

#### **CURRENT OPENINGS:**

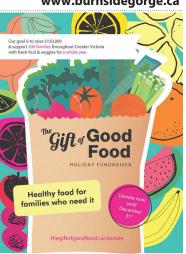
- Daycare Manager (ECE)
- Early Childhood Educator
- Family Services Worker
- Housing Outreach Worker
- Our of School Care Leader
- Supported Childcare Worker

Full job descriptions and application details can be found at:

http://www.burnsidegorge.ca/opportunities/employment

#### **About Us**

We are a group of (com)passionate, enthusiastic, hardworking people who also know how to have fun. Our teams are deeply committed to serving the children, youth, families and seniors in our community as best as they can and helping and caring for each other as well.





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Establish yourself as a community supporter with an ad in your community newsletter.

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#### About us

Founded in 1991 in response to community need, the Burnside Gorge Community Association provides a continuum of programs and services that strengthen the lives of children, youth and families in Greater Victoria.

Programming includes: a range of childcare programs for ages 3.5 to 11; community and school based youth and family services; housing and asset development supports for youth and families; community recreation and special events for all ages; and a variety of community development initiatives.

As a non-profit organization, we rely on the support of individuals, businesses and partner organizations to continue providing a high level of service to our communities. If you're passionate about the work that we're doing there are a number of ways that you can get involved.

#### Join our team!

Want to join a fun and dynamic team? BGCA is a great place to work. To see current opportunities please see our website at:

http://www.burnsidegorge.ca/opportunities/employment

#### Volunteer

Do you have some time to spare and a passion for community? We're always looking for volunteers to help out. Current opportunities are listed at:

http://www.burnsidegorge.ca/opportunities/volunteer

#### Become a member!

Are you interested in being a part of our mission? Become a member and take an active role in shaping our community. For more information contact the BGCA directly at:

info@burnsidegorge.ca

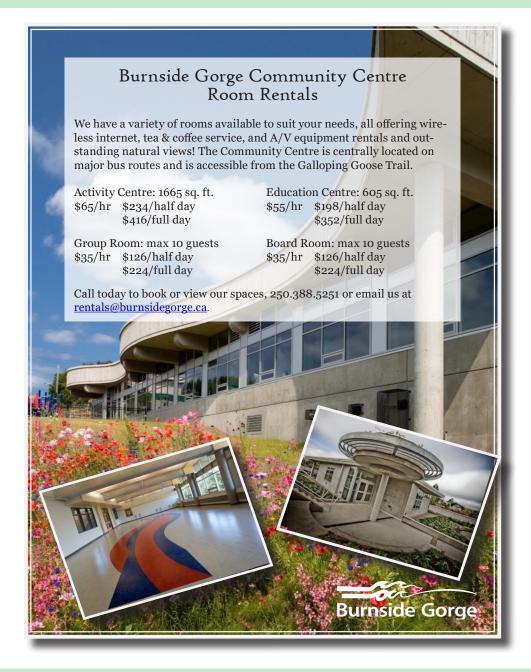
# CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH 621 David St.



Now offering in-person and livestreaming services at 10:55 am. Prelude begins at 10:45 am.

For more info please call 250-384-6424 or visit www.cucvictoria.com

#### **FACILITY RENTALS**



#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### **INCOME ASSISTANCE SUPPORT**

Do you have questions about Income Assistance (IA) or Persons with Disability Assistance (PWD)? BGCA has an Employment & Assistance Worker from the Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction who takes appointments at the Centre on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. To book an appointment please call the Community Centre at 250-388-5251.

#### FREE LEGAL CLINIC

Legal advice is provided free of charge during 15-minute phone appointments on Tuesday afternoons. All legal questions welcome. Please call us to book an appointment, 250-388-5251.

#### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

As part of the Canadian Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program we have volunteers that can assist those with simple tax filing for current and back dated tax years. We can help students, newcomers, persons with low income or older adults. For more info call 250-388-5251.

# Fall at Burnside Gorge Out of School Care

On October 18th, the Burnside Gorge Childcare team hosted early dismissal care for Tillicum and Quadra Elementary School students. We had nearly 100 children join us between the two sites in which we offered care that day. The early dismissal care began at 11:50 a.m. and ran until 5:30 p.m. Throughout the day, children had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities ranging from outdoor free play, organized group games, and craft activities (such as pumpkin decorating). We were very lucky to have such beautiful weather so that the children were able to soak up the sun before the rainy weather began! A big thank you to all staff who were able to work on this extended care day and made it possible for us to provide care for our Out-of-School Care families. The Burnside Gorge Childcare team is looking forward to hosting families for out-of-school care, pro-d days, and camps for the remainder of the school year.







#### BURNSIDE GORGE COMMUNITY CENTRE RECREATION PROGRAMS

### PROGRAM REGISTRATION

We have an exciting line-up of programs for all ages, from toddlers to seniors. To register for a program call 250-388-5251 or drop by the Centre in person. Pre-registration is required for all programs. The Front Desk hours are 8:30am-5pm, Monday to Friday. We are closed on statutory holidays and weekends, unless noted otherwise.

Payment is required at the time of registration and can be made by cash, cheque, credit card (VISA & MC), Debit or City of Victoria LIFE credits.

# REGISTER EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

Programs may be cancelled or postponed if there are not enough registered participants. Decisions to run or cancel a program are usually made two days prior to the first class.

#### **REFUND POLICY:**

- For a full refund, request for withdrawal must be received at least 1 day prior to the first class.
- A full refund will be issued if BGCA cancels a program.
- If a participant withdraws after the first class, they will be refunded the pro-rated cost of the program.
- Withdrawing after the second or third class, the participant will be refunded the pro-rated cost of the program minus a \$5 administrative fee.
- No refunds for withdrawals after the lesser of the 4th class or 50% of the course has been completed.

#### **GET IN TOUCH**

Do you have an IDEA for a program that you would like to see offered at Burnside Gorge Community Centre? Are you an instructor interested in running a program with us? Call Vanessa Normore 250-388-5251 or email <a href="mailto:vanessa@burnsidegorge.ca">vanessa@burnsidegorge.ca</a>.

#### **FACILIIIES**

The Burnside Gorge Community Centre is located just outside downtown Victoria at 471 Cecelia Road, between Burnside Road East and Gorge Road East. Outdoor public facilities include the Cecelia Ravine Park, Sport Court and Bike Skills Park, adjacent to the Centre.

The Community Centre is readily accessible by public transit: buses #8, 11, 21 and 22 routes on Gorge Rd East, Jutland Rd and Burnside Rd East, run parallel or border Cecelia Road. It is also easily accessible by the Galloping Goose Trail, which is adjacent to the Centre.

# Burnside Gorge Activity Guide

#### NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

Programs do not run on Statutory Holidays and the schedule is subject to change without notice.

Please call 250-388-5251 to register.

#### **FAMILY PROGRAMS**

#### MIGHTY MOVERS (AGES 0-5)

Join us for active play in the Activity Center. It's a time to dance, sing and play. The program provides opportunity for movement and free play. Parent participation required. Followed by snack and cool down in the Family Centre.

Mondays November 6 - 27 9:30am - 12pm Free

#### CRAFTY CRITTERS (AGES 0-5)

Explore your crafty side! Every week there is a different themed craft to go along with stories and activities. Sessions will be held in the Family Centre.

Tuesdays November 7 - 28 10am - 12pm Free

#### ITTSY BITTY'S PLAYTIME (AGES 0-5)

Join us for some sensory play and playtime in our BGCA playground when weather permits. Please dress your children appropriately for outdoor play time. Parent participation is required.

Wednesdays November 1 - 29 10am - 12pm Free

#### COZY CORNER TIME (AGES 0-5)

Are you ready to get cozy? Ms. Ginny is planning some warm and cozy fall activities for Fridays! Parent participation is required.

Fridays November 3 - 24 9:30am - 12pm Free

All meet ups are free with snack and coffee provided.



#### **COMMUNITY DINNER @ BURNSIDE GRILL**

Enjoy a nutritious meal with your family and meet other members of your community. Families need to register for dinner before Wednesday 4pm by calling the front desk at: 250-388-5251. Advise if you are Vegetarian when registering.

Thursdays November 2 - 30 5 - 7 pm by donation

November 2 - Chicken & Veggie Quesadilla w/beans and rice November 9 - Seafood Chowder & Baked Potato Chowder November 16 - Rice bowl w/imitation crab or tofu November 23 - Japannese Curry w/ Rice (meat and veggie options available) November 30 - Christmas Dinner - Turkey Dinner



#### **ADULT HEALTH & WELLNESS**

#### XL YOGA

Yoga for those living in large bodies taught by a person living in a large body. The benefits of yoga - increased balance, flexibility, stamina, and relaxation - are wonderful for everybody. We'll make the poses work for everyone using modifications and props (bolsters, blankets, and straps). Our classes are fun and light-hearted. Instructor Jill Moran

Thursdays Sep 21 - Nov 23 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm 8/\$96 \*Drop in available - \$15 per class

#### ESSENTRICS: MOBILITY, STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY, RANGE OF MOTION

Essentrics is a full body workout that unlocks and decompresses joints by stretching and strengthening all 650 muscles without

impact to the body.

The workout incorporates flowing movements designed to increase circulation with the benefits of elongating and lubricating connective tissues around muscles and joints. This unique, re-aligning, and rebalancing approach to body maintenance encompasses trademark sequences that lead to improved wellness, increased energy, and pain reduction.

Every time you come to an Essentrics class, you will enjoy fresh music playlists and new exercise sequences. There's no equipment needed for Essentrics, all that is required is a mat. Instructor: Junko Hammond

Wednesday & Fridays November 8 - 29 9:30 am - 10:30 am \*Drop In-\$9 a class\*

#### ZUMBA

Join us for one of the fastest growing Latin dance-inspired fitness crazes across the world! People of all ages are falling in love with its infectious music, easy-to-follow dance moves and body-sculpting benefits. Come dance to the rhythms of Salsa, Merengue, Mambo and other Latin beats. This is a fitness class you will not want to miss!

Wednesdays November 1 - November 22 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 4/\$36

#### **ARTS & CRAFTS**

#### FIBRE MAKER SPACE

This drop-in program offers an inclusive space to learn, create and share! Bring your own project and work on it with lots of creative people around you.

**Thursdays** November 2 - 30 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Free

#### 55+ PROGRAMS

#### SENIORS LUNCH AND LEARN

Socialize with other seniors in the community while enjoying a delicious and nutritious homemade meal. This program features a mix of guest speakers, social activities and theme activities during the holiday seasons. For more information please call the Community Centre, 250-388-5251.

November 2 - Social

November 9 - Reiner Piehl - Musician (easy listening)

November 16 - Vancouver Island Strata Association

November 23 - Ears to You (Mobile Hearing Clinic)

November 30 - TBD





ONTHURSDAY, OCT 26TH, BGCA WAS FILLED WITH GHOSTS, GOBLINS, FRANKENSTEIN'S, WITCHES AND ALL SORTS OF SPOOKY HALLOWEEN CREATURES! KIDS ENJOYED PLAYING CARNIVAL GAMES, MAKING CRAFTS, VENTURING INTO THE HAUNTED HALLWAY, SCAVENGER HUNT AND OF COURSE YUMMY TREATS!

OVER 160 PEOPLE ATTENDED, WHICH IS THE LARGEST TURNOUT FOR OUR MONSTER MASH EVENT EVER!! THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES THAT CAME OUT. A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS, ESPECIALLY RBC UPTOWN TEAM WHO HELPED MAKE THE EVENT A SUCCESS! AND TO OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES, WHO PROVIDED GENEROUS DONATIONS, SAVE ON FOODS, SHOPPERS, FAIRWAY MARKET, FLYING SQUIRREL ... THANK YOU!!

WE HOPE EVERYONE HAD A FANTASTIC TIME AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT MONSTER MASH 2024!

# Happy November from The Burnside **Boutique!**

With the arrival of cooler temperatures and damp days, it's time to switch your wardrobe from Summer to Fall. We have been busy preparing the boutique for your fall and winter clothing needs. We currently have a fabulous selection of clean and curated clothing for every member of the family. Please stop in and check out our selection of cozy sweaters, full-length jeans and dress pants, warm winter coats, waterproof boots, umbrellas and hand-knit hats and scarves.

For those of you with winter vacation plans, we have kept an offering of lighter-weight clothing and swimsuits to fulfil your vacation needs.

Our friendly staff and volunteers are here to answer your questions and assist you with all of your shopping needs. Thank you for choosing the Burnside Boutique.

We are currently seeking donations of the following items,

- Puzzles and Games
- Books
- Housewares
- Home décor
- · Christmas ornaments and decor
- · Vinyl records and CDs
- Toss cushions and throws
- Sewing, Knitting and Craft supplies
- · Children's tovs
- · Sweaters and blouses
- Party dresses
- Men's jeans
- Men's jackets
- Rainwear
- · Winter Coats and Boots for all ages and genders
- Clean Re-useable bags







# The Times They Are a Changing \$\$\$

November is Financial Literacy Month in Canada. The theme for this Financial Literacy month is: "Managing your Money in a Changing World "

In these uncertain and expensive economic times, Financial Literacy could not be more relevant. The first place to start is with your own financial situation. Become aware of how you budget.

Know what your net income is monthly. Then Prioritize your spending budget, basic necessities, bills, debt and savings, where possible.

If you break down your spending plan between wants and needs it will provide you with a working map of expenditures. Because everything is more expensive from groceries to gas, it is imperative to have a plan. Steps in creating that plan are:

- Creating a budget
- · Tracking your spending
- Pay yourself first even before paying off debt.
- Making savings a part of your budget going forward.
- Paying off your debt reasonably and consistently without crippling yourself or your family.

If debt is crippling, getting a Consumer Proposal can be a solution. It consolidates all your debt and negotiates with your creditors on your behalf, to achieve a reasonable amount to pay monthly over a period of time. This solution will impact your credit rating but so does defaulting on your debt. There are so many online resources to support you in managing your financial situation.

Please check out the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC) website (<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-consumer-agency.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-consumer-agency.html</a>) for many remarkable resources no matter what your current financial situation is.

The important part is just to start! The Family Self Sufficiency Program is Beginning our Phase VIII Program in January 2024!

If you are a low-income family with a desire to become more financially in charge of your money, we offer a 3-year Program of educational and one-on-one support to help you achieve your goals.

Please check out our website <u>www.burnsidegorge.ca</u> Applications are available on the website and we welcome questions you may have.

Happy November Colleen Wolfe, Family Self-Sufficiency Program Ph: (250) 388-5251 ext 228 Fx: (250) 388-5269

Email: colleen@burnsidegorge.ca

# Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) is currently accepting applications! The FSS Program can support you to... Start saving with a matched savings program Gain more control of your money Face your financial fears and move forward Begin a debt reduction plan and reduce your debt Access supports that will assit you and your family as you move towards a brighter future Call the FSS program today at 250-388-5251 to find out more!

The centre will be closed on Monday,
November 13.

Have a happy long weekend!

# Manage your FOG this holiday

Submitted by CRD Environmental Services

Did you know that almost one million kilograms of fats, oils and grease from residential sources enter our wastewater system annually? FOG not only affects our wastewater conveyance system, it can also cause sewage back-ups into homes and businesses, as well as contribute to overflows into the environment.

With the holiday season approaching, and a lot more special cooking happening to gather with our loved ones, we want to share some tips to help protect your pipes and our sewage system all year round.

- Making bacon for breakfast? Be sure to wipe down with a napkin or
  paper towel small amounts of fats or grease left over in your frying pan.
  The napkin can be tossed with the rest of your organic materials in the
  compost bin.
- Larger amounts of fat that solidify when cooled can also be placed into your kitchen scraps bin. Some examples of solid fats may be your coconut oil, lard or even vegetable shortening. Although we may not use these in our day-to-day cooking, we might end up using them on special baked goods or holiday dishes. A great tip to dispose of larger amounts of solid fats is to line a plastic or glass container with newspaper or a paper towel to make it easier to transfer the fat or grease into the compost bin.
- Deep-fried some appetizers and have a few litters of vegetable oil left over? Up to 10 liters of liquid cooking oil can be recycled at Hartland Depot free of charge. Just remember to bring it in a sealed, non-leaking container

Although fats, oils and grease may seem harmless when you see them running down the drain, remember they are viscous and do not behave the same way as water. Many oils, such as coconut oil, will solidify when they come in contact with lower-temperature water, therefore creating clogs. If the oils do not solidify, they may still create clogs as they often bind to other forms of fats and grease or solid material such as hair, or dental floss.

In a growing region, small amounts add up quickly, so remember to treat your fats, oils and grease the proper

way to protect not only your sewage, but also the watersheds and wildlife in our region. To learn more ways to manage your FOG, visit <a href="www.crd.bc.ca/fog">www.crd.bc.ca/fog</a>

# Cecelia Ravine Mountain Bike Fun Day

Submitted by Rachelle Westman

On a beautiful sunny Sunday in early October, families and friends gathered to enjoy a day of fun and learning at Cecelia Ravine Mountain Bike Fun Day. Seventy children aged 6-12 years were treated to free Mountain Bike coaching on the newly resurfaced dirt track by the professional coaches at Nolan Riding. The City of Victoria's Free Wheelin Bike Lending service was on site with an assortment of loaner bikes, helmets and pads of all sizes for children without gear, while Fort Street Cycle provided free bike checks and maintenance for participants before taking to the track. For those who needed to hone their bike skills, VicPd set up and oversaw a free and popular bicycle safety Rodeo course in the Sports Court.

For those who worked up a hunger and thirst complimentary snacks and refreshments were available to participants and service providers.

Overall the event was a huge success and plenty of fun was had. Thank you to all who attended, this event wouldn't have been successful without your participation. Let's do it again next year!

Cecelia Ravine Mountain Bike Fun Day was hosted by the City of Victoria Local Champions with funding provided by a My Great Neighbourhood Grant.

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors, Burnside Gorge Community Association

Nolan Riding

The City of Victoria's Free Wheelin Bike Lending program

Fort Street Cycle

VicPd

The Root Cellar The Market On Yates



# Calendar Listings

# Spectrum Music Program 5th Annual Christmas Market

Over 75 vendors attend this weekend-long Christmas Market. There will be a bake sale raffle daily, door prize and food trucks.

DATE: Saturday & Sunday, November 4 & 5

TIME: 10 am - 4 pm

LOCATION: Spectrum High School (957 Burnside Rd. W.)

ADMISSION: \$3 (all proceeds go to the Spectrum Music Program)

#### Swan Lake Winter Craft Fair

Featuring beautiful sewn handcrafts by the Silver Swans: linens table décor quilts tree ornaments stockings and more. Perfect for your home or holiday gifts.

DATE: Saturday & Sunday, November 4 & 5

TIME: 12 pm - 4 pm

LOCATION: Swan Lake Nature House (3873 Swan Lake Rd.)

#### **Fall Fling**

Kick off your holiday shopping at the "Fall Fling" market at the Bay Centre on Sunday, November 5th from 11 am to 5 pm. This is your chance to meet and support over 50 local artisans from the Victoria region.

DATE: Sunday, November 5 TIME: 11 am – 5 pm

LOCATION: Bay Centre (1150 Douglas Street) https://thebaycentre.ca/events/fall-fling-market/

#### **44th Annual Creative Craft Fairs**

One of Vancouver Island's largest fairs showcasing over 125 professional exhibitors from all over British Columbia!

DATE: Friday – Sunday, November 10-12

TIME: Fri: 11 am – 7 pm, Sat: 10 am – 5pm, Sun: 10 am – 4 pm

LOCATION: Pearkes Rec Centre (3100 Tillicum Rd.)

#### Calico Christmas Market

The 36th annual Calico Christmas Market has a curated selection of 100 local artisans and small businesses offering an incredible variety of hand-crafted goods. There's a perfect gift to be found for everyone. Food trucks will be on site with hot food and drinks. The venue is wheelchair accessible. Free parking is available.

DATE: Saturday & Sunday, November 11 & 12

TIME: 10 am – 5 pm

LOCATION: Spectrum Community School (957 Burnside Rd. West) ADMISSION: \$5 for the weekend, children under 12 years free

#### Victorian Christmas Craft Fair

Explore an extensive array of handcrafted treasures, all lovingly crafted by local artisans.

DATE: Saturday & Sunday, November 18 & 19

TIME: 10 am – 5 pm

LOCATION: Commonwealth Place (4636 Elk Lake Dr.) ADMISSION: \$5 for the weekend, children under 12 free

#### The Owl Designer Fair

All items are handmade or upcycled by local artists and designers. Live music, food truck eats, and free craft workshops along with unique gifts make this show a must for anyone looking for some style in their Christmas shopping. You will find handmade soaps, art & cards, local fashion designers, wood toys, fine woodworking, upcycled vintage creations, leather goods, handmade jewelry, home decor and much much more! Stroller and wheelchair accessible.

DATE: Saturday & Sunday, November 18 & 19 TIME: Sat: 10 am - 5 pm, Sun: 11 am - 4 pm

LOCATION: Fernwood NRG (1240 Gladstone Avenue)

ADMISSION: \$4/ adult

#### **Holiday Card Printmaking Workshops**

The City of Victoria and the Bay Centre are hosting free holiday card printmaking workshops leading up to the holidays! During this one-hour workshop, each participant creates their own printmaking designs and up to eight personalized holiday cards. Facilitated by artist Valerie Salez, the workshop includes step-by-step beginner-paced instruction, complimentary hot apple cider and all the supplies you need. There are limited seats so book your ticket in the link

 $\underline{https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/holiday-card-printmaking-workshops-tickets-745753427577}$ 

DATE: Saturday & Sunday, November 18 & 19 TIME: Various time slots (10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 3 pm)

Location: Bay Centre (1150 Douglas St.)

ADMISSION: Free

#### **Centennial United Church Bottle Drive**

Drop off your bottles and cans in the bins on the church lawn. Centennial United Church has an account at Bottle Depots on Glanford Ave. Quadra & Queens. When you drop off bottles for recycle at those locations, you may have your donation credited to our account! Thank you for supporting our fundraiser.

DATE: Saturday, November 25

TIME: 9 am – 2 pm LOCATION: 612 David St.

#### Vic West Winter Holiday Market

With over 20 vendors to choose from there is something for everyone! Come browse local artisans goods and see for yourself some of the wonderfully talent members of our communities wares!

DATE: Saturday, November 25

TIME: 9 am - 3 pm

LOCATION: Vic West Community Centre (521 Craigflower Rd.)

#### **West Coast Winter Market**

The West Coast Winter Market is one of the annual events hosted by the Oaklands Community Association at the Oaklands Community Centre. This family friendly event features local vendors selling fresh produce, prepared foods, art, crafts, services and more. Come bring your family and friends and join us for some great food, music, local vendors creating beautiful products and a lovely community vibe!

DATE: Saturday, November 25

TIME: 10 am - 4 pm

LOCATION: Oaklands Community Centre (#1 – 2827 Belmont Ave.)

ADMISSION: by donation (minimum \$5/adult)

#### **Esquimalt Farmers Market Annual Holiday Market**

Throughout the day, enjoy live music that will add a melodic backdrop to your browsing and buying.

DATE: Sunday, November 26

TIME: 11 am - 5 pm

LOCATION: Esquimalt Rec Centre (527 Fraser St.)

#### **Holiday Wreath-Making Workshops**

The City of Victoria and the Bay Centre are hosting free holiday wreathmaking workshops leading up to the holidays!

This one-hour workshop provides participants the opportunity to create a 12-inch evergreen wreath. Facilitated by The Good Party, the workshop includes step-by-step beginner-paced instruction, complimentary hot apple cider and all the supplies you need, including a 'swag bar' to personalize your wreath.

Forty spots are available per workshop. Pre-registration is required, register through the link

 $\underline{https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/holiday-wreath-making-workshops-tickets-745753909017?aff=ebdssbdestsearchetter.}\\$ 

DATE: Saturday & Sunday, November 25 & 26 TIME: Various times (10 am, noon, 2 pm, 4 pm) LOCATION: Bay Centre (1150 Douglas St.) ADMISSION: Free

#### **Gingerbread Showcase**

The Gingerbread Showcase, is back for its 15th Anniversary and moving to a wonderful new venue, the Hotel Grand Pacific at 463 Belleville Street!

The theme for the 15th annual Gingerbread Showcase is Family Traditions! Think: the traditions that bring us together. Whether it is your family or chosen family, a holiday tradition, or a summer memory, we know this year's theme will bring some amazing pieces to the Showcase. This could



be a special recipe passed down through generations, a cherished memory that brings joy each year, or a celebration of friendship – the possibilities are

DATE: November 25 – January 4

LOCATION: Hotel Grand Pacific (463 Belleville Street)

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