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Now Accepting RSVP's for these Chamber Events

Mixer at Pratz Bookkeeping & Tax - May 15, 5:30 pm

Corinne Pratz of Pratz Bookkeeping & Tax is hosting a Chamber Mixer on May 15 (just after tax season!) Come see Corinne and her colleagues at their new downtown location at 166 Station St. Good company, good food and good networking.

Mixer at Pratz Bookkeeping & Tax

Thurs. May 15, 5:30 pm

166 Station St.

RSVP to E: chamber@duncancc.bc.ca T: 250.748.11

Free to Chamber Members and their Guests

Randy Bertsch, Island Savings, Guest Speaker at May 16 Luncheon

Randy Bertsch, Chief Operating Officer of Island Savings presents at the Chamber May 16 luncheon. Mr. Bertsch will provide an overview of Island Savings' new partnership with First West. Through First West's partnership model, Island Savings retains its local brand, leadership, decision-making and Island-centred community focus. [See the media release here](#), and attend this event to hear the details and understand how the partnership will benefit our community.

Randy Bertsch, Chief Operating Officer, Island Savings

Guest Speaker at May 16 Chamber Luncheon

Duncan Travelodge, 140 Trans Canada Hwy.

Members \$26.25 Non-members \$36.75

RSVP: chamber@duncancc.bc.ca T: 250.748.1111

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[Mentorship BC](#)

[Women's Enterprise Centre - Free Resources](#)

[Western Diversification Call for Proposals May 1 - 15](#)

[Province of BC - Business](#)

11:30 - Noon Networking & Registration; Noon - 1:00 pm Buffet & Presentation

[Chamber Luncheon with Mike Davies of Kinder Morgan - Trans Mountain Expansion Project - June 4](#)

Kinder Morgan Canada has an application pending with the National Energy Board for the Trans Mountain Pipeline to roughly treble the amount of oil transported and subsequently increase tanker traffic out of the company's Westridge marine terminal. Kinder Morgan has undertaken an expansive public consultation process which includes workshops, consultations, face-to-face meetings, and an [online discussion page](#). Based on this engagement, the company identified a public interest in enhanced marine safety measures, even those beyond the advanced regime currently in place. Mike Davies is the Senior Director, Marine Development for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project. Mr. Davies will provide the background and overview on the project, including anticipated economic effects.

**Mike Davies, Senior Director, Marine Development
Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Expansion Project**

Presents at Chamber Luncheon

Wed. June 4, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location to come

11:30 am - Registration & Networking Noon - 1 pm Buffet & Presentation

Members \$26.25 Non-Members \$36.75

RSVP: chamber@duncancc.bc.ca T: 250.748.1111

[Mixer at Cowichan Valley Hospice Society - Thurs. June 5, 5:30 pm](#)

The Cowichan Valley Hospice Society is hosting a Chamber Mixer on Thurs. June starting at 5:30. Come and enjoy good company, meet the fine folks at Hospice, and discover insights about the fine work they do. More details to come - RSVP soon!



Mixer at [Cowichan Valley Hospice Society](#)

Thurs. June 5, 5:30 pm, 3122 Gibbins Rd.

Free to Members & their Guests

RSVP: chamber@duncancc.bc.ca T: 250.748.1111

[Mixer at Jacquie Gordon's B & B, Thurs. June 12, 5:30 pm](#)

Jacquie Gordon is hosting a Chamber Mixer on Thurs. June 12 and welcoming members to her charming, heritage home and gardens. Come and enjoy Jacquie's famous hospitality.



Mixer at [Jacquie Gordon's B & B](#)

Thurs. June 12, 5:30 pm

2231 Quamichan Park Place

Free to Members & their Guests

RSVP to: chamber@duncancc.bc.ca | 250.748.1111

Chamber News

[New Anti-Bullying Workplace Laws - Required Training Available](#)

As of late 2013 all BC businesses have new obligations under Bill 14 & the Worker Compensation Act to take action to prevent bullying & harassment at work. To comply businesses require an anti-bullying & anti-harassment policy and process.

[Management Tools](#)

[Small Business BC - Business Education Online](#)

Opportunities

[Members' Job Postings](#)

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Visitor Centre Seeks Youth Who Qualify for [Get Youth Working Program.](#)

E: [Sonja Nagel](mailto:Sonja.Nagel)
T: 240.748.1111

And all staff must be trained to recognize & respond to bullying and harassment. support members, the BC Chamber has arranged for discounted rates for a compliant course through Respect Group. This is a 90 min, self-guided online course for just \$32 (down from \$40). Chamber member Dynamic HR Solutions is also offering "Respectful Workplace Policies" - a lunchtime session covering tips comply with Bill 14 - for just \$25.

Anti-Bullying Training for Members

["What Businesses Need to Know" avail. for download](#)

To register for the online training, contact

Contact the Chamber office: chamber@duncancc.bc.ca | 250.748.1111

Dynamic HR Solutions' *Respectful Workplace Policies*

[Register Online](#) or E: jassica@dynamichrsolutions.com | 250.597.1901

[MicroBusiness Training is BACK - Relaxed Eligibility!](#)

The Microbusiness Training program benefitted hundreds of businesses across BC. Funding is now available for an additional 548 spots. New this year, half of the funding, or 274 spots, will be available for applicants who have post-secondary education. The remaining 274 spots continue to be reserved for applicants with no post-secondary education. To help the funding dollars go further, applicants can access up to \$1000 in training funds (rather than the previous \$1500). Funding covers a wide range of courses and delivery methods to suit all needs and schedules.

[MicroBusiness Training](#) | [Application Form](#)

The program is filling up - get your application in soon!

[BC Chamber - Advocates for MMBC Changes](#)

The BC Chamber is continuing to review the [MMBC program](#), and has recommended three key changes regarding: Franchises, Community Newspapers and Fee Schedules. For complete details, [click here, to read the letter the BC Chamber](#) forwarded to the Hon. Mary Polack, BC's Minister of the Environment and cc'd to the Hon. Naomi Yamamoto, Minister of State for Tourism and Small Business.

[News From Our Partners - South Cowichan Chamber of Commerce](#)

The Mill Bay Visitors Centre has new hours and a new location. Current hours of operation are Monday-Saturday 10:00am-4pm and the location is within the same shopping complex but at the Community Policing office. The hours of operation will be expanded in summer to include Sundays. All South Cowichan Chamber Member information is posted at this location for tourists. For more information on the South Cowichan Chamber of Commerce activities and events please contact:

Theresa Bertrand - Executive Director @ 250-743-3566

E: southcowichanchamber@shaw.ca

[Mixers & Lunch 'n Learns](#)

Are you interested in hosting the Business Community at your business? Do you have expertise to share with prospective clients? The Chamber invites you to host a Mixer or present at a Lunch 'n Learn. Both are opportunities to expand your network, and demonstrate your business strengths, services and products to a receptive, targeted group. The Chamber staff looks after promoting the event to members, handles the RSVP list, and stands by to provide assistance. Contact Elizabeth Croft at the Chamber to discuss.

Mixers & Lunch 'n Learns

[Email: Elizabeth Croft](#), Events & Membership Mgr.

T: 250.748.1111

This Weekend in Cowichan

[Discovery Centre New Exhibit - The Sayward Fire of 1938](#)

The dramatic story of the Bloedel Fire, also known as "The Great Fire" and "The Sayward Fire" is told in a new temporary exhibit - *Burning Snags and Raining Ashes: The Bloedel Fire of 1938 and its Aftermath*. A scenic trail w through the Centre with interpretive panels with information, archival images and artifacts. The exhibit offers a detailed look at the dramatic events of the fire and the subsequent changes in safety, fire fighting & replanting.

[Burning Snags and Raining Ashes:
The Bloedel Fire of 1938 and its Aftermath](#)

BC Forest Discovery Centre
Opens Sun. April 20 & Runs through Summer

[TONIGHT - Fri. Apr. 25 is Diner Night at the Satellite Bar & Grille at Arbutus Ridge](#)

Indulge in nostalgia with Diner Night. Enjoy themed menu choices by Chef Jan Kobbero: Roast chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy & fresh veggies, OR Cowichan Valley Seafood Bouillabaisse and more. And dessert too!

[Diner Night at the Satellite Bar & Grille, Arbutus Ridge](#)

Fri. Apr. 25, 5 - 8 pm

3515 Telegraph Rd.

\$18 | Or bring your own wine for us to pour - \$5 corkage

Reservations Required: 250.743.5100

[Cowichan Valley Artisans - Studio Tour 2014 Launches THIS WEEKEND](#)

Experience the passion and creativity of Cowichan Valley Artisans in the unique spaces where they create and perfe their craft. The Cowichan Valley Artisans Studio Tour launches this weekend, and is a wonderful way to explore the culture and stunning landscape of the Cowichan Valley. [Download the map](#) for your self-directed tour. You will disco the special places where our Artisans transform raw materials into original personal creations using the the specialized tools and traditional practices of their craft.

[Cowichan Valley Artisans](#) - Studio Tour

Apr. 25 - 27

All studios will be open from 10 am to 5 pm for the Launch weekend

Hours as posted in the [brochure](#) for the remainder of 2014

[44th Annual Brentwood Regatta THIS WEEKEND - Apr. 25 - 27](#)

This year marks the 44th year that Brentwood College School has hosted this prestigious junior regatta. Every year regatta grows and now there are more than 1600 athletes and coaches traveling from the United States and all part British Columbia to participate. Come by for great weekend of racing, entertainment, and the Brentwood Student / Show. See the [website](#) for complete schedules and details.

[Brentwood Regatta](#)

[Brentwood College School](#)

2735 Mt. Baker Rd., Mill Bay

[Providence Farm Plant Sale & Farm Garage Sale Sat. Apr. 26, 9 am - 2 pm](#)

This Providence Farm sale feature farm grown and community donated plants as well as farm related items. The plant sale will coincide with our second annual farm garage sale and refreshments will be available. Join us on Saturday April 26 from 9am until 2pm at 1843 Tzouhalem Rd.

[Providence Farm Plant & Farm Garage Sale](#)

Sat. Apr. 26, 9 am - 2 pm

1843 Tzouhalem Rd.

You never know what treasures you'll come home with!

Aboriginal Film Festival Cowichan - Apr. 23 - 26. 10th Anniversary!

The AFF is offering another exciting program of films and film maker presentations, featuring artists from around world for the [4 Nations-4 Directions Art Show](#), great workshops, the Youth Film & Voice auditions and of course You Awards Night . Mark your calenders, and come celebrate Aboriginal Film.

[Aboriginal Film Festival - Apr. 23 - 26](#)
Cowichan Theatre & Island Savings Centre

[Festival Schedule](#)

[Youth Workshops](#) | [Youth Voice Awards](#)

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Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre News

Resilience Documentary and Harlequin Nature Graphic T-Shirts Now Available

Swing by the Visitor Centre to pick up a copy of Nick Versteeg's latest documentary *Resilience* - the story of the Cowichan River. And we've just received a shipment of special Harlequin Nature Graphic T-Shirts - these are exclus to the Visitor Centre, fun to wear and make perfect gifts.

[Resilience](#) now available at Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre

The Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre (CRVC) is now open 6 days a week 9 am - 5 pm

Watch for summer hours starting July 1.

This Just In ...

Cowichan Exhibition Catalogue - Booking Ads Now - 146 Years - Can You Dig It?

This year the Cowichan Exhibition celebrates its 146th year. We are one of the longest running agricultural fairs in Canada - largely because of the fantastic people in our community who have supported the event over these may years. Be part of the excitement with an ad in the Cowichan Exhibition Catalogue that is distributed throughout Cowichan inviting exhibitors, families and kids to enjoy our annual event. Contact us today to reserve your ad space.

146th Cowichan Exhibition - Sept. 5 - 7, 2014

[Rate Sheet & Details](#)

7390 Trans Canada Hwy.

E: cowex@shaw.ca P: 250.748.0822

Radar Hill Technology Celebrates 13 Years in Business

On April 15th, Radar Hill celebrated our 13th anniversary! Since 2001, Radar Hill has been providing high-quality web design and development services to businesses and individuals across a wide range of industries - boat building, real estate, hospitality, creative services and more. With more than 2,000 websites created to date, our experience is extensive. Radar Hill was created from the belief that you should be treated honestly, ethically, and fairly by a web design company with a high level of integrity. We are excited to celebrate 13 years and counting of great clients, great websites. To find out more about us visit our website at www.radarhill.com or connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Google+](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

Lush Eco Lawns Gift Certificate Makes a Perfect Mother's Day Gift!

Flowers from Thrifty's for Mother's Day? That's your plan? Might we suggest a Lush Gift Certificate made just for your Mom/Wife/Grandma for a half day, full day, full week (whatever is appropriate) of our Lush Gardening service. Our green-thumbed, experienced crew will take your Mom's overwhelming garden and make it a picture. Best of all? You be in her good books for years to come. Glad we could help.

[Lush Eco Lawns](#)

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Bridgeman's & Mill Bay Marina Featured in April Pacific Yachting

Pacific Yachting features Mill Bay Marina in their April issue, including coverage about Chamber member restaurant

Bridgeman's. You'll find the article page 34 - or it's [available online](#) (be sure to select the April 2014 issue). The article includes "If You Go" ... information about attractions throughout Cowichan.

More News & Events

St. John First Aid Training

Emergency for Industry (OFA Level 1) - class held every week

Transportation Endorsement: April 25 | Emergency for Community Care: April 23

CPR C Renewal: April 24 (evening)

Standard for Industry (AB or BC): May 3 & 4

H2S Alive: May 9 | FA Level 2: May 10 - 15 | OFA Level 3: May 20 - June 2

20% discount on courses for high school

or post-secondary students on 1 or 2 day classes

First Aid Kit Specials on our most popular kits, **buy one get the 2nd at 40% off until April 30th**

Does your workplace have an AED yet? Why not? [Visit our New eStore for these and any first aid supplies.](#)

Private classes can be arranged for any St. John training: WHMIS, CPR, Babysitter, etc.

St. John Ambulance - Cowichan Valley

Suite: #205, 169 Craig St., Duncan, BC

PH: (250)746-4058 E-mail: Cowichan@bc.sja.ca

Charitable Not-for-Profit - Serving Duncan 50+ year

Mother's Day at the Satellite Bar and Grille at Arbutus Ridge

Treat Mom to Brunch or dinner at Arbutus Ridge for Mother's Day. Everyone will love the Chocolate Fountain.

[Mother's Day Brunch](#) - Sun. May 11

Adults \$27.95 | Seniors \$24.95 | Children 6 - 12 yrs. \$12.95 | Children Under 5 FREE

[Mother's Day Dinner](#) - Sun. May 11

3515 Telegraph Rd.

Adults \$27 | Kids \$15

Reservations Required: 250.743.5100

Volunteer Mgmt. Group: Leadership Workshop, May 8, 8:30 am - Noon - NEW DATE & LOCATION

Facilitator Patrick Ross guides participants through an informal, friendly session, served up with a good dose of humour. Prepare to be engaged in "Purposeful Conversations" as Patrick leads participants through a process of self-examination while exploring personal and professional leadership style. Gain understanding of "inside-out" leadership learning, through personal knowledge, attitudes, and skills for self-awareness necessary to be an effective community leader.

Volunteer Mgmt. Group: Leadership Workshop

Thurs. May 8, 2014, 8:30 am - Noon, Continental Breakfast, 8:30 - 9 am

Vancouver Island University 2011 University Way, Rm. 225

\$10 at the door

RSVP to: anne-marie@volunteercowichan.bc.ca ~ 34 seats available

3rd Annual Young Professionals of Cowichan Membership Drive & AGM - Sat. May 3

One of YPC's biggest events of the year, this is one that you do not want to miss: 3rd Annual YPC Membership Drive. Get your 2014/2015 membership at a discount if you sign up & pay on the night. New members are eligible to purchase an additional year's membership at the event. The AGM starts at 6:00 pm, with all the formal stuff wrapped up by 7:00, followed by an evening of socializing and business networking with live DJ and great company. Appetisers are served throughout evening and live music. Jeff has reserved the whole venue for us!

Young Professionals of Cowichan - 3rd Annual Membership Drive

Sat. May 3, 6:00 pm

The Old Firehouse Wine Bar, 40 Ingram St.

RSVP required [through the YPC facebook event page](#)

YPC is a business and social networking group for those under 45. YPC focuses on uniting local young profession through community involvement and personal & professional development.

Celebrate Spring! Take a Hike for Hospice May 4, Providence Farm.

Hiking for Cowichan Valley Hospice makes a world of difference! Join us for a glorious spring day at Providence Farm on Sunday, May 4, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm for our 6th annual Hike for Hospice! Take a 2 or 4 kilometre walk on gentle rolling trails and finish off with a free barbeque lunch donated by the Malahat Lions. The day rounds out with toe tapping entertainment by Bill Levity and Warren DuMailo, And there is face painting for the kids, and a relaxing foot soak (available by donation). A labyrinth on the edge of the woods provides a meditative alternative to the trails. Give tribute to a friend, walk in memory of a loved one, or take some reflective time for yourself. Gather together a team, collect pledges and donations and come walk with us to help Cowichan families through a difficult time.

Hike for Hospice

Sun. May 4, 10 am - 1 pm

Providence Farm, 1843 Tzouhalem Rd

Registration here: <http://www.cowichanvalleyhospice.org/>

And don't miss our Car Wash Fundraiser on Sat. Apr. 26 at [Duncan Hyundai](#) - Donations go to Team Gillian Hike for Hospice Team

Spring Courses at VIU

CAIB 2 Preparation - NEW

Thu, May 22-Jul 10; 6:30-9

Cashier Training Sat & Sun

Apr 26-27; 9am-4pm

Spring Splendor in Watercolour - NEW

Sat. Apr 26; 9am-4pm

Excel 2010: Beyond Essentials

Mon, Apr 28; 9am-4pm

Wound Care for Nurses

Sat. May 3; 9am-5pm

Standard First Aid - Red Cross

Sat & Sun, May 10-11; 9am-5pm

Simply Accounting Level 1

Tue & Thu, May 13-29; 6-9pm

Community Extension Spring & Summer Courses

Call us to register today! 250-746-3519 - 1-888-747-3519 or

Avoid disappointment and [Register Online](#) today.

Community Extension & Contract Services

[Vancouver Island University](#), Cowichan Campus

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QMS Bourbon Street Bash: A Night in New Orleans - May 10, 2014

Tickets are now on sale for one of Cowichan's most anticipated fundraisers of the spring. Queen Margaret's School invites guests to enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of New Orleans. With emcee Jim Jackson of SunFM kicking off the party, guests will enjoy a silent and live auction, a southern style dinner and dessert menu, as well as the west coast Cajun zydeco music of Bijoux de Bayou. Contact QMS Reception to purchase your tickets for only \$30 each.

QMS Bourbon St. Bash: A Night in New Orleans

May 10 at [Queen Margaret's School](#)

660 Brownsey St.

Contact QMS for tickets: E bourbonstreet@qms.bc.ca or T 250-746-4185.

This event sold out quickly last year. Don't miss out on the fun!

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