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Chamber News & Events

Chamber on Tour - A Three Vineyard Day - Aug. 3

Chamber on Tour is visiting 3 beautiful Cowichan Valley wineries on Wed. Aug. 3:

- 1 pm: [Deol Vineyard](#), 6645 Somenos Rd.
- 2:30 pm: [Averill Creek Vineyard](#), 6552 North Rd.
- 4 pm: [Emandare Vineyard](#), 6798 Norcross Rd.

Every summer Chamber on Tour provides an opportunity for members to have a behind-the-scenes tour of members' wineries and businesses. You'll meet owners, wine experts, and friendly, knowledgeable fellow members who will share their wine and their stories. Free to members and members guests. Transportation not provided - sample responsibility.

Chamber on Tour - A Three Vineyard Day

Wed. Aug. 3, Starting at 1 pm at Deol Vineyard

RSVP Req'd: 250.748.1111 | chamber@duncancc.bc.ca

[Click to download map & schedule](#)

Transportation not provided - please sample responsibility.

Chamber on Tour - Whippetree, Pioneer House & Blue Grouse Aug. 25

Is there anyplace as charming as Whippetree Junction? We'll stroll the shops, drop in on Chamber member [Scoops Natural Foods](#), the [Nest Collective](#) and others. Scoops is planning to share some delicious Indian treats. Around noon, we'll head to [Pioneer House](#) restaurant for lunch ... and they're giving us 20% off! Then it's off to [Blue Grouse Estate Winery and Vineyard](#) for some sampling ... and a tour of their new, award-winning tasting and hosting facility.

Chamber on Tour Whippetree Junction, Pioneer House & Blue Grouse

Thurs. Apr. 25, 10:30 am - 3 pm

Starting at Whippetree Junction on 10:30

RSVP Req'd: 250.748.1111 | chamber@duncancc.bc.ca

Transportation not provided - please sample responsibility.

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Luncheon 5 Packs Now Available

We introduced the Luncheon 5 Pack in 2015, and have been delighted with the response. We hold 7 luncheons during the year, and you can pre-purchase 5. Five Packs are \$125 which is a 17% savings. Pre-purchasing helps keep a schedule organized, you only have to register once to buy the 5 Pack, and then just send Elizabeth an RSVP for the luncheon(s) you plan to attend. The 5 packs are flexible - anyone in your organization can use it, or bring a friend/colleague and cover it with your 5 Pack.

Here's what's lined up for the 2016/17 Event Season:

- Oct. 21: [John Hankins, Manager of Nanaimo Economic Development](#)
- Nov. 24: [New Curriculum for the New Economy with SD79 Sup't Rod Allen & Board Chair Candace Spilsbury](#)
- Jan. 26/17: [Marsha Walden, CEO Destination BC](#)
- Feb. TBA: [Avatar Grove - Transitioning from Logging to Tourism - the Port Renfrew Model](#)

We have confirmed Iain Black, Pres. & CEO of the Vancouver Board of Trade as a presenter, and are working on a date. We've reached out to a number of fabulous speakers and will share that information as soon as it comes available.

Luncheon 5 Pack for 2016/17 - Save \$17%

\$125 + \$6.25 GST = \$131.25

Contact Elizabeth Croft at the The Chamber
chamber@duncancc.bc.ca | 250.748.1111

2016/17 Event Season

[Luncheon - Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit, Thurs. Sept. 29](#) - 85% SOLD Register Soon!

Lunch 'n Learn Intercultural Fluency with Cowichan Intercultural Society - Wed. Oct. 5

[Get Clients Now! Wed. Oct. 12](#)

[Luncheon - John Hankins, CEO Nanaimo Economic Development Fri. Oct. 21](#)

Annual Business Showcase Fri. Oct. 21 at Travelodge Silver Bridge Inn

[Managing Media for Business Oct. 25 & Nov. 2](#)

Annual General Meeting - Duncan Cowichan Chamber of Commerce, Tues. Nov. 22

Luncheon - [SD79 Supt Rod Allen & Chair Candace Spilsbury, Thurs. Nov. 24](#)



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Luncheon - [Destination BC CEO Marsha Walden, Jan. 26/17](#)

Watch for: *Human Resource Topics for Small Business: Legal Compliance, Work/Job Descriptions, Claims Management (WCB etc.)* from [Eclipse Human Resource Solutions](#)

Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre (CVRC)

[CVRC Mobile Visitor Services at Islands Folk Fest & MS Bike](#)

Say hello to our Mobile Visitor Services Travel Counsellors this weekend. They will be at the Shawnigan Lake School for the MS Bike, and the Islands Folks Fest at Providence Farm. The CVRC delivered Visitor Services to 4500 Visitors last year, and we're having great numbers this year too. Making sure visitors are in the know about all Cowichan has to offer!

[Coupon Code for The Tube Shack](#)

The CVRC and The Tube Shack have partnered to bring you savings. If you and yours are going tubing this summer, enter DUNCANBC for your savings!



Book Now

Coupon Code
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BC Chamber

[BC Chamber Publishes 2016/17 Advocacy Agenda](#)

[The BC Chamber](#) adopted 49 new policy/positions at the spring AGM. Over they will be calling on government to:

- introduce a more competitive tax environment for business through a made-in-B.C. value added tax in place of the current PST;
- create a more sustainable funding source for transit in urban centres, while managing the demand on our roads, through mobility pricing;
- develop more affordable housing options, while addressing the need to protect industrial land; and
- work toward responsible resource development, support additional pipeline capacity for both oil and gas to grow our economy.

[The complete Policy Manual is online here.](#)

[We Have Visitor Guides!](#)

It is time to top off your supply of Visitor Guides for your customers and guests? We have boxes on-site, ready to pick up. Just contact Visitor Services Coordinator Kirsty Grant to let her know how many you would like, and she'll have them ready for pick up. Each box contains 50 copies, partial cases also available

Cowichan Visitor Guides Available

Trans Canada Hwy & Bell McKinnon Rd.

Contact: [Kirsty Grant](#) | 250.746.4636

[Jan's Restaurant Pic - Craig Street Brew Pub](#)

There is no better place to take the gang out on a Thirsty Thursday than the Craig Street Brew Pub in Downtown Duncan. The rustic informality of the 1940's building with exposed timbers and 100- year-old antique bar provides the perfect ambiance for group get-togethers. Of course there are great hand crafted beers on tap, local wines and a huge variety of pub style food options. Our group of 20 was delighted that the dinner entrees were creatively presented with a rainbow of fresh vegetables. There are also options for vegetarians and celiacs. Our cheerful servers



managed to keep both our tummies and our glasses full. If you are wondering where everybody is on a Thursday, or for that matter, any other time, they are probably at the Craig Street!



[Craig Street Brew Pub](#)

25 Craig Street

Open at 11 am everyday

*Jan volunteers at the Cowichan
Regional Visitor Centre*

& loves eating out at Cowichan restaurants.



This Weekend & Coming Soon

[Damali Lavender & Winery 9th Annual Lavenderfest - July 23 - TOMORROW](#)

Indulge your senses at Damali's Lavenderfest, tomorrow - Sat. July 23, 10 am - 4 pm.

- Scents: Lavender uses, Live demos, crafts, U-pick lavender
- Flavours: Wine tasting, Food truck, Wine garden, Lavender ice cream
- Experiences: Live music, Marketplace, Wander the farm, Labyrinth

[Damali Lavender & Winery's 9th Annual Lavenderfest](#)

Sat. July 23, 10 am - 4 pm

Regular Summer Hours : 11 am - 4 pm, 7 days a week
3500 Telegraph Rd.

\$7 Adults | Seniors \$5 | Kids 12 & Under FREE
250.743.4100 | info@damali.ca

All parking in lower field, off Telegraph Rd.

Please note: limited wheelchair access



[Webinar: Accessing the BC Job Grant to Build Employees Skills July 28](#)

Find out how the BC Job Grant can help offset the cost of skills training and professional development for your employees. Businesses may be eligible for up to \$10,000 per employee in grant funding or \$15,000 when hiring an unemployed person.

The Webinar covers:

- Program eligibility criteria for employers, participants, trainers and courses
- Training and learning options, and which types of training are covered
- Application and reimbursement process
- Developing learning goals for your organization and training plans for your employees

Building Employee Skills with the Canada BC Job Grant - Webinar

Thurs. July 28, 10:30 am - Noon

FREE

[Register online here](#) or contact jobgrant@smallbusinessbc.ca

[Portals Pops Up at the Not-for-Profit Fair at Chances this Sun. July 24](#)

Pop-Up Portals is at the Non-for-Profit Fair this Sunday at Chances, along with displays by many of the other societies supported by Duncan Dabbers. The new Pop-up Portals gives artists the opportunity to promote their work throughout the community. And gives the public a chance to view their works and engage with the artists.

Pop-Up Portals at Not-for-Profit Fair

Sun. July 24, 10 am - 3 pm

Outside at [Chances Cowichan](#), 200 Cowichan Way

Pop-Up Portals is a project of the [Cowichan Valley Arts Council](#)



[Hilary's Cheese Co Sunset Wine & Cheese Cruise - Every Fri. & Sat. July & Aug.](#)

Join the Hilary's Cheese team for a very special wine and cheese evening the water. You'll enjoy a curated wine selection with perfect pairings of gourmet cheese. Along with the view and ambience, you'll enjoy an educational chat about the pairings. The Sunset Wine & Cheese Cruise departs every Fri. and Sat. evening throughout the summer. Meet at Hilary's Cheese Co. at 7:30 pm, cruise 8 - 9 pm.



[Hilary's Cheese Co. Sunset Wine & Cheese Cruise](#)

Fri. & Sat. Evenings in July & Aug., 7:30 - 9 pm
Mt. at Hilary's at 7:30 pm: 1725 Cowichan Bay Rd.

\$50 | Payment only processed once cruise minimum number confirmed
100% Refund & Notice in case of inclement weather
Call to reserve: 250.748.5992

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[Economic Summit Presents Changing How the World Views Our Ocean Oct. 26 & 27](#)

At the [State of the Island Economic Summit](#) this October, an expert panel will share the progress being made in the ocean monitoring tech field thanks to Canada's [\\$200M investment](#) in cabled ocean observatories, an initiative that has revolutionized Canada's ocean sensor technology industry and created opportunities for commercialization and investment in this field.

Kate Moran, President of [Ocean Networks Canada](#), will share how [Smart Ocean Systems™](#) leverages the unique capabilities of the world's most advanced ocean observatories to inform public, marine safety and environmental monitoring. Joining Kate on this panel of experts are Robert Haydock, President of [AML Oceanographic](#), and David Fissel, Chair and Senior Oceanographer of [ASL Environmental Sciences](#).

[State of the Island Summit](#)

Early Bird Registration Until Aug. 1

[Two Town Halls from MP Alistair MacGregor July 28 and Aug 6](#)

MP Alistair MacGregor is hosting two town hall meetings over the summer to share information about the Trans-Pacific Partnership and climate change. Details are below.

[Town Hall Meeting on the Trans-Pacific Partnership RSVP Online Here](#)

Special Guest Tracy Ramsey, NDP International Trade Critic

Thurs. July 28, 5 pm

Duncan United Church

246 Ingram St.



[Town Hall Meeting on Climate Change RSVP Online Here](#)

Co-hosted with One Cowichan, the People's Climate Plan and the Cowichan Climate Change Collaborative

Thurs. Aug 4, 6 pm - 8 pm

Heritage Hall in the Island Savings Center

2687 James St.

[Tube Shack Needs Casual Staff](#)

The Tube Shack is looking for casual counter staff and drivers. Please contact Aaron directly if you are interested.

[The Tube Shack](#)

[109 South Shore Rd. Lake Cowichan](#)

Aaron: 250.532.3269

BC Volunteer Conference - Sept. 28 - 30**Volunteer BC - Back to the Future****BC Forest Discovery Centre - Kids Day July 30 - Aug. 1**

Special pricing for the BC Day Long Weekend: \$8 for children, 18 Yr and over \$10. Covers ALL 3 days!

[Complete details here.](#)

**Member News****Tickets Now On Sale for United Way Kick Off Breakfast - Sept. 8**

The annual United Way Kick Off Breakfast is Thurs. Sept. 8th at the Duncan Ramada, 7 am. This year's theme is *Together We Are Possibility*. We need your help to raise funds for 82 effective, local programs. There will be a breakfast buffet, 50/50 tickets, the opportunity to learn more about United Way, networking and more.

United Way Cowichan - Kick Off Breakfast

Sept. 8, 7 am

Tickets are on sale now, click [here](#) to reserve your spot today! | 250-748-1312

Unable to attend the event? Sponsor a ticket for one of our funded program participants

Shape the Future Tourism in Cowichan

The Tourism Society is holding a workshop for tourism business, operators and organization to gather input on regional destination marketing.

- Explore the Destination BC brand and learn how our region can benefit
- Help shape a profile of the kinds of visitor that Cowichan wants to attract
- Provide input on a vision for Cowichan as a preferred destination

**Destination Marketing for Cowichan - Workshop**

Tues, Aug. 2, 1 - 5 pm

Merridale, 1230 Merridale Rd.

RSVP: 250-510-5586 | info@tourismcowichan.com

Case Savings on Mix & Match Wines from Deol Vineyard

Save 20% whenever you purchase wine by the case at Deol Vineyard. Or, if you'd rather mix & match when you buy 12 bottles, you save 15% on each bottle. Deol has 9 wines to choose from to make a case that's perfect for you!

Deol Vineyard

Open Wed. through Sun. 11 am - 5 pm

6645 Somenos Rd.

250-746-3967 | info@deolestatwinery.com

**Volunteer for Portals - Reception & Other Opportunities**

Do you enjoy greeting the public? Do you have a passion for the arts? Then becoming a PORTALS Host might be for you! Hosts have the opportunity to welcome the public, explain art exhibits or programs and help visitors make purchases. Weekly shifts are 2 to 3 hours long. Training is provided. Other volunteer positions available as well. Let us know what your interests are, and Portals will work to provide you with a position that fits your needs.

Portals - Volunteer Opportunities

For more information contact Dee Kinnee: 250.746.1633 or [e-mail](mailto:deekinnee@portals.ca)

Cowichan Chiropractic Job Posting - Part Time Receptionist

Cowichan Chiropractic is looking for a receptionist to work Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays starting the first week of September. Training to start in August. The winning candidate will have the opportunity to expand their responsibilities and their wage. Please drop resumes and a handwritten cover letter to Cowichan Chiropractic during business hours.

Cowichan Chiropractic
#204-225 Canada Ave, Duncan,
Deadline to Apply: Tues. Aug. 2 , 5 pm

[Job Opening at Canadian Haz-Mat Environmental - South Island](#)

Canadian Haz-Mat Environmental is looking for individuals who are experienced in asbestos abatement and would like an opportunity to further develop themselves within a fast growing company. [Click here for the complete posting.](#)

[Canadian HAZ-MAT Environmental](#)

1111 Tulip Ave. Victoria

(250) 891-8611 | info@haz-mat.ca

[Agriculture Entrepreneurial Accelerator Program](#)

BC FoodWorks will help agrifood entrepreneurs accelerate their growth, creating new jobs and revenue and contributing to the growth of the province's Food Processing sector. Our emphasis is on rapid growth and successful product launch. BC FoodWorks is an Agriculture Entrepreneurial Accelerator Program which provides business training, advice, and support to eligible individuals who have the desire and determination to accelerate their business with a fully written, well researched and viable business plan. If you have a new product, are entering a new market and/ or are encountering unexpected growth and would benefit from expert business training and support, BC FoodWorks can help position you for success.

Details and application online at: [BC FoodWorks Program](#)
250.741.8116 Ext 21 | bcfoodworks@ethoscmg.com |
sharif.kishawi@ethoscmg.com



[Tourism Vancouver Island 53 Annual Conference Ucluelet Oct. 4 - 6](#)

Early Bird pricing is available for the annual Tourism Vancouver Island Conference until Sept. 15/16. The Conference is in Ucluelet, Oct. 4 - 6. Follow the link for details and to register.

[Tourism Vancouver Island Annual Conference](#)

Ucluelet, Oct. 4 - 6/16

Early Bird Savings until Sept. 15/16

Submit Your Member News

The Chamber eNews is disseminated to the business community every Friday and carries Chamber and Member news. Please send your news to chamber@duncancc.bc.ca by noon on Thurs. for the Fri. eNews. Fifty word maximum, voiced in 3rd person. Please be sure to include date, time, location, and price as appropriate. We include links, contact information & social media. Items may be edited for brevity & clarity. Images should be suitable for thumbnail size. Items run for 3 - 4 weeks.

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