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[Black Tie Photos Online from Highlight Studio](#)



Highlight Studio has posted the photos from the Black Tie Awards. Follow the link to see stunning photos from the evening! For prints or files, contact Mark Margerison directly.

[2016 Black Tie Awards Photos](#)

by Mark Margerison of Highlight Studio

markm@highlightstudio.ca | 250.748.2335

[Luncheon: Greg Engel of Tilray Presenting - Apr 28](#)

Tilray is dedicated to cultivating and delivering the benefits of medical cannabis safely and reliably.



Their team of PhD's, botanists and master horticulturists are industry leaders in medical cannabis research and related

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Greg Engle

agricultural sciences. Tilray opened its Nanaimo operation in 2014. CEO Greg Engle will share Tilray's story and how it is positioning itself as a premier provider of medical cannabis. [Click here for Mr. Engle's bio.](#)

[Chamber Luncheon with Tilray CEO Greg Engel Presenting](#)

Thurs. Apr. 28 | 11:30 am Check in & Networking | Noon Buffett & Presentation

Cowichan Golf & Country Club, [4955 Trans Canada Hwy](#) Enter via Bench Road

[Register online](#) or [Contact the Chamber](#)

[MP Alistair MacGregor Presents at May 26 Chamber Luncheon](#)

Mr. Alistair MacGregor, MP for Cowichan-Malahat-Langford, presents at the May 26 Chamber Luncheon. Mr. MacGregor will provide an overview of federal decisions and issues that matter to Cowichan. More details as they become available.

[MP Alistair MacGregor Presents at Chamber Luncheon](#)

Thur. May 26, 11: 30 am

Travelodge Silver Bridge Inn, 140 Trans Canada Hwy.

[Register Online](#) or [Contact the Chamber](#)

A friendly reminder that prepayment and registration are now required for Chamber luncheons.



Alistair MacGregor



[Mixer at Shibui Gallery & Sculpture Garden - May 5](#)

Celebrate spring with this mixer a at Shibui Gallery and Sculpture Garden in Maple Bay. Shibui is a Japanese word describing a certain aesthetic of finding complexity within simplicity. Through ever-changing gallery content, exhibits and events, Shibui brings you something unique each season. Guests will enjoy the works of [Jock Hildebrand](#) and guest artist Jennifer Hedge. Wine pouring from Cherry Point Wines.

[Mixer at Shibui Gallery & Sculpture Garden](#)

May 5, 5:30 pm

1100 Genoa Bay Rd.

FREE to Chamber Members & Their Guests

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



[Mixer at Time to Heal - May 18](#)

The Team at Time to Heal invites Chamber members to a mixer on May 18. You'll have the opportunity to tour the facilities: steam sauna, infrared sauna (Hmmm, how many Chamber members fit in an infrared sauna?), massage facilities, classrooms and more. Erin and the team are offering "try-it" massages, and you're welcome to bring a swim suit to enjoy the steam sauna too. A perfect way to wind up the work day!

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Mixer at [Time to Heal](#)

Wed. May 18, 5:30

511 Canada Ave.

FREE to Members & Their Guests

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

[Save the Date](#)

[Chamber Luncheon with Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit - Thurs. Sept. 29](#)

[Exclusive Discount for Chamber Members to Social Media Camp MAY 5 - 7](#)



If you want to join 800 delegates from across Canada in social media exploration, learning, teaching and networking, now you can and save \$100 off your ticket. You can [register here](#) and use PROMO CODE: Cowichan. Unable to attend in person? Social Media Camp is pleased to offer a price of \$99.45 for a digital ticket to the event.

If you'd like to participate, here's how:

1. **REGISTER:** Visit the [event registration page](#) and click on the link to purchase a digital ticket. Enter the coupon code **smc-camp** to claim your discount.
2. **ACCESS YOUR STREAM:** A confirmation of your purchase will be sent to you, along with details for how to join us digitally! Then you will simply tune in on May 5th and 6th, 8:30am to 4:30pm PST to access the livestream feed of all the Salon B keynote speakers and activities.

[Social Enterprise Catalyst - Day of Learning - VIU MAY 17](#)



Register for seCatalyst and Day of Learning, and be part of the growing network of social enterprises, social innovators, and changemakers for a socially sustainable island.

seCatalyst Day of Learning will be relevant learning for social enterprises, non-profit organizations, social ventures, businesses, academia, and government.

The Day of Learning is Tuesday, May 17th at Vancouver Island University in Duncan, from 9:30-6. This was a fantastic event last year and if you're looking to connect and be inspired by innovators within the Social

Enterprise industry join this event! Tickets start at \$50 per registration
[Register Here](#)

Chamber Benefits News

Even Bigger Savings for Chamber Members from Payworks

Canadian-owned Payworks provides comprehensive, innovative, and integrated online Payroll, HR, and Employee Time Management solutions. If you are a new Payworks customer, you can access their Chamber of Commerce Affinity Program. Combine member savings with their Go Green option, and you can save more than \$4 off the base rate. [See More Chamber Member Savings Here](#)

BC Chamber of Commerce Affinity Program

Contact: [Angela Peskett](#) | 1.877.499.8130

This Weekend and Coming Soon

Cowichan Valley Home & Wellness Expo Apr. 22, 23, 24



check out [list of exhibitors](#)
including many Chamber Members

Cowichan Valley Home & Wellness Show

Apr. 22 - 24
Island Savings Ctr., 2687 James St.

Emandare Vineyard Grand Opening & Open House April 30 and May 1

Join newest member [Emandare Vineyard](#) for their long awaited opening of Emandare Vineyard's winery and tasting room. Saturday April 30 (11 a.m. - 6 p.m.) and Sunday May 1 (12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.), 6798 Norcross Road

[Check out the details here](#)

Rhododendron Bloom at VIU's Milner Gardens & Woodland Apr. 21 - May 8

Milner Gardens, Qualicum, will be open daily 10am to 5pm, last entry 4:30pm, starting April 21. The Rhododendrons at Milner Gardens are one of the garden's most significant collections. If you are curious when the best time to see them is, this would be it. Enjoy your walk through the woodland garden while the Rhododendrons put on their best display, then relax in the Tea Room, open 12pm, last seating 4pm. Admission adults \$11, youth \$6.50, free for children 12 and under accompanied by adult, Milner Gardens members and current VIU students with card.

[Milner Gardens](#)

Cowichan Valley Fine Arts Show - Apr. 27 - May 1

The Cowichan Valley Fine Arts Show & Open Art Exhibition & Sale opens next Wed. Apr. 27 at Portals in the Island Savings Centre.



Cowichan Valley Fine Arts Show

Wed. Apr. 27 - Sun. May 1
Portals & Cowichan Suite, Island Savings Centre
2687 James St.
Admission \$5 | 12 yr. & under Free
250.746.1633 | cvartscouncil@shaw.ca

New BC Curriculum - Overview with Rod Allen, Superintendent SD79

Superintendent Rod Allen presents an overview the new BC Curriculum the evening of Mon. Apr. 25 at Ecole Mt. Prevost. During his time at the Ministry of Education, Rod

set a clear path and high standards for education transformation - ensuring students have the opportunity to explore their passions and take ownership for their learning.

British Columbia's new curriculum is designed to respond to the demands of the 21st century, with an emphasis on innovation and adaptability. The new curriculum helps teachers create learning environments that are engaging and personalized. At the heart of British Columbia's redesigned curriculum are core competencies, essential learning, and literacy and numeracy foundations. This is a free event, but an RSVP is required so organizers can properly prepare for the evening.

New BC Curriculum with Rod Allen, Superintendent SD79

Mon. Apr. 25, 7 - 8 pm

Ecole Mt Prevost, Main Gym, 6177 Somenos Rd (just N. of Sherman Rd. traffic circle)

[Click to RSVP](#) | More info. on [BC's New Curriculum](#)



Rod Allen

Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce AGM, Apr. 27

Join Chamber Members, Ladysmith Directors and Staff to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year, share plans for 2016 and recognize efforts that contributed to successes in 2015. The guest speaker is John Hankins, Chief Executive Office of Nanaimo Economic Development.

Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce AGM

Wed. Apr. 27, 11:30 am - 1 pm

Spice Hut, 510 Esplanade Ave.

\$20

[RSVP](#) by Monday, April 25th 2016, 250-245-2112

This Just In ...

Calling All Race Fans - The CTRA Ride-a-Thon is Out of the Gate

The Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association's annual fundraiser will once again pit therapy horse against therapy horse in a no-holds-barred race to raise the most pledges in support of the program. Participants are grouped into teams supporting their therapy horse. The team that ride most money will be declared the victorious champions here at Providence Downs! Join in the action by pledging a rider or your favorite therapy horse team today!

CTRA Ride-a-Thon

June 11 - 17

Providence "Downs", 1843 Tzouhalem Rd.

Organizing Teams and Pledges Starts Now

[Updates on Facebook](#)

The money raised by this event will go towards caring for the CTRA therapy horse herd.

Destination BC Newsletters

The latest Destination BC newsletter highlight workshops, resources, and the new program targeting California prospective visitors. Destination BC also announces its new Co-op Marketing Partner Program and the new Innovative Visitor Services Program of which the Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre was successful in securing funding to provide mobile visitor services and community outreach this summer.

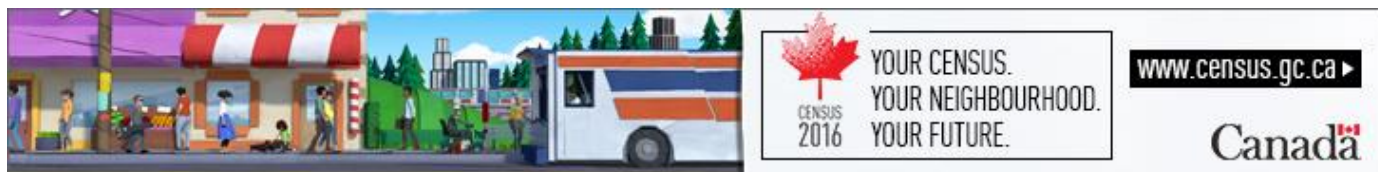
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Be Census Ready - for the 2016 Canada Census - Starting May 2

The census collects demographic information on every person living in Canada so that programs and services in communities can be improved. Census information used by local, provincial and federal governments, businesses and social service and ethno-cultural organizations for planning. Everything from pensions, healthcare and employment programs to new schools, public transit, hospitals and daycare centres are all influenced by the information shared during the census. See the links for a complete rundown. Expect information to arrive in your mailbox soon.

[2016 Canada Census](#)



Canadian Payroll Association - Vancouver Island Workshops

Improve your knowledge and stay current with the most up-to-date information at the Canadian Payroll Association's Professional Development Seminars. With an average evaluation score of 4.5/5 from attendees, you can be sure you're receiving quality materials and presentations.

Canadian Payroll Association - Payroll Workshops

Employment Standards - Fri. May 6 - Nanaimo

Best Practices of Employee Group Benefits - Wed. Aug. 17 - Victoria

Gov't of Canada - Contract Security Workshop - May 5

The Office of Small and Medium Enterprises and the Canadian Industrial Security Directorate offer a Security Clearance session for businesses interested in bidding on federal government contracts. This Contract Security Workshop covers what businesses need to know and do when bidding on a government contract with security requirements. This is a FREE event

Contract Security Workshop

May 5, 1 to 4 pm

Nixon Building, Work Point 1367, Gun Room Victoria View Road

Details & Registration Online

Member News

What's new at Quamichan Inn

-Tuesday Nights are Beer & Burger Night for \$14: Enjoy our house made burger and hand cut fries with a mug of Phillips Beer or a glass of our house wine

-Enjoy a Sunny Afternoon on our beautiful Patio! Happy Hour drink specials daily 2 - 6 p.m.

-New: Now Open Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m. for Breakfast

-Treat Mom to a fabulous Mother's Day Brunch: Over 30 items. \$29.95 per person, Children under 12 half price

-Three Course Dinner with optional wine pairing all Mother's day Weekend! \$35 per person

Quamichan Inn

250-746-7028

New Membership Year at Cowichan Valley Arts Council

Your CVAC membership runs from April 1 - March 31 each year. To ensure you continue to receive the benefits of memberships, such as weekly informational email Blitz, renew your membership today. [Click Here](#) to download a membership form, or drop by PORTALS and one of hosts can help you complete the membership process.

Cowichan Valley Arts Council

Alderlea Farm and Cafe

Alderlea Farm & Cafe offers a menu of farmhouse comfort food and freshly harvested greens. This week's special is cabbage rolls. Thursday and Sunday nights you can enjoy wood fired oven pizza.

Alderlea Farm & Cafe

Thur. 4:00 pm - 8:00pm

Fri. to Sun., 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Wood Fired Over Pizza Thur. & Sun. Nights

\$75 Million BC Rural Dividend Helps Small Communities

Applications for the first year of funding under the BC Rural Dividend will be accepted from April 4 to May 31, 2016. As committed during the September 2015 Union of British Columbia Municipalities convention and in Balanced Budget 2016, the three-year \$75-million Rural Dividend will help rural communities with populations under 25,000 diversify and strengthen their economies. [Read more...](#)



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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