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Chamber Events

Annual General Meeting Nov. 24

Come out to enjoy networking, and connect with the candidates for Director positions. Members in good standing will elect or acclaim new and returning Directors. The President, Executive Director and Secretary Treasurer will provide their reports, including the 2014/15 Audit and 2015/16 budget. Attendees will be the first to hear an exciting announcement.

Annual General Meeting of the Duncan Cowichan Chamber of Commerce

Tues. Nov. 24, 5:30 pm

The Quamichan Inn, 1478 Maple Bay Rd.

All Members Welcome | 1 Vote per Member Organization

\$10 - *Please note, the AGM is run on a partial cost recovery basis*

[Click here to register online](#) or contact the Chamber:

chamber@duncancc.bc.ca | 250-748-1111

[Click here for Incumbent & New Directors](#) | [Click here to review New Bylaws](#)

John Elzinga Presents - Sport Tourism in Cowichan - Nov.26

John Elzinga, Manager of the Island Savings Centre, presents on the impact of, and prospects for, Sport Tourism in Cowichan. Sport is interwoven in all aspects of a healthy community - physical fitness, interconnectedness, happiness and more. Exceptional sports facilities and inviting policies can bring dozens of teams, and hundreds of participants, players, organizers with their families to Cowichan every year - a significant benefit for the local economy. Find out more about Sport Tourism in Cowichan at this month's Chamber luncheon.



John Elzinga, CVRD

John Elzinga Presents on Sport Tourism - Chamber Luncheon

The Quamichan Inn, 1478 Maple Bay Rd.

Thurs. Nov. 26/15

11:30 Check in & Networking | Noon Buffet & Presentation | 1 pm Wrap

\$29 Members | \$39 Non-members

[Please register online.](#)

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[BC Chamber Benefits for Chamber Members](#)



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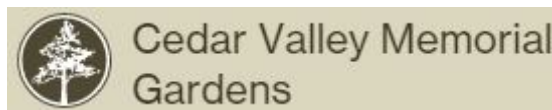
Lunch 'n Learn: End of Life Planning - Sands Funeral Chapel Wed Dec. 2

Increasingly Canadians are looking for new, innovative options in their funeral and cemetery providers. Options that allow them to celebrate a loved one's life in a more personalized and meaningful way. [Cedar Valley Memorial](#) and Sands Funeral Chapel strive to lead the way, with a wide variety of choices to memorialize a life -- from the comfortingly traditional to the surprisingly inventive. The legacy you leave behind is as important as the life you live today. Pre-planning gives your family comfort, knowing everything has been arranged in advance and according to your wishes. It's not just about taking care of the finances, it's about choosing how you want to be remembered.



End of Life Planning with [Sands Funeral Chapel](#) & Cedar Valley Memorial

Lunch 'n Learn: Wed. Dec. 2, Noon - 1 pm
 Sands Funeral Chapel, 187 Trunk Rd. (at Ypres
 Cur b parking on Ypres pls.
 Free to Members | \$5 Non-members (Cash at the Door)
 RSVP to: chamber@duncancc.bc.ca | 250.748.1111



Lunch 'n Learns are casual, bring-your-own-lunch sessions.

Wednesday Wine Down Except-We-Had-to-Move-it-to-Thurs. Dec. 17

We wanted to book a Wednesday Wine Down, but we had to move it to Thursday this time around. Join us at the Old Firehouse Wine Bar on THURSDAY Dec. 17 to enjoy lovely libations, a marvelous menu, cool company, and Jeff's famous hospitality. Other than that, there's just one thing on the agenda ... what can we call the Thursday version of Wine Down Wednesday?

Wednesday Wine Down Except-We-Had-to-Move-it-to-Thursday

Thurs. Dec. 17, 5:30 PM
 Old Firehouse Wine & Cocktail Bar, 140 Ingram St.
 Regular Menu Pricing Applies
 Please RSVP by Dec. 15, so we can confirm numbers.
chamber@duncancc.bc.ca | 250.748.1111

Chamber Events 2015/16

Jan. 28/16	Luncheon: Steelhead LNG Presenting
Feb. 18/16	Luncheon: Mike Corrigan Pres. & CEO BC Ferries Presenting
April 9/16	Black Tie Awards 2016
April 28/16	Luncheon: Greg Engle, CEO of Tilray (Medical Cannabis) Presenting
May/16	Luncheon: MP Alistair MacGregor Presenting

Travelling This Winter? Use Your Park 'n Fly Chamber Discount

Chamber members receive exclusive discounts pricing at Park 'n Fly Airport Parking. Savings range from \$4 per day all the way up to \$295 on monthly bookings. Contact Elizabeth Croft to access and activate your savings.

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PARK'N FLY
AIRPORT PARKING

Visitor Centre News

[Firewood Permits No Longer Available](#)

Regrettably, firewood permits are not available until further notice. It's unknown when they may come available again.

Coming Soon



[Annual Christmas Bazaar at Duncan Christian School Fri. Nov. 20 - TODAY!](#)

the Duncan Christian School Annual Christmas Bazaar IS TODAY. Things get underway at 2 this afternoon, and run until 7 pm. You'll find tons of distinctive Christmas gift items. Local vendor products include: photography, handcrafted items, clothing, jewelry, artwork, candles, cosmetics essential oils, food and more. Plus, kids will love the Fun Fair, Face Painting, Cake Walk, Book Fair and everyone will love the White Elephant Sale. AND ... there are Door Prizes, a

Concession Stand and some World Famous Smoked Pork Sausage.

[Annual Christmas Bazaar at Duncan Christian School](#)

TODAY - Fri. Nov. 20, 2 - 7 pm

[495 Beach Ave. Duncan \(Map\)](#)



@duncanschool

[The Chemainus Theatre Elf: The Musical! Now through to Dec. 31 Call SOON for Your Tickets!](#)

This holiday season, the Broadway musical "Elf" comes to The Chemainus Theatre Festival. Based on the motion picture of the same name, the smash hit is an exciting opportunity to see the "endearingly goofy" (*USA Today*) show live on stage. *Elf: The Musical* is perfect for anyone's Christmas list - kid or grown up - with a modern take on festive music, energetic dancing, physical comedy, and a charming story of finding the place where you belong. No winter musical would be complete without a bevy of festive songs, and *Elf* is filled with playful numbers: "Christmastown," "World's Greatest Dad," "Sparklejollytwinklejingley," "A Christmas Song," and "Nobody Cares About Santa."



[Elf: The Musical! at Chemainus Theatre Festival](#)

Now through to Dec. 31

[Click here to buy your tickets online](#) or call 1.800.565.7738

Tickets selling briskly - get yours soon!

[Integral Connections Presents at VIU Nanaimo - Nov. 27 - Registration Open](#)

Employees who are engaged in their work and committed to shared team goals and outcomes are every manager's dream. The process of developing a team of people who are accountable and take ownership in their work begins during the recruitment and interview process. In this half-day workshop, you will learn and practice new skills for developing engaging and meaningful interview questions. By the end of this session, you will walk away with effective strategies that will enable you to hire the right candidates for your company or organization.

Recruiting High Performance Employees with Integral Connections

Fri. Nov. 27, 9 a.m. - 12:30 pm

Nanaimo Campus, Vancouver Island University - [900 Fifth St. Nanaimo](#)

\$99.75 tax incl

[Register Online](#)

[2015 Vancouver Island Small Business Information Expo - Tues. Nov. 24](#)

The Small Business Information Expo brings together organizations and government departments that support small

businesses in British Columbia, and it is free to attend. The event showcases more 30 exhibitors alongside panel sessions focusing on Selling to Government, Access to Financing and the Pillars of Start-up.

[2015 Vancouver Island Small Business Information Expo](#)

Tues. Nov. 24

Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 101 Gordon St., Nanaimo

[Click here for Details & Registration](#)

[Be a Torch Bearer with Cowichan Sportsplex - Now through to Nov. 27](#)

The Journey Begins Nov. 13. Then for 2 weeks supporters will Pass the Torch around the community celebrating the benefits of health and fitness, and raising funds for the Cowichan Sportsplex. Join our final torchbearers for refreshments & a presentation from event sponsor Scotiabank on Nov. 27. Be a Torch Bearer for just \$100. Your participation will be posted to Facebook, and included in the newspaper. All Torch Bearers are entered in a draw for a special prize from Cowichan Golf Club (value \$700). Contact the Sportsplex for details and to register. [See the press release here.](#)



[Pass the Torch for Cowichan Sportsplex](#)

Contact the Cowichan Sportsplex for details or to register:

250.746.5666 | torch@cowichansportsplex.com

\$100

Final reception: Nov. 27, Noon



[Rotary Club of Duncan & DV Media Present 5 Weeks in Nepal - Nov. 26](#)

Join Producer Nick Versteeg on his 5-week journey to Nepal documenting the work of the Rotary Club of Duncan. Experience the April 25 earthquake through the lens of DV Media's Nick Versteeg. Admission is \$5 and supports Rotary Club of Duncan projects. A donation table will be available for those that wish to contribute to the Rotary's efforts in Nepal.

[5 Weeks in Nepal](#)

Cowichan Performing Arts Centre, 2687 James St.

Thurs. Nov. 26, 7 pm

\$5 [Click here to buy your ticket](#)

This Just In ...

[Island Time Tours Offers Christmas in Cowichan and Christmas in Victoria](#)

Island Time Tours are offering Christmas tours in both Cowichan and Victoria. Buy your tickets before Dec. 1, and save \$10. The tour will visit the Victoria Festival of Trees, Bear Wear, Gingerbread Display and Butchart Gardens. Follow the links for details & to register.

[Christmas in Victoria with Island Time Tours](#)

Tours Available: Sat. Dec. 5 & Sun. Dec. 6, 4 - 10 pm | Mon. Dec. 14 & Mon. Dec. 21 1 - 7 pm

Bus departs from the Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre, with an additional pickup in Mill Bay

[Christmas in Cowichan with Island Time Tours](#)

The Cowichan tour visits the Christmas Express Steam Train at the BC Forest Discovery. Next the tour goes to Merridale Cider Works for mulled cider, a faerie search in Merridale's orchards, finishing up with a delicious dinner. Follow the links for details and registration.

[Christmas in Cowichan with Island Time Tours](#)

Dec. 11 & 18 Depart from Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre & Mill Bay

Dec. 13 & 20: Depart from Victoria hotels & Mill Bay

Call 250.477.3322 for other pickups en route.

[Blue Grouse Christmas Specials; Free Shipping Anywhere in BC & Bulk Order Savings!](#)

The holiday season is steadily approaching and it's that time of year to stock up your cellar with Blue Grouse wines for holiday and New Year Celebrations!! We are offering free shipping on a minimum 6 bottles purchased to anywhere within BC until Dec. 15. Mix and match or get all the same wines, your choice!



Blue Grouse 2013 Quill White is On Sale!

A bright and lively blend of Vancouver Island and Okanagan grapes. Quill White boasts generous notes of apple, peach and lime with an underlying mineral nuance and a lush, round mid-palate. Hints of sweet tropical fruit and a crisp,

finish complete this well-balanced wine. Regular price \$204 per case. Now just \$180 per case or buy 2 cases for \$160. Our regular price is \$204 per case.

Christmas Specials at Blue Grouse Estate Winery

2181 Lakeside Rd

Free Shipping Now through to Dec. 15

2013 Quill White is On Sale

[Order online](#) | info@bluegrouse.ca | 250.743.3834



Free Wall Mount with AED Purchase - Until Nov. 30/15

Purchase a Cardiac Science Powerheart® G5 AED by November 30, 2015 and get a security-enabled wall-mount cabinet FREE - a \$249.00 value! Up to 40,000 cardiac arrests occur each year in Canada. That's one cardiac arrest every 12 minutes(1). Without fast and effective defibrillation, the majority of events end in tragedy. Fortunately, using an automated external defibrillator (AED) combined with CPR can increase the likelihood of survival by 75%. Providing ready access to an AED in your workplace, school, or public access location not only makes good sense - it's also good business practice.

<http://goo.gl/bE1BGw>

Contact register@bc.sja.ca to request a free demonstration

Providing ready access to an AED in workplace, school, or public location not only makes good sense - it's good business practice.

Milner Christmas Magic - Weekends in December

Stroll the Magic of Christmas at Milner Gardens. Christmas displays are open Dec. 4 - 6, Dec. 11 - 13, and then Dec. 16 through to Dec. 20. Opening hours are the same each day: 5 - 8:30 pm. There is more than half a kilometre of lit, decorated trails with Christmas light shows the whole family will enjoy. Santa will also be on site, along with live Christmas music, the Teddy Bear Cottage, Storytelling, Refreshments and the Tearoom. There is an onsite shuttle for mobility challenged. We suggest you bring a flashlight.



Milner Gardens Holidays

Milner Gardens Christmas Magic

Dec. 4 - 6 | Dec. 11 - 13 | Dec. 16 - Dec. 20

5 pm - 8:30 pm | Recommended last entry by 8 pm

[2179 West Island Highway, Qualicum Beach \(Map\)](#)

Call for details: 250-752-6153

Entry by Suggested donation: \$5 Adult | \$2.50 Child | \$12.00 Family = 2 adults with up to 3 minors

Regretfully we are unable to take reservations for the tea room &

Full Afternoon High Tea is not available during Christmas season.

Teafarm 10th Anniversary Open House Dec. 4+5+6

You are invited to Teafarm's 10th annual open house Friday+Saturday+Sunday December 4+5+6 from 10 am - 6 pm. Share the warmth of the season by the wood stove as you enjoy complimentary teas and delectable sweets. It is Teafarm's way of saying thank you for your wonderful support past and present. Bring a friend to experience Teafarm. And if you are far away and can't make it... we will have a sip and a sweet for you! Relax and take your time to find the perfect gift or enjoy shopping online from our selection of [unique gift sets](#).



Teafarm Advent Calendar

International Tea Day at Teafarm Sun. Dec. 13



Margit Nelleman Sculptures

Teafarm and [Margit Nelleman Handbuilt Ceramics](#) invite you to celebrate International Tea Day. International Tea Day highlights the impact of the global tea trade on workers, small growers, and consumers. Teafarm co-creator and ceramic artist Margit Nelleman will be drawing for one of her funky handbuilt clay teapots in honour of the day. Margit has given away a teapot for the past nine years to raise awareness of the working conditions for the tea pickers around the world. Choosing organic tea ensures that workers and their families are not being exposed to harmful chemicals and pesticides. Wages and living conditions are improving with the increased demand for handpicked artisan loose tea.

Teafarm Open House Dec. 4+5+6, 10 am - 6 pm

International Tea Day Dec. 13, 19 am - 5 pm

8350 Richards Trail

info@teafarm.ca | 250.748.3811 | [Shop Teafarm Online](#)

[Click here for more Teafarm news in their latest newsletter.](#)

Member News



QMS Christmas Bazaar - Sat. Nov. 28

Queen Margaret's School invites you to the annual Christmas Bazaar taking place on **Sat. Nov. 28, 10: am - 2 pm**. There will be a MASSIVE indoor garage sale, baking, used book sale, silent auction, a delicious country kitchen lunch, 50/50 raffle and plenty of games for the kids. This event is a Cowichan favourite for the entire family. Bring your Christmas shopping list, fill your freezer with treats, and get ready to kick off the holiday season!

QMS Annual Christmas Bazaar

Sat. Nov. 28, 10 am - 2 pm

660 Brownsey

Puzzling over Christmas Gifts? Gift Certificates Available for Jacquie Gordon's B & B

Looking for unique Christmas gifts? Gift Certificates for Jacquie Gordon's Bed and Breakfast are now available. Vista Room with queen and 2 twin beds, suitable for couple or family (\$140 /night/two) Heritage Room; antique double bed (\$115/night/two). Jacquie Gordon's B & B is a heritage home just 2 km. from downtown Duncan, on a quiet cul-de-sac. It's nestled in a beautiful garden that is visited by birds and small wildlife. Close to everything, with shopping and walking trails nearby.



Gift Certificates for [Jacquie Gordon's B & B](#)

2231 Quamichan Place, Duncan

Contact Jacquie Gordon: 250.746.7736 | jfigordon@shaw.ca

Give a gift of comfort and relaxation.

Toys, Toques, Toiletries - 2015

It's already time for the annual Toys, Toques & Toiletries drive - so families, kids, teens & *pets*, all over Cowichan will have great gifts under the tree this Christmas. Watch for drop off posters at generous businesses all over Cowichan. There will be a drop off at the Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre. Plus, on Dec. 5, a drop-off event at Walmart, complete with gourmet hot dogs, cooked by Chef George Gates, by donation. Watch the Facebook page for details. More than 20 Drop-Off locations!



[Toys, Toques & Toiletries on Facebook](#)

[Click here for Drop-Off locations & Suggested Donation Items](#)

Hashtag for this year's drive is: #TTT15

Make Your Christmas Light Up Lush! Lush Eco Lawns Offers Holiday Lighting & More

Lush Eco Lawns is again offering their Holiday Lighting Service. It includes set up, removal AND all the lights/decor. You don't have to climb the ladder or store all that beautiful (but cluttery) stuff! It's also the perfect time for yard clean up and tree/shrub trimming too. Contact Lush Eco Lawn and spruce up for Christmas.

[Lush Eco Lawn - Holiday Lighting](#)



[Cut Red Tape Project Open for Your Input Until Dec.3/15](#)

Minister of Small Business & Red Tape Reduction, Coralee Oaks, is seeking input to spot & resolve processes that frustrate those using or accessing government services. The BC government has been working for more than a decade to deliver services that are faster, easier to access and simpler to use.

Individuals, organizations and businesses are invited share stories and ideas about how the B.C. government can save time, and provide easier access to services. You are the experts when it comes to using and accessing government services.

To share your stories and opinions between now and Dec. 3:

1. [Comment online](#) or give a thumbs up or down on other's suggestions or ideas
2. Email your ideas or suggestions to citizenengagement@gov.bc.ca
3. Submit your stories or ideas to [@coraleeoakes](#) on Twitter using #helpcutredtape

[Reducing Red Tape for British Columbians](#) - Deadline Dec. 3/15

[Get Youth Working Available in Cowichan](#)

The Get Youth Working! Program has received NEW funding and is available Cowichan. This Program, funded by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Job Fund, offers employers in specified regions a \$2,800 hiring incentive to hire eligible youth 15 to 29 years of age. Additionally, employers may request up to \$1,000 to purchase training for the newly hired youth. The Program is open to all [employers and youth who meet the criteria available here](#).

[Get Youth Working](#)

[Register online](#) or call 250.861.3100 | 1.877.866.3100



Amazing Video

https://youtu.be/aU_c8aabw2Y

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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