



## COWICHAN VALLEY BC CULTURAL CRAWL



### Galleries



#### "Portals"

Cowichan Valley Arts Council Centre  
Of Arts, Culture & Heritage  
Island Savings Centre  
2687 James St., Duncan, V9L 2X5  
250-746-1633

<http://www.cowichanvalleyartscouncil.ca>

Portals presents two exciting events for August. Between August 1 -12, take in a *Group Show* of eight artists featuring a mix of wood, photography, paintings...and even a kayak. *Contemporary Aboriginal Art Prize* for South Vancouver Island goes August 15 – September 1 with opening reception Monday, August 15, 6 – 8 pm. Opening night only, all artworks will be priced at \$200.

#### [Imagine That!](#)

Artisans' Designs  
251 Craig St., Duncan  
250-746-6776  
Mon.-Sat., 10 am – 5 pm

Now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year, Imagine That! is an artists' cooperative featuring a wide range of original finely crafted local artwork. The Cowichan Valley is renowned for its high concentration of artists per capita and the selections at Imagine That! are representative of the paintings, works in clay, glass, wood, metal and fibre which our local artists are creating. Featured artists for August are Jennifer Hedge showcasing her large scale paintings and Kiln Art Glass with glorious glass bowls and jewelry created by Peggy Brackett and Jo Ludwig.



### [Arthur Vickers Gallery](#)

1719 Cowichan Bay Rd.  
Cowichan Bay  
250-746-7650

The gallery celebrates Arthur's passion for creating original west-coast art. Often described as a modern day renaissance man and known for his love of storytelling, his works connect us with the stories and memories of his beloved West Coast. A master at the ancient art of serigraphy and always experimenting, Vickers' works in 24k gold-leafing in low relief are signature pieces that are unique to this renowned First Nations Artist. The gallery and the village will be a highlight of your trip to the seaside village of Cowichan Bay, 45 minutes north of Victoria.

Jennifer Lawson  
Watercolours  
1516 Khenipsen Rd., Cowichan Bay  
250-748-2142 by appointment  
[www.jenniferlawsonart.com](http://www.jenniferlawsonart.com)

Painter, gardener and collector, Jennifer's paintings celebrate the interplay of colour and light. Come and experience the charm of this captivating home studio. Tours by appointment.

Ladysmith Waterfront Arts Centre Gallery  
610 Oyster Bay Drive, Ladysmith  
Open Tues.-Sat. Noon to 4 pm  
250-245-1252  
[www.ladysmithwaterfront](http://www.ladysmithwaterfront)

Fabric and textile lovers, here's a show for you. Vancouver Island Surface Design Association presents "*Current Theads II*" August 3 – 29<sup>th</sup> at the Ladysmith Waterfront Arts Centre Gallery. Opening show: August 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 7:30.

### **Attractions**

#### [Quw'utsun Cultural & Conference Centre](#)

200 Cowichan Way, Duncan  
250-746-8119 Toll free: 1-877-746-8119  
Mon.-Sat., 10 am – 4 pm  
Riverwalk Café: Tuesday-Saturday 11:30am-3pm  
Saturday Dinner 4:30-8pm

Quw'utsun' offers all guests an authentic Cowichan First Nations experience—interpretive guided tours, West Coast themed gift shop and First Nations contemporary cuisine in the



Riverwalk Café. The six-acre riverside site displays many totem poles along with the Comeakin Longhouse, a multi-media theatre and a collection of historical native artifacts.

O.U.R. Ecovillage  
1565 Baldy Mountain Rd.  
Shawnigan Lake  
250-743-3019

O.U.R. Ecovillage is a 25 acre, permaculture based, working farm and educational demonstration site for natural building, organic and permaculture food production and sustainable living. A description can never compare with a visit. In August, events include Earth Dance, Cob in the Garden and Public Site Tours. Please register online to attend at [O.U.R. Ecovillage](#).

## Museums

### [BC Forest Discovery Centre](#)

2892 Drinkwater, Duncan  
7 days a week 10 am – 4:30 pm until Sept. 5  
250-715-1113

Riding the steam train at the BC Forest Discovery Centre is only one of the fun things to do on this 100 acre wooded site. Tour a 1905 schoolhouse, experience a 1930s-era logging camp and see the many exhibits including an extensive collection of antique locomotives. August events include BC Day is Kids Day, Discovery Kids Summer Workshops Tuesday and Thursday, and an Antique Truck Show August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Check the website for a complete list of events.

Cowichan Valley Museum & Archives  
130 Canada Ave., Duncan  
Open Mon.-Fri., 10 am – 4 pm, Sat 1-4  
250-746-6612  
[www.cowichanvalleymuseum.bc.ca](http://www.cowichanvalleymuseum.bc.ca)

The museum is housed in the 1912 heritage-designated Duncan Train Station in the heart of Duncan. Exhibits illustrate the life of early European Settlers and First Nations history. Our temporary gallery features a summer exhibition called ***Remembering the King's Daughters' Hospital*** which explores the history of Duncan's first hospital through the words of the people who worked there.

Kaatza Station Museum & Archives  
125 South Shore Rd., Lake Cowichan  
Open 7 days a week, 10 am – 4 pm during August  
250-749-6142



Housed in a restored Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway station, the Kaatza museum highlights the history of logging, mining and pioneer life in the Cowichan Lake area. Temporary displays include “The History of the International Woodworkers of America”, the Chinese community and a new display on the geology of the area. Be sure to take in the outdoor displays of a 1927 Shay steam locomotive, a log car, box car and a 1918 CN caboose.

### [Bamberton Historical Society](#)

Museum & Bus Tours  
1451 Trowsse Rd., Mill Bay  
Info: Maureen Alexander 250-743-9196

Step back in time to the early 1900s and relive life at Bamberton, one of the most important industrial sites in BC’s history. Tour the largest private reclamation project on Vancouver Island. Tour schedule: Open Sundays August 7, 14, 21, 28. Bus tours: \$10. Museum admission by donation.

### **Theatres**

Chemainus Theatre Festival  
9737 Chemainus Rd., Chemainus  
Box Office: 1-800-565-7738  
[www.chemainustheatrefestival.ca](http://www.chemainustheatrefestival.ca)

Chemainus is famous for its murals and the professional theatre experience awaiting visitors to this seaside artisan town. This August, choose from one of the classic musicals of all time *Fiddler on the Roof* or take the family to the perennial kids’ favourite *Snow White*. Call the box office or go online to reserve your tickets.

### **Wineries**

Venturi-Schulze Vineyards  
4235 Vineyard Rd.  
Cobble Hill, BC  
250-743-5630

Venturi-Schulze Vineyards, producer of fine wines and ancient method balsamic vinegar, is hosting three special events with fantastic food prepared by chef Steve Elskens in his Farm’s Gate mobile kitchen. Dates are: August 7<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>. Come meet the Venturi-Schulze family, taste their purely wonderful products, all grown on the property without pesticides, herbicides or irrigation and relax on the lawn with your choice of small plates of local food prepared by chef Elskens.

Email: [marilyn@venturischulze.com](mailto:marilyn@venturischulze.com) or come by the vineyard Wednesday through Sunday, plus holidays Mondays from 10 am to 5 pm to taste for yourself.