



Destination BC: Get Artsy this August

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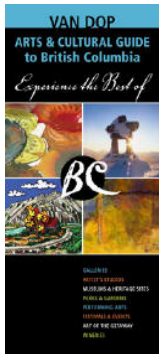
New Westminster, BC -- The 8th annual *British Columbia Cultural Crawl* kicks off BC Day weekend with over 90 participating communities. The Crawl is a celebration of the vibrant arts, culture and heritage of BC showcasing the unique cultural footprints of BC's diverse regions. From Kelowna's cultural corridor to the bustle of Barkerville, British Columbia is truly a super*cultural* province.

This year's province-wide Cultural Crawl is presented in partnership with the Assembly of BC Arts Councils. For the past seven years producing the Crawl has been a philanthropic effort on the part of founder Trudy Van Dop, a small team and sponsors dedicated to showcasing the arts and culture of our province. After much consideration Van Dop, also publisher of the Arts & Cultural Guide to BC, has found the ideal partner in the Assembly, an organization that has served BC communities for over 30 years, with over 90 community arts councils to date.

"We are thrilled with the possibilities of this new partnership," says Van Dop. "We have identified synergies between both parties to achieve a sustainable, long-term relationship benefiting communities throughout British Columbia. This is an exceptional opportunity for local cultural leaders to work in partnership with the arts councils to bring increased exposure to their community."

For a complete listing of participating communities visit www.art-bc.com. Here you will also find suggested art-friendly accommodations, itineraries for week-long adventures and featured afternoon escapes. Simply click on the community of your choice and print off the list of attractions in the area.

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