

## WEEKLY ARTS DIGEST

BC's Museums &  
Heritage Sites  
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As a "new" country Canada's remarkable history is sometimes overlooked. But with a wide variety of museums and heritage sites spread out across British Columbia, it is impossible not to recognize the diverse culture we come from. Historic telephones, the CPR Railway, arts, crafts, Indigenous masks, totem poles, long houses, regional sports history, natural history, and much more await the curious mind.

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### Audain Art Museum Whistler

The Audain Art Museum opened in 2016 and was founded by Vancouver home builder and philanthropist Michael Audain and his wife Yoshiko Karasaw. The Museum's permanent collection showcases the Art of British Columbia



### Museum of Northern BC Prince Rupert

The Museum of Northern BC is located in a great cedar longhouse-style building overlooking the ocean. Guided tours provide the opportunity to experience 12,000 years of history and culture on the northwest coast.

from the late 18th century to present. Anchoring the collection is James Hart's The Dance Screen (The Scream Too), the most significant contemporary carved cedar Dance Screen in the world.

Visitors are invited to observe First Nations artists working in the carving shed and to browse the spectacular selection of Northwest Coast First Nations carvings and jewellery in the Gift Shop.

**Engage with the Audain**



### **Ksan Historical Village & Museum Hazelton**

Found within Gitxsan Territory, Ksan Historical Village stands where the village of Gitanmaax has existed for centuries. It is the desire of Ksan to preserve and truthfully portray the lifestyle of the people who have always lived here. As a replicated ancient village, 'Ksan illustrates features of a Gitxsan village from the past. Like its predecessors, 'Ksan's houses form a line with each building facing the river. Making the large decorated house fronts and totem poles of the village visible from the water. Along with other features, the smoke house and food cache, 'Ksan illustrates characteristics typical of a past Gitxsan village.

**Enhance Your Aboriginal Knowledge**

**Discover Museum of Northern BC**



### **Touchstones Nelson: Museum of Art & History**

Touchstones Nelson: Museum of Art and History is a multi-faceted cultural hub located in downtown Nelson. We house a regional archives, history collection, regional museum, two contemporary gallery spaces and a stunning gift shop, all within a 1902 heritage post office. Our exhibition spaces display 8 to 10 exhibitions per year and showcase the work of contemporary Canadian artists and interesting historical exhibitions. Our mission is to provide integrative art and regional history programs to encourage new perspectives and foster a collaborative and inclusive community.

**Travel into Nelson's Past**



### Parksville Museum

The Parksville Museum was opened in 1983 when the first building arrived on site; the Knox Heritage Church. Since then the museum has grown in leaps and bounds and now boasts 8 heritage buildings as well the main museum admin offices and exhibit hall. The museum's primary mandate is to collect, preserve, and display artifacts and archival materials that pertain to the varied aspects of this area. The geographic focus of our collection is that of School District 69 which includes Parksville, Errington, Coombs, Hilliers, French Creek and Nanoose Bay. The museum has an expansive collection of objects that help us illustrate the lives and activities of early settlers, organizations and businesses of the local communities.

[Explore the Parksville Museum](#)



### Kamloops Museum & Archives

The KMA's permanent exhibitions consistently evolve to more inclusively showcase Kamloops' culture through the voices of its many communities. Current issues, events, and ideas are explored in our temporary display gallery, bringing rigorous and relevant exhibitions to Kamloops. The KMA seeks to foster pride of place and offers a unique experience for creativity and learning for all ages in an informal and overtly social environment. Discover our galleries, explore our latest exhibitions, join our school-age programs, and research your history in our archives today.

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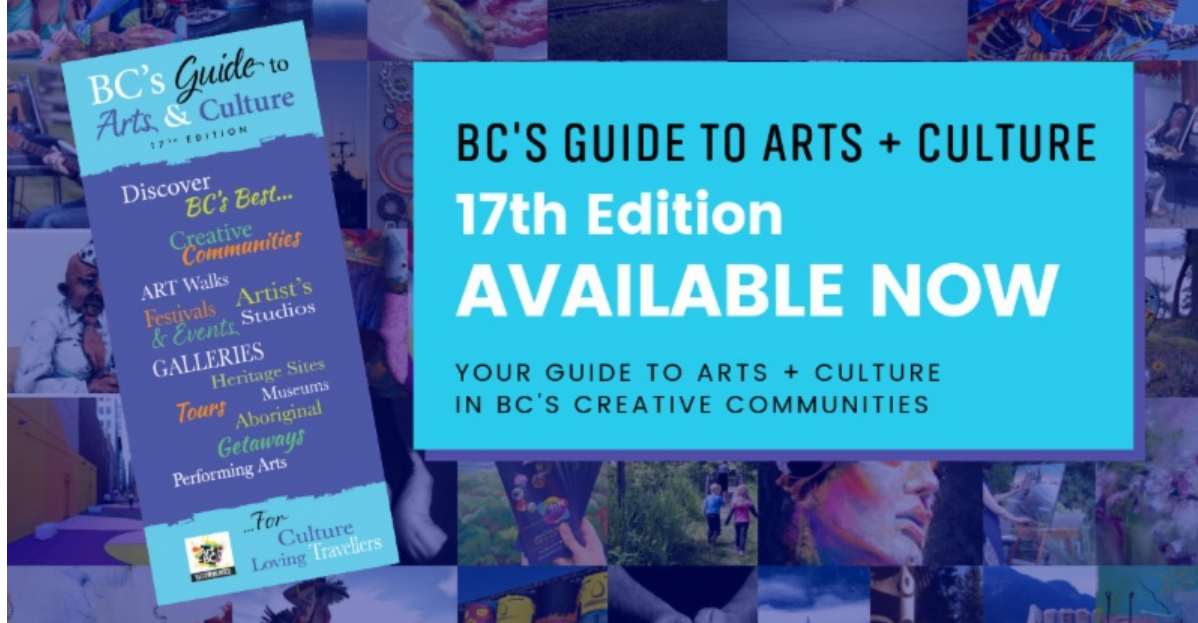
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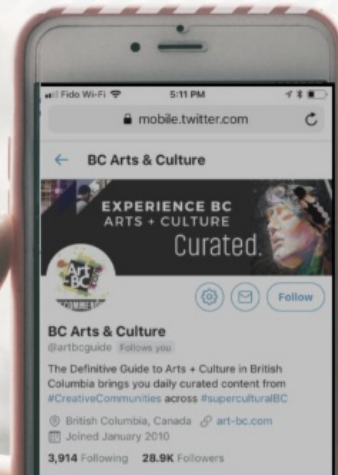


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