

BC's Guide to Arts & Culture



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ABORIGINAL CULTURE



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MOA MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY University of British Columbia

MOA have been busy these last couple months, sharing a wealth of knowledge

With Phase 2 of the BC Restart Program underway, cultural organizations throughout BC are re-opening their doors. This is significant for many indigenous cultural centres who gain important community support from annual tourism. This is well timed: June is #IndigenousHistoryMonth! With summer upon us, now is a terrific time to make #SuperculturalBC plans and support our many indigenous communities.

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day, to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. Commemorate from home by visiting the websites of these wonderful organizations below or by following the #IndigenousReads hashtag. Or, head to one of the many indigenous venues across our beautiful province to celebrate! under the #MOAfromhome hashtag. In addition to sharing Collections, Archives and Videos, online visitors can take a Virtual Tour of the Great Hall and even download images for Zoom backgrounds. The MOA site also hosts a great number of learning resources and literature options, including Stories blog posts, Sourcebooks, Museum Notes and so much more. They're yet to announce their reopening but we have a feeling it will shared be soon!





NISGA'A NATION New Aiyansh

The Nisga'a Lisims Government is the administrative hub of the Nisga'a Nation, hosting a detailed website with an incredible wealth of information on Nisga'a history, governance and culture. The site provides detailed knowledge on Nisga'a beliefs, language, traditional law, land and identity, as well as the celebration of contemporary Nisga'a culture. When visiting the region, be sure to check out the Nisga'a Nation Auto Tour Route, as well as Nisga'a Museum, celebrating Hli Goothl Wilp-Adokshl Nisga'a, the four tribes that make up the Nisga'a Nation.

QUAAOUT LODGE Chase

Known in English as the Shuswap, Quaaout Lodge & Spa is within the territory known as Skwlax (meaning black bear), home to the Secwepemc peoples. This magnificent centre includes relaxing hotel rooms and suites, golf at Talking Rock, Le7ke spa (reopening June 13th!) and Secwepemcinspired dining. Quaaout Lodge is also a terrific venue for weddings, conferences or a quiet getaway in the mountains. In addition to the many Shuswap activities and attractions to explore, be sure to take in the rich cultural heritage of this peaceful region.



HOUSE OF SIM-OH-GHETS Terrace





MANITOBAH MUKLUKS LOCAL ARTS & CRAFTS

ALCHERINGA GALLERY Victoria

Eagles & Salmon, Kelly Cannell, 2016 (Coast Salish)

Alcheringa Gallery focuses on contemporary Northwest Coast art, representing artists from Vancouver Island, throughout BC and across Canada. In addition to exhibitions and art sales, the gallery also facilitates private commissions, appraisals, art loans and consignment. If you are unable to view their paintings, carvings, sculptures, jewellery, ceramics, and textiles in person, be sure to visit their website to learn more about the collection. Coast First Nations store owned and operated by the Kitsumkalum, a Galts'ap (community) of the Tsimshian Nation. The shop features traditional and modern arts & crafts, with work from Grant Pauls, Chloe Angus, Pendleton Woolen Mills and more. The shop was updated in 1996 to resemble a traditional long house, representing the histories of the Kitsumkalum First Nations' peoples. If you're searching for Manitobah Mukluks or other indigenous works, be sure to make a visit or check out their website.

House of Sim-Oh-Ghets is a Northwest





SQUAMISH LIL'WAT CULTURAL CENTRE Whistler

SLCC reopens Friday, June 26th, with a wealth of exhibits to explore. While indoor guided tours are suspended, Cultural Ambassadors provide guided forest walks three times daily, sharing insight on the local flora and fauna of the territories. In the meantime, tune in to Breaking Bannock: casual conversations with Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation Influencers. You can also literally bring home the bannock by enjoying SLCC-made meals on June 16th, 23rd and from the 26th onwards.

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