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As the weather continues to warm, we're all eager to get out and enjoy our beautiful province. Longer days create a desire for culture and good company, taking in gorgeous sunsets and gentle evening air.

Although we may not be sitting on patios or heading en masse to the beach, we certainly can enjoy the rich tapestry of culture that surrounds our communities without having to stay at home. In our cars, physically distanced on sidewalks and even riding on bikes or skateboards, we are able to check out the wide variety of public art that graces our towns and cities.

So, next time you take a cruise to get take-out or need to get some exercise, remember that culture is all around us, just waiting to be explored.

Enjoy!

distancing continues, events like the Nelson International Mural Fest, celebrated throughout the summer, is slated to officially be commemorated Aug 17-18, 2020. Although the form of the festivities will differ this year, our ability to observe and enjoy these works can continue to delight observers at a safe distance. Be sure to check out the many works on display, including *Manifest* (pictured here) by Internationally acclaimed muralist Alex Fowkes.



## MURALS OF HOPE

In conjunction with the Vancouver Mural Festival, *Murals of Hope* are gracing boarded windows across Vancouver. Throughout the **Downtown Vancouver BIA** district, in **Gastown** and across the City, artists are giving hope to communities, appreciation to essential service workers and deep gratitude to first responders leading the charge against COVID-19. The Colony Mural by Will Phillip (@sketchbork) at 965 Granville is an iconic installment among many inspiring works. The Vancouver Mural Festival is slated for July 30 - Aug 8, 2020. Stay tuned for updates on event details.

## MURALS OF CHEMAINUS

The blueprint for mural art in BC, the Chemainus Mural Project began in 1981 and has drawn countless visitors ever since.

The site includes 40 murals and 10 sculptures depicting Chemainus' colourful past, including five murals inspired by Emily Carr. You can also get some physically distanced stress relief by meditating along the 40-foot labyrinth modelled after the Chartres maze in France. Established in 1987, the Chemainus Festival of Murals Society has a great website for those who cannot get to Vancouver Island but wish to enjoy their many sites from home.



## CIVIC PUBLIC ART



There is an incredible wealth of public art across BC, from our small towns to large cities. Be sure to connect with your local Arts Council to find out more about these pieces in your area. Many municipalities list their public art on their websites, providing additional information on each piece.

Among the many examples of fantastic public art is the Prince George **Public Art Inventory** and **Downtown Artwalk**. Along your journey, you're sure to pass one of the many pieces created by carver Elmer Gunderson, including this piece at Cottonwood Island Park.

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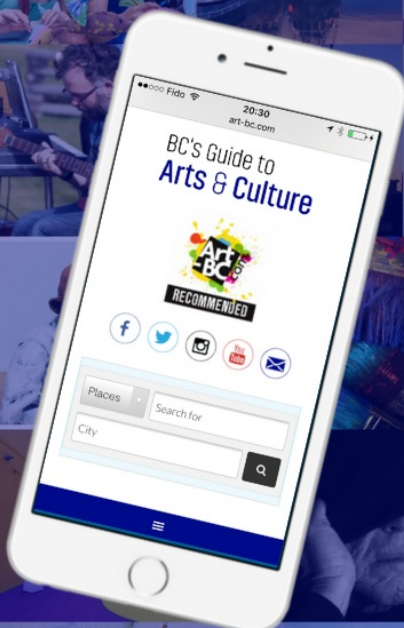


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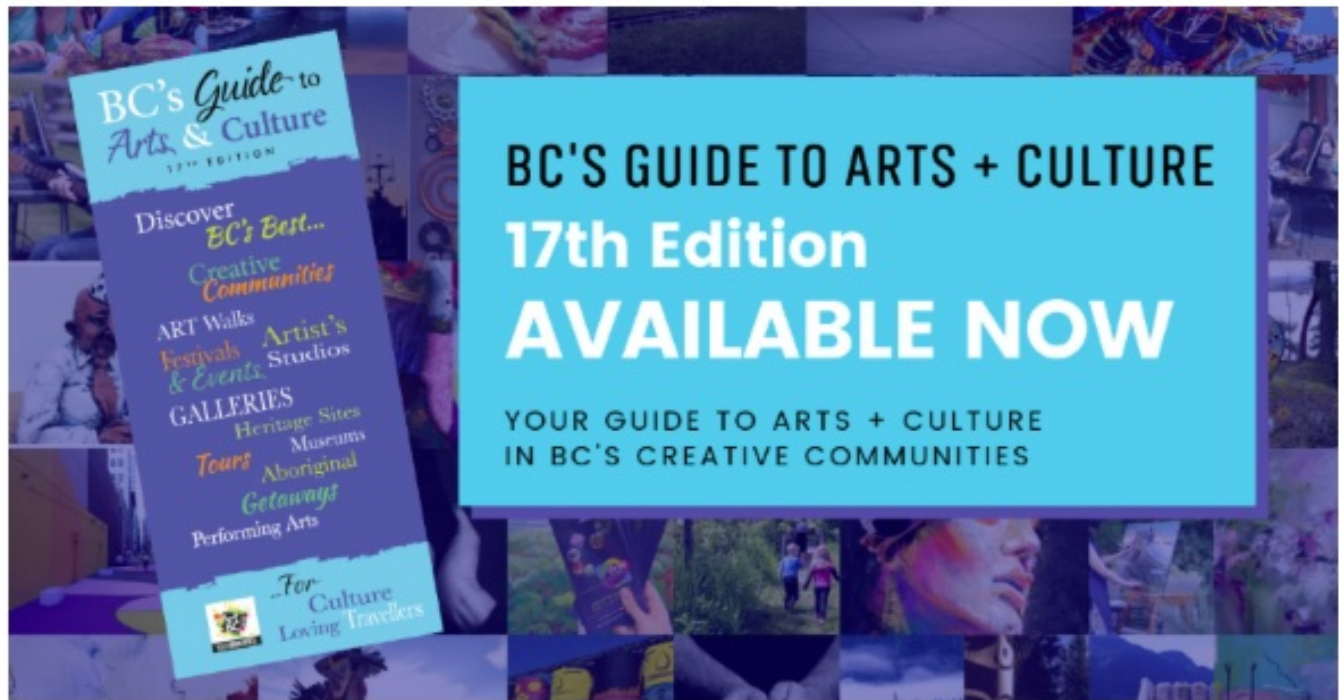
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