

CULTURE DAYS

2021 TRICITIES EVENTS

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ABOUT CULTURE DAYS

Culture Days is a national celebration of arts and culture. At the end of each September, thousands of free participatory arts and culture events are offered across the country. These programs invite the public to get hands-on to highlight the importance of arts and culture in our communities. In light of COVID-19, this year's celebrations have again been extended to a 4-week run held indoors, outdoors and online.

Culture Days supports a Canada-wide network of arts, culture and heritage organizers to facilitate free public events in their communities every year.

Find out more about Culture days events at culturedays.ca

RE:IMAGINE WITH CULTURE DAYS

Arts and culture emerged as a lifeline of joy, providing gifts of colour, hope, and reprieve needed to make it through this past year. Collectively, we're imagining what a post-pandemic world could look like and how we can each contribute to that picture being brighter. Through that lens, Culture Days has chosen RE:IMAGINE as the very apt 2021 theme.

RE:IMAGINE signals a positive turning point - the commitment to building tangible change into the future of arts and culture.

Art 4 Life Opening Reception

Digital



From fun art to fine art, families will love this engaging exhibition for the young and the young at heart. Art 4 Life includes art, activities and events by artists from ages 18 to 100, exploring themes in their work that would appeal to young people. The goal is to cultivate artistic growth in our community by inspiring and engaging children, while raising opportunities for active participation and discussion, as well as lessons on cultural and environmental awareness and art appreciation. The benefits of an arts education affect every area of life and we want it to be a lifelong journey. We are also hosting a virtual artist talk and tour with Hope Forstenzer for Dream of Flight. Join us on Wed, Sept 29 at 7:15 pm on Facebook Live.

Where? PoMo Arts Facebook Live

When? Thursday, Sep 23, 7:15 PM – 8:00 PM

Coquitlam's Heart of Gold Exhibit Celebration

In-person



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Join us for a fun afternoon of dancing, tours and refreshments to celebrate BC Culture Days and the opening of our new exhibit Coquitlam's Heart of Gold. The Golden Spike CanCan Dancers will wow you with their high energy kicks and colourful costumes and get you in the mood to learn about the history of the gold rush of the 1800's and its impact on the Coquitlam community. You can also enjoy a tour of the Fraser Mills Train Station and our 1970's Caboose before they close for the fall and winter season. Performance times are at 1 PM & 2 PM in front of the caboose. Tours are from 10 AM - 4 PM and are limited to one family/group per tour.



Where? Mackin House, 1116 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam

When? Saturday, Sep 25, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Sew-In Mix & Mingle

In-person



Mending and stitching have been a source of connection for centuries. Gather around the table with Artist-in-Residence Jennie Johnston and mend a piece of clothing, knit, crochet, or hand stitch in a friendly studio atmosphere. Supplies will be available for trying out new skills like embroidery or using a sewing machine and all are welcome whether you are new to textiles or experts! Bring a non-alcoholic beverage and enjoy a chat in the community. *Please register in advance.*

Where? The Outlet, 110-2248 McAllister Avenue, Port Coquitlam

When? [Saturday, Sep 25, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM](#) | [Tuesday, Oct 5, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM](#) | [Saturday, Oct 23, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM](#)



Give It a Try Day

In-person

Register with your friends for either the morning session or the afternoon session. Teams will be rotating through 3 sports: 8 ball, table tennis & floor curling. Afterwards, enjoy the post-event social where refreshments and door prizes will be handed out! Win free passes to our programs! For ages 55+. This event is funded by BC 55+ Games.

Where? Place Maillardville, 1200 Cartier Avenue, Coquitlam

When? Sunday, Sep 26, 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM | Sunday, Sep 26, 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM



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Upcycled Pop-Up Portraits with Dawn Livera

Digital



Gather the family and dig through your recycling bin, then join artist Dawn Livera on Zoom to re-purpose your recycled materials and create a pop-up family portrait! Workshop is free, supply list provided; pre-registration required. All ages and abilities welcome. Please call 604-664-1636 ext. 0 to register.

Where? Online via Zoom

When? Sunday, Sep 26, 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

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loco Ghost Town Day Festival

In-person



In 2002, a group of individuals advocated to save the loco Ghost Town and that year it was designated a heritage site. The festival began as a celebration. This free community event is put on by the Port Moody Heritage Society. There are historical tours of the town site, loco displays, vendors and entertainment.

Where? loco Road and 1st Avenue, Port Moody

When? Saturday, Oct 2, Walking Tours Only | Sunday

October 3, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Environmental Vibrations

In-person



Environmental Vibrations is a child-friendly performance project that explores the human connection with nature in a public space. It features dancer Kira Radosevic and participants of all ages creating experiences as an ensemble to improvisations on the cello. This project explores the idea of home in the context of the global movement of peoples in terms of the migration of birds. It encourages participants to reflect on their relationship with their environment through dance and music.

Hosted by Tara Rajah

Where? Leigh Square Community Arts Village
2253 Leigh Square, Port Coquitlam

When? Friday, Oct 1, 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM |

Saturday, Oct 2, 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM

Gimme Shelter Blanket Fort Experience

In-person



As a response to the isolation of COVID-19 stay-home measures, Gimme Shelter was created to convey a sense of peace and solace, just like a child feels inside a homemade blanket fort. Join our Artist-in-Residence, Jennie Johnston, to visit the blanket fort and add your own words of calm and tranquility. Speak another language? Write out a word on provided cards and attach them to the blanket as we expand the messages to everyone in our community.

Where? 2150 Wilson Avenue, Port Coquitlam

When? Saturday, Oct 2, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM



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Rhymes of Times

In-person

The Rhymes of Times is a monthly small group reminiscing session held at the PoCo Heritage Museum in Leigh Square and online. Topics change each month and cover diverse subjects. Author and group leader, Julie Schmidt, reads an original one-page poem that shares her own experiences and asks questions of the participants so their experiences with the subject can be explored. People's shared memories usually spur others, and they are able to recall things or happenings they had forgotten along the way. It is both fun and educational, particularly when there are people present of different ages and backgrounds. It also offers an opportunity to practice English skills for ESL participants.

Where? PoCo Heritage Museum and Archives
150-2248 McAllister Avenue, Port Coquitlam

When? Monday, Oct 4, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM



pm in the PoCo Museum at Leigh Square. The changing topics are introduced by the author, Julie Schmidt, and are explored as a reminiscing session. The purpose of the reminiscing and sharing is to stimulate memories and to discover an area you wish to capture in writing. No preparation is required and it isn't necessary to attend every month since capturing your story doesn't require chronological sequence. Start now and add to your binder as often as you can and watch your story come to life bit by bit. Your children and family will thank you for capturing your story. Bring paper and pen or laptop and let's get started.

Where? PoCo Heritage Museum and Archives
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When? Tuesday, Oct 12, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM



Water Speaks

Digital

Water Speaks is a travelling textile-based installation of youth created water stories featuring outstanding creations submitted to the Young Water Speaks Youth Storytelling Contest. The goal of the project is to connect youth with water bodies in their areas and across the country in order to promote water stewardship.

Where? PoMo Arts Facebook Live

When? Thursday, Oct 7, 7:15 PM – 8:00 PM



Exhibition Opening Reception

In-person



The City of Port Coquitlam invites the public to two new art exhibitions featuring the work of Nadine Flagel and Jennie Johnston. The Michael Wright Art Gallery (MWAG) presents Snagged, a solo exhibition by Nadine Flagel. Nadine is a self-taught textile and fibre artist whose mission is making art out of "making do." The Outlet Gallery presents a collection of work from our Fall Artist-in-Residence, Jennie Johnston. Her work studies the human condition as it relates to nature, social justice and ancestry. The exhibitions are in the Michael Wright Art Gallery (2253 Leigh Square Place, Port Coquitlam) and adjacent Outlet Gallery (2248 McAllister Avenue, Port Coquitlam). These exhibitions run until January 10, 2022.

Where? The Michael Wright Art Gallery
#200-2253 Leigh Square, Port Coquitlam

When? Thursday, Oct 14, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM



Heritage Writers' Group

In-person

The Heritage Writers Group is a small monthly group held the third Monday of the month from 10:30 am-12:00



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Get Hooked by Rug Hooking

In-person

This hands-on workshop is a quick introduction to hand-hooking rugs and will appeal to those who want to extend the life of textiles. Surrounded by the vibrant textural layers of the Snagged rug exhibition, students will learn from the artist how to create a rug pile, experiment with different types of fabric, learn directional hooking, and various stitches. Participants will take home skills and knowledge instead of a project. The workshop offers the opportunity to try the artist's tools and to practice under their guidance. For participants who want to explore further after the class, basic rug hooking supplies will be available for purchase (optional). *Please register in advance.*



Where? The Michael Wright Art Gallery
#200-2253 Leigh Square, Port Coquitlam
When? [Saturday, Oct 16, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM](#)

Movie Day for Culture Days

In-person

Come join us to enjoy a fun movie on a weekend at Coquitlam Public Library to celebrate Culture Days BC! For all ages. Registration is required. For inquiries or registration, please email schan@coqlibrary.ca.

Where? Coquitlam Public Library City Centre Branch
1169 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam
Saturday, Oct 23, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

PoCo Heritage Art Walk

Digital

This self-guided heritage walk showcases downtown PoCo's beautiful art and offers a pleasant walk through some of the City's most vibrant streets and parks. Enjoy mosaics and murals, parks and paths, and take part in a little history! Beginning behind the Leigh Square Community Arts Village this walk is a loop that ends in front of Veterans Park and City Hall on McAllister Avenue. Visit pocoheritage.org/poco-heritage-art-walk/ to get started.

City of Coquitlam's Culture Days

In-person

Visit coquitlam.ca/culturedays to see the full listing of Culture Days activities.

Where? various outdoor City of Coquitlam parks
When? Saturday, Sep 25, Afternoon



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