



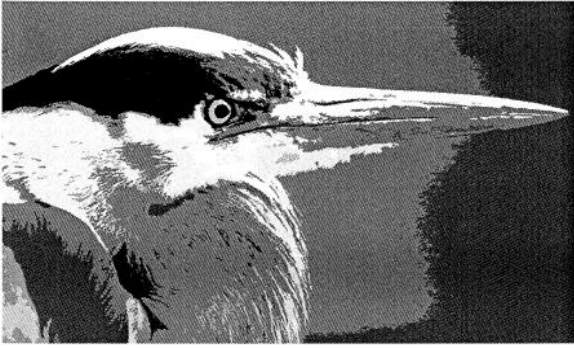
Celebrating Esquimalt Lagoon: Past, Present and Future

A Free Family Outdoor Fun Event

**Sunday, May 18, 2008
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Part of the Emily Carr Community
Festival of the Arts and Ecology**





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Celebrate the Victoria Day Weekend outdoors as you discover more about the natural history of one of the West Shore's most treasured places, Esquimalt Lagoon and the Coburg Peninsula, where people and creatures have gathered for thousands of years.

Site #1 ~ Royal Roads University

Water, Creatures and Plants

Learn about some of the extraordinary plants that live along the creek and their importance and uses in First Nations culture and daily life; try your hand at a traditional Coast Salish craft. - *Dr. Pakki Chipps* and *Siemtenot (Carol Thomas)*, Esquimalt First Nation.

Go eco-rowing to discover who is living in the eelgrass beds along the shoreline, and why eelgrass is an important part of this ecosystem. - *Nikki Wright*, Sea Change Marine Conservation Society and *Brett Malcolm*, West Shore Go Rowing & Paddling Centre.

People living with disabilities can enjoy the freedom of the water as they test a specially adapted kayak. - *Carrina Kenigsberg*, Power To Be Adventure Therapy Society.

The Esquimalt Lagoon Stewardship Initiative Vision:

To protect, enhance and restore the health of Esquimalt Lagoon for present and future generations of people, plants and animals.



Site #2 ~ Essencia Project

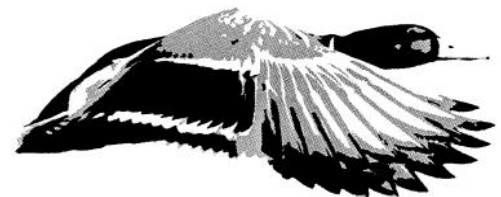
People, Land and Birds

Discover more about local Coast Salish history and culture, First Peoples' sustainable living relationship with the land, and take part in a gentle historic conversation about the Douglas Treaty Negotiations. - *Henry Chipps*, Scia'New (Beecher Bay First Nation) and noted Metis elder and artist *Lynne Henry*.

Explore the award-winning work of the community's Bee Creek Restoration Project and learn more about fish monitoring with ELSI project team members *Al Lehmann*, *Beth Mitchell* and *Joe Richardson*, together with Environmental Science students from Royal Roads University.

Get to Know more about your wild neighbours as you build moving dioramas that depict local critters in their natural environments (part of Robert Bateman's celebrated *Get To Know Program*). - *Derek Wulff*, Pathfinders Design & Technology.

Enjoy the sights and sounds of a Migratory Bird Sanctuary as you learn more about our feathered friends with representatives from the Victoria Natural History Society.





Site #3 ~ The Coburg Peninsula

Respect, Engage and Enjoy!

There's plenty to see and do while you visit one of the region's most popular beaches.

- *Honoured Coast Salish elders *May and Skip Sam* will share their artisan knowledge and lead visitors in hands-on craft activities.
- *Join Camosun College Environmental Technology students to learn about ELSI's water quality monitoring
- *Learn about ELSI's Dune Habitat Restoration Project and how you can help care for this fragile ecosystem.
- *Esquimalt Singers & Dancers
- *Emily Carr and her plein air painters' group
- *Garden in Motion
- *Njiva Marimba Band
- *iQuad Sport Kite Demonstrations
- *Roaming Raven Magician
- *Discover the world of drum-making with *Virgil Sampson* (Tsartlip First Nation)
- *Citizen Canine
- *Bird watching
- *Wind Harp Demonstration

Site #4 ~ Fort Rodd Hill & Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Sites

Fort + Fisgard = Historic Fun!

The Fort's 12th Annual Historic Military Encampment, featuring military re-enactors representing military and naval units from British Columbia's past; Canadian military motor vehicles, uniforms and equipment.

Enjoy one of the West Shore's best kept secrets and most affordable local attractions.



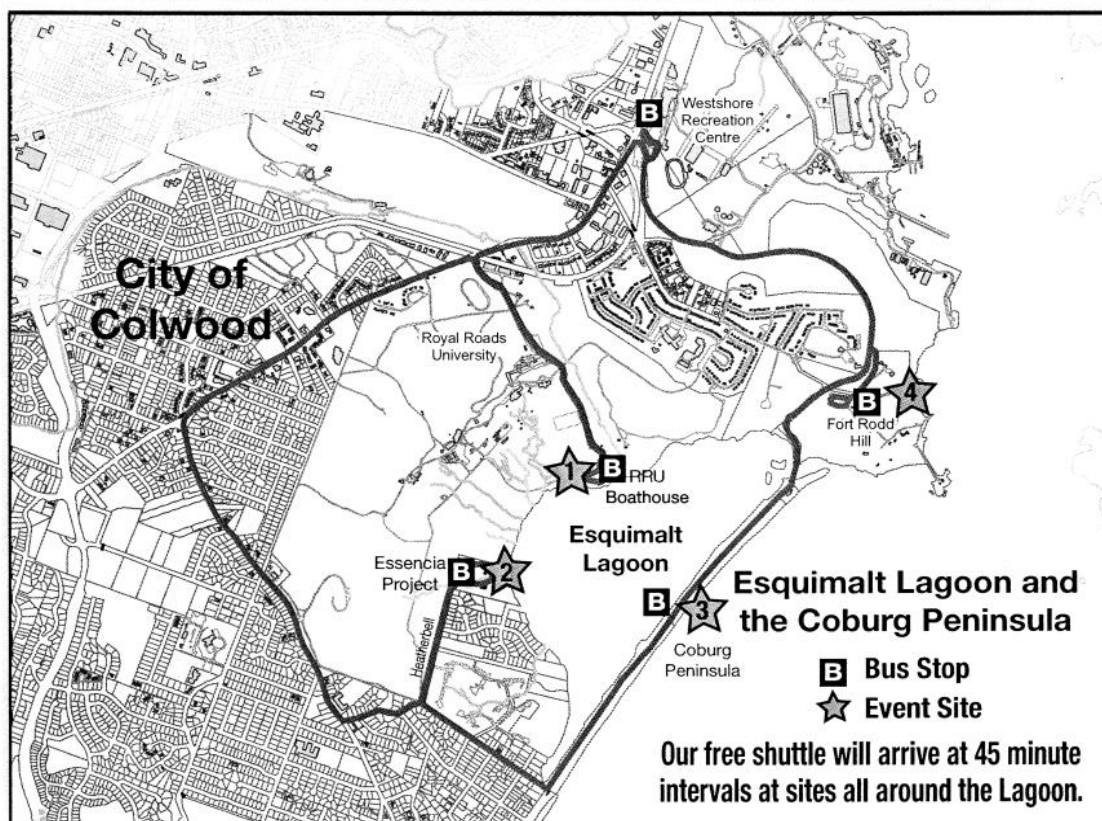
Weaving traditional Coast Salish cultural teachings across our several event sites will be artist and educator, *kQwat'st'not* (Charlene George).

A free bus service connects all of our event sites.

ELSI Community Stewardship Tips:

The Esquimalt Lagoon (and a 100m area around it) is a federal Migratory Bird Sanctuary, where dogs are required to be on leash at all times.

Be a *Bird-Friendly Boater* and keep away from birds on the water and on the shoreline (observe marked exclusion areas).





Special thanks to Charlene George (kQwat'st'not) for facilitating today's cultural sharing on traditional Coast Salish territory, and to photographer Gary Woodburn for generously providing his beautiful images of Esquimalt Lagoon for the purpose of promoting this important community eco-cultural event.

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