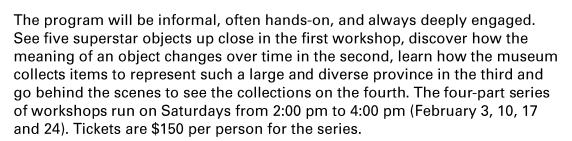
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Find true love at the Royal BC Museum this February

VICTORIA, BC—Let love of learning be your Valentine at the Royal BC Museum next month. With a new workshop series for adults, a Black History Month talk and a Valentine's party, there is much to love at the museum.

Go behind the scenes with museum experts at the Royal BC Museum's new adult workshop series, <u>Unexplored Highlights of the Royal BC Museum</u>. Explore big ideas through intimate conversations, dynamic lectures and exclusive visits to the collections. You'll have up-close access to Emily Carr's powerful painting *Tanoo*, *Q.C.I.* [T'anuu, Haida Gwaii] and dive deeply into the marine life of glass sponges.



This month's family program, <u>Wonder Sunday</u>, is about Chinese New Year and the start of the Year of the Dog. Explore the museum's Chinatown display, make paper lanterns and learn more about the animals of the zodiac. Join us on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (February 4, 11, 18 and 25). Included with museum admission or membership.

Celebrate Black History Month with a talk from Karen Alexander Hosahl of the Black History Awareness Society. Karen is a descendent of the Alexander pioneer family and will share the history of her family and of other black pioneers of the area. <u>Live at Lunch: Black Pioneers in British Columbia</u> is on Wednesday, February 7 from noon to 1:00 pm. Admission is by donation.

Looking for a unique way to mark Valentine's Day? Why not mix love and science at Night Shift: Wild Romance on Saturday, February 10 from 8:00 pm to midnight. Couples and singles alike are welcome. With live music, sex talks with scientists, a photo booth and more, there is something for everyone. Tickets are \$40 (10 per cent discount for museum members).

Spend Family Day (Monday, February 12) exploring the *Wildlife Photographer* of the Year exhibition. From 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm we'll be in the exhibition with photography-related activities for the whole family. Included with museum admission or membership.

For more information about any of these events, visit our online calendar at royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/visit/calendar.



About the Royal BC Museum

The Royal BC Museum explores the province's human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. We are a hub of community connections in BC-onsite, offsite and online-taking pride in our collective histories.

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