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## Memory, micro-organisms and marshes big themes at the Royal BC Museum this November

VICTORIA, BC—Brighten up your dreary November with special events and activities at the Royal BC Museum. Enhance your language skills by listening to stories told in local First Nations languages, pay your respects at Remembrance Day ceremonies, and embrace your competitive side with Museum Happy Hour pub quizzes and more.

Join Dr. Genevieve Hill for [Live at Lunch: From Marshes to Mountains](#) on Wednesday, November 1 at noon. Dr. Hill will talk about her partnership with the Cowichan Tribes field technicians and how they worked together to survey cultural sites in the Cowichan Valley. This event takes place in Newcombe Conference Hall; admission is by donation.

Our [Wonder Sunday](#) family program continues this month with a focus on micro-organisms. Use microscopes to get a close look at teeny tiny plankton and other micro-organisms and learn their important role in various ecosystems. This program takes place each Sunday in November from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Included with museum admission or membership.

Home Learners are invited to take part in [Who Were They Anyway? Digging into Local History](#) on Monday, November 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Learn about the social history of early Victoria through photographs, documents and artifacts from the museum and archives collections. This four-week workshop series is \$75 per person (10 per cent discount for members).

Come listen and learn at [Have We Got a Story to Tell— Stories from This Land and its People](#) on Wednesday, November 8 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Local Indigenous storytellers are sharing stories in their original languages such as ləkʷəŋinənəŋ (the language of the land of Greater Victoria), SENĆOTEN (from the Saanich peninsula), Hul'q'umi'num' (Cowichan area and some Gulf Islands) [and more](#). Storytellers include Elmer Seniemten George, Tiffany Joseph and MENETIYE. Musical performance by Wesley Hardisty. Tickets are \$12 per person (10 per cent discount for member).

[Museum Happy Hour](#) returns for its next instalment. Each Museum Happy Hour will have a different pub quiz theme: "Natural History" on Thursday November 9, "Archives" on November 16 and "Sound and Music" on November 23. The event is from 5:15 pm to 7:00 pm and costs \$10 per person. This is a popular event that sells out quickly, so get your tickets early!

Our annual Remembrance Day presentations will take place on Saturday, November 11 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. [Lest We Forget: Remembrance Commemorations](#) include musicians, singers and storytellers. The event is included with museum admission or membership.

Experience the magic of [Christmas in Old Town](#) and get into the holiday spirit starting on November 16 (running until the end of December). Visit the wood-cobbled streets lined with festive garlands and see shops decked out in seasonal finery. Starting December 1 you will find Father Christmas in Old Town where he will be available on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for photos (by donation). Christmas in Old Town is included with museum admission or membership.



On Saturday, November 25, we are hosting a City of Victoria initiative called [Performance as Medicine](#), an Indigenous Performance Art Symposium. Participants will present and explore Indigenous philosophies and contemporary expressive forms. Registration is \$40 and is required for the workshops (9:00 am to 3:00 pm); from 3:30 to 5:30 you are welcome to drop by for a free performance on the Legislative Assembly lawn and a panel discussion in the museum's Clifford Carl Hall.

We have a don't-miss special talk for photography enthusiasts who are excited about the upcoming [Wildlife Photographer of the Year](#) exhibition (on exhibit at the Royal BC Museum from December 8, 2017 to April 2, 2018)! [Wildlife Photographer John E. Marriott: Tall Tales, Long Lenses](#), presents Thursday, November 30 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 per person (10 per cent discount for members).

For more information about any of these events, visit our online calendar at [royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/visit/calendar](http://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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