## Creepy Crawlers and Hollywood Horror take over the Royal BC Museum this October

**VICTORIA, BC** – Celebrate Halloween at a museum filled with spiders, bats and other creepy creatures.

October kicks off with Night at the Museum, a family sleepover starting at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2016. Explore the popular exhibition <u>Mammoths! Giants of the Ice Age</u> without the crowds, go on a midnight behind-the-scenes tour and wake up with morning yoga. <u>Tickets</u> are \$80 (10 per cent discount for members).

Join Royal BC Museum biologists Claudia Copley, Darren Copley and Robb Bennett on a search for some of Victoria's local spiders during <u>Fieldtrippers: Spider Sunday!</u> on October 2, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Beaver Lake Nature Centre (by donation).

Pop by for a free lunch-time lecture, <u>Live @ Lunch: Invertebrate Collections</u>, on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room, right behind Sequoia Coastal Coffee. Collections Manager <u>Heidi Gartner</u> will share what she discovered while researching in the field this summer.

Take part in a conference, <u>Women and Leadership: Radical Conversations about Gender Justice</u>, <u>Art and Reconciliation</u>, from Thursday, October 13 to Saturday, October 15, 2016. Explore issues of representation and reconciliation in museums on Friday, October 14, 2016 from 2:15 p.m. to 3:35 p.m. <u>\$10 per person</u>, <u>10 per cent member discount</u>. Address the missing feminist narrative with a Feminist Museum Hack on Saturday October 15, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. <u>\$10 per person</u>, <u>10 per cent member discount</u>.

In honour of <u>Home Movie Day</u> on Saturday October 15, 2016, the museum is showing home movies from the BC Archives at the Majestic Theatre in Old Town. Included with admission or membership.

There's nothing the Royal BC Museum enjoys more than dressing up! Check out the museum's Halloween decorations, throughout the galleries, the week before Halloween. The family-centred Halloween fun continues with Wonder Sunday: Creeping and Crawling on October 16, and 30, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is all about the animals of Halloween-bats, owls and spiders! Included with admission or membership.

The adult-only Halloween party, <u>Night Shift: Haunted Hollywood</u>, on Saturday October 29, 2016, is so popular tickets sold out in one day. Our next Night Shift event will be in February for Valentine's Day.

The Friends of the BC Archives are hosting a free lecture, <u>Aqua Vitae: A History of the Saloons and Hotel Bars of Victoria 1851-1917</u>, on Sunday October 30, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Newcombe Conference Hall.

For more information on these and other events, or to purchase tickets, visit 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. Looking to the future, the Royal BC Museum will be a refreshed, modern museum, extending its reach far beyond Victoria as a world-class cultural venue and repository of digital treasures.

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