

November 25, 2016

Snow place like the Royal BC Museum in December

VICTORIA, BC—Although the Royal BC Museum does not have a partridge specimen in its collection or a pear tree in its Native Plant Garden, it certainly offers its visitors at least twelve days of family fun this December.

Feeling festive? Savour the sights and sounds of [Christmas in Old Town, bedecked in seasonal finery](#) from November 21, 2016 to January 9, 2017; access is included with museum admission or membership. Save yourself and your children from mall-Santa mayhem and enjoy a civilized visit with kindly [Father Christmas in Old Town](#) for a photo op and a chance to share your wish list, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in December (2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 & 18) from 11:00am to 3:00pm. This is included with admission or museum membership (photos by donation).

Step through the doors of the oldest house in British Columbia still on its original site and experience what Christmas would have been like more than 100 years ago at [Helmcken House Old-Fashioned Christmas](#), from December 17 to 31, 12:00pm to 4:00pm, included with museum membership, admission or by donation.

Enjoy the joyful camaraderie of [Carol-Along with the Carillon](#) on December 4 from 4:30pm to 5:15pm. Hot chocolate and cookies help brighten the season and at the end of the free forty-five minute set, the Carillon is lit for the holidays.

Hanukkah, Christmas, and Solstice are just a few of the ways that people around BC come together during this time of year. Come share your traditions and learn from others at [Wonder Sunday: A Season of Celebration](#) on December 4, 11 and 18 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. This program is included with admission or museum membership. [Celebrate the Season with Stories at Helmcken House](#) on December 17 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm and 3:00pm to 4:00pm, free.

Hear archivist [Dennis Duffy](#) discuss the impact and legacy of BC filmmaker Stanley Fox, and watch two of his earliest films at the free [Live at Lunch](#) event on December 7 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Tim Burkhart, Peace River Break Coordinator for the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative, will make a free presentation, [Keeping the Peace: Conservation Challenges and Opportunities in Magnificent Northeast BC](#), on December 8 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. For a hands-on, outdoor learning opportunity that kids will love, join Royal BC Museum researchers as they conduct an evening beach seine at Willows Beach for [Fieldtrippers: In-seine Sailfins, Shrimps and Sea Slugs!](#) on December 12 from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Attendance by donation.

The Royal BC Museum will be saying *Do svidaniya!* to Lyuba, the mummified baby mammoth currently on display in the feature exhibition *Mammoths! Giants of the Ice Age*. Lyuba is heading home to Russia after the exhibition closes on December 31, 2016. Come see this popular display before it is too late.

Celebrate the last night of 2016 at the family-friendly [Early Shift: Going away party for Mammoths!](#) from 6:00pm to 9:00pm on December 31, 2016. Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$16 for youth (10 per cent discount for members).

The Royal BC Museum is open every day of the holidays except for December 25, 2016 and January 1, 2017. Enjoy food and drinks at the [Sequoia Coastal Coffee](#) café every



day the museum is open or at the [Food Truck Festival](#), open every day except December 24, 2016 to January 1, 2017.

For more information about these and other events, please visit royalbcmuseum.bc.ca.

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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