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Wide range of events make for busy February at the Royal BC Museum

VICTORIA, BC – From remembering one of Canada’s most influential filmmakers to offering free admission on Family Day to celebrating love with a Valentine’s party, February is gearing up to be a busy month at the Royal BC Museum.

One of Canada’s best-known directors will be remembered at *Phillip Borsos, Filmmaker* on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at noon. Based out of Vancouver, Borsos made such acclaimed films as *The Grey Fox* (1982) and *One Magic Christmas* (1985), before dying of leukemia at age 41, 21 years ago this week.

Please join us for this free noon-time screening of three short films: *Spartree* (1977), *Spartree: Making the Film* (1978) and the Oscar®-nominated *Nails* (1979). The screening is hosted by Royal BC Museum archivist and film historian Dennis J. Duffy.

Karen Hoshal, descendant of the Alexander pioneer family, will share her family history and that of other black pioneers of the area at the free *Live @ Lunch – Black Pioneers of British Columbia* on Wednesday, Feb. 3 at noon.

With the support of the Province of British Columbia, the Royal BC Museum is pleased to offer *Free Admission on Family Day*, a chance for everyone to enjoy the permanent galleries and temporary exhibitions, along with an assortment of special events and activities, including a performance from Pacific Opera Victoria. Free admission does not include IMAX. The Royal BC Museum will be open on Family Day (Monday, Feb. 8) from 10 am to 5 pm.

Preserving food, sharpening tools and building simple shelters were common skills two generations ago. Revive these skills alongside others with *Journeys in ReSkilling*. This series kicks off Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 5 pm with *Food Waste*, a workshop focused on food preservation, presentation and planting. The series is designed in partnership with Living the New Economy and O.U.R. Ecovillage.

Romance will be in the air, but **you don’t need to be attached to explore the allure of instinct, passion and love at Royal BC Museum’s *Night Shift: Wild Romance***. All are welcome to enjoy this lead-up to **Valentine’s Day evening** of live music, presentations and adult-only crafts and activities sure to get your heart racing.



Taking place Saturday, Feb. 13 at 8 pm, and featuring a cash bar and nibbles for sale from Truffles Catering, sparks are sure to fly at *Night Shift: Wild Romance*. 19+. Presented in partnership with Atomique Productions.

On Sunday, Feb. 21 the Royal BC Museum will be celebrating UNESCO's International Mother Languages Day with *The Importance of Indigenous Languages*, a closer look at the First Peoples' Cultural Council and the *Our Living Languages: First Peoples' Voices in BC* exhibition. Join us at 7 pm to examine the diversity of First Nations languages in British Columbia and hear from panelists about the value of learning, teaching and sharing Indigenous languages.

Do you want some great ideas for re-purposing leftovers? Do you have an interest in composting? Do you want to learn some new skills of saving and preserving foods? Then *Wonder Sunday - Leftovers*, on February 28, is for you. Sponsored by Quality Foods, this interactive, learning-based family event happens from 1 – 3 pm.

For more information and other events 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 its two-hectare campus in Victoria as a world-class cultural venue and repository of digital treasures.

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