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Spring into activities at the Royal BC Museum

VICTORIA, BC—There is a lot to celebrate at the Royal BC Museum this month: April Fool's, National Canadian Film Day, Earth Day, Astronomy Day and the long-awaited, widely anticipated opening of the Terry Fox exhibition.

The Royal BC Museum will try its best to fool you with its annual (and insanely popular) April Fool's scavenger hunt from March 31 to April 10. Visitors are challenged to roam our galleries and spot anachronistic artifacts, oddball animals and materials that just don't belong. The pranks are geared for kids and adults alike, and visitors can pick up a game sheet in our lobby before they head upstairs. Participation in the hunt is included with museum admission or membership.

Every day is April Fool's day for the Viceroy butterfly, which mimics the toxic Monarch butterfly to discourage animals from eating them. [Wonder Sunday](#) on April 2 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, included with museum admission or membership, will reveal many more of nature's tricks.

[Terry Fox: Running to the Heart of Canada](#) opens Wednesday, April 12; 37 years to the day that Terry Fox dipped his prosthetic leg into the Atlantic Ocean and started his Marathon of Hope to raise money for cancer research. The exhibition was developed by the Canadian Museum of History in partnership with the Terry Fox Centre. Share your memories of Terry Fox and share your experience of the feature exhibition with #RBCMTerryFox.

[Wonder Sunday](#) on April 9, 16, 23 and 30 honours Terry Fox, the young man who inspired a nation. Bring your kids to talk about the Marathon of Hope and engage in activities relating to Terry Fox's life.

Get rid of the Monday blues with [Museum Sage Mondays](#) from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on April 3, 10, 17 and 24. Do you have a problem that you just can't solve? Museum Sage will help you arrive at the answer using objects from the collection. This experience is included with admission or membership.

Special objects have a way of transporting you to a time and place. Imagine holding a seashell in your hand: you can almost feel the sand between your toes, the salty air blowing gently off the water, the sound of seagulls calling. [Remember When](#) is a seniors program that uses the museum's education collection as an entry point for participants to discuss and share. It's a drop-in program that takes place at the museum in the Community Room from 10:30 am to 11:15 am on Wednesday, April 5, 12, 19 and 26. Tickets are \$10 per participant and there is no charge for accompanying caregivers.

On Wednesday, April 5, attend the noontime lecture [Live @ Lunch: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly](#). Dr. Henry Choong, Curator of Invertebrate Zoology, and Dr. Ken Marr, Curator of Botany, will talk about Intertidal Plants and Marine



Invertebrates of Estuaries on the Mid-Coast of British Columbia. Admission is by donation.

Be part of a massive one-day, coast-to-coast-to-coast film festival on Wednesday, April 19. The Royal BC Museum will celebrate [National Canadian Film Day 150](#) from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm with screenings of films from the BC Archives. Screenings are included with museum admission or membership.

Celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 22 at the [6th annual Creatively United for the Planet Sustainability Showcase](#) from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm in Clifford Carl Hall. Prefer to spend the day outside? Join Archaeology Collections Manager Dr. Genevieve Hill, Curator of Botany Dr. Ken Marr, Educator Hannah Morales and representatives from the Nature Conservancy of Canada on a [Fieldtrippers: Cowichan Estuary Hike](#) from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Nature Conservancy of Canada's Chase Woods Nature Preserve, by donation.

Continuing the Earth Day theme, authors Robert Griffin and Richard A. Rajala will talk about two of the most controversial issues British Columbians have faced in the past 60 years—the management of our forest industry and its impact on our freshwater ecosystems, covered in their recently-published Royal BC Museum book [The Sustainability Dilemma](#). The talk, presented by Friends of the BC Archives, takes place on Sunday, April 23 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm and is \$5 per person or free for Friends of the BC Archives members.

Love the stars (celestial, not celebrity) and want to celebrate International [Astronomy Day](#)? Join the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (Victoria Centre) on Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in Clifford Carl Hall to learn about the constellations, look safely at the sun through a solar telescope, take part in hands-on activities and listen to presentations. This event is by donation.

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. 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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