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Spooky, smart and sublime special events at the Royal BC Museum this October

VICTORIA, BC—Pull on a sweater, kick your way through the fallen leaves and head to the Royal BC Museum to explore the many special events and activities **we**'ve planned this October, including the final days of our feature exhibition *Family: Bonds and Belonging*.

Our [Wonder Sunday](#) family series returns from summer holidays. **We're spending** most of the month getting our sea legs, as we focus on the C3 voyage--an epic 150-day science-focused journey from Toronto to Victoria via the Northwest Passage. Join us Sunday 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm as we explore scientific findings from the C3 ship and incorporate environmental research with hands-on learning.

Added bonus: two Royal BC Museum curators, Dr. Joel Gibson and Dr. Henry Choong, will be aboard the C3 vessel during the month.

The last Wonder Sunday of the month, on October 31, is dedicated to Halloween: this event is a perennial (and spooky) favourite of families. All Wonder Sunday events are included with museum admission or membership.

On Wednesday, October 4, bring a sandwich to our Live at Lunch presentation, [Prohibition in British Columbia: How the Prohibitionists Won the Battle but Lost the War](#). Archivist Frederike Verspoor will regale you with a story of fraud, duplicity and corruption. Have a seat and take it neat, bub. The event is by donation.

Join us on Saturday, October 7, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for [Artsy Fartsy: A Youth-Centred Day of Place Making and Design Thinking](#). This drop-in event, presented in conjunction with [Rethinking Thinking](#) and the Summit at the Bay, is for dreaming, designing, debating and discovering. Magicians, musicians and poets will perform throughout the day to inspire youth to think outside the box and put their ideas into action. The event is by donation.

On Saturday, October 14, 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.

Also on Saturday, October 14, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, the Cowichan Garry Oak Preserve is the site of a [Fieldtrippers: Archaeology Walk](#), led by Dr. Genevieve Hill, Royal BC Museum archaeology collections manager. Participants will learn about the ways in which Cowichan First Nations and their ancestors have long lived in this ecologically and culturally rich area. Nature Conservancy of Canada staff will also share the conservation story of the preserve. A donation of \$5 per person is suggested.

The latest of the dynamic, themed discussion series we call [It's Complicated](#) takes place on Wednesday, October 18, from 5:15 to 7:00 pm in Clifford Carl Hall. This month's theme, [New Immigrants](#), is an opportunity to discuss a reality many of us can readily relate to: how are new immigrants in Victoria coping with *connection*, and how



can the larger community better support the process? **Let's talk.** Admission by donation.

On Saturday October 28, we host our ever-popular adults-only Halloween event, [Night Shift: Dark Circus](#). This is rapidly becoming **Victoria's hottest Halloween** party, and this **year's tickets** SOLD OUT in less than an hour. The best way to get advance warning about **Halloween and Valentine's Day** Night Shift tickets is to [sign up](#) for our newsletter.

We're bidding farewell to the [Family: Bonds and Belonging](#) feature exhibition on Tuesday October 31. **Don't miss the chance to check it out or revisit it. It's a thought-provoking and emotionally-resonant experience, grounded in the Royal BC Museum's** collections and pointedly asking: what is family, anyway? Come see for yourself with your family.

Our summer hours (Sunday to Thursday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Friday and Saturday 10:00 am to 10:00 pm) end on October 7, when the museum switches to winter hours (Monday to Sunday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm).

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. We are a hub of community connections in BC— onsite, offsite and online—taking pride in our collective histories.

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