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April Showers Bring May Pharaohs

VICTORIA, BC—The Pharaoh has decreed that many of the events and programs taking place at the Royal BC Museum this May shall be related to the feature exhibition *Egypt: The Time of Pharaohs*, opening Friday, May 18.

Every Pharaoh had a scribe, and every scribe produced documents. But what about in more recent years? What can a bottle of Insectoblitz, a gooey stack of glass plate negatives and a bullet tell us about archives? Come to [Live at Lunch: Anarchival Materiality in the BC Archives](#) on Wednesday, May 2 at noon to find out. Admission by donation.

This May, families can learn about the language, art and burial practices of ancient Egyptians with hands-on activities at [Wonder Sunday: Ancient Civilizations](#), a weekly family-focused program. Join us every Sunday (May 6, 13, 20 and 27) from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. This program is included with museum admission or membership.

Be inspired by the astounding work of local students and learn about our cultural heritage at the [Southern Vancouver Island Heritage Fair](#) on Friday, May 11 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in Clifford Carl Hall. Admission by donation.

The Royal BC Museum's feature exhibition, [Egypt: The Time of Pharaohs](#) opens on May 18 and is on display until December 31, 2018. With more than 300 original artifacts, some up to 4,500 years old, this exhibition will transport visitors back to a time when civilization first sprang along the Nile, pyramids dotted the skyline and people believed gods walked among them. This comprehensive exhibition covers all aspects of ancient Egyptian life, from the emergence of ancient Egyptian civilization along the Nile to the Ptolemaic and Roman eras. Follow the exhibition and share your reactions on social media with #RBCMEgypt.

Learn more about the surprising connection between [Egypt and the BC Archives](#) on Tuesday, May 22 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in Newcombe Conference Hall. Tickets to this lecture are \$10.

Mark Asian Heritage Month by taking part in [It's Complicated: The Politics and Poetics of Representation](#). This participatory discussion looks at how representation works in our daily lives; how the shared language of a culture informs our collective knowledge of ourselves, of others and of the world; and how representations reflect and/or change existing power dynamics. Take part on Thursday, May 24 from 5:15 pm to 7:00 pm in Newcombe Conference Hall Admission by donation.

[Who was John Stanley Plaskett?](#) Learn about the person who helped put Canada on the scientific map when he established the Dominion Astronomical Observatory, which featured the largest telescope in the world at the time.



Hear the full story on Saturday, May 26 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm in Newcombe Conference Hall. Admission 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. Located in Victoria on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen (Songhees and Xwsepsum Nations), we are a hub of community connections in BC—onsite, offsite and online—taking pride in our collective histories.

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