



Nanaimo Museum Fall Feature Exhibit

LAWREN HARRIS: CANADIAN VISIONARY



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Works by a leader in Canadian landscape painting, Lawren Stewart Harris (1885-1970), will be on view at the Nanaimo Museum from September 30-November 30. The travelling exhibition *Lawren Harris: Canadian Visionary* is on loan from the Vancouver Art Gallery and provides insight into the artistic evolution of the Group of Seven founding member. A partnership between the Nanaimo Art Gallery and the Nanaimo Museum brings *Lawren Harris: Canadian Visionary* to our community.

Lawren Harris is among the most significant figures in Canadian art history. He saw the country's artistic and cultural potential and created works that have helped to define the very identity of Canada, not just Canadian art. A driving force in the development of modernist painting in Canada, Harris, like most of his colleagues in the Group of Seven, created his landscape paintings in the studio working from images made on sketching trips he took across the country. Examples of these sketches are featured in the exhibition.

Lawren Harris: Canadian Visionary presents select key works from the Vancouver Art Gallery's permanent collection that follow Harris' artistic evolution from the early 1900s to the early 1960s, including the groundbreaking Group of Seven period when his work transformed the language of Canadian landscape. The works in the exhibition include images on paper, oil sketches and paintings.



Lawren Harris: Canadian Visionary is organized and circulated by the Vancouver Art Gallery with the generous support of the Killy Foundation and is curated by Ian M. Thom, Senior Curator-Historical, Vancouver Art Gallery. The Nanaimo Hospitality Association and the Coast Bastion Hotel provided local support for hosting the exhibition.



Image:
Lawren Harris
Mount Thule, Bylot Island, 1930
oil on paperboard
Collection of the Vancouver Art Gallery,
The Parnell Bequest
Photo: Tomas Svab



Commercial Christmas

December 5 - 22 10:00am - 5:00pm

Explore the history of Nanaimo stores during the holiday shopping season. The exhibit will feature artifacts from businesses including Fletcher's Music and Jean Burns Ladies Wear.

Advertising features from local stores and archival photographs provide a glimpse into 165 years of shopping in Nanaimo.

Teacher Kits

A new teacher resource kit developed by the museum includes lesson plans, background information on residential schools in Canada and books. There are stories to read to children including chapter books like "My Name is Seepetz" by Shirley Sterling and picture books such as "Secrets of the Dance" written by Andrea Spalding and Alfred Scow. Books like "Righting Canada's Wrongs: Residential Schools" by Melanie Florence provide context on residential schools for educators.

Prize Giveaways

The museum is giving away a prize pack worth over \$400 to celebrate the Lawren Harris project. Prize includes a selection of Lawren Harris themed gifts from our shop, and an overnight stay at the Coast Bastion Hotel in the ocean view Jacuzzi room! Enter the draw in person when you come to see the exhibit!



Hallway Exhibit

Our fall hallway display "In 1913..." uses photos from that year, selected from the museum's own collection. Highlights include the arrest of the "Flying Dutchman" Henry Wagner, militia in the streets and vandalism from the coal strike. The main focus will be the story of the SS Oscar explosion and some of the results from the blast that affected downtown Nanaimo. The community gallery is located just off the gift shop / lobby area and is free to view.



In Memorium

We have lost a number of long time museum supporters in the last few months. Our condolences go out to the families of member Trudy Gilmour & Wendy Harrison, wife of board member Bruno Dragani. We thank them for their valuable support over the years. We also say a sad goodbye to Margaret Slingerland - museum front desk volunteer and wife of recently retired staff member Rick Slingerland. Margaret started volunteering in October of 2004 and contributed 1,574 hours of her time to the museum over the years. Thinking of you all in this difficult time.

Fall Programming

Brother XII Followers Presentation

October 18 & 25 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Who were Brother XII's followers? From shocking stories like the family that belonged to another cult to the surprising people who left well-respected careers in Canada and England to live at Cedar by the Sea. A number of wealthy Americans joined the colony including a lumber baron, the Poultry King of Florida and an heiress. Join Aimee Greenaway for a presentation on the stories behind the people who supported one of the most infamous cult leaders in Canadian history and what happened to them after Brother XII left town. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$15 per person. Book online or in person!

Lantern Tours

October 20 & 27 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Lantern tours cover the darker side of history at downtown locations including the site of the last public hanging, the scandalous story of the famous architect who designed the courthouse and a murderer who was hung on Gallows Point. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$15 per person. Book online or in person!

For more information about programming please contact Stephanie Kveton at 250-753-1821, or email program@nanaimomuseum.ca



Homeschool Programming

Join us as we celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. Kids will learn about Canadian symbols such as the Canadian flag and our national animal the beaver through fun, hands on crafts and activities.

Coal Miner's Child: Thursday October 12
10:00am - 11:30am (Grades K-4, Age 5+)

Black Diamonds: Thursday October 12
1:00pm - 2:30pm (Grades 5-7 Age 10+)

Yesteryear Christmas: Friday December 1
1:00pm - 2:30pm (Grades 5-7 Age 10+)

Culture Days: Self Guided Activities

September 30 10:00am - 5:00pm

Join us on Saturday, September 30 for an exciting line-up of self led, hands on activities for families, kids and toddlers. Participate in a touch tour (where you get to actually touch some of the artifacts in the museum). Dress up like a Nanaimo student from the 1900's and try using a slate and chalk in our Century Classroom. Colour a picture and make a petroglyph rubbing to take home. This event is free of charge.

Haunted Coal Mine: Classic Hollywood Horror

Saturday, October 28 11:00am - 2:00pm

Test your courage by stepping into classic horror films and come face to face with legendary monsters such as the Wolfman and Dracula during this year's Haunted Coal Mine.

This is a family event and children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note some children may find this event frightening. There may be flashing lights in use and the event will have dark spaces. This program is free of charge. Children in costume will also receive a Halloween treat.

Summer **Students**

Robin Fast

I've worked as a designer with the museum for two years gaining invaluable experience in my field. This summer I have most enjoyed collaborating with the museum staff to develop a visual identity for the upcoming feature exhibit Extension, BC. I've worked on everything from school programs, Chinese and French language guides, brochures, exhibits, and a haunted coal mine.



Chelsea Forseth

I am a fourth year cultural and political anthropology student at Vancouver Island University. I have a background in archaeology that I studied at Gothenburg University. I worked on the front desk and assisted as an event coordinator. It was an enriching experience to see the operations of the museum.

Sarah Tunistra

I am third year Bachelor of Education student at Vancouver Island University. I enjoyed working as a programming assistant at the Nanaimo Museum this summer. I gained valuable experience that will be of use to me in my future teaching career through prepping for and running the museum's summer children's programs, and through preparation for upcoming school visits in the fall, winter, and spring. I thank everyone at the museum for giving me such an awesome summer job experience.



Tori Ramgren

I am a marketing student entering my third year at VIU. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time working at the Nanaimo Museum as their Bastion Coordinator. Working in the Bastion I got the opportunity to chat with tourists from all over the world, assist in the noon cannon ceremony, and developed a new love for this beautiful city. I'm so grateful for this experience, and all the wonderful people I've gotten to work alongside.

Thanks also to **Tourism Nanaimo** for having their downtown tourism information booth in the Bastion again this year. This partnership enables us to have the iconic heritage site open longer hours and engage even more visitors!

Staff Changes



Jamie Franzmann (Programming & Giftshop)

As some of you may know I am moving to Halifax NS this September. I would like to say thank you to all the wonderful staff, board members and volunteers that have made my time at the museum so memorable. I started my time at the Nanaimo museum as a summer student in 2012 and was offered the Program and Visitor Services Coordinator position two years later. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working, laughing and learning here and am excited for my new adventure on the east coast.



Stephanie Kveton (Program Coordinator)

Stephanie Kveton is a Nanaimo newcomer, having recently moved from Ottawa. She holds a Master's degree of Indigenous and Canadian Studies with a focus on heritage conservation. Through many summers of working as a costumed tour guide in the nation's capital, Stephanie discovered her love of presenting history, and gets especially nerdy about interactive exhibits and programs at historic sites. She comes to the Museum after working at Fort Langley National Historic Site as a heritage guide and baker, and is very excited to get to know Nanaimo's past. In her free time, Stephanie is also co-creator and co-host of a monthly historical food and fashion podcast, called *Fashionably Ate*.

Rick Slingerland Retirement

After 30 years of service to the Nanaimo Museum, Rick Slingerland is retiring. He built many of the permanent exhibits as well as countless feature exhibits and other projects. The staff will miss his artistic eye for exhibit design, knowledge of the collection and sense of humour. We wish Rick all the best for his retirement - with his many hobbies and passions we expect he will have plenty to do!



Calendar

AT A GLANCE

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Staff

General Manager	Debbie Trueman
Interpretation Curator	Aimee Greenaway
Program Coordinator	Stephanie Kveton
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