



CULTURE CONNECTIONS



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CULTURE & CONVERSATION

CINTHIA PAGE-CAN YOU DIG IT!

Tuesday, May 4th 5:30–7:30pm
1522 Commercial Dr., 2nd floor, Vancouver



Do you enjoy gardening?
Do you like meeting new people?

Cinthia Page enjoys gardening and working with others in her community. She is the project coordinator for **Can You Dig It!** And she will be talking about her work on May 4th at C&C night.

Cinthia will be talking about her 3 year project of creating community gardens in Vancouver. She wants to let people know how this program can reduce prejudice and bring people of different backgrounds together to share knowledge, learn new skills, and make friends with others from all backgrounds and abilities in the community.

Can you Dig it! works to resolve the isolation that people with disabilities experience. The project invites everyone in the community (including people with disabilities) to come together to plan, create, and grow a garden. People come together with the goal of making the community a better place and develop a sense of belonging.

Cinthia is an experienced gardener who has worked in Indonesia, Burkina Faso, and Mali helping people grow food. She loves the idea of people of different backgrounds and abilities working together and learning from each other.

Food grown in community gardens are shared with the growers. Food is also donated to schools and food banks. This allow the gardeners to give back to the community.



Join us to learn about community gardens and connecting with others in the community. **Everyone is Welcome.** Email us to let us know that you are coming: Volunteerassistant@mosaicbc.com.

This will be Naomi Linklater's last C&C night at MOSAIC. Her time at MOSAIC ends on May 4th. Come and say good-bye and meet with Elaine Qin. Elaine will be monitoring Culture Connections.



May Holidays



May 1st MAY DAY is a day of celebration. The holiday has ancient origins, and it relates to many customs that have survived into modern times. May Day falls halfway between spring and summer so is associated with fertility and planting.

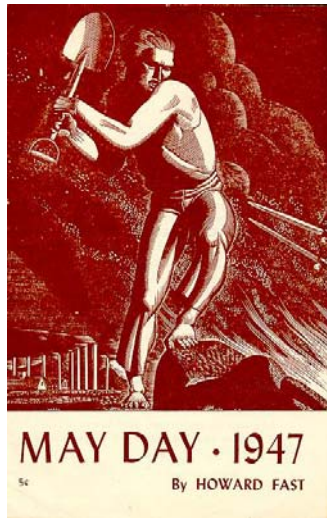
May 9th MOTHER'S DAY

honours all mothers and to express gratitude for the hardships they bear in bringing up a child. Mothers are usually treated to a special meal or given gifts of flowers or sweets.



May 1st International Workers' Day

celebrates the achievements of the labour movement. May Day is observed by organized street demonstrations and marches by working people and labour unions throughout most of the countries of the world. It commemorates The Haymarket Massacre in Chicago in 1886, when Chicago police fired on workers during a general strike for the eight hour day, killing a dozen demonstrators.



May 24th Victoria Day

is a Canadian statutory holiday in honour of Queen Victoria's birthday. This three-day "long weekend" begins the "summer season" in Canada. Many parks, and other seasonal businesses will open this weekend. Several Canadian cities have fireworks in honour of the holiday, with the most famous being in the monarch's namesake city of Victoria BC.

May 31st World No Tobacco Day

was created by the World Health Organization to draw global attention to the widespread prevalence of tobacco use and its unhealthy effects. This day aims to reduce the 5.4 million yearly deaths from tobacco related health problems.



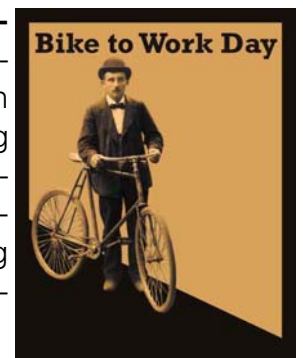
May 3rd World Press Freedom Day

was created by the United Nations to raise awareness of the importance of the Freedom of the Press and remind governments of their duty to uphold the right to freedom of expression enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human

Rights. This year's winner of the 2010 World Press Freedom Prize is Chilean journalist, Mónica González Mujica, a heroine of the struggle against dictatorship in her country.

May 31st-June 6th Bike-to-Work Day

promotes using the bicycle as an option for getting to work. Cycling is a healthy and safe alternative to driving. On Bike-to-Work Day, cycling groups often organize bicycle-related events.



Volunteer Opportunities

& Programs at MOSAIC

50 Canada Day Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help set up, take down and help out on the day of event duties for our annual Canada Day celebration in Richmond Park in Burnaby. Duties include moving tables and chairs, water stations, cake station, facepainting, henna tattoos, children's crafts and games, sports, and other general duties.

An Orientation meeting will be planned for sometime in June.

Contact: John Renko
604.525.5361
john.renko@burnaby.ca



12 Event Volunteers needed May 26th

Volunteers are needed to help set up, take down, host event and register attendees. Also needed are food and beverage assistants, survey assistants and event tear-down team.

Build your volunteer curriculum, make new connections, enjoy a complimentary lunch, contribute to the success of a symposium that will bring together senior leaders and programming staff from non-profit organizations and immigrant service agencies to discuss how to better serve a culturally diverse Downtown Peninsula, and receive an official thank you letter from the symposium organizers/partners.

Contact: Vivianne de Pass
604.685.8066
vivianne.depass@vanymca.org



New Face at MOSAIC

Please Welcome Elaine Qin to Culture Connections. Elaine will be monitoring the program starting May 5th.

She has recently returned to MOSAIC and we are very happy to have her with us again. Elaine will be bringing her energy, intelligence, humour, and cross-cultural skills to the program.

We see good things in the future now that she is back. Welcome Elaine.

ENGLISH CORNER CLUB 2010

3:00—4:30 pm Thursdays
Community Room, MOSAIC

Would you like to practice your English
Conversation and meet new people?

To Join: volunteerassistant@mosaicbc.com

CULTURE CONNECTIONS

Matches Newcomers with Local Hosts who will help them:

- **Practice English**
- **Meet new people**
- **Learn about Canadian Services**
- **Learn about Canadian Culture**
- **Learn about Leisure and Recreation**



Newcomers must meet with their Host once a week for two hours over a 12 week period. Must be 18 years old or more and able to speak at ELSA level 3 or better to join.

Contact: 604 254 9626 or
culture@mosaicbc.com

May Activities

All Events are Free

Or by Donation



May 01 to 31 is Asian Heritage Month. Asian Heritage Month is an ideal occasion for all to celebrate the beauty and wisdom of various Asian cultures. Canadians are invited to take part in the festivities that commemorate the legacy of Asian Canadians and their many contributions which have helped Canada to become the multicultural and diverse nation it is today. Info: www.explorasian.org.

Mon 3-Home to Eire: Songs of E.J. Moran 7-9pm. Cliff Ridley, baritone and Gina Williams, pianist, will explore the beautifully lyrical Irish influence in the music of E.J. Moran. Central Library 350 West Georgia St.

Wed 5-First Nations Storyteller-in-Residence: Jackie Timothy 6:30 pm. Please join us for stories told by Jackie Timothy, the Vancouver Public Library's 2010 First Nations Storyteller-in-Residence. Dunbar Library 4515 Dunbar St.

Fri 7-Flights of Fantasy 3-4 pm. Join photographer Damon Calderwood for a slide show of his amazing bird photographs. Carnegie Library 401 Main St.



Fri 7 - Downtown Bhangra 5-10pm. Dance and sing at this outdoor concert stage featuring dance routines, amazing bands and all the Bhangra you can handle. Vancouver Art Gallery Georgia Street Plaza.

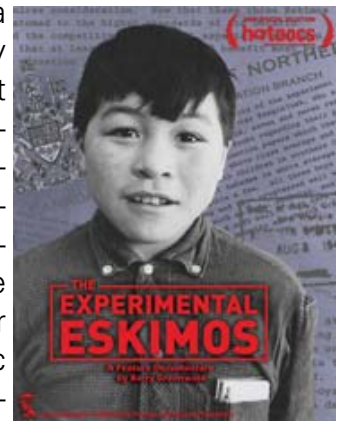
Tue 11-The Art of a Butterfly 7-9 pm. Nagasaki 1900. A panel of experts explores the history and culture of the unusual Japanese city that is the setting for Puccini's Madama Butterfly. Central Library 350 West Georgia St.

Wed 12-Website Makeover 7pm. George Plumley, author of WordPress 24 Hour Trainer, will discuss how to make websites more effective. Central Library 350 West Georgia St.



Sat 15-Dragonboat Spring Racing Ragatta 9-4pm. Come watch dragonboat racing in False Creek. Creekside Park by Telus World of Science.

Mon 17-Experimental Eskimos 7:30-9 pm. Please join us for a screening of Barry Greenwald's film about the Canadian government's 1960s experiment in social engineering. Three 12-year-old Inuit boys were separated from their families in the Arctic and were sent to Ottawa to live with white families. Central Library 350 West Georgia St.



Thu 20-Improv for Teens 4:30-6pm. Interested in improv? Love the stage? Join us for a teens-only improve. Central Library 350 West Georgia St.

Wed 26-Koto and Shakuhachi: Japanese Traditional Music 7-9 pm. International musicians will explore Japanese traditional music, koto and shakuhachi and the challenges of playing intercultural music. Central Library 350 West Georgia St.