

Celebrate BC Culture Days - September 23 to October 16

The City of Parksville is pleased to sponsor the McMillan Art Centre's initiative to celebrate BC Culture Days from September 23 through October 16 featuring five unique and exciting events in our community. Parksville Council is thrilled to present culture days events for Oceanside residents in collaboration with partners, McMillan Arts Centre, Parksville Downtown Business Association, Oceanside Community Arts Council, and the Bayside Oceanfront Resort.

The City of Parksville supports the McMillan Art Centre's initiative to celebrate BC Culture Days featuring five unique and exciting events in our community. Events are varied, with something for everyone, connecting our residents and businesses to the annual nationwide celebration of arts and culture, the largest collective public participation campaign undertaken by the arts and cultural community in Canada. Communities large and small are united from coast to coast to coast to increase public engagement in cultural experiences through free, participatory arts and culture events. Enjoy!

The free or by-donation events will be colourful, musical, visual, cultural, and fun for all ages. Everyone is welcome to join this celebration of the arts and culture in our community. Info at Let'sTalkParksville.ca/culturedays and the [McMillan Arts Centre](#).

Quote Parksville Mayor Ed Mayne

"Parksville Council is pleased to sponsor BC Culture Days for Oceanside, a three-week recognition of this region's exceptional creativity. Celebrate Culture Days by joining us for fun-filled activities and a chance to take part in the artistic and cultural life of our community."

[TikTok@ Short Doc Film Festival](#) - September 23

Presented by Island Shorts, the film festival opens at the McMillan Arts Centre on Friday, September 23. This is a comedy film festival and competition for young or fledgling filmmakers. Forty films, under one minute in length, will be screened for the public from September 24 to October 16 with the public casting their vote for the People's Choice Award. Winner will be announced on October 17.

[Art Banner Crawl](#) - September 24 - October 16

The Art Banner Crawl is a treasure hunt with a twist, in downtown Parksville. Participants start at the McMillan Arts Centre to pick up a map showing the locations of eight new banners then find the eight banners and a visit to one of the surrounding businesses to have your map hole punched. The map with eight holepunches can be exchanged for a canvas tote bag printed with the artwork created for the banners. Great chance to explore Parksville Downtown. The MAC is open 11 am to 3 pm, closed Mondays.

[Ukrainian Culture Fest](#) - September 25

A two-part celebration is planned for September 25 with a hands-on workshop where participants learn to make traditional floral Ukrainian headdresses known as *Vinoks*, from 11 am to 2 pm, followed by a performance by the Vesna Dancers, a traditional Ukrainian dance troupe at 3 pm. This event will welcome new residents from Ukraine as the guests of honour, the community is encouraged to join in the welcome.

[BeDazzled Bras Display](#) - October 1-30

October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, opens with a community-based, super creative display of *BeDazzled Bras* at the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East from October 1 to October 30. The community is invited to create a bedazzled bra in memory or in celebration of someone affected by breast cancer. Bras should be submitted to the McMillan Arts Centre by 2 pm, September 28.

[Exquisite Corpse Collaborative Painting Project](#) Unveiling and Evening Gala - Saturday, October 15

Celebration of fifteen collaborative paintings created by an "Exquisite Corpse" artistic team. Artists paint one of three segments on canvas without seeing more than a one-inch strip of the other two artists' work. The unveiling gala will be held from 5.30 to 8 pm at the Bayside Oceanfront Resort with cocktails, food, live auction, music, and fashion. Guests are encouraged to dress in unusual, decadent, wild and divine outfits. A free or "pay what you may" event.

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