



SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our second monthly VOLUNTEER NANAIMO NEWSLETTER! Information, events and regular features will be shared on a monthly basis, bringing you up to date with what's happening here and within the non-profit sector. We welcome your comments, suggestions and submissions.

SEPTEMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH

NANAIMO JAZZ FEST

Coming soon **Sept 20 -22 3rd Annual Nanaimo International Jazz Festival** Free Outdoor concerts, Jazz Parade, Dance to Hot Jazz, International Headliner Jam Sessions, and Workshops for Students

FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS / JAZZ PARADE DANCE TO HOT JAZZ / INTERNATIONAL HEADLINE JAM SESSIONS / WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS



SATURDAY, SEPT 21

ERNIE WATTS

American jazz and rhythm & blues saxophonist Ernie Watts has earned two Grammy Awards with his prolific playing style.



SUNDAY, SEPT 22

LAILA BIALI

Jazz pianist and vocalist Laila Biali won the 2019 Juno Award for vocal jazz album of the year.



FOR OUTSIDE EVENTS,
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR

TICKETS AND MORE INFO AT
NANAIMOJAZZFEST.CA



VOLUNTEER VIEW

DUSTY: When I was a small child I looked at homeless people as we passed them by in the car and wondered about them. Even then I felt compassion, but helpless as to what I could do. My life went on, school, marriage, kids, work. As a nurse, I would take extra care to try to treat less fortunate people that came within my realm with extra care, but it was never enough I knew. I heard about volunteering through Volunteer Nanaimo. I was retired, not really busy, so I called the office one Monday morning and got a list of places you could go to volunteer. The Nanaimo Women's Centre caught my eye and I called the volunteer coordinator. After I got a criminal record check, wrote up a resume, I went in for an interview and started volunteering there every Tuesday from 10-3pm. While I was volunteering at NWC I saw posters for Stone Soup, they were looking for volunteers. They fed hungry, homeless, low income families and individuals seven day a week from 6-10pm. I called and started volunteer serving on Thursday evenings. It turned out they needed volunteer drivers as well; my husband and I started picking up food for the cooks 6 days a week, that morphed into also picking up bottles and cans for their ongoing bottle drive. We continued in this for about 18 months. I love volunteering, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you"- the golden rule. When I was a Brownie I learned "I promise to do my best, to do my duty to God and the Queen, to help other people every day, especially those at home.". My father was a military man and taught me to always 'do my duty' These are the lessons I learned as a child and youth, I am happy to have the opportunity to live them now.

WE WOULD LOVE TO SHARE YOUR VOLUNTEERS' EXPERIENCES

VICKA KNITTERS

We have a very active group of knitters who participate in making Blankets for Canada. You will be interested to know that since 2002 there have been **5,698** blankets delivered in the Nanaimo area! Some organizations who have benefitted in the last year are Clearview Detox Centre, Crossroads Pregnancy Centre, Haven House, Nanaimo Brain Injury Society, Nanaimo Citizens Advocacy, Nanaimo Community Hospice Society, Nanaimo Women's Centre, Samaritan House, Seniors Connect, 7 – 10 Club, The Men's Centre, Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Society, Volunteer Nanaimo and Christmas Angels, Wisteria Lane, and the Christmas hamper programs at Loaves and Fishes Food Bank and Salvation Army. What an awesome blessing these amazing knitters are to our community

VOLUNTEER NANAIMO PRESENTS

COMING EVENTS

NETWORKING FOR NON PROFITS WORKSHOP

Current members were recently invited to a workshop by Matt Dell on new gaming policies and how to access funds for your organization. We received some excellent feedback on this workshop and queries for other topics. Volunteer Nanaimo's next workshop will be

September 18 at 7 PM 3148 Barons Road

Presented by Marjorie Driscoll

Topic: BOARD MEMBER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

For all people who:

*Want to be on a board

*Are new board members

*Are or have been on a board but want a refresher

Bring your organization's constitution and bylaws. Those who are not on a board will be provided with mock documents to refer to.

Seating is limited. Please RSVP to vn3148@gmail.com

Nanaimo Jazz Festival



3RD ANNUAL
nanaimo
international
JAZZ
festival

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

BECOME A PART OF MAKING NANAIMO'S JAZZ FESTIVAL HISTORY

We're looking for volunteers to help out at all of aspects of this year's festival. From planning the Second Line Parade to manning the info booth - we need your help.

Contact Brad Skeeles:
nanaimojazzfest@gmail.com

NANAIMO VOLUNTEER FAIR 2019



NANAIMO|20 VOLUNTEER FAIR|19

Are you **passionate** about **community development**
or just looking to **gain professional experience**?
Join us to find out about the many volunteering
opportunities that are available in Nanaimo

GET INVOLVED

FRIDAY, September 27TH, 2019

Woodgrove Centre

10am- 5pm

For more information on the event please
contact us at vnanaimo@gmail.com

Managed by Youth 20/20 Can a program of
Volunteer Nanaimo



WOODGROVE

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THOUGHT FOR SEPTEMBER



**The best way to find yourself
is to lose yourself in the
service of others.**

Mahatma Gandhi



Volunteer Nanaimo welcomes your feedback, suggestions and submissions.

Don't forget to check out the website : www.volunteernanaimo.ca for volunteer opportunities, services and calendar.

Planning an event or fundraiser? Please let us know so we can help get the word out.