

Volunteer Nanaimo



Dates to Remember

We are **CLOSED**
Friday December 23
to
Sunday January 8
for the holiday season.
Re-opening
Monday, January 9



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Hours of Business:

Mon. to Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Member of the Month:

The Nanaimo Arts Council

The Nanaimo Arts Council is committed to bringing people together. We believe a strong community is made by supporting local artists and events.

We offer long-standing programs like **the Islands Short Fiction Contest** and the popular **Art Around Town**. We consistently add new and exciting programs, from an **Ekphrastic Celebration** to hosting the **Downtown Nanaimo Artwalk**.

Through our galleries, we offer a space for new and established local artists to show their work to an invested audience. Above all, we are always looking for new and exciting opportunities to facilitate events that help make Nanaimo a great place to live.

The NAC would not be possible without support from our members, volunteers, staff, and financial donor.

Interested in supporting local arts?

It is easy to get involved in supporting the NAC, by volunteering, donating, or registering for membership. A membership to the NAC is only \$15 dollars a year, and comes with incredible benefits within the NAC and beyond. Register or renew your membership at our website <https://nanaimoartscouncil.ca>. We also accept donations directly. Any donation above \$25 will come with a tax receipt.

Our compelling digital space provides more opportunities for folks to get involved with the NAC, from online membership registration and voting in our director elections, to participating in our online galleries.



NANAIMO ARTS COUNCIL

Catalyst for a Creative Community

Member of the Month cont. *The Nanaimo Arts Council*

NAC's website is the best place to learn more about NAC membership benefits and our activities and programs.

<https://nanaimoartscouncil.ca>

Sign up for the newsletter. **Or join the arts council for even more benefits.**

Program Coordinators

Do you have an art background? You may like to coordinate one of our programs? NAC offers an honorarium to Program Coordinators. VIU students are welcome to apply. Email amber@nanaimoartscouncil.ca and tell us about the program that appeals to you.

Board Members

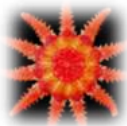
We have openings for two members.

We invite prospective Board members to email amber@nanaimoartscouncil.ca with an expression of interest and a brief biography or resume.

Sponsors and Donors

NAC relies on the generosity of corporate sponsors and individual donors to help cover programming and awards to artists. Donate through our website or contact steven.dennis@nanaimoartscouncil.ca to discuss sponsorship opportunities.

Our online galleries



Sun Star



Purple Urchin



Moon Jelly

Give the Gift of Time!

Are you looking for an opportunity to give back?

Volunteer Nanaimo seeks volunteers for our **Hand in Hand Intergenerational Storytelling Project.**

In this program volunteers visit with seniors to help them share and record their life stories, anecdotes and memories to share with family and friends.

To volunteer contact Gwen at 250-667-1803.

Are you a senior with a story to tell?

Would you like to record your memories, and have a copy of your story to share with family and friends?

To sign up for this opportunity contact Michelle at 250-713-9630

Fair Trade Shopping for Christmas

For 25 years, **Global Village Nanaimo** volunteers have operated a short-term fairtrade store to support international artisans and to bring unique products to the Central Island. The online store is also fully stocked with fair trade treasures which can be delivered, or shipped anywhere in Canada.

This year, Global Village Nanaimo and the Teak Tree have reached an agreement to share the Fitzwilliam Street building, with Global Village using the space from September to December, and the Teak Tree returning to the location in January.

Global Village Nanaimo is proud of its long history, which has included weathering the tough pandemic years, many location changes, and adapting to online shopping.

This strong social enterprise has become a magnet for customers who like to purchase gifts which are free from exploitation.



**437 Fitzwilliam Street
Open until December 24
10 am to 5 pm
Monday to Saturday.**



It's Angel Time!

The Christmas Angel Program provides an important service to individuals, families and seniors in our community over the Christmas season.

We serve families of all sizes, individuals and vulnerable youth. This is no limit or minimum that Angels 'need' to do - it's totally up to you!



You might choose to help in one of several ways:

- ☆ Plan with your family, friends or colleagues to 'Adopt' a family or individual – youth, adult or senior.
- ☆ For a great alternative to adopting a family or individual, provide items included on our 'wish list – to the right.
- ☆ Make a financial donation to help fulfil the specific wishes of our clients – via eTransfer to vnanaimo@gmail.com or in person at our office at 3148E Barons Road.
- ☆ **CONTACT US** at vnanaimo@gmail.com or 250-758-7121





*Volunteer Nanaimo
Christmas Angels*

CRAFT FAIR

CANCELLED

Admission by donation, includes a ticket for our raffle basket of goodies. Funds raised will be used to purchase grocery gift cards for Angel families and seniors.

Christmas Angels Wish List

- ☆ Toiletries
- ☆ Gift cards of \$10 for groceries or restaurants (e.g. Tim Hortons, Subway, etc.) are used to help make up hampers for individuals or families
- ☆ \$15 cash donation towards gift cars
- ☆ Dish towels
- ☆ Umbrellas
- ☆ Puzzled
- ☆ Gloves
- ☆ Socks

No donation is too small!

Volunteer Nanaimo Youth Making a Difference!



'Tis the season to volunteer!



It is the season of joy and gift giving.

And One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time.

Volunteer Nanaimo youth are preparing to make a difference in the month of December and would like to invite you to join in the giving.

We are having our third annual **Coats for Christmas** event on Dec. 16th & 17th. We are collecting new & gently used coats, hats, gloves & socks for women, men, teenagers and children. Items collected will be distributed to community members who are homeless and to children in need in the community.

We will be at the Lions Pavilion at Maffeo Sutton Park on Friday, Dec. 16, from 3-7pm and on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 11-3pm.

We hope we can count on your support! Get in the festive spirit and enjoy a hot chocolate & cookie when you drop off your donations,

Are you between 11-29 years old?

At Volunteer Nanaimo we offer two youth programs: Youth NetWork and Youth 20/20Can.

Youth aged 11 to 18 are welcome to join our Youth NetWork program and volunteer with other youth at events and projects with Nanaimo,

If you are looking for a more hands-on opportunity, Youth 20/20 Can is a youth-led project for ages 15 to 29. In this program youth share their ideas about events or activities that matter to them. they turn their ideas into reality.

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Youth 20/20 Can Presents
Coats for Christmas

Give the gift of warmth

Accepting gently used

- Coats
- Hats
- Gloves
- Socks

Friday December 16th. 3pm-7pm and
Saturday December 17th. 11am-3pm

Maffeo Sutton Park

WAVES 102.3 FM
THE WOLF 106.9 FM
THE SALVATION ARMY Giving Hope Today

Canada Corps

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