

Neighbourhood Speaker Series

Free Online Speaker Series

Explore a range of topics shared by Indigenous speakers and knowledge keepers. Community members are invited to bring and ask questions of the speakers during these interactive online sessions. **Presented in partnership by Burnaby Village Museum and Burnaby Public Library.**

These presentations require access to internet and either Zoom or Facebook applications.

To participate, join us on the **Burnaby Village Museum Facebook page** at the event date and time. You can also register in advance through the Burnaby Public Library at bpl.bc.ca/events or call **604-436-5400**.

Bringing Visibility to the Land: A Tsleil-Waututh Perspective on Community Building

Tuesday, April 27, 7-8pm

Michelle George,
Tsleil-Waututh Nation Cultural and Technical Specialist

Join Michelle as she explores the importance of bringing Tsleil-Waututh ways of knowing to Burnaby. She will ground the talk in her experience of working with the Burnaby Village Museum on producing the **Indigenous History of Burnaby Resource Guide**, an award-winning illustrated educational guide.

Traditional, Ancestral & Unceded: A Conversation on Territorial Acknowledgements

Thursday, April 29, 7-8:30pm

Fancy Poitras, Indigenous Relations Manager for the City of Burnaby and Rebekah Mahaffey, Social Planner for the City of Burnaby

Fancy and Rebekah discuss the City of Burnaby's journey into Truth and Reconciliation, and how you can better understand this journey in your own life.

The Legend of Deer Lake and Indigenous histories of Burnaby

In partnership with Still Moon Arts Society

Tuesday, May 4, 7-8pm

John Preissl, Freelance Photographer

John shares his family's long history from the first Chief Capilano in the late 1700's to present day. Looking through the lens of his camera, John will weave together stories of the Legend of Deer Lake, resource gathering in the Burnaby Lake Watershed, and protection of the sacred salmon and eagle habitat on the shared homelands of the hən̓q̓əmiñəṁ and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples.



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Weaving demonstration at the Burnaby Village Museum.
Photo by Janet Hoffer.

Burnaby is located on the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hə́nqəmíəh̓ and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples. We are grateful for the opportunity to be on this territory.

Creating Visibility in Wood Working

Thursday, May 6, 7-8pm

Xwalacktun, Master Carver

Enjoy a virtual tour of Xwalacktun's studio, and learn about the tools and processes of carving. He will share photographs detailing the long process of turning a 15 foot-tall tree into a house post for his recently completed installation in the Diamond Family Courtyard of Vancouver General Hospital.

Are We Really Changing? Reflections on Reconciliation

In partnership with the Burnaby Festival of Learning

Monday, May 10, 7-8:30pm

Brandon Gabriel, Mixed-Media Artist and Activist

If we have not changed the way we introduce ourselves to each other and this land then what are we reconciling? If resource exploitation, racism and colonization continue today, how can we change? Join Brandon as he looks back at some highlights of his 27 year artistic journey and shares what you can do to tackle reconciliation in your own life.

Weaving and Learning through Art

In partnership with the Burnaby Festival of Learning

Tuesday, May 11, 7-8:15pm

Nicole Preissl, Explorative Designer

Join Nicole as she explores the importance of plants within Coast Salish culture. This interactive session will feature a rope-making demo where participants will have the opportunity to learn basic weaving techniques.

To participate in this hands-on demonstration, come prepared with rope, yarn or pick up a prepared bundle of natural materials from the Burnaby Village Museum before the presentation date by calling 604-297-4565.

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