

**Discover the Heartbeat of Cumberland at the Collaboration Studio**

This December, the Cumberland Museum and Archives invites you to experience *A Place Called Cumberland*, a multidimensional project that brings the village's dynamic history and present-day vibrancy to life. Through our latest Collaboration Studio project, explore the transformative power of shared space as a gallery, an artist incubator, and a platform where diverse voices converge.

Book Available: November 5, at select stores and the museum

Exhibition Opening and Book Launch, *A Place Called Cumberland*: December 7, 11 am

Dive into Cumberland's storied past and vibrant present through the voices of twelve authors in *A Place Called Cumberland*, a newly published collection that delves into everything from legendary railway disasters and coal mining struggles to tales of mountain biking and mycology. The accompanying exhibition, *A Place Called Cumberland: A Publication Exhibition*, amplifies these stories with interactive displays and multimedia installations that immerse you in the layers of Cumberland's history.

Together, the book and exhibition capture lesser-known narratives—from the untold stories of Chinese and Italian immigrant miners to the enduring impact of Japanese-Canadian families like the Ogakis. Learn about figures like Joe Naylor, the quiet yet powerful influence behind labour leader Ginger Goodwin, and meet the bold pioneers like Dr. Irene Mounce, who contributed to the fields of science and hospitality in this resilient community.

This project celebrates Cumberland's role as an arts, culture, and recreation hub in Vancouver Island's Comox Valley, making visible the intertwined histories and diverse values that make it a truly unique place. Join us in the Collaboration Studio to connect with these compelling stories, add your own voice to the space, and experience Cumberland from a new perspective.

Mark your calendars for December 7 and be part of Cumberland's living history!

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<https://cumberlandmuseum.ca/activities/a-place-called-cumberland/>

<https://www.figure1publishing.com/book/a-place-called-cumberland/>