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Caetani Centre Launches 2026 Winter–Spring Creating Space Programming and Events

Get ready to explore creativity, community, and personal expression in a meaningful setting.

VERNON, BC – The Caetani Cultural Centre invites community members of all ages to explore creativity, reflection, and expression through a dynamic lineup of exhibitions, events, and workshops this winter and spring. Programming runs from January through June 2026 at the Caetani Cultural Centre in Vernon, BC, offering opportunities to engage with visual art, writing, poetry, and theatre in an inspiring heritage setting.

“Creating Space is about offering people time, tools, and a welcoming place to explore their inner and creative lives,” says Laisha Rosnau, Executive Director of the Caetani Cultural Centre. “This winter and spring, we’re excited to bring artists and community members together in ways that honour Sveva Caetani’s legacy while nurturing curiosity, connection, and creativity.”

The season begins with *Inner Thread*, an immersive installation by Okanagan-based artist Suzy King, on view in the Caetani Gallery from January 20 to February 7. Richly textured and hands-on, the installation draws on fibre, colour, and sensory experience to invite visitors to slow down and explore quiet connections between body, material, and inner life.

An opening reception will be held January 24 from 2–6 pm, inviting guests to dress in black, white, or warm tones ranging from orange to terracotta, coral, or ochre. Beverages will be available by cash donation, with snacks provided.

On January 31 at 2 pm, King will also present an artist talk and Q&A titled “*Becoming an Installation Artist*.”

Gallery hours during the exhibition are Tuesday to Friday, 10 am–4 pm, and Saturday, 1–4 pm. The exhibition is open to all ages and admission is by donation.

As part of Vernon Winter Carnival, the Caetani Centre will host its third annual A Winter's Night Painting Party on February 12 in the Caetani Gallery. This lively evening invites participants to relax, socialize, and create alongside artist Destanne Norris, producing a Sveva Caetani-inspired painting to take home. Tickets include all materials, facilitation, food, and beverages. Tickets are \$65 + GST and available through the [Vernon Winter Carnival](#).

Building on this vibrant winter programming, the Caetani Centre launches its Winter–Spring 2026 Creating Space Workshop Series, running from February to June 2026. Led by accomplished local artists, the series emphasizes creativity as both artistic practice and personal exploration.

For those interested in creativity as a wellness practice, *Writing for Wellbeing* with published author Hannah Calder begins February 19. This six-session weekly series focuses on journaling and creative writing for emotional resilience, mindfulness, and self-discovery. Open to writers and non-writers alike, the workshop emphasizes reflection over critique in a supportive, low-pressure environment.

Tracing the Inner Myth: A Creative Journey with Sveva Caetani, facilitated by artist Destanne Norris, is a five-part monthly painting workshop beginning February 21 for participants aged 13+. Drawing inspiration from Sveva Caetani's art and life, participants will explore symbolism, narrative, and personal expression while developing one to two finished paintings, with the opportunity to exhibit their work at the Caetani Centre.

Poetry for All, led by local poet Michelle Doege, starts March 7 and runs for seven sessions. Grounded in community, storytelling, and craft, participants will read, write, and share poems while developing strong poetic skills, culminating in a celebratory group reading.

Theatre programming begins in April with two outdoor classes led by actor Amelia Sirianni: an 8-week *Youth Drama Class* for ages 9–13 and a 6-week *Adult Drama Class* for ages 16+. These classes introduce acting techniques, improvisation, character development, and collaboration, with youth participants creating an original theatrical piece by the end of the session.

All workshops and events take place at the Caetani Cultural Centre, with select sessions held in the Caetani Gallery, Ninfa Studio, or outdoors on the grounds. Workshops require minimum enrollment to proceed. Financial subsidies are available on a case-by-case basis to support accessibility.

Registration for workshops is now available online at:
<https://www.caetani.org/gift-shop/workshops>

For more information or subsidy inquiries, contact:

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About the Caetani Cultural Centre

The Caetani Cultural Centre is a vibrant arts and culture facility housed in a designated heritage home on a 1.3-acre property in the heart of Vernon, BC. Featuring a gallery, exhibition space, and artist studios, the Centre is recognized as one of the North Okanagan's premier arts venues, welcoming artists and visitors from around the world.

Rooted in the legacy of artist Sveva Caetani, the Centre seeks to harness the power of art and storytelling to inspire creativity, build community, and enrich lives. When Sveva entrusted her home to the Greater Vernon community in 1994, she envisioned it as a cultural hub for artistic expression. That vision continues today through diverse programming that connects past and present.

For more information, visit www.caetani.org

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1. Submitted: Okanagan artist Suzy King's immersive installation *Inner Thread* transforms the Caetani Gallery this winter.
2. Photo by Wayne Emde: Vernon artist Destanne Norris hosts the A Winter's Night Painting Party at the Caetani Gallery during Vernon Winter Carnival on Feb. 12 and will also lead a monthly painting workshop influenced by the works of Sveva Caetani starting in February.
3. Submitted: Vernon writer Hannah Calder leads Writing for Wellbeing as part of the Creating Space workshop series at the Caetani Centre starting in February.
4. Submitted: Vernon poet Michelle Doege facilitates the Poetry for All workshop at the Caetani Centre beginning in March.
5. Submitted: Vernon actor Amelia Sirianni leads youth and adult drama workshops at the Caetani Centre beginning in April.