



**Thursday, November 18 | 7 to 9 pm | Free!**

Share your writing—poetry, fiction, or non-fiction—in a ten-minute slot at our Writer’s Open Mic! Our host is Toni Graeme, author of three published non-fiction novels and member of several writer’s groups around town. We welcome all experience levels and aim to create a welcoming environment for beginners and more experienced writers and readers!

Sign up ahead of time at [info@gigiscafe.ca](mailto:info@gigiscafe.ca) or at the start of the event! This is our second time hosting this event, and we already have a list of interested writers from the first night—so get in touch ahead of time to avoid disappointment!

The Greater Victoria Festival Society will host a 5 week “Light Up The City” campaign from November 15 through December 18, 2021. The Greater Victoria Festival Society is also bringing back the Christmas Lighting Contest throughout all 13 municipalities!

November 15 – December 18, 2021 Throughout Greater Victoria Free



**Saturday, November 27 | 2 to 4 pm | By donation**

Doreen(vocals) and Reiner (keyboard and vocals) are a retired musical team who have worked together as long as they have been married! Covering a vast collection of genres and styles including light jazz, Latin, pop, R & B, and blues favourites, they play a variety of music perfectly suited for any audience which include hits from Broadway musicals. They also play sing-along and humorous tunes—all guaranteed to put smiles, fun and laughter in the hearts and on the faces of everyone

## **Peninsula Co-op Santa Light Parade**

The much-loved parade is the Miracle on Government Street and kicks off Christmas on the Westcoast! The Santa Claus parade is scheduled for Saturday, November 27th.

Saturday, November 27, 2021 | 5:30 PM Starting at Belleville and Government Street, Victoria Free

The Bay Centre is excited to be hosting the Festival of Trees—a must-see event known as Victoria’s unofficial kick-off to the holiday season for the last 29 years. November 18, 2021 – January 4, 2022 The Bay Centre, 1150 Douglas Street, Victoria Free

## **Christmas Tree Village**

Experience the magic of the holidays at our eighth annual Christmas Tree Village. Join us as we transform the Recreation Centre Atrium and Archie Browning Sports Centre into a holiday wonderland, teeming with twinkling lights and delightful decorations.

December 1, 2021 – January 4, 2022 Recreation Centre Atrium and Archie Browning Sports Centre, Esquimalt Free



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## INDIGENOUS POP UP SHOP YYJ CHRISTMAS MARKET

Lots of great Christmas gifts at the Indigenous Pop Up Shop YYJ.

Come out and show your support for local Indigenous artists gratefully gathering on the Lekwungen speaking Traditional Territory.

Indigenous Art and Beadwork, Bannock, Silverwork, cedar bark weaving, herbal botanicals and gemstone candles, artwork, stickers and prints , jewelry, herbal medicines.



### **Winspear Festival of Trees**

The Winspear Festival of Trees will be open to the public from November 30 – January 2. Visit the Centre to cast a vote for your favourite tree. With beautiful and unique Christmas trees decorated by local businesses and community groups it will be hard to choose just one!

November 30, 2021 – January 2, 2022 Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney

### **Merridale's Christmas at Farm**

This holiday season, embrace the magical moments of joy and festivities with us. Immerse yourself in the Christmas spirit at the Merridale Farm.

November 20, 2021 – January 2, 2022 Merridale Cidery & Distillery, 1230 Merridale Road, Cobble Hill Free

### **Enchanting Holiday Walks**

During the day, wander through our orchard Faerie walk. Perfect for kids and the young at heart.

As dusk approaches, our courtyard comes alive with thousands of twinkling lights and holiday displays. Best of all, it's free – our gift to you and your family.

You will find hot mulled cider and treats for purchase in case you don't want to join us for a meal in the eatery. Fido is also welcome on the walk, but please ask him to put on his leash.



## **Sea of Lights, Lighted Ship Parade**

Boats decorated with Christmas lights, often numbering in the thousands of lights, parade by Willows Beach, Cattle Point and Gyro Park where regularly hundreds of individuals view the parade, participate in on-shore activities and are given the opportunity to make donations in cash, food or toys to Oak Bay Kiwanis at Willows Beach and the Salvation Army at Gyro Park. Hot chocolate is handed out to donors and there is a bonfire at Willows Beach.

Friday, December 3, 2021 | The parade starts at RVYC at 6:45 PM Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Victoria Free



## **Esquimalt Celebration of Lights**

Esquimalt's Celebration of Lights is a magical event for the whole family. Lights, Music, Food, Santa and it is FREE to the whole community.

Sunday, December 5, 2021 | 5:00 PM Esquimalt Free

## **PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING**

The Community is invited to join Congregation Emanu-El Synagogue at a joyous and raucous Public Menorah Lighting for Hanukkah because courage always transcends fear, unity is stronger than division and love wins over hate. Public Menorah Lighting takes place Sunday, December 9 from 5:00 pm at Centennial Square, Victoria

## **HANUKKAH PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING DEC. 22**

You are invited to join Congregation Emanu-El Synagogue for a joyous Hanukkah Lighting on Sunday, December 22 from 5:00 pm at Centennial Square, Victoria.