



24th Annual Pacific Rim Whale Festival
MARCH 6-14, 2010 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Listed by Day of the Week - Robust Descriptions!

The Pacific Rim Whale Festival Society is a registered non-profit, and can be reached at 250-726-7798 or info@pacificrimwhalefestival.com. Want more info? Visit us online at www.pacificrimwhalefestival.com

All details on the Calendar of Events are as accurate as possible at the time of publication and are subject to change. Please plan ahead & visit www.pacificrimwhalefestival.com for potential updates & further details.

SOME THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE EVENTS CALENDAR

🌀 **This symbol signifies a BUTTON EVENT.** 2010 Pacific Rim Whale Festival Buttons are bordered by the colour yellow to distinguish them from previous years' and are designed by local kids. They come in 12 special designs for you to choose from; we suggest a minimum donation of \$2 each. Buttons are available at most events, or can also be found at local Visitor Info Centres and most whale watching tour operators around our towns. Wear them proudly in support of the Whale Festival, and show your 2010 button for FREE ADMISSION to the majority of our calendar events. Collect all 12 to make a complete set! Made possible, in part, by the contributions of our local whale watching companies, talented young artists, and the printing expertise of Pina Studio & Boutique in Ucluelet.

Note that if you enter and use Pacific Rim National Park Reserve (PRNPR) you may be required to show your park pass. Passes can be obtained at Info Centres, the Wickaninnish Interpretive Centre and some parking lots. If you are attending educational programs at Green Point Campground Theatre there is no fee in place, just let the kiosk staff know that you are going to the Theatre.

There are very few events that require pre-purchased tickets for admission, but for those that do, tickets can be bought (starting Feb 25) at the following fine establishments:

- In Tofino at Mermaid Tales Bookshop, Tofino Sea Kayaking and Groovy Movie
- In Ucluelet at Wild Heather Books and Image West Gallery & Gifts

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

6pm

14th Annual Gala Dinner & Silent Auction Fundraiser

Wickaninnish Inn, Tofino

Tickets \$110 - limited capacity! Reserve by phoning Rachelle 1-800-333-4604

Presenting outstanding multiple course cuisine, wine pairings and West Coast treasures for auction. 100% of the funds raised go directly to the Pacific Rim Whale Festival Society. Thank you Wickaninnish Inn & The Pointe Restaurant for your outstanding annual support of the Whale Festival.

ONGOING EVENTS

10am-4pm DAILY, unless specified ☉

Artists In Action - catch West Coast artists in the act...of art!

(See Extended Listing on last pages)

10am-6pm DAILY ☉

ArtSplash! Pacific Rim Arts Society's Annual Spring Art Show

Harbour Lounge - Weigh West Marine Resort, Tofino

The Pacific Rim Arts Society's annual community art show is back! Local artists working in mediums from painting to fibre works, photography to clay and wood to silver are set to exhibit their wares. Come and view original artworks and purchase a favorite piece to take with you. Thanks to the Pacific Rim Arts Society.

10:15am & 2pm DAILY ☉

Daily Marine Documentary Film Screenings

Remote Passages Marine Excursions - at the boathouse, Tofino

Marine-based, educational and documentary films suitable for all ages. Daily screenings schedule at www.remotepassages.com Thank you Remote Passages for years of dedicated support.

DAILY ☉

Jamie's Whaling Station's Westcoast Passport To Adventure Contest

Passports available at any Info Centre or either Jamie's Whaling Station & Adventure Centre

On your own time all throughout Whale Festival, visit participating locations to answer quirky & educational interpretive questions and collect PRWFS Stamps to enter the draw for GREAT prizes. Complete your Answer Sheet and enter the draw to win a grand prize at Closing Day Celebrations! Thank you Jamie's for organizing this annual educational & interactive Festival activity!

10am-6pm SUN - THURS ☉

Media Lounge: An Interactive Multi-media Gallery & Coastal Sensory Experience

The Shore/Ocean Outfitters, Tofino

Time to press the rewind, pause, or play buttons @ the Media Lounge. Listen to the whales, watch Canadiana short-films, indulge your senses in the works of world-class artists, or just put up your feet and catch a breath from the festival fury. Maybe you want to be more active and shoot your own movie, sound or photo and upload it to the festival's Youtube and Flickr websites accessible here? But don't forget... the Feature Presentation "LIVE" is on Thurs Night (7-10:30pm), where you can experience the behind-the-scene adventures of photographer, Matt Maran, be part of Randy Celebrini's live painting, and listen to Esther Celebrini's live jazz performance. Official Whale Festival Merchandise available here too!

10am-6pm SUN MAR 7 & onward for the season

Ucluelet Aquarium: Up Close & Personal!

Ucluelet Mini Aquarium - Waterfront Promenade, Ucluelet

\$5 adults/\$3 kids (4-16 yrs)/\$FREE under 4 yrs

Get your hands wet in the touch tanks with hungry seastars, sideways sand dollars, bright sea anemones, cool crabs, incredible fish and more! Guest interpreters and special activities! Visit with the undersea critters of Clayoquot Sound & Barkley Sound (including a giant pacific octopus!), which are exhibited - and then later released - back into the wild; all from our own backyard! Curiosity welcome & questions encouraged, for ages 1-101! Open daily 10am-6pm from now on for the season! No admission for Opening Day Sat Mar 6 only.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

8am-10am

Pancake Breakfast (Pre-Parade!) with the Tofino Fire Brigade

Fire Hall @ Second St & Campbell St, Tofino

Tickets at the event: \$TBA

Pancakes, sausages & syrup, juice & coffee. Mmm-mm-mm - an affordable & fund-raising way to kick off the week, and to get ready to watch the Parade roll by. Thank you to the Tofino Volunteer Fire Brigade.

10am 🌞

Ucluelet Aquarium *Season Opening*: Up Close & Personal!

DAILY throughout week, \$FREE on Opening Day only

Ucluelet Mini Aquarium - Waterfront Promenade, Ucluelet

Face painting from 2-3pm, and get your hands wet in the touch tanks with hungry seastars, sideways sand dollars, bright sea anemones, cool crabs, incredible fish and more! Guest interpreters and special activities! Visit with the undersea critters of Clayoquot Sound & Barkley Sound (including a giant pacific octopus!), which are exhibited - and then later released - back into the wild; all from our own backyard! Curiosity welcome & questions encouraged, for ages 1-101! Open daily 10am-6pm from now on for the season! No admission for Opening Day!

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Parade of Whales & Wonders and the annual Pet & Doll Parade

Begins at Wickaninnish School and will move around town, Tofino.

Come and bring your pets, favourite dolls, or outrageous costumes or float and join us in the parade! Watch for annual favourite features and some new surprises. Parade ends downtown where more activities will unravel... Meet at Wickaninnish School at 9:40 to participate in the line-up! Pet & Doll Parade generously sponsored by Tofino Co-op.

11:30am 🌞

Fire-fighter SpoutBall Challenge

Tennis Courts by the Skate Park, Tofino

Local Ucluelet & Tofino Volunteer Fire Brigades go head to head in a costumed challenge. If you haven't seen this before, it's a must-see in the quirky department, and high on adrenaline. Stick around downtown after the Parade to catch SpoutBall. Losers treat the winners to the Chowder Chowdown! The tradition continues...

1pm 🌞

Whale's Eye View: Interactive SCUBA Diving Introduction with Ocean Planet Adventures - Limited capacity for gear!

West Coast Motel - in the pool, Ucluelet

The diving here in Barkley & Clayoquot Sounds is world class! Let dive master Andy show you the introductory ropes of SCUBA diving with full gear provided, and a safe indoor pool environment to immerse yourself into the underwater world - from a whale's eye view! Bring your underwater cameras if you like and be prepared for about 3 hours total. Suitable for most ages.

2pm 🌞

SEA CHANGE Series hosts Children's Book Launch & Interactive Presentation with Elin Kelsey, author of *Hey! Not Your Typical Book About The Environment*

Clayoquot Field Station, Tofino

This book is geared toward kids aged 9-12, but is suitable for all ages! It's written from a hopeful perspective. Kids (and adults) are bombarded with doom and gloom messages about the state of the planet and their futures. This book celebrates the amazing connections between the ordinary things in kids' lives, like video games and bikes and chocolate chip cookies, and the extraordinary ways they are linked to mountain gorillas, blue whales, urban farming, climate change - you name it! It's filled with creative, real world examples of how people all over the earth *are* living

more sustainable lives. Join Elin Kelsey for the exciting launch of her book, reading and signing - and then join in the fun as everyone creates their own eco-comic-strip! Special thanks to The Clayoquot Field Station!

About our SEA CHANGE Series: To contribute to an evidently necessary learning curve on the changing state of the sea and the creatures who live within it's depth, we've included a series entitled Sea Change. It's a presentation series of (really awesome) dynamic speakers and documentary films relating to how human factors are changing the Earth's oceans, and how these conditions will affect human communities as well as the entire ocean system.

Audiences will be treated to talks on some of the latest research and developments in climate & ocean sciences with information regarding trends in conservation and environmental education, aiming to inspire and enable solutions.

7pm-9pm

Common Loaf Bakeshop presents Crepe Night: the delicious fundraising tradition continues!

Special menu to choose from.

Common Loaf Bakeshop, Tofino

No advance tickets required – come as you are! This is an all-ages fundraising evening where the feature is the food! Sweet and savoury selections of delicious crepes from the Common Loaf kitchen have made quite a reputation around town! Come for dinner! Beer and wine will be available. 100% of the proceeds go to the Pacific Rim Whale Festival Society. Thank you Common Loaf!

7pm-9pm 🌐

Winter Wave Photo Showdown: An Exhibition Competition for the Best Winter Wave Photos!

Black Rock Oceanfront Resort, Ucluelet

Winter storms on the Pacific Ocean have been pounding our coastline for ages! If you're lucky enough to have witnessed one of these massive surf storms you know how hard it is to capture an image that does it justice. That's why we've invited anyone with a photographic eye to submit their finest winter storm photos to showcase their talent and celebrate one of our favourite winter activities – Stormwatching. This is an informal opportunity to come out and view some of the best winter stormwatching photography on the West Coast. All of the photos that will appear in the Showdown have been taken right here along our coastline between Ucluelet and Tofino. The winning photos will be chosen by YOU, in a People's Choice style vote by ballot. Thank you Black Rock Oceanfront Resort and The Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

10am OR 1pm

Whales & Tales: An Adventure By Boat!

with naturalist Peter Shulze of Strawberry Island Marine Research Society

Ocean Outfitters, Tofino

(12 spaces/boat) \$79/To reserve 250-725-2866

Come onboard for an exciting 2.5 hour adventure where our captain & guide takes you into Clayoquot Sound in search wildlife which could include whales, black bears, seals, sea lions, puffins, sea otters, bald eagles (aerie too!) and inevitably miles of gorgeous coastline and beaches. An amazing daytrip for all ages with an informative and engaging guide! Partial proceeds to local research efforts. Thanks to Ocean Outfitters for continued Festival support!

11am – 2pm

14th Annual Chowder Chowdown

Seaplane Base Rec Hall, Ucluelet

Tickets at the door: \$10 adults/\$5 kid/\$25 family up to 4 kids

Sample the best of the Pacific Northwest from local Tofino and Ucluelet chefs! Gourmet secrets, mom & pop specials, traditional family recipes. Have a taste of up to 12 samples and favour your flavour. Which chowder will win your vote this year?! Featuring live maritime tunes and collector's T-shirts for sale. Bring a spoon! Presented in

partnership with District of Ucluelet Rec Commission and Department. Thanks to all for keeping the tradition alive and well!

2:30-4:30pm 🌐

Whale Watching Station & Interpretive Loop

Amphitrite Point Lighthouse & Wild Pacific Trail, Ucluelet

Join naturalists from the Raincoast Education Society, Ucluelet Aquarium Society, Long Beach Nature Tours and Parks Canada for interactive land-based viewing through spotting scopes & the eyes of history from this traditional whale-spotting point on the peninsula. Enjoy the trail & come armed with binoculars & questions! Special scopes for kids too! Did we mention rain or shine? Thanks to all of the participating facilitating organizations and the Wild Pacific Trail Society.

7pm 🌐

SEA CHANGE Series hosts Watching Giants: The Secret Lives of Whales

with author Elin Kelsey

Black Rock Oceanfront Resort, Ucluelet

This presentation with special guest and author Elin Kelsey will allow you to better appreciate whales, and social relationships & whale 'culture'. Her presentation stems from her book, which consists of short essays focused on amazing aspects of whale behavior or biology. Her personal anecdotes help make larger points about the contrast between whale behavior and humans, or the fragility of the ecosystem. Some will also appreciate her focus on whales as mothers and families, which is often missing from wildlife stories. Books available for signing at the event! Special thanks to Black Rock Oceanfront Resort.

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MONDAY, MARCH 8

11am OR 2pm

Meares Island Big Tree Trail: Guided Hikes

with naturalist Devorah Reeves

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11am-12pm 🌐

Sea Otters: From 0 to 3,000 in 35 years!

with marine biologist Josie Osborne

Green Point Campground Theatre, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

The last sea otter in BC was killed in the 1920s, after 150 years of lucrative commercial hunting. Thirty-five years ago, 89 sea otters were reintroduced to the west coast of Vancouver Island, and today there are over 3,000 in BC. Join Tofino marine biologist Josie Osborne for an informative 45 minute slideshow about the sea otter. Learn why this animal was such a valuable part of the fur trade, and how sea otter hunting became a key turning point in the history of coastal BC. You'll also learn about how this important "keystone species" is making a comeback on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, and what kind of impact its recovery is having - from changes in the nearshore

coastal environment to changes in our local economies. This talk will appeal to history buffs and naturalists alike, and it's great for kids and adults!

1pm 🕒

**Beach Seining Interactive Specimen Collecting
with Ucluelet Aquarium interpreters & biologist friends**

Meet at Terrace Beach, Ucluelet

What is seining, you ask? Join Ucluelet Aquarium curator Dave Hurwitz 'in his shoes' for an actual Aquarium-bound specimen collection from Terrace Beach. Oh! The life in our own backyard! A net, chest waders, some biologist friends, and you! Dave will be joined by Ucluelet Aquarium staff for some seining fun. All ages welcome!

1pm 🕒

**Uu-a-thluk: Taking Care of Species At Risk In Nuu-chah-nulth Territories
with Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Fisheries biologist Katie Beach**

Green Point Campground Theatre, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

The Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations rely on sea resources for food, economic and spiritual needs. However, over the past two centuries, development and harvesting pressures have resulted in drastic reductions in the populations of many West Coast Vancouver Island (WCVI) aquatic species. These species reductions have impacted Nuu-chah-nulth culture and livelihood, as does protective measures implemented under the Species at risk Act (SARA). This presentation will outline some of the local species that are now listed under the Species at Risk Act, their cultural significance, and some of the activities that Nuu-chah-nulth and Uu-a-thluk have developed to take care of those species. Examples include abalone, sea otters, rockfish, and basking shark. Come ready to participate!

2pm 🕒

Whale Quest Tofino: Grey Whale ID - Kids get to know local whales in print & paint!

Remote Passages Marine Excursions boathouse, Tofino

When researchers watch whales, they often know "who's who" – now you can too! Learn how researchers ID grey whales, and what this can tell them about the life histories of these fascinating, friendly whales. Meet Two-Dot Star, Admiral and some of their friends. Get to know your local whales in print and paint! Kids age 6-12 – interactive & creative grey whale ID activity. Pre-registration required at 250-725-3330.

7pm-9pm

**Sweet Indulgence: Annual All-You-Can-Eat Dessert Reception
with special musical guests Smalltown Empire**

UAC Hall, Ucluelet

Advance tickets only: \$10 adults/\$5 kids 12 & under

An evening of decadence; featuring favourites from the recipe archives from up and down the coast. All-you-can-eat desserts & people's choice awards, and more. Live musical guests progressive acoustic folk duet 'Smalltown Empire'! Sponsored generously by Evergreen Forest Cabins, Cynamoka Coffee House, and all of the bakers and decadence makers. Limited capacity, so advanced tickets only!

8pm

Monday Night Movie: screening Julian Lennon's "WhaleDreamers"

Clayoquot Community Theatre, Tofino

Admission at the door: \$5 minimum donation

Be inspired. Don't miss out on this inspiring documentary that brings about a timely message of hope and opens our eyes with rich narrative, breathtaking images, and a reminder of what it means for people to reconnect with their culture, the natural world and each other! www.whaledreamers.com

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

8:30am-9:30am 🕒

B-Bop Fitness and Wild Pacific Trail Discovery Walk with OJ

Meet at He-Tin-Kis Park - Wild Pacific Trail, Ucluelet

Meet 'Oyster Jim' Martin who will take you on a guided walk on & off the Wild Pacific Trail each day. Hikers from last year's B-Bop Walks came away with wonderful footage spotting migrating whales from the trail. This is a once-a-year opportunity to experience the trail with the visionary behind its existence!

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10am 🌟

Button Artist Recognition Celebration

with artist Roy Henry Vickers

Eagle Aerie Gallery, Tofino

Come join Roy Henry Vickers in recognizing and celebrating the young local artists behind this year's Festival Buttons! View Button Collections of past years and celebrate our local budding talent. Storytelling event will follow.

11am 🌟

Storytelling

with artist Roy Henry Vickers

Eagle Aerie Gallery, Tofino

Renowned First Nation artist Roy Henry Vickers intimately shares personal stories of coastal life and inspirations, in his own longhouse gallery. He will be releasing Limited Edition prints and Roy will be available for signing following the storytelling. Everyone welcome! Thanks to Eagle Aerie Gallery for years of Whale Festival support.

11am 🌟

Jewels of the Emerald Sea

with Parks Canada marine biologist Jenn Yakimishyn

Green Point Campground Theatre, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

Dive into the Emerald Sea to learn more about the diversity of fish and invertebrates that live in the coastal Pacific Rim and how Parks Canada monitors this subtidal realm.

1pm 🌟

Sand Dune Safari

with Parks Canada staff Sibylla Helms & Carl Sieber

Wickaninnish Beach - Parking lot C, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

Come walk into a world you may have never seen on the west coast of Vancouver Island. You thought the drive here to the coast was wild, now try the moonscape of the Pacific Rim National park Reserve sand dunes. Learn about the history of the dunes, their formation and the hardy inhabitants that call the dunes home. There are tracks from animals that live there, from rodents to bears to wolves. You'll see plants that have adapted to fight for survival in some of the harshest conditions around, and see what Parks Canada and volunteers are doing for an ecosystem that is threatened by the invasion of aliens! You may even spot whale spouts from shore too!

2pm – 3pm

Mudflat Interpretive Walk

with 'Mudflat Explorer' Kimberly Johnston

Meet at Darwin's Café - Tofino Botanical Gardens, Tofino

Participation fee: \$10 adult/\$6 students/\$FREE kids 12 & under (includes 3-day Tofino Botanical Gardens Pass)

The Tofino Mudflats are more than just mud; they're one of the little-known jewels of Clayoquot Sound.

Thousands of migrating shorebirds depend on these mudflats, and migrating grey whales use them too! Come down to the Tofino Botanical Gardens and join marine biologist Josie Osborne for a 60 minute exploration of the Tofino Mudflats. Great for families, kids and mud-enthusiasts of all ages. Sturdy shoes are recommended; gumboots are not necessary as we will walk NEXT to the mud but not ON the mud. Thanks to the Tofino Botanical Gardens Foundation.

2pm-4pm 🕒

Sea Creature Cookie Creators: a creative activity for kids accompanied by adults

Common Loaf Bakeshop, Tofino

Kids accompanied by the young at heart; come down to the bakeshop and decorate your own sea creature cookies to take home and show off...or gobble up! Professional icing tips from bakeshop staff! Thanks again to Common Loaf!

3pm 🕒

**Fantastic Flippers! Sea Lions of the Pacific Northwest
with marine mammal biologist Wendy Szaniszlo**

Green Point Campground Theatre, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

Local marine mammal biologist Wendy Szaniszlo will be giving a talk on sea lions of Barkley and Clayoquot Sounds including an overview of sea lion research she's been involved in during recent years. Curious about what those critters eat and how much? Come learn why local waters are so important for Steller sea lions.

7pm 🕒

**Solitude: Seeking Wisdom In Extremes - Slideshow & Stories on a year alone in the Patagonia wilderness
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7pm doors - 7:30pm-9pm 🕒

5th Annual WhaleFest Literary Spout-Off

This year's theme: Water

Darwin's Café, Tofino Botanical Gardens, Tofino

The 5th annual WhaleFest Literary Spout-Off, featuring story, poem, rumination and rant as West Coast authors expound upon this year's theme: Water. Open mic as time allows. Tea, coffee and edible wonders available from the café - come early and enjoy the special menu after 5pm! Presented by the Clayoquot Writers Group and Darwin's Cafe.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

9:30am 🕒

Blessing of The Boats

First St Government Dock, Tofino

Sail-past parade procession to bless the 2010 season's whale watching boats & community fleet with Reverend Joan Scandrett. The ceremony will feature a guest blessing, with demonstration and participation from the Canadian Coastguard, RCMP and the Tonquin Foundation, and varied local vessel fleet to kick off another safe season on the water. Everyone welcome! Organized annually by the Tonquin Foundation.

10am-1pm

Marine Mammal Research Day – Naturalist Tour By Boat!

Depart from Subtidal Adventures, Ucluelet

(12 spaces), \$79/To reserve 250-726-7336

Join local naturalist and marine mammal researcher Wendy Szaniszlo for a fun-filled research trip in Barkley Sound. We will be travelling by zodiac with Brian Congdon, a former Park Warden of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve who has been conducting local tours for over 30 years. Brian is very knowledgeable about the natural and cultural history of Barkley Sound and has supported Wendy with her sea lion research and whale surveys for over 10 years. Together they will introduce you to local marine mammals and involve you in identifying individual whales, discovering what they eat, and investigating sea lion movements. We'll enjoy the beauty of Barkley Sound and watch for seals, eagles and sea birds along the way. Thanks to Subtidal Adventures and Wendy Szaniszlo.

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National Marine Conservation Areas on the Pacific Coast

with Parks Canada staff Megumi Johns

Green Point Campground Theatre, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

Join Parks Canada staff member Megumi Johns to learn about National Marine Conservation Areas of Canada - what they are and what they hope to achieve - and about two exciting Pacific coast initiatives already underway in Gwaii Haanas (Queen Charlotte Islands) and the southern Strait of Georgia (southern Gulf Islands). This presentation will also include a sneak peak of the beauty of Gwaii Haanas in a short video.

1pm 🕒

The Comeback of the Humpback

with Caitlin Birdsall of the Vancouver Aquarium

Green Point Campground Theatre, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

Come discover the exciting comeback of the humpback with Caitlin Birdsall, research assistant with the BC Cetacean Sightings Network at the Vancouver Aquarium. Humpback whale populations were significantly reduced by commercial whaling throughout the 20th century, but their numbers have been steadily increasing since. This multi-media presentation will allow audiences to listen to their songs, be awed by their acrobatics and discover how British Columbia's residents and visitors can help research and protect humpback whales. The BC Cetacean Sightings Network collects sightings of all cetaceans, including humpbacks, from coastal citizen and mariners throughout the province- learn how to get involved at this presentation or by visiting www.wildwhales.org

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2-5pm ☉

**Tools, Techniques and Tricks to Improve Your Environmental Education Program: A Professional Development Workshop for Marine & Aquatic Educators
with Sue Staniforth & NAME. Open to the public!**

Clayoquot Field Station, Tofino

Must pre-register: contact eriko.arai@vanaqua.org or 604-659-3492

Evaluation information is an important tool for program funding and decision-making, organizational learning, accountability and program management and improvement. This workshop will examine tools and strategies for developing evaluation programs that work for us as educators in both formal and non-formal settings. We will also explore several recent resources that support educational program evaluation, and apply them to participant programs.

3pm ☉

**Killer Whales: Recent Research on a Coastal Icon
with Meghan McKillop of the Vancouver Aquarium**

Green Point Campground Theatre, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

Come discover the fascinating killer whale! Once misunderstood and unpopular along the coast of British Columbia, the killer whale is now one of the best studied and most revered marine mammals in Canada. The Vancouver Aquarium continues to build on its 40 years of killer whale research by studying wild population in British Columbia and Alaska. This presentation will focus on the recent projects undertaken by Aquarium scientists and students, as well as the *Wild Killer Whale Adoption Program*, which helps fund these studies.

7pm doors, 7:30pm-12am

Martini Migration: Feathers, Fur & Fins Fundraising Event - featuring musical guests Current Swell

Tofino Community Hall, Tofino

Advance tickets only: \$45

7:30pm/Martini Contest & Voting & 10pm-12am/Afterparty Live Show!

5th Annual Skyy Vodka & Hendrick's Gin Cocktail Competition. Music by Tofitian, and live performance special guests Current Swell. Local mixologists will compete for the coveted title of the best Whale Festival Martini & decorated booth. Come shake, stir and vote for your version of the best coastal martini, and *the most festivalized costumes in attendance! Dress for the theme - Feather's Fur & Fins!* Live show with Current Swell that pairs a mighty horn section with deep roots in blues, reggae, and rock! Sponsored in cooperation with Weigh West Marine Resort, PMA Canada, and all the participating bars and restaurants! Partial proceeds to 5 local research projects – sponsored in part by Method Marine Supply and Eagle Marine. Advance Tickets Only: available at Mermaid Tales Bookshop, Tofino Sea Kayaking, Groovy Movie and Wild Heather Books or Image West Gallery & Gifts.

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Feathers & Flukes Boat Tour

with guest guide & local birder Artie Ahier

Remote Passages Marine Excursions, Tofino

(12 spaces) \$84/person / To reserve 725-3330

It's the perfect time of year for an exciting adventure where our guides take you touring into stretching inlet waters and along the outer coast of Clayoquot Sound seeking coastal and inlet birds *and* migrating grey whales all in one experience! An inspiring daytrip for most ages with informative and engaging guides! Thanks to Remote Passages Marine Excursions for continued Festival support!

11am 🕒

Life On The Beach

with author & marine biologist Jim Cosgrove

Clayoquot Community Theatre, Tofino

What do you think is the harshest environment in the world? The arctic, the Sahara desert, the top of Mount Everest? The truth is that the intertidal zone is an incredibly harsh environment for a great number of reasons. Jim Cosgrove, a Research Associate at the Royal British Columbia Museum, will be presenting a slide show and talk about the intertidal environment of British Columbia and explain how the plants and animals deal with the many changes in their daily lives.

12noon 🕒

Traditional Cedar Weaving: Hands-on Workshop

with First Nations Weavers and Artists Rose Wilson & Molly Haipee

UAC Hall, Ucluelet

With First Nations weavers Rose Wilson, Molly Haipee & friends – make a take-home cedar creation using traditional techniques and learn about the history, preparation and uses of this coastal art form. Take part in making a community hat! Sponsored generously by the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust.

1pm 🕒

No Mother Could Give More: The Giant Pacific Octopus

with author & marine biologist Jim Cosgrove

Clayoquot Community Theatre, Tofino

The giant Pacific octopus is the largest species of octopus in the world and it reaches its greatest size in British Columbia and Washington State! Jim Cosgrove, a Research Associate at the Royal British Columbia Museum and an acknowledged world expert on the giant Pacific octopus, will be presenting a slide show and talk about his 35 years of research into the life history of this fascinating animal.

1-4pm 🕒

Ucluelet Maritime Kids Day: an all-out afternoon of fun, art, science, and music!

Seaplane Base Rec Hall, Ucluelet

Activities for all ages! We're very excited to host the Vancouver Aquarium AquaVan, gumboot painting with the Raincoast Education Society, Bamfield Marine Science Centre science fun galore, recycled crafts for kids, live concert with The Kerplunks at 3pm, snack booth, 'The Bone Throne', photos with Knuckles the Whale and more! All ages welcome. Thanks to all of our participating organizations and sponsors including Long Beach Lodge Resort, Carl Scott, Judy Gray, and Remote Passages Marine Excursions.

3-4pm 🕒

The Kerplunks – FREE Live Concert

Award winning children's performers at Ucluelet Maritime Kids Day

Seaplane Base Rec Hall, Ucluelet

Fun & funky! Educational and outrageously engaging 4 piece live band including stand-up bass, drums and horns! Nominated for a 2009 Juno for Children's Album of the Year! We are so excited to host them again! All ages welcome. Thank you to Long Beach Radio, Weigh West Marine Resort, and Ucluelet Rec Dept.

3pm 🕒

Live Dive: An Interactive Discovery Dive - From the subsea direct via internet to the theatre audience with Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre

Clayoquot Community Theatre, Tofino

Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre is a non-profit, charitable organization located in Bamfield on the southeastern shores of Barkley Sound. The Centre is devoted to marine science research and education and has five member universities, UBC, U. of Victoria, SFU, U. of Alberta and U. of Calgary. The award winning Public Education Program aims to increase Canadian's Ocean Literacy and inspire young Canadians to go on in marine science careers. The *Live Dive* is a new innovative way to explore the subsea, and is brought to you using new technology over the Internet! Two divers, a naturalist and a videographer and their support team in Barkley Sound connect directly with the Clayoquot Theatre audience and their in-house naturalist to make this discovery dive together.

4pm 🕒

Seagrass Meadows: Magnets For Fish Diversity

with Parks Canada marine scientist Dr. Cliff Robinson

UAC Hall, Ucluelet

Did you know that 2010 marks the International Year of Biodiversity? The diversity of life in the sea is enormous compared to the land, but often remains unexplored as it is hidden under a blanket of water. However, twice daily tides can reveal this incredible, rich biodiversity within many different coastal habitats of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve of Canada. One particular habitat, eelgrass, can harbour an astonishing variety of fish species. This type of seagrass is actually a rooted plant and can be found in calmer, shallower waters of the national park. Unfortunately, eelgrass is also highly vulnerable and sensitive to many land-use and marine-use activities that reduce light in the water column that the plants require. Thankfully, a Parks Canada doctor regularly checks on the health of these important places. Join Dr. Cliff Robinson as he leads you on a visual journey describing the wide diversity of fishes found in southern Clayoquot Sound and Barkley Sound eelgrass meadows, and discusses some of threats facing these vital ecosystems.

7pm-10:30pm

Feature Presentation "LIVE" @ Media Lounge: An Interactive Multi-media Gallery & Coastal Sensory Experience with Matt Maran, Randy Celebrini & Esther Celebrini

The Shore/Ocean Outfitters, Tofino

Admission: \$5 at the door

Time to press the rewind, pause, or play buttons @ the Media Lounge. Listen to the whales, watch Canadiana short-films, indulge your senses in the works of world-class artists, or just put up your feet and catch a breath from the festival fury. Maybe you want to be more active and shoot your own movie, sound or photo and upload it to the festival's Youtube and Flickr websites. The Feature Presentation "LIVE" is where you can experience the behind-the-scene adventures of photographer Matt Maran, be part of artist Randy Celebrini's live painting, and listen to musician Esther Celebrini's live jazz performance.

7pm

**Barnacle Blues: David Gogo Live in Concert
with local openers Left at the Junction**

Auction prizes, live blues...and live barnacles!

Black Rock Oceanfront Resort, Ucluelet

Tickets: \$40 advance or \$45 at the door

An fun *and* fund-raising evening of music starting with local opening act Left at the Junction. Featuring an immersion into the musical talent of acclaimed musician David Gogo and his 4-piece band -- bring your dancing shoes! Raffle-style auction with lots of amazing prizes; includes gourmet savouries & 2 drink tickets. Thank you to Black Rock Oceanfront Resort, Aquamarine Adventures, Ucluelet Aquarium Society, and all of the generous donators to the prize auction. Thank you! Thank you! Advance tickets at Mermaid Tales Bookstore, Tofino Sea Kayaking, Groovy Movie, Wild Heather Books, Image West Gallery & Gifts, or at the door if available.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

10am OR 1pm

**Whales & Tales: An Adventure By Boat!
with naturalist Peter Shulze of Strawberry Island Marine Research Society**

Ocean Outfitters, Tofino

(12 spaces/boat) \$79/To reserve 725-2866

Come onboard for an exciting 2.5 hour adventure where our captain & guide takes you into Clayoquot Sound in search wildlife which could include whales, black bears, seals, sea lions, puffins, sea otters, bald eagles (aerie too!) and inevitably miles of gorgeous coastline and beaches. An amazing daytrip for all ages with an informative and engaging guide! Partial proceeds to local research efforts. Thanks to Ocean Outfitters for continued Festival support!

11am 🌐

**Storytelling
with artist Roy Henry Vickers**

Eagle Aerie Gallery, Tofino

Renowned First Nation artist Roy Henry Vickers intimately shares personal stories of coastal life and inspirations, in his own longhouse gallery. He will be releasing Limited Edition prints and Roy will be available for signing following the storytelling. Everyone welcome! Thanks to Eagle Aerie Gallery for years of Whale Festival support.

11am 🌐

**Skeletons In Our Closets
with author & marine biologist Jim Cosgrove**

Green Point Campground Theatre, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

You have a skeleton and it serves many functions but what about other animals? Does a Grey Whale, earthworm, jellyfish or butterfly have a skeleton? Jim Cosgrove, a Research Associate at the Royal British Columbia Museum, will be presenting a slide show and talk about skeletons in general and then focus on the development of skeletons in cephalopods: the nautilus, cuttlefish, squid and octopus as well as some extinct forms.

1pm 🌐

**Interactive All-ages Workshop
with SWARM: Hyper-Kinetic Percussion Group**

Seaplane Base Rec Hall, Ucluelet

SWARM's extreme drumming captivates & involves the participants with funky invented instruments, passionate performers and powerful energizing music. A great interactive lead-up to their evening performance at 7pm!

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3pm 🕒

Wet & Wild: Marine Mammal Research In Barkley & Clayoquot Sounds

with marine mammal biologist Wendy Szaniszló

Green Point Campground Theatre, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

Grey whales, humpback whales and sea lions, oh my! Why are these and other marine mammals in BC listed as at-risk? Join marine mammal biologist Wendy Szaniszló in a presentation on the marine mammal monitoring and research programs she's locally involved in. How does this work contribute to recovery of species-at-risk? Learn the ins and outs, highlights, and some research results through images and tales, right from the mouth of an experienced researcher.

4pm 🕒

Casual Coffee & Book Signing

with author and marine biologist Jim Cosgrove

Wild Heather Books, Ucluelet

A scuba diver for more than 49 years and a certified diving instructor since 1971, Jim has long been interested in the plants and animals of the ocean. As a scientist, Jim continues his research into the life histories of the octopuses and squids of British Columbia, and as an author he has written, is happy to talk about, and sign copies of *Super Suckers: The Giant Pacific Octopus and other Cephalopods of the Pacific Coast*.

7pm

SEA CHANGE Series hosts Serge Dedina, author of Saving The Gray Whale: People, Politics and

Conservation in Baja California

followed by SurfRider Movie Night screening 'Morning of the Earth'

Clayoquot Community Theatre, Tofino

Admission at the door: \$5.

Join special guest Serge Dedina for an engaging presentation, and then we'll screen the classic 70's surf film! Serge Dedina is the Executive Director of WILDCOAST, an international conservation organization based on the U.S.-Mexico border that works in the United States and Mexico to preserve coastal and marine ecosystems and wildlife. He discovered the plans by the Mitsubishi Corporation to transform Laguna San Ignacio, a gray whale calving lagoon and UNESCO world heritage site in Mexico into an industrial salt harvesting facility and helped to defeat the project. To date, Serge has helped to protect more than one million acres of globally significant coastal and marine habitat and has successfully stopped some of the world's largest corporations from destroying the coast of the Californias. In recognition of his conservation achievements Serge received San Diego Zoological Society's Conservation Medal, the California Coastal Commission's "Environmental Hero" Award and the Surf Industry Manufacturer's Association "Environmental of the Year" award. Thanks to Pacific Sands Beach Resort and SurfRider-Pacific Rim Chapter!

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7pm

SWARM: Hyper-Kinetic Percussion Theatre

Feature musical performance - for all ages!

Seaplane Base Rec Hall, Ucluelet

Tickets at the door: \$10 adults/\$5 kids 12 & under/Family of 4 pass \$25

SWARM, the hyper-kinetic percussion troupe jumps into action with their fusion of original rhythms, ingeniously created instruments, and hyper-kinetic choreography. Veteran action-drummer, Bill Wallace, collaborates with the other performers to bring you the continually evolving repertoire that is a contemporary collage of evocative experimental sounds, mobile mechanical stage design, and exquisite primal movements.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

8am-10am

Gourmet Local Food Breakfast

with the Ucluelet Community Food Initiative & Ucluelet Volunteer Fire Brigade

UAC Hall, Ucluelet

Tickets at the event: \$10

A great way to celebrate together - with some locally sourced and delectious breakfast foods! Not your average community fundraising breakfast - come find out why and support 3 local community groups all at the same time. Thank you to the UCFI and the Ucluelet Volunteer Fire Brigade.

9:30am 🌐

Wild Pacific Trail: New Section Grand Opening Celebration

Meet at He-Tin-Kis Park - Wild Pacific Trail, Ucluelet

There's a new stretch of trail that the WPTS is proud to officially cut the ribbon on! Come on down and support this local treasure, and join in the Rainforest Program on the Trail at 10am after the Grand Opening!

10am-11am 🌐

Recipe for a Rainforest – Family Rainforest Program

with the Raincoast Education Society

Meet at He-Tin-Kis Park - Wild Pacific Trail (opening ceremony site), Ucluelet

Our backyard is a lush coastal temperate rainforest, complete with rain, large coniferous trees with moss-laden branches, nurse logs and much, much more! Discover some of the 'ingredients' that make this ecosystem so unique. Meet two of our Raincoast Education Society naturalists at the Amphitrite Point parking lot for a 60 minute walk. Please bring appropriate outdoor gear; sturdy shoes recommended gumboots not necessary. Thank you Raincoast Education Society!

11am-12:30pm 🌐

Casual Coffee & Book Signing

with award winning journalist & author Alanna Mitchell, as part of the SEA CHANGE Series

Wild Heather Books, Ucluelet

Alanna Mitchell is an award-winning Canadian journalist and author of *Sea Sick: The Global Ocean In Crisis*. Her literary non-fiction wins praise for its ability to describe complex ideas in plain language. Mitchell's subjects are science, education and human behaviour and she is known for her strong narrative style. Join Alanna for coffee, and

an informal opportunity to chat about her book, what happened at Copenhagen, and the world at large! A great lead-up to her presentation at 4pm in Tofino.

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2pm 🌐

Annual Rubber Fish Race: The tradition of fundraising fun continues!

\$3 each or \$5 for 2 racing fish

Thornton Creek Hatchery, Port Albion

Sponsor racing rubber fish & prepare them for their race down the falls! Come join the folks at the hatchery for some refreshments, tour the hatchery and watch the race. Win prizes for more than just winning! Place bets on your Community Fish, Corporate Fish or Personal Racing Fish! See if you can stump the resident fish experts or spot other wildlife. Join in the fun! Presented in cooperation with Thornton Creek Enhancement Society and Purple Dragon Don Jitsu.

4pm

SEA CHANGE Series hosts Alanna Mitchell, author of international bestseller Sea Sick: The Global Ocean In Crisis

Clayoquot Community Theatre, Tofino

Admission at the door: \$5.

Alanna Mitchell is a journalist who worked for daily newspapers, including The Globe and Mail, for 14 years and then quit to devote herself to writing books about popular science. Her latest is Sea Sick: The Global Ocean in Crisis, which came out last year and has become an international bestseller. Alanna was named the best environmental reporter in the world by the World Conservation Union and the Reuters Foundation in 2000. Her book Sea Sick: The Global Ocean in Crisis, gives us a window of understanding into the vast chemical changes in the world's oceans currently taking place caused by the hand of man. Alanna effectively translates the science for her audience, and her literary non-fiction wins praise for its ability to describe complex ideas in plain language. Mitchell's subjects are science, education and human behaviour and she is known for her strong narrative style. Thank you to Tofino Sea Kayaking and The Paddler's Inn.

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8pm

Headwater @ Float Lounge

Live Acoustic Music & Whale Fest Volunteer Appreciation Event!

Black Rock Oceanfront Resort, Ucluelet

Admission \$10 at the door/Volunteers in their PRWF shirts get in FREE!

Hearing Headwater is like listening to the West Coast of Canada in song. Freewheeling, fierce, sentimental and sexy, the Vancouver, B.C., quartet has earned its reputation as one of the finest acoustic roots groups around.

9:30pm doors

Band & Details TBA

Live Band! Whale Fest Volunteer Thank you Shake-down!

The Legion, Tofino

Admission \$TBA at the door/Volunteers in their PRWF shirts get in FREE!

Special thanks to Tofitian.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

9:30-10:30am 🌞

SurfRider Foundation Ocean Conservation Beach Clean-Up

Meet at MacKenzie Beach in front of Best Western Tin Wis, Tofino

A great way to start the closing day; walk the beach and give her some love! Hosted by SurfRider Foundation Pacific Rim Chapter. Everyone welcome!

10:30am 🌞

“I Heart Whale!” - Aerial Beach Art Public Project

Everyone welcome! *we’ll need lots of people!*

MacKenzie Beach (in front of Tin Wis), Tofino

Come on down! Orchestrated by the Pacific Rim Whale Festival Society, there will be a large-scale image created on MacKenzie beach using *people* as the medium. The goal is to create a formation that can be photographed from the air that expresses to that world that “We Love Whales”! Recruit your friends and family, and join us on the beach as part of the Aerial Beach Art Project! It shouldn’t take long, but the more people we have, the better the art we can make! A great lead-up to our Closing Day Celebrations and Lunch.

11:15am (or after “I Heart Whale!”) 🌞

Tug-O-Whale: A Competition Tradition

MacKenzie Beach (in front of Tin Wis), Tofino

Who will win the coveted Bone of Contention this year? Witness challenges between community District office teams & other groups like visitors vs locals; you can even contact the Festival to enter your own team challenge! Encouraged for all ages!

Chu-yaa-ma-uuk (Gathering of the Whales): Whale Festival Closing Day Celebration

Event Tickets \$5 / Volunteers dine for \$FREE

Best Western Tin Wis Resort, Tofino

12pm-1pm

Traditionally Inspired Lunch - meal prepared by Chef and the Tin Wis team. Sponsored by Creative Salmon and Best Western Tin Wis Resort.

1pm-3:30pm

Everyone welcome to a community gathering to share local First Nations culture through story, dance, song, local art & history. MC Elmer Frank will present various special features, including performers, children’s area, local artists and chumus; scrumptious lunch from 12pm-1pm. Jamie’s Whaling Station’s Passport to Adventure prize draw & more. Join us in closing off the 24th annual Pacific Rim Whale Festival...until next year! Thanks to the generous corporate sponsorship of the Best Western Tin Wis Resort.

4pm 🌞

Whale Dip (swim in the sea) - Welcoming Spring to the West Coast!

MacKenzie Beach, Tofino

Inspired by the energy of our volunteer coordinator Danielle Hiscock, why not take the plunge into the salty sea to welcome the whales and springtime alike here on Canada's western-most shore! This activity concept is intended to be self-initiated, and the Pacific Rim Whale Festival Society hopes that you will take part - at your own risk; swim safe!

5pm-11pm 🕒

Artists In Action Wrap Party & Art Show

featuring live jazz musician Esther Celebrini

Long Beach Lodge Resort, Tofino

Join the team of local artists who have been caught in the act (of art!) all week long for drinks & appy specials from the Long Beach Lodge menu. Take in the music of Esther Celebrini and celebrate the thriving local arts that are present in our communities! Many thanks to the whole AIA team and Long Beach Lodge Resort.

ARTISTS IN ACTION

There are many talented artists and artisans on the Wild West Coast. Some were born here, others have been drawn by the raw, natural beauty. All find powerful inspiration in the seascapes, landscapes, beaches, wildlife, architecture, and atmosphere. Artists In Action allows the chance for everyone to meet some of these creative spirits, and observe their working processes in a variety of media, including wood, paint, clay, fibre, stone, glass, metal, and photography. Artists In Action also provides a unique opportunity for serious art buyers and collectors to experience and purchase directly from the Artists and to learn, from the source, the stories associated with their incredible, unique works.

SATURDAY MARCH 6

10am-4pm 🕒

Wickaninnish Inn - Salal Room, Tofino

Carol Schulz – Watercolour paintings and prints

Mary Christmas – Photography

Rita Petri – Jewelry

Alex Cutler – Stoneworks

Studio House, Tofino

Julie Robinson - Painter

Lisa Jewell - Clothing Designer and Textile Artist

Tofino Art Works - Outside Break, Tofino

Artistic Expressions in Native Wood

with Keith Plumley, Mark Mickey, Sam Plumley, Marcus Mickey and Joseph Mickey

Spirit of the Fire - Outside Break, Tofino

Experience on site, environmentally inspired glass blowing

Sol Maya - Glass Blower

1pm-4pm 🕒

Reflecting Spirit Gallery, Tofino

Kelptic Design (Lise Saurette-Wynne) – Kelp Jewelry

Reflecting Spirit Gallery, Ucluelet

Beadcombers (Bill & Tina Holden) – Beach Theme Jewelry

SUNDAY MARCH 7

10am–4pm 🌐

Wickaninnish Inn - Salal Room, Tofino

Carol Schulz – Watercolour paintings and prints
Mary Christmas – Photography
Rita Petri – Jewelry
Alex Cutler – Stoneworks

Studio House, Tofino

Julie Robinson - Painter
Lisa Jewell - Clothing Designer and Textile Artist

Tofino Art Works - Outside Break, Tofino

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Sol Maya - Glass Blower

1pm–4pm 🌐

Reflecting Spirit Gallery, Tofino

Local Artist in Action – call for today's program 250-725-2472

Reflecting Spirit Gallery, Ucluelet

Cecil Dawson – First Nations Storytelling & Carving

Pacific Sands Beach Resort - Cox Bay, Tofino

Local Ocean and Surf Inspired Artists in Action in the Gazebo!
Deanna Lankin - Surf Painting
Ursula Banks - Waterpainting
Vargas Dan - Painting
Bradley Lindsey - Carver

MONDAY MARCH 8

10am–4pm 🌐

Wickaninnish Inn - Salal Room, Tofino

Carol Schulz – Watercolour paintings and prints
Mary Christmas – Photography
Rita Petri – Jewelry

Reflecting Spirit Gallery, Ucluelet

Terry Chapman – Wood Carving

Black Rock Oceanfront Resort, Ucluelet

Ursula Banke – Painting

Studio House, Tofino

Julie Robinson - Painter
Lisa Jewell - Clothing Designer and Textile Artist

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1pm–4pm 🌐

Reflecting Spirit Gallery, Tofino

Paul Sam – First Nations Silverworks

TUESDAY MARCH 9

10am–4pm 🕒

Wickaninnish Inn - Salal Room, Tofino

Deanna Lankin – Painting
Julie Robinson – Painting
Jess Taylor – Fibre Arts
Christine Johnston – Weaving

Reflecting Spirit Gallery, Tofino

Terry Chapman – Wood Carving

Black Rock Oceanfront Resort, Ucluelet

First Nations Artists
Laura Fraser – Weaver
Ike Charlie - Carver

Studio House, Tofino

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Sol Maya - Glass Blower

1pm–4pm 🕒

Reflecting Spirit Gallery, Ucluelet

Shannon McWhinney – Painting

WEDNESDAY MARCH 10

10am–4pm 🕒

Wickaninnish Inn - Salal Room, Tofino

Deanna Lankin – Painting
Julie Robinson – Painting
Jess Taylor – Fibre Arts
Christine Johnston – Weaving

Black Rock Oceanfront Resort, Ucluelet

Matthew Maran - Photography

Studio House, Tofino

Lisa Jewell - Clothing Designer and Textile Artist

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1pm–3pm 🕒

Reflecting Spirit Gallery, Ucluelet

Didymus Bernadotte – Painting

1pm–4pm 🕒

Reflecting Spirit Gallery, Tofino

Julia Gyori – Painting

THURSDAY MARCH 11

10am–4pm 🌀

Black Rock Oceanfront Resort, Ucluelet

Craig Benson – Stone Carving

Studio House, Tofino

Julie Robinson - Painter

Lisa Jewell - Clothing Designer and Textile Artist

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1pm–4pm 🌀

Reflecting Spirit Gallery, Ucluelet

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12pm–5pm 🌀

Shorewind Gallery, Tofino

Mark Hobson - Painting

1pm–4pm 🌀

Reflecting Spirit Gallery, Tofino

Cecil Dawson – First Nations Storytelling & Drawing

Reflecting Spirit Gallery, Ucluelet

Karla Strickland – Spinning

SATURDAY MARCH 13

10am–4pm 🌀

Studio House, Tofino

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Lisa Jewell - Clothing Designer and Textile Artist

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11am-5pm 🌀

Wickaninnish Inn - Salal Room, Tofino

Mark Hobson – Painting
Alex Cutler – Stoneworks
Marcel Zobel – Windchimes
Jacqueline Windh – Photography
Craig Benson – Stone Carving

12pm-4pm 🌀

Reflecting Spirit Gallery, Ucluelet

Liisa & Jon McInnis – Stone Carving

1pm-4pm 🌀

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SUNDAY MARCH 14

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