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Duncan Chamber News Oct 29, 2010



**Duncan-Cowichan
Chamber of Commerce**



Hey Everyone! Happy Halloween! Fun events at the Pacific Northwest Raptors and at Providence Farm this weekend.

Live Edge Design are putting on a show. November 5 - 7, 10am - 4pm at their studio 5195 Mearns Road.

The Re: Purpose event will showcase reclaimed metal pieces from **Steel Pacific** with reclaimed wood with a live edge.

Experienced cogs, gears, pipe, wheel rims and even some antique radiators will be featured in the show.

Reclaimed wood + Reclaimed metal = Remarkable furniture.

In the meantime: check out www.liveedge.com and daydream away about the fine craftsmanship, philosophy and furniture being created here in the Valley.

In this issue: Live Edge Design (**The show is next weekend!**) , Gourmet Gala thank you, Black Tie Awards Nominations are open, Zuk Business Directory, Subsidized staff available, Community Policing, Feel Good Fridays (Cowichan United Way), CVRD, Bellamy Learning, Affinity Guesthouse, Viva Medical, MISTIC, Pacific

Northwest Raptors, Providence Farm, Used Book Sales, Chemainus Theatre, Arbutus Ridge, Dwight's Amazing Link.

(Monthly click-through sponsorship available for \$35/month. Call us for details 250 748 1111)

Chamber News and Announcements

The Chamber's Fifth Annual Gourmet Gala, October 15, was a resounding success!

More than 30 food and wine booths, 200 smiling faces, a fun live auction, a busy silent auction; it was a night to remember! The Chamber greatly appreciates the contributions of all the food and wine participants, local businesses that donated over 200 silent auction items, the generosity of almost 200 guests, the hard working volunteers and organizers and the sponsors that make the event possible. The proceeds from the Gourmet Gala go towards building a new, more effective Visitor Centre for our communities. We are still crunching numbers, but with this year's proceeds, we have raised over \$50 000 to date! [Read more here.](#)

Black Tie Awards Committee is ready for your nominations!

Now is the time to submit your nominations for recipients of the Black Tie Excellence Awards. Categories recognize outstanding Customer Service, Young Entrepreneur of the Year, Home Based Business of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and Business Achiever of the Year. Nominate someone you know, do business with, your staff, or your self! (or nominate Dwight hee hee)

Complete regulations (very official) and the nomination form are at www.blacktieawards.com

From, and for our Members: (That is you, FYI)

The Zuk Business Directory (NEW)

Zuk Design would like to remind Chamber members how important it is to have a professional business card when networking your business. And we offer a BONUS when Zuk Designs your business card: your card is included in their online "[Zuk Directory](#)" for FREE : your business card will be up on the Net for the whole world to see and will be searchabe even if you don't have a website, and includes link directly to your email or your website. It's just one of the little added things Patricia does for her clients. <http://www.zukdesign.ca/>

Do you need temporary help or vacation coverage? (Subsidies available)

Shirley at Experience works has 10 participants that are looking for work placements for the month of November. Part time or full time help is offered from the 50-plus (years, that is) participants in a variety of backgrounds from trades to admin and more. Wage subsidies of 50% offered, or for non-profits, full subsidies are offered. 250 714 0471 shirley.phillips@ethoscmg.com

Community Policing: one on one appointments available Nov 4th

This note from Carol Ann at Cowichan Community Policing: Just a reminder that we are booking appointments for the first Thursday in November for those who want some one on one time with the RCMP at the Duncan CPO between 11AM-1PM. If more convenient, they will attend your business - but an appointment is required. If you want to bring any concerns forward on behalf of the businesses, or have questions, require follow up or need some crime prevention information - this is a good opportunity. Call 250-701-9145 to book your time.

Feel Good Fridays! (NEW) this is a super fun initiative from the Cowichan United Way

From Jemma at United Way: Feel Good Fridays is the exciting new Fundraising Strategy of Cowichan United Way. The premise is simple: We know that people give more generously when they are giving to themselves. On Feel Good Fridays, we encourage everyone in the Cowichan Region to do something nice for themselves. At the same time, we ask local businesses to make a pledge to Cowichan United Way. (editor's note: this is a great opportunity for businesses to support United Way: Not a silent auction item, not a gift certificate, but an actual sale from a real customer. Web links and promotion to locals, for locals. Well done with this initiative, Gemma!) <http://cowichanunitedway.wordpress.com/feel-good-fridays/>)

An invitation from the CVRD (Regional Economic Development Strategy) :

(I know this sounds boring..but somebody has to do it!) Chamber members are invited to participate in a focus group on Regional Sustainable Economic Development Strategy. The initial meeting will be held on Friday, November 5th, 8am to 10am. (location tba). Businesses will meet with Economic Development Commission representatives and consultants on challenges facing our central urban core and the region and explore our opportunities. Please reply to this invitation prior to November 2nd, 2010, by calling 250-748-1111 or responding to this email.

Bellamy Learning Center Website Course Nov 3

Marjorie at Bellamy is offering a Small Business Website course November 3rd 6-9 PM. Bellamy Learning Centre is at 213 80 Station St. 250 597 2298. This is your opportunity to ask the million and one questions you have about your website start up. The more businesses that have effective websites in the region, the more powerful the online presence for the region. So register online www.bellamylearning.ca

Make Fire Without Matches at Affinity Guesthouse (Super Cool!, well actually it gets hot)

That isn't some a marketing catch phrase, or a euphemism for the saying making sugar out of~ I am serious: there is a fire making workshop at Affinity Guesthouse on Nov 21st noon to 3:00 PM. Cost is \$25. Learn how to make fire with the traditional string and bow method in any conditions: that is a *true* west coast wilderness skill. Show your gortex clad buddies what a real outdoor person needs to know! Incidentally, the fire making workshop comes with an organic meal, and is a fundraiser for the Thailand Wilderness Exchange, but that is just a bonus..learn to make fire..now that's cool! Call me at 250 748 7430 for tickets stay@affinityguesthouse.ca

A note from the folks at Viva medical Clinic

Now's the time to discover how to look your very best for the upcoming holiday season. Is something bothering you-brown spots, dull complexion, fine lines and wrinkles. We can help. Book your complimentary, confidential consult today at 250-746-6512 or visit our website www.vivamedical.ca

vivamedicalaesthetics.com Beautiful Skin-that's what we do.

Mid Island Science, Innovation and Technology MISTIC) awards Nov 3

Tickets on Sale Now! For the 5th Annual MISTIC Science, Technology and Innovation Awards on Wednesday, Nov 3 2010 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. To purchase tickets to this celebrated event (\$70/person or \$600/table of 10) please contact the MISTIC office at 250 753 8324 or mistic@mistic.bc.ca

Events and other fun happenings

Pacific Northwest Raptors "owl"loween

What's spookier than walking in the mist in the evening and hearing the screech of an owl? Or having an owl suddenly and silently appear out of nowhere? What about the eerie hoot of an owl in the dark of the night, as the winter chill crawls up your skin? PNWR will be open Saturday and Sunday October 30 and 31st, with special flying demonstrations at 130 and 330, and special owl talks in between (including a snowy owl flight talk and other owl meet and greets). Also learn about vultures and what role they play in human history – are they icons of death or the worlds cleanup crew? Why have humans persecuted and hated them for so long? <http://www.pnwaptors.com/>

Providence Farm Harvest Masquerade Dance Party Oct 30 (NEW)

In the main building (Providence House) on Saturday, October 30th, from 8:00 PM to midnight. Live dance music will be provided by Monte & the Beaumonts, plus a mystery guest. Food served up by The Ghoul-ash Cafe, and there will be a no host bar. (Licensed event...no minors please). Costumes are encouraged and the best will be rewarded with prizes. Door prizes too. Tickets are only \$30 each, available at the Farm's General Store, Main Reception Office, or by phoning 250-746-4204. All proceeds go to supporting therapeutic programs at Providence Farm.

Used Book Sale at Cowichan Newsleader Pictorial Nov 6, 9AM- 3PM

Come and see the thousands of books we have received to help support our Pennies for Presents campaign. Books for all ages and all interests. \$1 per paperback, \$2 per hardcover. Are you going traveling? Need some self guidance? Want to invest in some great books for your kids, or maybe just need some new reading material? This is the place to be on November 6th. All proceeds stay in the Cowichan Valley. Come and help support Pennies for presents 2010 our goal this year is to raise more than \$13250.00 office@cowichannewsleader.com

Travel Back in Time to The Roaring Twenties! Nov 6

David Pink of Chemainus Theatre Foundation sends this note: Join us at Chemainus Theatre on Saturday, November 6th, 2010 at 6:30 PM, for what promises to be a magical evening that will tantalize, entertain and delight you at every turn. (click [here](#) for more info)

Merridale Cider Sip, Sample, Spa and Shop Annual United Way Fundraiser Nov 20th

This note from Julie at Merridale: Join us for the 2nd annual fundraiser for the Cowichan United Way this November 20th from 12 – 4pm. Last year over 200 guests poured through the doors to sample their way around the room while shopping for the festive season from a selection of drinks, culinary treats, and artisanal giftware. Tickets are only \$15 and all proceeds go to the food bank. Indulgence never felt so good! Averill Creek, Silverside, Mooberry, Venturi-Schulze. Enrico Winery and 22 Oaks have confirmed and more are to come. <http://www.merridalecider.com/calendar/#November>

Speedway Motors Grey Cup Tournament of Prizes at Arbutus Ridge Golf Club Nov 28

Richard at Arbutus Ridge sends this note: Vancouver Island's most rewarding golf tournament is back for another year on Sunday, November 28th at Arbutus Ridge Golf Club. The event offers over **\$20,000 in prizes**, the chance to win a Porsche for a weekend or even to **KEEP** if you win the "Porsche Shootout". After golf enjoy the **Grey Cup Party** on multiple big screens with an amazing buffet dinner. **Everyone wins a Prize!** This event sold out last year so get your entries in quickly! [Details](#)

Dwight's Amazing Link (not NEW and you are about to learn something about my sense of Canadiana)

http://www.nfb.ca/film/log_drivers_waltz/

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