

Duncan-Cowichan Chamber News *June 25, 2010*

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Hi everyone! Enjoy your sunny Friday. Call or email if I can help you promote your business dwright@duncancc.bc.ca 250 748 1111 Make sure you read closely..there may be a treat for you!

Chamber News and Announcements:

The Business Exchange: new way to tune your business June 29th

Community Futures is hosting a free information session about The Business Exchange. This will be a unique opportunity to hear from people with first hand experience with Business exchanges and peer mentoring. Have you ever found yourself picking the brain of a colleague about an issue or bouncing ideas with a colleague that has experience with a particular issue? The business exchange offers team meetings, trained facilitators and guest speakers to assist businesses with reaching goals. June 29th 8:30 to 10:30 AM at Community Futures 135 Third St. Contact Devon McFaden 250 746 1004 to Register.

New Member: Cowichan Valley Artisans

Welcome to the Chamber! In addition to the great event listed below... all studios and venues will be open July 1st through 4th from 10am to 5pm and will continue to be open throughout the year. Visit www.cowichanartisans.com for more information.

And From (or About) our members:

Paddle under the moon June 25/26/27...(by the way, this is in Kayaks..I kinda left that out by mistake)

Greg at Cowichan Bay Paddle Sports wants to remind you about his upcoming moonlight paddling tours on Cowichan Bay. June 25/26/27 this month. No experience necessary, \$45 per person Visit www.cowichanbaykayak.com (editor's note: Paddling the estuary by moonlight is an amazing date-night..this a a great way to get on the water) 10% discounts for groups of 4 or more

Country Gospel Music at Providence Farm June 27th

Drillwell Enterprises is sponsoring this family event at the Farm. Hope King, Andy Ruszel, Preston Davies and Bryon Thompson. Music 2-8 PM tickets \$10 adult or \$20/carload.

Free 30 minute onsite website consultation offer to Chamber members

Will at Epro Web and Media is offering a free 30 minute onsite consultation. He will come to you and "talk shop" for 30 minutes..at your office, in front of your computer on your website. Learn easy and affordable ways to update your website and about software that can help you promote your business online. Call Will at 250-597-0586 www.epromediadesign.com

Become a Facebook Fan of Arbutus Ridge & WIN!

Become a facebook fan of Arbutus Ridge by July 1st and you will be entered to win: 1) 1 Year Twilight Membership 2) Two Tickets for the July 10 Four Course Winemaker's Dinner 3) Golf and Dinner for 2. <http://www.facebook.com/arbutusridgegolf>

More HST info..(boring, I know...but it is my job to get info to you!)

For more information about the implementation of the HST, go to www.cra.gc.ca/harmonization. The CRA updates these pages regularly. To receive information as it is updated, sign up for the HST electronic mailing list (www.cra.gc.ca/lists) or RSS feed (www.cra.gc.ca/rssfeeds).

Cowichan Valley Artisans Launch and Celebration June 30th

Discover the work of a new group of world-class artisans June 30 at Benchmark Gallery, 28 Station Street in Duncan from 5 to 9 pm. Celebrating the launch of the new **Cowichan Valley Artisans** Guide map and website, these 13 artisans are throwing open their studio doors year-round to encourage more visitors and to introduce to the region a unique professional artistic voice that will help establish the Cowichan Valley as a truly amazing destination. www.CowichanValleyArtisans.com

Rocky Creek Vineyard Pig Roast July 1

Rocky Creek Winery is hosting the first ever Pig Roast in the Vineyard! We are starting at 6 PM on July 1 and will have the Pig as the feature roasting all day. We have Equinox Catering again for the sides and starting off with canapés. Tickets are \$100 per person, everything included of course. Try our newly award releases...Golds, Silvers, and Bronzes....7 medals in all for 2010. See our website for details. www.rockycreekwinery.ca.

Editors note: Rocky Creek just brought home a bronze medal from the Los Angeles International Wine and Spirits Competition with their Pinot Gris 2009. This is the second year in a row that Mark & Linda Holford have won a medal in this LA competition. Well done!!!!

Queen Margaret's School is offering Summer Horse Riding Camps

Queen Margaret's School is offering day equestrian camps for all levels of riders at their lovely Shirley Burr Equestrian Centre. Lessons are taught by certified coaches with safe school horses in our picturesque facility. All levels of riders are welcomed and accommodated, from the tentative first time rider to advanced riders This year QMS will be offering half day and full day riding camp options for riders ages

6-17 on the following dates:
July 5th-9th, July 12th-16th, July 19th-23rd, August 9th-13th
August 30th-September 3rd (this is for Advanced Riders
only)<http://www.qms.bc.ca/pages/equestrian/riding-camps/>

You want it?! We got it!! Shopping Event July 6th 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Angela from **Spa Sanctuary** invites you to come out for an evening of shopping for some of your favourite items all in one location! Skin Care, Makeup & Jewellery, Candles and Cookware, Spices and Environmental Cleaning Products..and so much more. Come out and say hello to your local home-based business women. There will be deals to be had and prizes to be won!! Island Savings Center 6-9 PM
Angela 250-588-2212 www.spasanctuary.vpweb.ca

What do you get when you combine a great round of golf with your favorite Hawaii Shirt?

yes, that's right a Hawaii shirt..Book 'em, Danno! **Catherine** at the **Cowichan Sportplex** want you to know about the upcoming Beach Party Golf Tournament and Silent Auction: Noon Check-In, Shotgun start at 1pm | [More Information](#)

Cowichan Sportsplex Beach Party Golf Tournament & Dinner Auction
Friday July 9, 2010
At **Cowichan Golf & Country Club**

Do you like cookies?

I suppose if you are still reading, the answer is yes. Send me a quick email to let me know you read this far..I will deliver home baked chocolate chip cookies to your business..., courtesy of **Affinity Guesthouse** and the **Duncan-Cowichan Chamber**. Dwight@duncancc.bc.ca

Island Kungfu Summer Camps..special offer to Chamber members!

Ian from **Island Kungfu** wants you to know about his ultimate fun and safe summer camps: July 12-16, July 26-30 and Aug 9-13 Call Ian at 250 701 0222 [Here is the poster](#)

Golf Fore the Cure Aug 10th

The first ever Golf Fore the Cure event in Duncan. **Investors Group** is one of the Major Sponsors for this Fundraising Event right across the Country. There are many tournaments on the Island and now Duncan. Participate in a great game, play with your friends or meet new ones. Golf For the Cure is all about using the sheer power of women playing the game of golf to make a difference. This is your chance to help raise money and assist in a very worthy cause that is close to many women across the country- breast cancer research. We are looking for participants, volunteers and sponsors. August 10th at **Duncan Meadows Golf Course**, Lots of Fun and Lots of prizes. [Here is the poster](#)

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