

## **News Release**

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## One-of-a kind market, three days only! Vancouver Island Fibre Fest first weekend in May

Love browsing and shopping and sharing with like-minded art lovers?

Come and check out the marketplace running during Vancouver Island Fibre Fest May 4 through 6.

"At the marketplace, people will find vibrant coloured yarns, fleeces and so many incredible accessories," says recreation programmer Judy Ridgway. "There will be tons of fabulous shopping, plus free demonstrations on spinning, knitting and much more over the three full days of fibre fun! Don't miss the fashion show Saturday at noon, with beautiful handcrafted garments made by our many incredible artists."

Doors open at 4 p.m. on Friday and at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission to Fibre Fest is by donation and all donations help to support the City of Campbell River Recreation and Culture Departments Specialized Recreation programs.

Marketplace vendors are attending from Campbell River, Black Creek, Courtenay, Comox, Qualicum Beach, Errington, Coombs, Lake Cowichan, Victoria, Pender Island, Granville Island, Vancouver, Maple Ridge, Roberts Creek and Tappen BC.

The vendors will offer a variety of demonstrations throughout the weekend, spinning, knitting, rug hooking and much more.

## Other demonstrations:

- Saturday by Emjay Bailey of Joma Yarns will show macro crochet Amigurmi. Sunday, Emjay will demonstrate Yarn Bombing.
- Katherine Dice of Campbell River will demonstrate cedar basket weaving on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.
- The Black Creek Spinners and Weavers and the CR Midnight Shuttles will be spinning and weaving both days, with an opportunity for others to give it a try.
- Spinning, weaving and knitting demonstrations will also take place in the Children's Corner both days.

Tickets are on sale for the Saturday evening reception are available at the Community Centre for \$5.

"The reception includes snacks; music by Inclusion, a silent auction and includes the Sewing for Fun fashion show, the reveal of the People's Choice winners and an inspirational talk by Sylvia Olsen on the ultimate road trip – knitting across Canada," Ridgway says.

"Some workshops are now full, but there is room in others for people who want to perfect their skill or try something new," Ridgway adds.

Register for workshops online at: www.campbellriver.ca/onlineregistration, in person at the Community Centre or the Sportsplex or by telephone (250-286-1161).

For more information on Vancouver Island Fibre Fest, call the City of Campbell River Community Centre at 250-286-1161 or send an email to <a href="mailto:judy.ridgway@campbellriver.ca">judy.ridgway@campbellriver.ca</a>

Visit the Fibre Fest website for information on workshops and vendors: www.shelmack.wixsite.com/vancouverislandfibre

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