

ARTS & CULTURE



The **Campbell River Art Gallery** opened in its downtown facility in 1995 and has since grown to offer over 15 exhibitions annually in the Main Gallery, the Discovery Gallery and Satellite Cases, where they feature work by local artists. Annual visitation to the art gallery is approximately 15,000. Exhibitions are selected through a committee of staff and guest artists. The gallery strives to create a mix of exhibitions by mid-career and senior artists in the two main halls, from installation and new media to more traditional forms. The satellite cases are an excellent venue for emerging local artists and students. The Gallery has a small Coastal Gift Shop featuring work by Vancouver Island artisans.

The award-winning **Museum at Campbell River** boasts a spectacular view of Discovery Passage. Many visitors use this opportunity to take photos, whale watch, and sit back and enjoy the ever changing panorama. Step into the Major Exhibits to see, hear and touch the history of our coast. Explore the rich cultural traditions and dramatic art forms in the First Nations gallery and follow the changes brought about by exploration and colonization in the Transitions exhibit area. Experience unique working methods and coastal lifestyles in the Logging, Pioneer Cabin, Floathouse and Salmon Industry exhibits. Visit the Willows Hotel, the originator of the town's early development, and follow the lure of Sports fishing and the history of the Tyee Club. In the comfortable Van Isle Theatre, sit back and enjoy a number of film choices, including footage of the legendary Ripple Rock explosion. Adjoining the Exhibit Galleries are the Archives Research Centre and the Campbell River Museum Shop. The grounds are adjoined by Centennial Park and Sequoia Park, where the bright orange Torii Gate, a gift from Campbell River's sister city of Ishikari, Japan, is found.



*Torii Gate
Campbell River's Sister City
Symbol [Ishikari, Japan]*



Campbell River Maritime Heritage Centre

The project originated as a result of the City of Campbell River soliciting ideas from the citizens, on the potential uses for the land near the Discovery Pier. A group of Campbell River Daybreak Rotarians proposed that a Maritime Heritage Centre be built to showcase the history of the sea and its links to the community. The Rotarians and the City approved the concept and entered into an agreement whereby the club, through a separate society,

would build this Centre and, upon completion, turn the facility over to the City and a separate society who, in turn, would run the facilities. Fundraising was initiated in 2000, construction started in October 2001 and the Campbell River Maritime Heritage Society took over management, maintenance and operations of the facility in December of 2004. Building the Maritime Heritage Centre was a community service project of mammoth proportions for the Daybreak Rotary Club that will impact Campbell River and the surrounding communities for years to come. The Centre is not just a Museum, but rather a high density activity centre, containing facilities for education, research, exhibitions, and social engagements, and the restoration and housing of the BCP 45 seiner that once adorned the back of the Canadian five dollar bill.



Haig-Brown House was the home of Roderick and Ann Haig-Brown between 1936 and 1975. Roderick was one of British Columbia's most distinguished conservationists and a prolific author. His writings on fly-fishing garnered the most recognition, but he also wrote 25 books on natural history and conservation. He and his wife Ann were devoted to the protection of B.C. rivers, particularly those on which wild salmon are dependent for their survival. In recognition of their efforts, the Haig-Brown family home; including the house, gardens and orchard, was made an official British Columbia Heritage Site in 1990. The Haig-Brown House is also a bed and breakfast, which is very uncommon for a heritage site.



Sybil Andrews Cottage located in Willow Point, preserves the heritage of Sybil Andrews, an accomplished artist and musician, who was born in Bury St. Edmunds, England. She began studies at Heatherley's School of Fine Art in London in 1922, and later studied printmaking under Claude Flight at the Grosvenor School of Fine Art. She was accomplished in several artistic media, but was most noted for her linocuts. In 1943 she married Walter

Morgan, a boat builder and woodworker, and in 1947 they immigrated to Campbell River, BC. Sybil taught art classes in Campbell River and wrote a book, *Artists Kitchen*. She also taught music lessons. The Glenbow Museum in Calgary, Alberta is a major centre for the study of her work with a collection of over 1000 of her works, including all of her famous colour linocuts and the original linoleum blocks, paintings in oil and watercolour, drawings, drypoint etchings, sketchbooks, and personal papers.

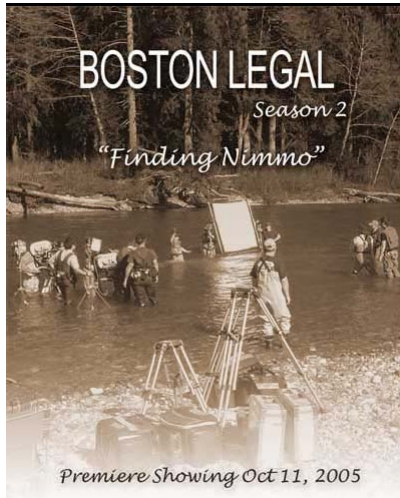
Downtown Campbell River's **Tidemark Theatre and Vancouver Island Regional Library** building is a local landmark, and its peppermint pink facade is just one of the reasons it stands out. Originally a movie theatre, the Tidemark Theatre is a civic performing arts venue that hosts local productions as well as performers from around the world. Be sure to take time during intermission to view the art display in the theatre lobby.



Wei Wai Kum House of Treasures - Stunning totem poles carved by the locally renowned Henderson family welcome visitors to this First Nations' gallery just a few minutes from downtown, and a short walk from the Wei Wai Kum Cruise Ship Portal, at Discovery Harbour Centre. Browse an impressive selection of First Nations' arts and crafts, including masks, jewelry, books and clothing.



The **Vancouver Island North Film Commission** provides liaison and location scouting services to productions interested in filming on northern Vancouver Island, from Parksville to Cape Scott, including the Powell River Regional District. Movie tourism is perhaps as old as the movies themselves, but with the recent globalization of the film industry, it has intensified. After the TV series *Boston Legal* aired the Nimmo Bay episode, the Vancouver Island resort reported an instant rise in requests for information on their resort, as well as a huge increase of hits on their website.



Movies filmed in Campbell River include, *The 13th Warrior*, *Are We There Yet?*, *Final Destination 2*, *Fisherman's Fall*, *Going the Distance* and *The Scarlet Letter*

Painters at Painter's annual celebration of art, is hosted the last weekend in May each year at world-renowned Painter's Lodge in Campbell River and April Point Resort & Spa on Quadra Island. This exciting and one-of-a-kind event celebrates prominent British Columbia artists in a beautiful resort setting. Each year, over 1000 guests meet and talk with the artists, and take in one of the most impressive collections of artistic talent to be found under one roof anywhere in Canada. Artists give demonstrations, participate in panel discussions, and create beautiful works in the resort's gardens, giving the public a rare opportunity to watch and learn from the masters.

Words on the Water is an annual festival of writers for readers, held annually in March in the Maritime Heritage Centre. Both well-known and emerging writers from the West Coast engage in panels, readings, talks, and workshops. This highly acclaimed festival is of interest to everyone who loves reading.

