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SALMONBERRY DAYS is Dunbar's unique neighbourhood environment festival, organized each year by volunteers. In 2025 please continue to be mindful of health precautions, such as social distancing and mask wearing when it is appropriate. COVID 19 is still around, as well as a nasty versions of the flu and RSV, and even measles! We are all in this together.

**Credits:**

Produced by the Dunbar Residents' Association, and also Salmonberry Days volunteers: Angus McIntyre, Terry Slack, Sonia Wicken, Anna Knowlson, Elaine Knapp, Jennifer Maynard, Debbie Matheson.

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And of course we gratefully appreciate that Salmonberry Days events are located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam people.

Remember World Migratory Bird Day on May 10th this year. This year's theme is "Shared Spaces".
<https://www.migratorybirdday.org/>

The UBC Farm Bird Survey is on May 11th.

28th Annual Dunbar Salmonberry Days

May 12th to June 1st 2025
Dunbar's Environment Festival

Theme : Neighbourhood Resilience



The Oxford Dictionary defines Resilience as "the capacity to withstand or recover quickly from difficulties". Five years ago Dunbar faced the shutdown of many stores, the library and community centre with the arrival of the COVID pandemic. The only reminder today is seasonal vaccinations. When a disastrous fire and crane collapse happened on 41st Avenue neighbours helped each other and the firemen to spray water on roofs of nearby houses. A February snowfall found residents shovelling sidewalks and steps of adjacent properties. An earth tremor made us aware of the need for emergency preparedness. The Dunbar Earthquake and Emergency Preparedness group (DEEP) holds information sessions to help inform residents about preparedness – and keeps a disaster support hub ready in containers in Memorial Park West (As seen pictured above). As the Dunbar neighbourhood densifies we will need resilience to deal with the changes that take place.

Among the newer happenings are:

1. New birders' walk leader: Evan Larson
2. Visit City Farmer Compost Demonstration Garden, every day 9-4, except Sunday and Tuesday, with Michael Levenston
3. Farm activities and refreshed demonstrations at Southlands Heritage Farm
4. Iona Whishaw reads from her new work, live at Dunbar Library

Welcome to the Salmonberry Days Festival for May 2025. Check out the guide for new and repeat activities, especially if you moved to our neighbourhood in recent years. Most events are free and led by volunteers.

2025 Calendar / Guide for Salmonberry Days Events

If asked, please be sure to sign the waiver for certain Salmonberry Days events.

Featured Events at the Dunbar Branch Library (DPL):

Celebrate Salmonberry Days at the DPL, 4515 Dunbar, *in the last three weeks of May*. As usual, there will be events, displays and "Berry Good Reads." To inquire call: (604) 665-3968 or visit: <https://www.vpl.ca/location/dunbar-branch>.

SUNDAY MAY 11

UBC Farm: Bird Survey with Nature Vancouver. Meet at the Farm entrance gate, 8 am promptly.

MONDAY MAY 12

Out from the Centre, walk with John Atkin

Church doors open at 6:30 pm; walk from 7 pm to 8:30.

St. Philip's Church at 3737 West 27th Ave

As part of the centenary celebrations for St. Philip's Anglican Church we are going for a walk. Starting in the church we'll head out to explore the surrounding neighbourhood and its growth and evolution from a logged-off forest of stumps and debris to today's vibrant community.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

City Farmer – City Demonstration Garden
Mike Levenston 604-736-2250
cityfarmer@gmail.com
2150 Maple Street, near 6th Ave.
9 – 4, Wednesday to Saturday, and Monday. Not Sunday or Tuesday.

If you are bringing a group, please call ahead to arrange your visit. See a quiet organic food growing garden in our big city. It's the world renowned composting demonstration garden in the City of Vancouver. Entrance gate just off of Arbutus Green-way.

Bring your gardening questions, and your camera. Its all free! Come by #7 bus, bike or electric auto. Children most welcome.

WEDNESDAY MAY 14

Jericho Birding
Evan Larson
9 to 11:30 am

Meeting place: The bridge between two ponds at Jericho Park. Join Evan Larson a keen birder and biology student who is happy to share his knowledge of the birds at Jericho Park. Bring your binoculars if you have them and enjoy a birding morning.

THURSDAY MAY 15

Lord Byng Choir Centennial Concert
St. Philip's Church
6:30 pm

Donations at the door go to the Music Program.

FRIDAY MAY 16

Moss Walk
Shona Ellis
11-1 pm

Meet at Camosun Bog entrance @ Camosun St & 19th Ave Identify the most common mosses in our region. Moss is a key component of the Camosun bog, and other organisms live here too. We will walk through the forest, looking at mosses.

SATURDAY MAY 17

Fraser River Women Beachcombers & Camps with Terry Slack.
10:30 am to Noon

Meet at Fraser River Park 75th Avenue and Angus Dr. Plentiful free parking and access by bus.

Terry will reveal lost stories of women of the 1930s who once worked on the North Arm of the Fraser River as beachcombers. We will visit lost camp communities along the river. Learn about River Bubble, Whispering Bells and Blackfish.

Stong's Little League Tournament at Memorial Park West: May 17 -- 19.

MONDAY MAY 19

Victoria Day

Southlands Farm Family Day
Jennifer Maynard
10 to 4 pm
Corner of Balaclava St. and West 51st Ave.

Open house at Southlands Heritage Farm. *We would love you to join us for a day of farm fun, learning, and community!*

•Wool spinning demonstration from noon onward with Expert Dana Dekoven.

•Pollinator and Garden talk with Master Alex Kaiser from 2 to 3 pm.

Meet the many different farm animals, including Pumba the pig if he is feeling sociable. Discover where barn swallows and barn owls nest, and why bees make honey. Bring a DIY picnic to the orchard, relax while watching the many birds. Farm market with fresh eggs, preserves, honey, and early spring produce. Roast marshmallows over the bonfire. (Pony rides available for a small charge.)

www.southlandsfarm.ca

TUESDAY MAY 20

Container Gardening
7 pm

Jane Scherk

Dunbar Community Centre parking lot.

Jane will show us how to plant two container gardens: a basket of edibles, and a basket of pollinators. Raffle tickets will be sold to pay for supplies: bring cash.

WEDNESDAY MAY 21

Crime Writer Iona Whishaw will read from her new book at the Dunbar Public Library 2-4 pm

THURSDAY MAY 22

St. George's Senior School Tour
6:30 – 7:30 pm

Meet at the northwest corner of Camosun & 29th Ave. for a guided tour of the Senior School and art installation.

FRIDAY MAY 23

Back Lane Walkabout with Angus.
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Meet at southeast corner of Dunbar St and W 33rd Ave

There are old garages, new infill houses and the occasional clothesline to discover. Sturdy shoes advisable. We will finish the walk at the starting point.

SATURDAY MAY 24

Dunbar Earthquake and Emergency Preparedness Demonstration @ 2 pm
West Point Grey Community Centre (Aberthau) 4397 W. 2nd Ave.

DEEP has a supportive role in a workshop on wildfire safety and emergency preparedness with Vancouver Fire Rescue Service.

Dunbar Community Centre Apiary with Diane Martin 2 pm

The head beekeeper, Diane Martin, will be opening the hives and introducing you to the exciting world of beekeeping. In case of inclement weather, the talk will take place indoors.

SUNDAY MAY 25

Bus Tour of the South Arm of the Fraser River with T. Slack and A. McIntyre
1 pm to 4 pm
Meet at Dunbar Community Centre.

Seating is on a first-come basis. A donation to the Transit Museum Society would be appreciated. We will visit Japanese Village, the London Farm and Finn Slough.

MONDAY MAY 26

City of Vancouver Archives Visit
10 to 11 am Angus McIntyre
 Meet in the Archives at 1150 Chestnut St., east of the Museum of Vancouver. Park at the Museum lot or take the #2 bus.

How old is your house? Who lived in it? Where did they work? Staff will show you how to do this research.
 Call Angus at (604) 367-0733 to reserve on a first-come basis – limit 15 people.

TUESDAY MAY 27

Botany Walk Pacific Spirit Park
Dave Murdoch 10 to noon
Meet at PSP Headquarters on West 16th Ave, accessed by the 25 UBC. Also some parking available.

Naturalist Dave Murdoch will look at the forest ecology of a small area of the park. He will discuss plant & tree life and answer questions. All ages welcome.

WEDNESDAY MAY 28

Forest Walk with Biologist/Geologist David Cook 11 am to 3 pm

See Pacific Spirit Regional Park map. The Spanish Banks Trail is No. 23. Meet at the trail head on NW Marine Dr. @ Spanish Banks Creek. 4723 NW Marine Dr.

Ecology of a Temperate Forest impacted by logging, agriculture and introduced plants.

On this beautiful forest walk we will see how a native temperate forest impacted by man is recovering. Plant species will be identified. We will look at the work done in restoration of Spanish Creek, one of four "lost" streams of Vancouver brought back to life for salmon spawning. Planting & remediation at the mouth of Spanish Creek has been done to keep the waters cool & shaded to attract salmon.

THURSDAY MAY 29

Fire! Walk with John Atkin 7 to 8:30 pm

Meet at the corner of Camosun St and West 19th Ave

A walking tour with a difference. On this Salmonberry Days walk we'll be exploring the history of fires. From the early days of logging activity in today's Pacific Spirit Park there have been fires with the largest being the 1919 blaze which burned over 500 acres. We will be walking in Pacific Spirit Park to take a look at the surviving stumps which still bear the scorch marks of this historic blaze.

Beware that we are on trails not streets, so wear comfortable shoes and be prepared for a couple of flights of stairs from the Camosun Boardwalk up to the forest level.

SATURDAY MAY 31

Low Tide Walk
David Cook Geologist / Biologist
9 am – 3 to 4 hours walk.
Wear appropriate non-slip footwear. The route will be rocky, damp and slippery with many puddles left by the retreating tide.

Geology of the Vancouver area as seen along Kitsilano Beach & Jericho Beach Park.

Meet at Jericho Beach parking lot, the west end of Point Grey Road, which is a cul-de-sac.

We will beach-walk east at low tide from Jericho Beach Park looking at geological forms. We will see giant boulders left by retreating glaciers, 50-million year old coal deposits, old volcano forms and ancient plant fossils. The land around us has been created over the last 100 million years, and unceasing wave action is slowly eating away the beach frontage.

Immaculate Conception Fair / May 31
11 am- 3 pm 3778 West 28th Ave.

SATURDAY MAY 31ST AND**SUNDAY JUNE 1ST**


St. Philip's – West of Main Art Walk at St. Philip's Church
3737 W. 27th
11 to 5 pm (See Saturday May 31st also June 1st)

Artists in Our Midst celebrates 32 years of the West of Main Art Walk. For the second time, the Art Walk will have a hub at St Philip's Church. Eight artists show their paintings, jewellery and pottery in a satellite studio at St Philip's Church.

<https://www.artistsinourmidst.com>

Monday May 12th to Sunday June 1st

2025 Salmonberry Days Events At-a-Glance

 Out from the Centre 7-8:30 pm J. Atkin 6:30 pm doors open	City Farmer 9-4 Wed – Sat, & Mon <i>Not Tuesday or Sunday</i> M. Levenston 604.736.2250	Jericho Birding 9-11:30 E. Larson	Lord Byng Choir Centennial Concert 6:30 pm St. Philip's Church	Moss Walk 11-1 pm S. Ellis	Historic Fraser River Women Beachcombers 10:30 T. Slack Stong's Little League	Stong's Little League
Victoria Day 19 Southlands Farm Family Day 10 - 4pm J. Maynard Wool Spinning Demo Garden Talk & Tour Stong's Little League	Container Gardening 7 pm outside behind DCC Jane Scherk	Dunbar Public Library Author Reading 2-4 pm Iona Whishaw	St. George's Senior School Tour 6:30 – 7:30 pm	Back Lane Walkabout 7 – 8:30 A. McIntyre	DEEP Demonstration 2 pm @ Aberthau Dunbar Apiary 2 pm. D. Martin	Bus Tour 1-4 pm A. McIntyre
City Archives 10 – 11 am A. McIntyre	Botany Walk 10-12 D. Murdoch	Temperate Forest Walk 11 am 3 or 4 hours D. Cook	Fire! Walk in Dunbar 7-- 8:30 J. Atkin	Low Tide Geology Walk 10 a.m./D. Cook W. of Main Art Walk 11 to 5 pm/St. Philip's Immaculate Conception Fair/11-3	W. of Main Art Walk 11 to 5 St. Philip's Church	1



Hunter Jumper Welcomer May 1 to 4
 Spring Dressage Show May 8 to 11
<http://www.southlandsridingclub.com/>



Southlands Riding Club Events in May
 7025 MacDonald Street
 604.263.4817



Mother's Day
 8 a.m.
 Sunday May 11th
 UBC Farm/ Bird Survey
 Nature Vancouver
 Left: John Atkin
 Dunbar Business District Walk
 Right: Terry Slack
 Historic Boat Building Winch.

