

### Sunday November 16: Have Your Cake with Victoria Stanton

Montreal performance artist Victoria Stanton wears a dress made out of her grandmother's silverware and invites you to share a piece of Poetry Cake. No kidding.

The Surf Great Room. 10:00 am to 11:00am. \$5

### Sunday November 16: Nikamok! (Let's All Sing!)

workshop

Have you ever wanted to sing a drum or a rattle song, but didn't know what the words meant or thought it was only something that Native people could do? Come and learn to sing a song or two in Cree or using vocables. Cheryl L'Hirondelle (Metis/Cree) will take the workshop participants through a mini-tour of a variety of Aboriginal songforms and at the end of the workshop everyone should leave with a song on their tongues. Bring hand drums or rattles or just your voice and your hands for clapping.

The Roxy. 1:30 – 2:30pm. \$10

### Sunday November 16: Kit Pepper and Dion Pepper-Smith

An hour of poetry shared between a son and his mother. She will read of friends and family, he of wanderings and the wider world.

The Roxy. 3:00 – 4:00pm. \$5

### Sunday November 16: POETRY PATH-OLGY with Sheri-D Wilson

workshop

This workshop will focus on the possibilities of poetry – giving voice. Poetry is everywhere when our eyes become ears and our ears become eyes. This workshop is about release, personal revolution and revelation. We will traverse through personal story and bring untold tales to life in poetry. Memory will open and ideas will sing.

The Roxy. 4:30 – 5:30. \$10

### Sunday November 16: Write Your Way To Health with Naomi Beth Wakan

workshop

Writing is a way of centering and balancing all the things we have to juggle in life. Naomi Beth Wakan takes a look at our motivations for writing and our abilities to get on paper exactly what we want to say. This workshop will take you deeper into yourself and more openly on to the page. It is based on Naomi's latest book of writing exercises, *Write Your Way to Health*.

The Commons. 1:30 – 4:00. \$25.

Information/registration: [naomi@naomiwakan.com](mailto:naomi@naomiwakan.com)

### Sunday November 16: Such Sweet Music

Eclectic, hilarious, bawdy, transcendent. Poignant piano and harp from one of lower Manhattan's most notorious high-riding hipster cats, Baby Dee. Sharing the bill is local folk blues raconteur Victor Anthony. Host: David Bateman.

At the United Church. 7:30pm. \$10

Tickets at Artworks or call 250-247-7604

To register for workshops call 250-247-7604 or email [poetrygabriola@yahoo.ca](mailto:poetrygabriola@yahoo.ca)

For more information on the artists and the festival, go to [www.poetrygabriola.com](http://www.poetrygabriola.com)

# Schedule of Events



5TH ANNUAL

# Poetry Gabriola Festival

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**free****Thursday November 13 @ Noon: Post All Poems - Poetry Galleries Go UP!!**

Keep your eyes open for Poetry Postings all over the island. These bulletin boards invite you to share your love of words - to post your own poems, created on the spot or ones you've been hoarding in a bottom drawer, signed or anonymous, rhymed or free verse, hip hop or sonnet. Post your favourite poem - a few lines you remember from the days when ordinary folk memorized poems, recited them in public, sang them under balconies, chalked them on the sidewalk. Let's hear those words of wonder that speak from the heart: **Poetry Lives!** Thanks to Patsy Ludwick and the Gabriola Arts Council.

**Around The Island. All weekend. FREE!**

**Thursday November 13: Opening Night - Pure Poetry**

Includes readings by Gabriola poets Odette Laramée and Patsy Ludwick, Canada's first Parliamentary Poet Laureate, George Bowering, and Daphne Marlatt, accompanied by the whimsical music duo Robert Minden and Carla Hallett. Host: Naomi Beth Wakan.

**The Phoenix Auditorium, At The Haven. 7:30pm. \$10**

**Friday November 14: Tongue And Groove!**

This Vancouver Island quartet fuses jazz, funk, country and Cuban rhythms with personal and political texts - soulful, responsive improvisation and poetry provide deep hearing!

**The Roxy. 4:30 - 5:30pm. \$5**

**Friday November 14: Around The Campfire - Storytelling**

Join northerners Ivan Coyote, Dinah D, and Richard van Camp for an intimate night of tall tales and true stories.

**The Surf Great Room. 7:30pm. \$10**

**free****Friday November 14: Bufflehead Jones - Poetry Open Mic**

Sign up and try it on with Host Tina Jones and Bufflehead, the poetry improv band

**The Surf Pub. 10:00pm. FREE!**

**Saturday November 15: Bootcamp For Procrastinators by Ivan Coyote**

Have you always dreamed of writing a memoir but were never sure where to start?

Do you have a half-finished masterpiece stuffed into the back of a desk drawer? Still stuck on that not-quite-fabulous first line? Enlist today. Not tomorrow. Not next year. Today. Fall in and step to as Ivan Coyote runs you through a series of exercises designed to build up your first-line muscles, train yourself to capture those fleeting late-night epiphanies, and practice bullying yourself into believing.

**The Roxy. 10:30 - 11:30 am**

**free****Saturday November 15: Buskers Galore!**

A herd of roving artists (and their fans) gathers at The Roxy at high noon to hear Tim Lander, Patron Saint of Street Performers, deliver his Buskers' Invocation. From there they hit the streets for two hours of high performance in the Village.

**Roving: Around the Village. Noon - 2:00pm. FREE!**

**workshop****Saturday November 15: How Not To Write A Screen Play, by Cindy O'Dell**

Do movies make you want to write but you have trouble sticking to an idea for a story? Cindy O'Dell provides some basic tools to clarify your characters' desires, get a better grip on the principle of antagonism, and explore the gap between expectation and result. For anyone who loves to watch movies and wants to write a screenplay. Find out how watching movies can deepen our understanding of transformations that resonate for us and keep us connected to our work. Please have a favourite movie to use for reference.

**The Roxy. 1:30 - 2:30pm. \$10**

**workshop****free****Saturday November 15: Spoken Word with The Kerplunks**

Rock out with Rappin' Tina and Dinah D! Children's music for the whole family. Special Spoken Word show.

**The Phoenix Auditorium, At The Haven. 2:00pm. FREE!**

**free****Saturday November 15: Youth WORKSHOP**

**DANGER: Renegade Tongue Twister: How to Build an Anagram** by Kaie Kellough. Ages 15+. When poetry is performed aloud, the human voice infuses it with sound and rhythm. How can we write in a way that captures the same sound and rhythm on paper? Workshop participants will engage in a language game, an anagram, to discover wild combinations of words and sounds, and will emerge with a broadened sense of how our language works.

**The Swallow's Nest, At The Haven. 1:00pm - 3:00pm. FREE!**

**For information and to register email Portia at poetrygabriola@gmail.com**

**Saturday November 15: Medicine Stories with Richard van Camp**

Richard is a nationally acclaimed storyteller and a proud member of the Dogrib (Tlicho) Nation from Fort Smith, NWT.

**The Roxy. 3:00 - 4:00pm. \$5**

**Saturday November 15: In Conversation With George Bowering**

Join the two-time Governor General's Literary Award winner and first ever Canadian Parliamentary Poet Laureate for a beer. George will be interviewed by arts journalist Alexander Varty.

**The Surf Great Room. 4:30pm to 5:30pm. \$5**

**free****Saturday November 15: Alphabet Soup!**

Poets hit the hot-tub at the Haven - only one night this year so Don't Miss It!

**The Haven Hot-Tub. 7:00pm. FREE!**

**Saturday November 15: Tell it Like It Is: Spoken Word Cabaret**

Some of Canada's finest let loose and tell it like it is. Featuring Sheri-D Wilson, Cheryl L'Hirondelle, Kaie Kellough, and Victoria Stanton. And do you remember David Bateman? Of the Lemon Tree song? He'll be your host, so hang on.

**The Phoenix Auditorium, At The Haven. 7:30pm. \$10**

**free****Saturday November 15: McBufflehead: Poetry Open Mic.**

Sign up and strut your stuff with host Kathy MacIntyre and Bufflehead, the poetry improv band.

**The Surf Pub. 10:00pm. FREE!**