

CFUW PQ PROGRAM 2022 - 2023

All programs begin at 7:00 pm unless specified otherwise

Sept. 12 **“From Resistance to Reconciliation?”** (Qualicum Beach Civic Centre)

Speaker: *Dr. Laura Cranmer*

Laura is Professor of Indigenous/Xwulmuxw Studies at Vancouver Island University (VIU). She shared her personal learning journey and her perspective on the progress of Reconciliation.

Oct. 17 **“Granny Stories”** (McMillan Arts Centre in Parksville)

Speaker: *Norma Cameron*

Norma is a professional storyteller who has performed in Scotland, Ireland, Wales and across North America. In 2017 Norma was invited to perform her one-woman play, *Coalmines, Council Houses and Corsets* at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa. In Qualicum Beach she is currently leading Guided Autobiographies, a popular course running weekly at the QB Seniors Centre.

*Program followed by CFUW PQ Business Meeting

Nov. 14 **Combatting Gender-Based Violence** (Qualicum Beach Civic Centre)

Speaker: *Joel Rustin*

Joel is with the Nanaimo Regional John Howard Society and will speak to us about the ways victims of domestic violence can deal with the aftermath and how abusers can be helped to understand and change behaviour.

Dec. 5 **Christmas Dinner** - Time and place to be announced

Jan. 9 **Protecting French Creek Estuary Land** (Qualicum Beach Civic Centre)

Speaker: *Lynne Brookes*

Lynne is a conservationist and past president of Arrowsmith Naturalists, a local environmental stewardship group. She has been involved in efforts to protect the French Creek Estuary, which is home to eagles and other wetland

animals. Her talk will describe why the French Creek Estuary should be protected next steps.

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Feb. 13 **Black Pioneers on Vancouver Island** (McMillan Arts Centre in Parksville & via Zoom)

Speaker: *Silvia Mangué Alene*

Located in Victoria, Silvia is the president of the BC Black History Awareness Society. Her talk will focus on the Black women who came as pioneers to Vancouver Island in 1858 to avoid the oppressive racial conditions in the U.S. These immigrants became an integral part of the early formation of Victoria and contributed to the richness of the developing society.

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March 08 **International Women's Day - The Silk Road** (Knox Church, Parksville)

Speaker: *Dr. Brenda Trenholme*

A self-described "endurance fanatic," Brenda has completed a number of cycle tours in Europe and a 12,000 km cycling trip from Cairo to Capetown in 2016. With her appetite whet for exploring exotic places by bike, in 2018 she joined a group of 15 others to cycle 13,000 km along the Silk Road from Beijing to Istanbul. Brenda, a retired family physician, will provide a slide show of her cycling adventure, highlighting the salient cultural, geographical, historical and political features of the ten Asian countries she traversed

Apr. 10 **CFUW Resolutions & Budget** (McMillan Arts Centre in Parksville)

*Business meeting

May 8 **"Optimizing Arts Sector Potential on Vancouver Island"**

(Qualicum Beach Civic Centre)

Speaker: *Illana Hester*

Illana, Executive Director of The Old School House (TOSH), will speak about the work being done at TOSH and Island-wide with Creative Coast, a collaboration of artists and art organizations created to optimize the potential of the arts sector on Vancouver Island. Originally from Calgary, Illana received her undergraduate degree at UBC and a Master's of Arts in Visual Arts Administration at New York University. After filling various roles

in the New York art scene for 12 years, Illana moved to Vancouver Island to become head of TOSH. She is also a member of Creative Coast's Steering Committee (www.creativecoast.ca).

June 5 **Spring Dinner** - Time and place to be announced.

June 12 **AGM** (Qualicum Beach Civic Centre)