

HOW TO GET HERE

CUMBERLAND IS LOCATED IN THE COMOX VALLEY. FROM THE LOWER MAINLAND, BC FERRIES SAIL FROM HORSESHOE BAY OR TSAWWASSEN TO NANAIMO. ALLOW 1.5 HOURS DRIVE ON HIGHWAY 19 OR 19A FROM NANAIMO.

ACCOMMODATIONS

LOCATED ON THE SHORES OF COMOX LAKE, OFFERING A FOOD CONCESSION, SWIMMING, CAMPSITES AND RV SITES.
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FOR COMOX VALLEY WIDE ACCOMMODATIONS, VISIT **DISCOVERCOMOXVALLEY.COM**



The Cumberland and District Historical Society (Cumberland Museum and Archives) is dedicated to preserving and presenting the rich history of Cumberland and the surrounding region, and to serving as an important community anchor as the People's Museum of Cumberland.

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The Campbell River, Courtenay & District Labour Council (CRCDLC) brings together local unions and activist groups to share our struggles and triumphs and to raise awareness and support for those working for justice and fairness.

MINERSMEMORIAL.CA

FOR ONLINE OR PRINTABLE BOUQUET ORDERS, CHOIR REGISTRATION, SCHEDULE UPDATES, AND SPONSORSHIP AND DONATION OPPORTUNITIES.

* PLEASE CONFIRM BOUQUET ORDERS BY JUNE 10TH

FACEBOOK [@MINERSMEMORIALCUMBERLAND](https://www.facebook.com/minersmemorialcumberland)

MINERS MEMORIAL

On June 20, 1984, two hundred miners working underground in Sudbury, Ontario's Falconbridge nickel mine felt the earth shift. Rocks fell, killing three workers immediately, while one died an estimated fifteen minutes before rescuers reached him after twenty-seven hours of digging. The 3.5-magnitude earthquake, and the resulting deaths, sparked off Sudbury's first miners' memorial event the following year.

In 1986, Cumberland became the first community in British Columbia to host a similar event. Even though decades had passed since the mines closed in Cumberland, the memories of mining and the sense of grief over the loss of life underground remained. Between 1888 and 1964, the Cumberland mines claimed the lives of over three hundred miners.

Over the years, Miners Memorial has attracted hundreds of visitors from BC and beyond, and has contributed to shaping the landscape and sense of place in the community through a series of special projects including cairns, signage, and plaques. Last year, hundreds gathered to honour the one hundredth anniversary of the shooting death of local union organizer Albert "Ginger" Goodwin, as part of the thirty-third annual event. The diverse program included the re-creation of Goodwin's funeral procession down Dunsmuir Avenue.

The Cumberland Museum and Archives, with support from partners including the Campbell River, Courtenay and District Labour Council, continues to play an important role in acknowledging, celebrating, and commemorating labour and working history. The 34th annual Miners Memorial, June 21 to 23, 2019, includes workshops, guided walking tours, graveside vigils, 'Songs of the Workers', theatre, the Miners Memorial BBQ, and more. All proceeds support the Cumberland Museum and Archives.

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34th MINERS MEMORIAL

Honouring workers yesterday and today

**JUNE 21-23, 2019
CUMBERLAND, BC**

"Death is one tie that binds us all. February 15, 1901, sixty-four miners were killed and nine were Japanese Canadian. August 30, 1922, eighteen miners were killed and six were Japanese Canadian. Just two infamous dates in Cumberland's mining history."

- George Doi, former resident of the Japanese Canadian community at the Royston Lumber Mill, speaking at Miners Memorial, 1992

EXPLORE NEW SINGAGE AND EXHIBITS:

INTERPRETIVE PANELS AT THE NO 1. JAPANESE TOWN SITE IN COAL CREEK HISTORIC PARK; **THE ROYSTON LUMBER MILL** EXHIBIT FEATURING STORIES FROM THE JAPANESE CANADIAN MILL AND THE COMMUNITY SURROUNDING IT; AND **COAL, CONFLICT, AND COMMUNITY** ON CUMBERLAND'S UNIQUE AND STORIED LABOUR HISTORY.



FRIDAY, JUNE 21

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

JOIN THE K'OMOKS FIRST NATION FOR CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY. 3320 COMOX ROAD.

6PM EXHIBIT TALK

CUMBERLAND MUSEUM - **BY DONATION**

FEATURING CUMBERLAND'S LOCAL LABOUR AND WORKING HISTORY, AND THE CREATIVE PROCESS THAT SHAPED THE NEW COAL, CONFLICT, AND COMMUNITY EXHIBIT. WITH ROBIN FOLVIK. *REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED. ALL WELCOME.*

7PM - 10PM SONGS OF THE WORKERS

CULTURAL CENTRE HALL - **BY DONATION**

A CLASSIC PUB NIGHT WITH MUSICIANS FROM ACROSS BC SHARING SONGS ABOUT LIFE, DEATH, WORK, AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN. RIDERS PIZZA AND DRINKS AVAILABLE.



SATURDAY, JUNE 22

8AM - 10AM PANCAKE BREAKFAST

CUMBERLAND RECREATION INSTITUTE - **BY DONATION**

Sponsored by: **bcgeu**

Area 2 Cross Component Committee

9AM - 10AM GUIDED MUSEUM TOUR

CUMBERLAND MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES - **BY DONATION**

LEARN ABOUT THE STORY OF THE PEOPLE OF CUMBERLAND; THE RICH, THE POOR, THE POWERFUL, THE REBELLIOUS, THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE RADICAL. WITH GUIDE MEAGHAN CURSONS.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY CONTINUED...

*** NEW*** THIS YEAR THE CEREMONIES BEGIN AT THE JAPANESE CANADIAN CEMETERY. *Pick up your bouquets **between 10:15 and 10:45** at the Japanese Canadian Cemetery and hold onto them for the ceremony at the Municipal Cemetery.*



11AM - 11:30AM SPEAKER AND LAYING OF ROSES AT THE CHINESE AND JAPANESE CEMETERIES AT UNION ROAD.



12PM - 1:15PM THE CEREMONY AT THE CUMBERLAND MUNICIPAL CEMETERY FEATURES SPEAKERS, MUSIC, THE LAYING OF FAIR TRADE FLOWERS ON GINGER GOODWIN'S GRAVE, AND A ROSE CEREMONY ON THE GRAVES OF FALLEN MINERS AT MINERS ROW. *PURCHASE YOUR BOUQUET IN ADVANCE. PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE MUSEUM.*



** We recommend bringing a folding chair (if standing for a period of time is difficult), water, sunscreen, snacks, & umbrella.*

BREAK. VISIT A LOCAL CUMBERLAND EATERY!

2:30PM - 3:15PM THE FUTURE OF MINING IN SOUTH AFRICA

CULTURAL CENTRE - **TALK BY DONATION**

AS IN CANADA, MINING HAS BEEN A KEY DRIVER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR CLOSE TO 150 YEARS. DR. SALIMAH VALIANI EXPLORES AN OFTEN NEGLECTED QUESTION IN THIS HISTORY FROM A FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE: WHAT HAS MINING IN SOUTH AFRICA MEANT FOR WOMEN OVER TIME?

Supported by the Boag Foundation.

3:30PM - 4PM CRADLING LABOUR, LAND AND NATURE - POETRY READING

CUMBERLAND MUSEUM - **FREE**



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DR. SALIMAH VALIANI, IS A POET, ACTIVIST AND RESEARCHER WHO WRITES POEMS ON MINING, LAND AND RELATED ISSUES. *READING MADE POSSIBLE WITH THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF THE CANADA COUNCIL THROUGH THE WRITERS' UNION OF CANADA.*

4PM - 5PM GUIDED WALKING TOUR

LEAVES FROM THE MUSEUM - **BY DONATION**

'A COMPLICATED CUMBERLAND'. HEAR SOME OF THE DIVERSE STORIES OF THE PEOPLE, PLACES, AND EVENTS WHICH MAKE CUMBERLAND'S HISTORY UNIQUE. WITH GUIDE MARIANNE BELL. *ENDS AT NO 6. MINE PARK IN TIME FOR THE BBQ.*

4:15PM - 5:30PM GETTING GRAPHIC WITH THE PAST

CULTURAL CENTRE - **WORKSHOP BY DONATION**

THE GRAPHIC HISTORY COLLECTIVE IS A GROUP OF ACTIVISTS, ARTISTS, WRITERS, AND RESEARCHERS PASSIONATE ABOUT COMICS, HISTORY AND SOCIAL CHANGE. *LEARN HOW YOU DON'T NEED A CAPE AND A PAIR OF TIGHTS TO CHANGE THE WORLD!* FACILITATED BY DAVID LESTER. REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED.

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5PM - 7PM BBQ IN NO 6. MINE PARK

GATHER WITH FELLOW WORKERS AND FRIENDS FOR A BBQ IN THE PARK. **SUPPER BY DONATION.** ENJOY A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FROM THE MINERS MEMORIAL CHOIR AT 6PM!

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7:30PM SAT. & 2PM SUN. HERITAGE THEATRE

CUMBERLAND MASONIC HALL - **BY DONATION**

THEATREWORKS HAS A LONG TRADITION OF BRINGING LABOUR AND WORKING HISTORY TO LIFE THROUGH THEIR PRODUCTIONS. **MARCH OF THE INNOCENTS** TAKES US BACK TO 1903, MOTHER JONES, AND THE ONE-HUNDRED-MILE MARCH OF THE MILL CHILDREN.

Supported by:



SUNDAY, JUNE 23

11AM - NOON BOOK LAUNCH AND TALK

CUMBERLAND MUSEUM - **FREE**

CELEBRATE TWO NEW TITLES FROM THE GRAPHIC HISTORY COLLECTIVE! **DIRECT ACTION GETS THE GOODS: A GRAPHIC HISTORY OF THE STRIKE IN CANADA** AND **1919: A GRAPHIC HISTORY OF THE WINNIPEG GENERAL STRIKE**. WITH ARTIST DAVID LESTER AND RESEARCHER/WRITER ROBIN FOLVIK.

*** MARCH OF THE INNOCENTS AT 2PM - SEE SATURDAY'S DESCRIPTION**