



Uts'am / Witness 2006

Ceremony and Camping Weekends

THIS YEAR MARKS THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY of the Uts'am/Witness project, its final year and closing celebration. Sims Creek and the Elaho Valley are now part of the Squamish Nation's official Wild Spirit Places and Sacred Land Use Plan. Please join us this summer to celebrate the success of Uts'am/Witness and the transfer of lands back to the Squamish Nation. Huy chewxa, many thanks to telàsemkin/siyam/Chief Bill Williams, Sekyú Siyám' Chief Ian Campbell and KáKeltN Siyám/Chief Gibby Jacobs.

Coming in 2007 will be a retrospective arts exhibition featuring over 100 artists. Issues around arts, ecology, community and indigenous land and culture will be explored at the Roundhouse Community Centre. Co-curved by Amir Ali Alibhai, Nancy Bleck, and Cease Wyss.

Welcome artist-in-residence T'uy'Tanat/Cease Wyss, digital media artist and herbalist, and mentor Ann Baker, Squamish Nation cultural ambassador.

JUNE 3/4

Teaching of Plants

T'uy'Tanat/Cease Wyss, herbalist from the Squamish Nation, will share her knowledge of plant medicines, what they are and how they heal, in a walk through the old growth forests.

Wild Plants Make You Wilder

Join master herbalist Sarah Orlowski on a walking tour of indigenous plants in the temperate rainforest. Learn how to identify plants and use them for food and medicine.

JUNE 10/11

The River We Know, and the Other River

Writer/conservationist Terry Glavin and writer/historian Bruce Macdonald will engage in a dialogue about transformative spaces in our historical memories.

Local Archeology

Discover rock shelters, culturally modified trees and stone tool scatters. Learn with archeologist Yumks/Rudy Reimer about their historical significance and the role they have in land use decisions and education.

JUNE 17/18

Appreciating Wilderness

Participate in a nature hike with WildEd's wilderness educator, Katy Holm, a wildlife biologist, professor and outdoor adventurer. (www.wepbc.ca)

Wildlife signs and tracking

Learn to interpret animal tracks and signs with Annette Lehnacker. Become a nature detective, and 'see the unseen' in the wild.

JUNE 24/25

Drawing on the Ground

Amir Ali Alibhai will introduce the concept and process of making a Rangoli, a site-specific drawing on the ground made from gathered found materials.

Sacred Cedar

Learn the importance of cedar to the Squamish people from Sesemiya/Tracy Williams. Learn to weave a traditional cedar bracelet. \$10 donation for materials.

JULY 1/2

Sharing our Stories

Award-winning Cree writer Larry Loyie talks about his childrens' books, inspired by his traditions, culture and family. Co-author Constance Brissenden will read from his two books "As Long As the River Flows" and "The Gathering Tree".

JULY 8/9

Drum-making workshop

Make a drum with Tawx'sin Yexwulla/Aaron Nelson-Moody, Squamish artist and cultural worker (\$100 fee, includes all materials). Only 10 spots available, pre-registration before July 1. 604-713-1800.

Community Readiness

Melanie Rivers/7imlaməlwət, Squamish Nation will share the 'Community Readiness Model', which examines a community's readiness to move forward on an issue such as stewardship of the land.

JULY 15/16

Artist Retreat

Artists from the 1997/1998 Witness Exhibition are invited back to Sims Creek to reflect on the changes that have taken place in the community and on the land. An exhibition will be held at the Roundhouse in summer of 2007.

Desired Futures

The Sustainability Working Group from the Emily Carr Institute of Art & Design invites you to join a conversation about the future of art, ecology, and education in a desired, sustainable world. Dr. Randy Lee Cutler, Head of Critical & Cultural Studies will lead the discussion.

Environmental Philosophy

Beth Carruthers, EcoART practitioner and theorist, hosts an interactive conversation/workshop on place-based ethics and arts practices.

Traditional Dance and Song

Enjoy an evening with S7aplek/Bob Baker from the Sp'ak'wus Slulum dance group (eagle dance group).

JULY 22/23 CLOSING CELEBRATION

Sacred Land Use Plan

Presentation of the Squamish Nation Forest and Wilderness Land Use Plan by telàsemkin/siyam/Chief Bill Williams, Sekyú Siyám' Chief Ian Campbell and KáKeltN Siyám/Chief Gibby Jacobs.

Ecological Economics

Engage with Micheal Barkusky, ecological economist, in a dialogue on envisioning a wilderness-friendly economy.

Slahal / Bone Game

Nexws Chenchents/Eugene Harry will involve participants in traditional Coast Salish games at the fireside gathering on Saturday evening.

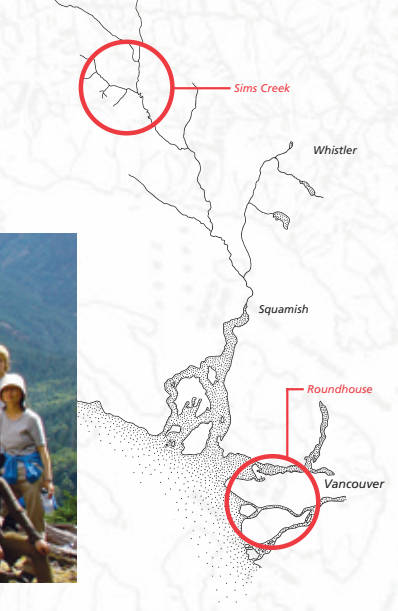


DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS

About half of the drive will be on an active logging road, which is bumpy and dusty. Ensure the following for a safe and comfortable journey:

- Vehicle is in proper running condition (brakes, suspension, oil, windshield fluid, coolant, headlights);
- Tires are properly inflated;
- Spare tire is inflated and have tools to change a flat;
- Vehicles with lower-than-average clearance are not recommended for this journey.

It's well worth the journey.



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What to Bring

Your own food (2 lunches, supper & breakfast) • boots • tent (mosquito-proof) • rain gear • extra socks • sleeping bag • air mattress or ensolite • stove & pot • water bottle • insect repellent • sun block • toilet paper (there is a toilet) • flashlight • musical instrument

The weekend will include

- a traditional Coast Salish Witness ceremony
- hikes to see old-growth forests, canyons & waterfalls
- planned workshops (optional)
- evening campfires (bring a musical instrument!)
- lazy hours on the sandbar; an opportunity to connect with the land
- closing ceremony before our return trip to Vancouver

Pre-register at the Roundhouse

A fee of \$15.00/person or \$20.00/family. Arrive at the Roundhouse any Saturday morning in June or July at 7am sharp, leaving the Roundhouse by 8am. The trips are ideal for families with children. Bring your camping gear and transportation. Zero-impact camping means everyone must take home their own garbage. Trips may be cancelled due to forest fire closures.

Register early! Call (604) 713-1800 or fax (604) 713-1813

For information contact the Roundhouse Community Centre: 181 Roundhouse Mews Vancouver, BC V6Z 2W3

Thanks to all our volunteers!



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Being called to witness
in the Coast Salish tradition
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