



K'ÓMOKS FESTIVAL 2024

SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

For Your Consideration:

On June 21, 2024, welcome guests from across British Columbia will gather for a historic, multi-media, culturally-rich event at 3535 Bayside Road, Courtenay, BC, to witness the opening of Queneesh House and share a day of celebrating Indigenous culture on the Lands of the K'ómoks First Nation.

Our communities celebrate this day as National Indigenous Peoples Day—and for millennia have come together to honour the Summer Solstice and the changing of the seasons.

K'ómoks Festival

K'ómoks Festival is a free, family-friendly event anticipated to attract up to 300 visitors from Vancouver Island and beyond to witness the historic opening of Queneesh House, hear talks and presentations, view rare masterpieces in First Nation art and carvings, transfer knowledge and skills from Indigenous Knowledge Keepers, participate in tours, and attend workshops designed to provide a culturally rich experience.

Welcome Ceremony (9AM) & Historic Opening of Queneesh House (1PM)

Hereditary Chief Yax'nukwalas, K'ómoks & Pentlatch Hereditary Chief Namnam'am, Kerry Norman Frank will open the doors of Queneesh House. The morning program includes the Welcome Ceremony and Blessing of Queneesh House. The Opening Ceremony begins at 1PM.

This historic event includes K'ómoks First Nation Chief & Counsel, Elders, community members and guests—each acting as a witness to the opening, blessing and first ceremonies held in Queneesh House.

Indigenous Speaker Panel / First Nation Knowledge Keepers

This year we proudly welcome respected First Nation Knowledge Keepers to our Indigenous Speaker Panel sharing on Indigenous Land Stewardship, Climate Change, Traditional Indigenous Ways of Governing & Western Law.

Featured Exhibition: Legends Behind the Masks

Our Featured Exhibition, Legends Behind the Masks, welcomes guests to witness artworks by some of the most celebrated First Nation Artists and Carvers on the West Coast including artwork by Henry Speck Sr., Dicky Joseph, Tommy Hunt Jr., Waławidi, Wayne Alfred, Richard Hunt, the Late Beau Dick, Late Marcus Alfred, Late Douglas Cranmer, Geary Cranmer, Bruce Alfred & Rachelle Antoine.

The exhibit is interactive with First Nation Knowledge Keepers sharing the art's creation story, significance in First Nation culture, if and how they are danced and what animals and mythical beings are represented. This is a rare opportunity to see works never before exhibited publically.

Yisya'winuxw Dancers

We have an exceptional gift at this year's festival—the Yisya'winuxw Dancers. To see them live is a memory cherished for life. Each member of the Yisya'winuxw Dancers is an Indigenous Knowledge Keeper who shares not only their talent in dancing but their rights and privileges to sing and dance the stories we are honoured to witness.

Each of the Yisya'winuxw Dancers is initiated in First Nation Potlatch ceremonies. The dancers come from across Vancouver Island and Cormorant Island to bring us Thunderbird, his brother Kolas, the seagull, Orca, NAN, the Grizzly Bear, and the Chief Ghost. Witnessing them is a very special experience.

Cedar Hat Making Workshop

Calling all Cedar Weavers & Those Who Want to Learn! We will be hosting a Cedar Hat Weaving Workshop with respected Kwakwaka'wakw Master Cedar Weaver, Tiger Leonard Williams, at this year's K'ómoks Festival.

This will be a chance to sit with a Master Weaver and learn step-by-step in the Old Tradition. All the materials have been prepared for you to Begin, Learn, Laugh and Finish a Cedar Hat. It is our longest workshop and runs 6-hours from 10AM to 5PM with a Lunch Break Noon to 1PM.

You get to keep your hat and wear it with pride knowing it was made by your hand!

Bentwood Box Making Workshop

Workshops include Bentwood Box Demonstrations with respected Kwakwaka'wakw artist and carver, Bruce Alfred, 'Namgis First Nation from "Yalis, Alert Bay, British Columbia.

Archaeologist for the Day / K'ómoks Fish Weirs and Middens

Those interested in being an *Archaeologist for the Day* to join us on walking tours of the K'ómoks Fish Weirs and Middens along the foreshore at Comox Harbour to learn their history, and how stewardship and innovation have been applied in the past and live on today.

Kus-kus-sum Tours / K'ómoks Estuary Restoration & Stewardship

We will share the work and offer tours of Kus-kus-sum—a project to help restore balance and harmony to the land on the northern riverside of the Courtenay River at the confluence of the river and the K'ómoks Estuary with our community partners including Project Watershed, Interfor and the City of Courtenay.

2024 K'ómoks Queneesh Under the Sun / Community Art Mural

Guests of all ages are encouraged to participate in the 2024 K'ómoks Queneesh Under the Sun Community Art Project, a large-scale mural celebrating Queneesh which will live onsite after the event.

Comox Rocks & Queneesh Indigenous Community Society

Comox Rocks, a 100% Indigenous owned & operated business located on the Lands of the K'ómoks First Nation, and, Queneesh Indigenous Community Society, seek your contribution to

support this volunteer-led event being held on June 21, 2024, from 9 AM to 7 PM at 3535 Bayside Road, Courtenay, British Columbia.

Please consider supporting this culturally-rich, family-friendly community event.

Thank you for your consideration.

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K'omoks Festival Founder

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WAYS TO SUPPORT K'ÓMOKS FESTIVAL 2024:

Monetary Support:

General monetary contributions to the K'ómoks Festival 2024 will be allocated as required to the Festival. Standard contributions range from \$1,500-\$15,000; with donations of any denomination graciously accepted. Contributing organisations will be recognised as Sponsors in promotions and signage (website, social media posts, posters, programs, etc.)

WHERE TO SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Comox Rocks Festival Monetary Support:

K'ómoks Festival Sponsorship cheques made out to **Comox Rocks** can be mailed to 3100 Sahtloot Crescent North, K'ómoks First Nation, Comox, BC, V9M 4G7. Please include your organization name, contact name, telephone number and email address.

Queneesh Community Indigenous Society Support:

Sponsorship cheques made out to the **Queneesh Indigenous Community Society** (BC Incorporation #S0080396 / Business #73719 5354 BC0001) can be mailed to 3100 Sahtloot Crescent North, K'ómoks First Nation, Comox, BC, V9M 4G7 for K'ómoks Festival Speaker Honorariums and ongoing work throughout the year hosting culturally-rich Indigenous events and workshops.