

DESIGN VICTORIA HUB

At The Rotunda
1515 Douglas St.

Created through our Meeting Point Co-Design Challenge, this installation reimagines the Design Victoria "DV" as a vibrant gathering space. Designed by Rick Clark, Maureen Elmer, Breanne Des Roche, Carrie Smart and Jigna Vala, it combines sculptural form, seating and interactive elements for conversation, programming and connection throughout the festival.

Featured hub events include daily Coffee & Community meet ups with Indigenous Roots Coffee, Design Victoria's Ask an Expert series, Family Day and more.

Sponsored by RJC Engineers and AME Group, with support from Man & Son Design, BMEX and dHKarchitects.

DESIGN VICTORIA LAUNCH PARTY

THURSDAY APRIL 30, 6:00PM-11:00PM

The Launch Party is where the festival begins — setting the tone, generating buzz, and bringing together the designers, makers, architects, artists, and creative leaders shaping our city.

CANTU BATHROOMS & HARDWARE, 1807 STORE ST.

APRIL 30-MAY 3
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DESIGN VICTORIA 2026

Design Victoria is a four-day festival celebrating community and creativity in Victoria. From April 30 - May 3 experience dozens of (mostly) free design events, from workshops to talks and tours, taking place across the city.

Some events require pre-registration. Sign up at: designvictoria.ca/agenda

Follow us online and sign up for the newsletter to get early access to the many free and paid ticketed events.

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LAUNCH PARTY



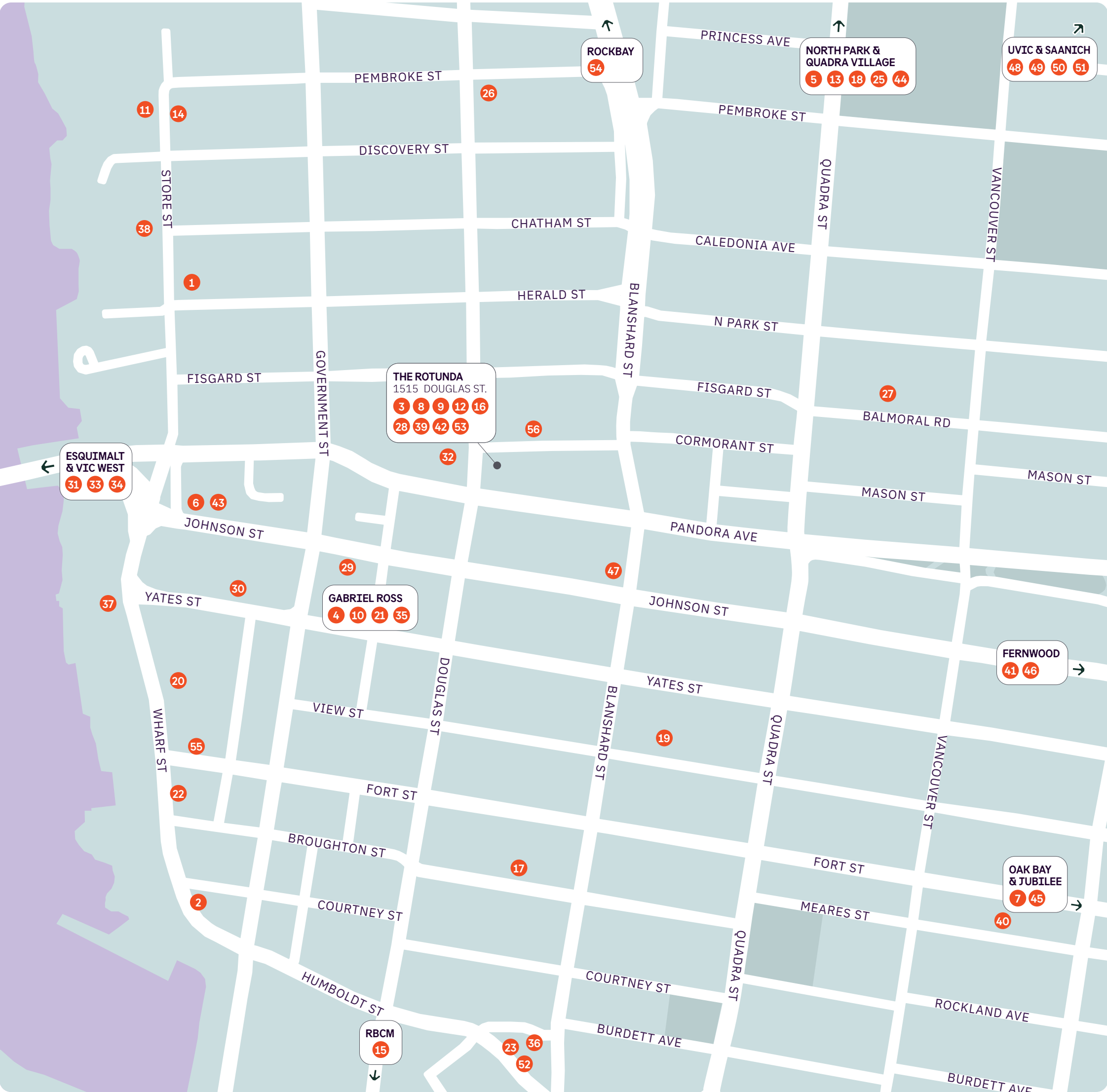
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MULTI-DAY EVENTS



FORM AS STORY 52
MAY 1ST-3RD: 11:00AM-3:00PM

Experience how five artists transform form into story through the expressive use of colour, bold pattern, tactile materials, and dynamic gesture. Curated by Lora McKay, "Form as Story" showcases work by Diana Weymar, Andrea Soos, Jackie Tahara (UnBlink Studio), Chris Chapman, and Melanie Golder.

THE VAULT GALLERY,
750 FAIRFIELD RD.



PUBLIC ACCESS 53
APRIL 30TH-MAY 3RD:
WEEKDAYS: 9AM-5PM
WEEKENDS: 9:30AM-4PM

Exhibition by photographer Quinton Gordon exploring the relationship between people and public spaces in urban, rural and natural settings.

ROTUNDA,
1515 DOUGLAS ST.



SHAPED BY AIR 54
APRIL 30TH-MAY 3RD:
9:00AM-3:00PM

Explore work by four local artists—Sarah Mulligan, Mark Roth, Jill Allan and John Krizan—highlighting blown glass as a key medium in design.

2524 BRIDGE ST.



THE FURNITURE OF PETER NEVE COTTON 55
APRIL 30TH-MAY 3RD:
11:00AM-4:00PM

An exhibition of furniture designed by local architect Peter Neve Cotton for his company, Perpetua, between 1950 and 1955.

OPEN SPACE GALLERY,
510 FORT ST.



ARYZE NEWS CAFÉ 56
MAY 1ST-3RD:
10:00AM-3:00PM

Come visit Aryze's pop-up magazine shop & café with custom sound design and urbanism films on loop.

PRINT HOLE,
712 CORMORANT ST.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30



LAUNCH PARTY 1 \$ +
6:00PM–11:00PM

Celebrate Victoria's creative community at the official kickoff to Design Victoria 2026.

The Launch Party, sponsored by CANTU, Cosentino and Colonial Countertops, sets the tone for the weekend with designer bars, installations, craft cocktails and live music. Join the designers, makers, architects, artists, and creative leaders shaping our city.

CANTU BATHROOMS & HARDWARE,
1807 STORE ST.

HAPPY HOUR: MGA 2
4:00PM–6:00PM

MGA hosts their annual Happy Hour to kick off Design Victoria!

895 WHARF ST.



FRIDAY, MAY 1

COFFEE & COMMUNITY 3
9:30AM–11:00AM

Drop in for coffee and bannock from Indigenous Roots Coffee, meet fellow festival-goers and hear from the design team behind this year's meeting point.

THE ROTUNDA,
1515 DOUGLAS ST.

DESIGNING THE WORLD WE WORK IN 4
10:00AM–11:00AM

Jon Schramm from MillerKnoll shares how relationship-based workplace design can better support people in an era defined by loneliness, disengagement, and rapid AI adoption.

GABRIEL ROSS,
1319 GOVERNMENT ST.



MAKESPACE NORTH PARK OPEN HOUSE 5
10:00AM–3:00PM

Drop by MakeSpace North Park — a community makerspace and café — and see what happens when tools, skills and curious people come together.

895 PRINCESS AVE.

EXPERIENCE WHAT'S POSSIBLE: TRANE'S INTERACTIVE DIGITAL SESSION 6 +
10:30AM–4:00PM

Experience Trane's digital-building innovation with demos, insights, and networking that help leaders thrive in a rapidly evolving landscape.

29 - 560 JOHNSON ST.

PERFORMANCE-DRIVEN RESIDENTIAL DESIGN ACCREDITED 7
TALK & TOUR: 11AM

NON-ACCREDITED TOUR: 1:30PM

Architect-focused house tour hosted by NZ Builders exploring envelope continuity and detailing strategies in high-performance residential design. 1 AIBC Core LU.

LOCATION TBA (SOUTH OAK BAY)



THE SHAPE OF PERFORMANCE 11 +
1:30PM–4:00PM

Join Autonomous Furniture to explore design in legendary sports cars.

2101 STORE ST.

PUBLIC VALUES: WHAT DO OUR SHARED SPACES SAY ABOUT US? 12
3:00PM–5:00PM

Join DAU Studio and photographer Quinton Gordon (Public Access exhibition) for a panel discussion about the evolving ways public space is used and shaped in Victoria, and what may lie ahead.

THE ROTUNDA,
1515 DOUGLAS ST.

FIREPLACE DESIGN 13 \$ +
3:00PM–5:00PM

Join Wilk Stove for a discussion about fireplace facing materials, including stone, tile, brick, and drywall. Learn about design, durability, heat considerations, and choosing the right finish.

1019 HILLSIDE AVE.

EVOLUTION OF AN ARTWORK: COLOUR ACHIEVING EMOTIONAL SURPRISES 14 +
5:00PM–6:00PM

Hermann Valentin Schmitt discusses and demonstrates the use of colour in the composition of an artwork.

KWENCH, 2102 STORE ST.

POWERED BY PECHAKUCHA 15 +
6:00PM–11:00PM

Join Introba for an evening of storytelling, creativity and innovation. Each presentation is a six-minute and forty-second story with 20 images shown for 20 seconds each.

RBCM, 675 BELLEVILLE ST.



SATURDAY, MAY 2

GROUNDS FOR EQUITY 16 +
9:30AM–12:00PM

Morning coffee with BEA West! Enjoy free-flowing conversations exploring how our built environment shapes belonging, equity, and daily life.

1515 DOUGLAS ST.

SOFTER DRINK 17
10:00AM–11:00AM

Softer Drink—an IDEA award winner—invites you to an hour of talk and tea with designer Claire Saksun and artist Sara Graorac.

760 BROUGHTON ST.



MAKESPACE DESIGN JAM: PROTOTYPE A PLYWOOD STOOL 18 +
10:00AM–1:00PM

A Design Jam exploring rapid prototyping and creative problem solving. Work in teams to think, build, test, and more with simple materials.

2150 QUADRA ST.

VEINS OF THE CITY: HOW WOULD NATURE DESIGN A STREET? 19 +
10:30AM–1:30PM

Join CLA to reimagine streets as living systems in this charrette — where nature inspires new solutions for issues impacting our communities.

THE ATRIUM, 800 YATES ST.

LEARN WITH PACIFIC DESIGN ACADEMY 20 +
10:30AM–2:00PM

Photograph a live model (10:30AM); explore cross-border design (11:30AM); go behind an award-winning film (11:30AM); and discover effective graphic design (1:00PM). See website for individual event details.

200-8 BASTION SQ.



ON THE BOARDS 21 +
11:00AM–12:00PM

Enjoy West Coast Modern League's On the Boards talk series with interior designer Kyla Bidgood and landscape designer Alexander Sujajac.

GABRIEL ROSS,
1319 GOVERNMENT ST.

Λέκ*αθηΝ PLACEMAKING 22
11:00AM–12:00PM

A tour of λέκ*αθηΝ placemaking artwork located in Victoria's inner harbour, hosted by the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority.

100-1019 WHARF ST.



THE LISTENING ROOM 23
11:00AM–5:00PM

An immersive hi-fi listening event in the office at the BC Power Commission, offering a view of this retro interior before its reinvention. Presented by Reliance Properties with OMB Architects.

780 BLANSHARD ST.



MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC 24
11:00AM–2:00PM

Learn how Cool Aid's mobile health clinic has been designed to deliver vital health care to people in need across the capital region.

LOCATION TBA

LUNCH & LEARN: GAS FIREPLACE 25 +
11:00AM & 1:00PM

Join Wilk Stove for a Lunch & Learn on Element4 gas and bioethanol fireplaces. Earn design credits while exploring design, placement, installation, and innovative modern fireplace solutions.

1019 HILLSIDE AVE.

WHIMSY FACTORY 26 \$ +
12:00PM–2:00PM

A behind-the-scenes tour of Puzzle Lab's working factory where design, innovation, and local manufacturing come together, piece by piece.

2001-F DOUGLAS ST.

URBANISM IN ACTION 27 +
12:00PM–2:00PM

This walking tour led by Aryze alongside 5468796 Architecture and MA+HG Architects explores the future of North Park.

932 BALMORAL RD.



ASK AN EXPERT 28
12:00PM–4:00PM

Landscape Design with Biophilia Design (12pm); Metalwork with Freeman Fabrication (12pm); Interior Design with Dashwood Design (1pm); Green Roofs with ARCHITEK Group (1pm); Colour with Benjamin Moore (2pm); Lighting with Macs II (2pm); Construction Knowledge with Western Design+Build (3pm)

THE ROTUNDA,
1515 DOUGLAS ST.



THOUGHTFUL LIVING 29
1:00PM–4:00PM

Drop by an open studio to view new paintings by Joy Kinna, ceramics by Eli West, and furniture by Happy Medium Studio.

ACCESS VIA
613 JOHNSON ST. ALLEYWAY

LIVING IN COLOUR 30
TALK: 1:00 PM
WORKSHOP: 2:15 PM

Interior designer Nora Bouz hosts a talk and optional workshop on colour's power to transform how a room feels and functions.

564 YATES ST.



COMPACT MODERN HOME 31 +
1:30PM–3:30PM

Join architect Colin Harper for a talk and open house in a former corner store transformed into a modern, compact home.

LOCATION TBA (VIC WEST).



DESIGNING A NEW MEDIUM 32 +
2:00PM–4:00PM

In this presentation, artist Jim Richardson shares how his invention of stone-on-glass art sparks cross-medium creativity, material innovation, and bold new ways to think of design

VICTORIA CITY HALL,
1 CENTENNIAL SQ.

MAXIMALIST REVIVAL 33 +
2:00PM–4:00PM

Explore the restoration of Rosemead House and its maximalist interiors shaped by antiques and artwork sourced from more than 200 UK estate auctions.

429 LAMPSON ST.



HOSPITALITY DESIGN 34
2:30PM–4:00PM

Join Arrietty Home at the Vic West Hide & Seek location to find out how to design commercial spaces with the worker in mind.

820 CATHERINE ST.



BIG IDEAS FROM A SMALL PLACE: DESIGNING FOR LEARNING IN SCOTLAND'S ISLANDS 35 +
3:00PM–4:00PM

Join Ryder Architecture's Chris Malcolm as he shares lessons from rural Scottish design and their relevance for design practice in BC.

GABRIEL ROSS,
1319 GOVERNMENT ST.

EXHIBITION OPENING: FORM AS STORY 36
3:00PM–5:00PM

Meet the the curator and some of the artists over music and light refreshments to celebrate "Form As Story."

THE VAULT GALLERY,
750 FAIRFIELD ROAD RD.

HAPPY HOUR SOCIAL 37 +
4:00PM–8:00PM

Hosted by Cascadia Architects, this relaxed happy hour social brings together colleagues, collaborators, and members of the design and development community for an evening of connection and conversation.

1250 WHARF ST.



A DISTRICT IN THE MAKING 38
7:00PM–10:00PM

Join Reliance Properties, the AGGV and DAU Studio on the launch of a new district brought to life with music, immersive design, and drinks.

1830 STORE ST.



SUNDAY, MAY 3

COFFEE & COMMUNITY 39
9:30AM–11:00AM

Drop in for coffee and bannock from Indigenous Roots Coffee, meet fellow festival-goers, and take a moment to connect with the Design Victoria community.

THE ROTUNDA,
1515 DOUGLAS ST.



TALK DESIGN SKETCH 40 +
10:00AM–12:00PM

Explore architect Carolynn Wilson's design process in a presentation on multimedia techniques, followed by a one-hour sketching workshop.

1060 MEARES ST.

PETER COTTON: A LIFE IN DESIGN 41
10:30AM–12:30PM

Architecture & design historians Martin Segger, Allan Collier & Ben Clinton-Baker talk about architect & furniture designer Peter Cotton.

WENTWORTH VILLA,
1156 FORT ST.

WORKSHOPS: FAMILY DAY 42
11:00AM–2:00PM

Design Victoria is bringing together a variety of workshops for curious young minds. ANCORD Design Co will host the Lunar Design: Life on the Moon workshop; Lucia Volker will lead the Reimagine Victoria: A Community Collage workshop; MakeSpace invite families to build a collaborative cardboard city the BeaverBot (a kid-safe cardboard bandsaw) and Vancouver Island Marble will host a mini scavenger hunt.

THE ROTUNDA,
1515 DOUGLAS ST.



AFBC SKETCHING TOUR 43 \$ +
12:00PM–2:00PM

Join the AFBC for a guided architectural sketching tour through downtown Victoria.

560 JOHNSON ST. #39



EXPLORING FUTURES 44 +
12:30PM–4:30PM

Explore surprising possibilities, challenge assumptions, and spark imagination with facilitators Madelaine Prince and Nathalie Robertson.

2150 QUADRA ST.

THE NORDIC 45 +
1:00PM–3:00PM

Join Fold Architects and Cascara Construction for a tour of the nearly completed missing middle project delivering six energy-efficient homes.

1721 ADANAC ST.

OPEN GARDEN STUDIO 46
1:00PM–4:00PM

Join lighting designer Mike Randall in his open studio.

1417 PEMBROKE ST.



HISTORICAL RENOVATION 47 +
2:00PM–3:00PM

Visit the newly renovated historical sanctuary of Congregation Emanu-El, seeing its 162nd year of active use.

1406 BLANSHARD AVE.

NEW INDIGENOUS LAW WING 48 +
2:00; 2:30; 3:00; 3:30 PM

Join Low Hammond Rowe Architects for a tour to learn about the design behind the New Indigenous Law Wing at the University of Victoria.

UVIC CAMPUS,
CORNER OF RING RD.
AND MCGILL RD.

SMUS CAMPUS ARCHITECTURE 49 +
2:00PM–4:30PM

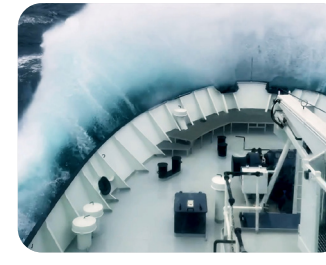
Tour the SMUS campus with the Merrick Architecture team, including Paul Merrick. Discover key projects and the vision behind the school's "Floreat!" plan.

3400 RICHMOND RD.

FILM: BUILDING ON THE EDGE 50 \$ +
5:00PM–6:30PM

In this film, a group of architecture graduate students design and build a research station in one of the least hospitable places on Earth: Antarctica.

CINECENTA, UVIC, 3800
FINNERTY RD.



FILM: IDENTITY: A CZECH GRAPHIC DESIGN LOVE STORY 51 \$ +
7:00PM–8:30PM

A film about Czech graphic design mapping the best of Czech visual culture.

CINECENTA, UVIC, 3800
FINNERTY RD.



\$ PAID EVENTS

Some events have an admission fee and vary in cost. Paid events are noted on the event listings.

+ REGISTER IN ADVANCE

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