



October 2014

Upcoming Cowichan VIU Events

November 6 & 7 ~
World VIU Days

November 7 ~
Charity Dinner at the Farm Table Restaurant

November 10 ~
Writer's On Campus Series

November 11 ~
Remembrance Day, campus will be closed

November 13 ~
Moving Our Cowichan Campus Strategic Plan Forward: Strategic Themes (2014-2019) Employee Continental Breakfast

November 18 ~
Shelley Legin, Vice-President, Administration and Finance visiting Cowichan Campus

November 21 ~
OpenStreetMap Workshop

November 27 ~
Staff Potluck in the Boardroom

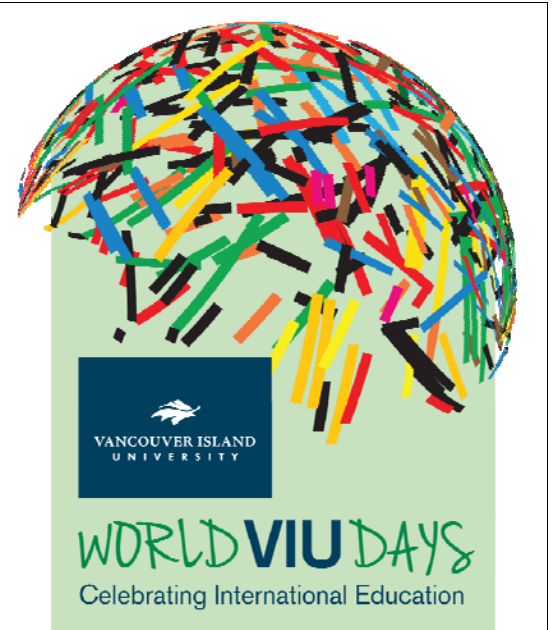
December 24 ~
Campus closed for Christmas Break, reopening Friday, January 2, 2015



COWICHAN

World VIU Days

November 6 & 7 – We will be holding our first World VIU Days at Cowichan. This will include a movie night and panel discussion (Thursday evening), international musical entertainment, and sessions Friday morning and afternoon on "Planning for Success at University", including international high-school students and their families (morning), and "How We Learn Best" involving a panel of ESL students from our campus. Please stay tuned for a final agenda. And many thanks to Dan Vaillancourt for leading this initiative.



Vice-President, Administration and Finance Visit to Cowichan

November 18 – VIU's new Vice-President, Administration and Finance, Ms. Shelley Legin, will be visiting our campus for the morning, ending with a meet-and-greet from 11 am to 12 noon.

Shelley Legin, BBA, MBA

The Vice-President Administration and Finance (VPAF) leads a varied portfolio that includes financial, procurement, payroll, employee relations, health and safety, information systems and technology, facility services, campus planning, business operations and ancillary services. The VPAF is responsible within the portfolio areas, through department leaders and the staff of the office of the VPAF for: the overall quality of services; meeting University policies; compliance with federal and provincial statutes and regulations and reporting requirements; deploying resources; and planning improvements that enhance the University's ability to achieve its Vision through its Integrated Plans. The VPAF ensures the President is fully informed and involved appropriately in matters that span his/her portfolio. The Vice-President, as directed by the President, provides advice and assistance to the governing bodies of VIU and VIU related entities.

Cowichan Welcomes A New Employee

Please join me in welcoming our newest member of VIU's Cowichan Campus, Ms. Sabrina Fox - a recent addition to our Academic and Career Preparation (ACP) Faculty, in the role of regular part-time instructor of English and Education & Career Planning.

Sabrina comes to us with 25 years of educational experience - primarily in English - which includes teaching courses in English, Communications, Law, Career and Personal Planning, Media Arts, Language Proficiency Index (LPI) and Work Experience, and participating in the assessment and placement for all levels of credit English courses. Sabrina brings with her to the Cowichan Campus an extensive background working in a multi-faceted and multi-leveled learning environments, including employment at VIU (Nanaimo), Coquitlam Continuing Education, Kester Grant College, Vancouver School District Continuing Education, Alberta Education (Adult Distance Learning Centre), and Alberta College.

Sabrina holds a B.Ed and M.Ed from the University of Alberta, and is completing her Ph.D in Educational Psychology at Simon Fraser University. Her main area of research involves self-regulation and cognitive functioning.

~ Regards, Warren

Moving Our Cowichan Campus Strategic Plan Forward: Strategic Themes (2014-2019)

Please join me for a continental breakfast meeting on Thursday, **November 13**, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. in room 135. While we will eventually solicit student and community feedback, this session is for employees only.

"Moving Our Cowichan Campus Strategic Plan Forward: Strategic Themes (2014-2019)"

The purpose of this meeting is to continue with our strategic planning process. I will share the information gathered in three sessions last year.

The focus of this session will be:

- ~ Collaborative clarification of strategic themes important to this campus
- ~ Creation of strategic teams
- ~ Determination and clarification of next steps

An agenda and additional information will be forthcoming.
(We will hold a second session if need be)

Please send your RSVP to Nola by November 4.

See you there!
~ Warren Weir

Celebrating 20 Years



Congratulations to George Farris for reaching the 20 year milestone with the IT Department at Cowichan VIU.



Thank You

Thank you for all the kind words, cards and the flowers I have received from staff and faculty after the loss of my mother. It is much appreciated.

~ Joanne Fulton

Community Extension & Contract Services

Community Extension upcoming Courses...

MS Excel: Formulas & Functions
Tue, Nov 4; 6-9pm

Navigating Board Membership: Financial Literacy
Thu, Nov 13; 6-9pm

Making Memorable Art Cards ~ **NEW**
Sat, Nov 15; 9am-12pm

Condo Cleaning Bee ~ **NEW**
Sat, Nov 15; 12-3pm

The New Wills & Estates Act ~ **NEW**
Mon, Nov 17; 6:30-8:30pm

Tibetan Thebthuk Cooking ~ **NEW**
Mon, Nov 17; 6-9pm

Dealing With Personal Injury Claims
Thu, Nov 20; 6:30-9:30pm

A Classic Approach To Pen & Ink ~ **NEW**
Sat, Nov 22; 9am-4pm

Standard First Aid - Red Cross
Sat & Sun, Nov 22-23; 9am-5pm

MS Word: Creating Newsletters ~ **NEW**
Tue, Nov 25; 6-9pm

Occupational First Aid - Level 1
Sat, Nov 29; 9am-5pm

**Register in person, online or by phone
250-746-3519**



Myra Guenard, Warren Weir's mother

United Way Campaign Kickoff

Adding to the excitement of the United Way Employee Giving Campaign kicking off last month, Warren Weir, Cowichan Campus Academic Administrator, inspired giving at the Cowichan Campus staff potluck lunch on October 22. Thanks to Warren's mother, 88 year old Myra Guenard, and her fresh-baked brownies available by donation, Cowichan Campus raised \$164 on the first day of the campaign!



Electric Vehicle Parking

Please be respectful of the Electric Vehicle Parking so those that need the charger have access to one.

Shake Out 2014 Prize Draw



Congratulations to Carolin Vossberg – HCA student, winner of the lantern donated by VIU Health and Safety Department for participating in the October 16, fire drill.

Congratulations:

- ~ June Karstad
- ~ Gay Patterson
- ~ Anne Woods

Winners of the three Survival back-pack kits.

Cowichan Employee Newsletter Submissions

Staff & Faculty are welcome to submit items of interest and photos for the Newsletter.

Next Submission Deadline:

November 14, 2014 9:00am

Email: trudy.bagnall@viu.ca



Salon79 Update

Don't miss your opportunity for a free haircut.

Salon79's last day of service for this term will be Thursday, December 18, 2014.

VIU BOOKSTORE COWICHAN CAMPUS



Art Sale

November 17 to December 5
paints, brushes and mediums

20% off + an extra 10% off with a VIU Bookstore Art Discount Card

Please let students know that used textbook buyback happens every Friday
10:00 to 3:00

Visit

<http://www.viubookstore.ca/default.asp?mscssid=7B426F157AB54A349AACBEDCF3FD439A>

and follow the link to SELL YOUR USED TEXTBOOK for more information

COWICHAN STUDENTS EARN FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS TO VIU

Potential value of each award is \$25,000

DUNCAN, BC: Hard work in high school pays off - just ask three Cowichan Valley students who received full tuition President's Entrance Scholarships to attend Vancouver Island University (VIU).

Rebecca Bazinet (Duncan Christian School), Jenner Court (Cowichan Secondary) and Megan Elliott (Frances Kelsey Secondary School) are among 23 first-year students who received entrance scholarships to VIU for the 2014/15 academic year.

The potential value of each award is between \$20,000 to \$25,000 over four years. The scholarships are renewable each year for a maximum of five years based on academic performance.

"We're proud to support our region's brightest high school students," says VIU President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ralph Nilson. "These students have worked extremely hard in high school and we believe they deserve recognition and support and the chance to take advantage of the exceptional undergraduate and research opportunities at VIU."

- ~ Bazinet is currently enrolled in VIU's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Eventually, she hopes to attend medical school.
- ~ Elliott is currently enrolled in VIU's Bachelor of Science program and plans to become a Dental Hygienist.
- ~ Court is now enrolled in VIU's Bachelor of Science program, with plans to become a dietician.

VIU introduced the awards program in 2008. Scholarships are issued in three categories: top graduating students from Vancouver Island and Powell River high schools, top graduating Aboriginal students and top Scholar Athletes. All students who receive the award are recognized at a special event at the beginning of the school year.

For more information about the awards program, contact VIU's Financial Aid and Awards office at 250.740.6423 for FinancialAidInfo@viu.ca. For more information about VIU, go to www.viu.ca

Congratulations Deb Provencher!

Congratulations to Deborah Provencher who was selected by her peers to receive a 2014 Sport BC Community Sport Hero award. Deb won the Synchronized Swimming award. She was among the 64 who were given awards province wide, recognized for her dedication and leadership among BC's Sport Volunteers who are part of the life blood of community sport in our province.





VIU's Cowichan Campus and Cowichan United Way "Unite to Change" During the Month of November

Welcome to the United Way 2014 campaign!

Thanks to the generosity of 109 employee donors last year, VIU raised over **\$25,000** for United Way which is now at work in our local communities through 94 programs and directly helping over 21,500 people.

VIU kicked off the campaign on October 20 and will touch down on November 28; help us reach our goal of \$30,000 this year!

It's easy to give; just visit the United Way@VIU - Invest Now page in the Faculty and Staff section of the VIU website.

For direct access to give, click here <http://www2.viu.ca/unitedway/give.asp> and choose the password protected Donate – Payroll Deduction link. Once you have entered your VIU username and password, you will be taken directly to the 'Donate through VIU Payroll Deductions' page. Your Payroll Deduction contribution can be made as a one-time gift, or as a bi-weekly deduction that starts in January for 26 pay periods.

Your gift stays in your local community and will improve the lives of local people in our region by furthering local programs and those individuals in need. Your support of United Way means together we can address the root causes of social issues in each of our campus communities.

Thanks for your generosity; your support of the United Way means that together we can 'Unite to Change'.

2014 Community Partners

- ~ Abbeyfield Pennells House
- ~ Big Brothers Big Sisters
- ~ Canadian Red Cross
- ~ Clements Centre Society
- ~ Community Options Society Cowichan Family Caregivers Support Society
- ~ Cowichan Family Life Association
- ~ Cowichan Lake Community Services
- ~ Cowichan Neighbourhood House Association
- ~ Cowichan Valley Basket Society
- ~ Cowichan Valley Hospice Society
- ~ Duncan Daycare Society
- ~ Hiiye'yu Lelum Society
- ~ MS Society
- ~ Vancouver Island Crisis Society
- ~ Volunteer Cowichan

Staff Pot-Luck Lunch

Thursday, November 27

Mmmmmmm...so good to share.

We have the kitchen, room 210A reserved so you can use the oven, bring your slow-cooker, and use the fridge. Volunteers for set-up and clean up always appreciated.

Noon—1:00 pm, Boardroom



HALLOWEEN 2014

Student Affairs employees, Bookstore staff and some students and instructor from the WEST Program dressed for the occasion.



VIU's Master of Arts in Sustainable Leisure Management Students and Faculty

November 5th – Our campus will be visited by VIU's Master of Arts in Sustainable Leisure Management Students and Faculty – This visit is part of a module titled Case Studies in Sustainability & Innovation, in which students and faculty tour the Island (from Victoria to North of Nanaimo), to hear about and experience stories of sustainability in agriculture, tourism, and education.

The purpose is to explore the Vancouver Island region to learn about how organizations, businesses and government agencies are addressing sustainability challenges through innovative thinking and action. Graduate students will become exposed to the complexity of issues as well as the need for collaborative effort between multiple stakeholders to bring about desired changes to a range of quality of life issues. Students can expect to meet and interact with a range of individuals and to learn in a variety of venues ranging from Board rooms, to farms, to trails and downtown centers.



10 November, Monday
VIU Cowichan (Room 135)
6pm
Free and Open to the Public

2014 Writers-on-Campus Series
Janet Marie Rogers




Janet Marie Rogers
Janet is a Mohawk/Tuscarora writer from the Six Nations band in southern Ontario. She has three published poetry collections: *Splitting the Heart*, 2007; *Red Erotic*, 2010; *Unearthed*, 2011. Her newest collection "Peace In Dunes" was released in September 2014. Her poetry CDs *Firewater* 2009, *Got Your Back* 2012 and *8 Directions* 2013 all received nominations for Best Spoken Word Recording at the Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards, the Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Awards and the Native American Music Awards. You can hear Janet on the radio as she hosts *Native Waves Radio* on CFUV 1m and *Tribal Chiefs* on CBC radio one fm in Victoria BC. Her radio documentaries "Bring Your Drum" (50 years of indigenous protest music) and *Resonating Reconciliation* won Best Radio at the *ImagineNATIVE* Film and Media festival 2011 and 2013.



OpenStreetMap



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Have you ever wanted to learn about mapping? Register now to attend the open sourced **OpenStreetMap** hosted by the VIU@Cowichan Innovation Lab.

Seating is limited, so register ASAP!

Workshop: OpenStreetMap

Cost: Free

When: Nov. 21st, 2014; 10:00 – 12:00

Where: VIU Room 380

Register: sally.carpentier@viu.ca

Purple Light Nights

Nov. 25th - Dec. 10th

As a made-in-Cowichan response to the levels of violence against women and young girls in our community, Purple Light Nights® is an invitation for Cowichan Valley residents to hang strings of purple lights in our homes, business windows, and downtown trees to show our support that *"Gender Violence Has No Place In Our Community"*.

The goal of Purple Light Nights® is to increase the awareness of gender violence issues and its affect upon children and families in the Cowichan Valley.

Facebook.com/cowichantogogetheragainstviolence

Facebook.comCWAVSociety

Purple lights are available now during the Halloween season, and are commonly found at dollar stores, The Red Balloon Toyshop, Canadian Tire and Home Hardware.