

# MAY 2024 HAPPENINGS

Monterey Recreation Centre  
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### Special Thanks to MRAA

Members are grateful to MRAA for the wonderful new furniture in the Garden Court. We appreciate your continued support and beautification efforts at Monterey!

### Welcome Nic Dobell!

The team at Monterey is excited to welcome Nic Dobell as our new Events and Trips Programmer. Be sure to drop by his office and introduce yourself.



**Happy Mother's Day on Sunday May 12th!**

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MONTEREY?



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT



**Friday, May 24th | 1:30pm-3:30pm | Douglas Fir Room**

MRAA and MRC volunteers with a regularly scheduled shift are invited to be celebrated.

We want to thank you for all that you do for Monterey Centre and its members!

Join us for delicious appetizers, tasty non-alcoholic beverages and sweet treats.

Live music, mingling, and fun! This is sure to be a wonderful event.

**Pick-up your ticket at Reception May 1st - May 10th**

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### Coffee with a Cop

Constable Natalie Mishrigi, Oak Bay Police Department

Wednesday, May 8th

10:00am-11:00am | Monterey Lobby

Constable Natalie welcomes all questions and is excited to connect with you in this informal setting.

The Coffee Express will be open for coffee purchases.



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### Members Town Hall

#### The Way Forward for MRC & MRAA

Thursday, June 13th | 1:00pm - 2:30pm | Garry Oak Room

MRAA Board of Directors and the Director of Oak Bay Parks, Recreation & Culture invite Monterey Members to hear about the proposed way forward for the Monterey Recreation Activity Association's (MRAA) role and relations with the Monterey

Recreation Centre (MRC).

Advanced registration required at Reception

*Coffee and baked goods provided courtesy of MRAA*

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## Pride Advisory Group

Thursday, May 9th 10:00am-11:00am | Dogwood Room

In advance of Pride month in June, we would like input from our LGBTQ+ members to plan some celebratory Pride theme days and events.

Please sign up at Reception

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## Members Birthday Celebration

Wednesday May 22nd 1:30pm | Monterey Lobby

Do you have a birthday in May or June? Come celebrate your special day with us at Monterey! Featuring live music by the Monterey Minstrels and in-house baked cupcakes!

Special thanks to MRAA for sponsoring this event.



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# MONTEREY MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

## May is Membership Check Month!

Club and Drop-In Activity leaders will be asking all participants to sign in at the start of each session in May. Reception staff will be checking sign in lists and reminding those who need to renew their Monterey Memberships for the year.



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## CLUB SPOTLIGHT



### iPad Club

Second Thursday of every month: 2:00pm-3:30pm | Dogwood Room

Club Representative: Jany Li

For iPad users and iPad enthusiasts! Welcoming a new guest speaker each month. May 9th special presentation on Cyber Security and Spotify by Nancy Liu, MBA, Chief Technology Officer at CushyStyle Digital Media Inc.

## FOOD SERVICES

### Fern Café

Looking for a bite to eat? Visit the Fern Café where delicious and affordable hot entrees are served on

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Homemade soups, salads, baked goods, and sandwiches are served daily, with gluten-free and vegetarian options available.

Monday to Friday 10:30am-2:00pm

Hot entrees and soup served 11:00am-1:00pm

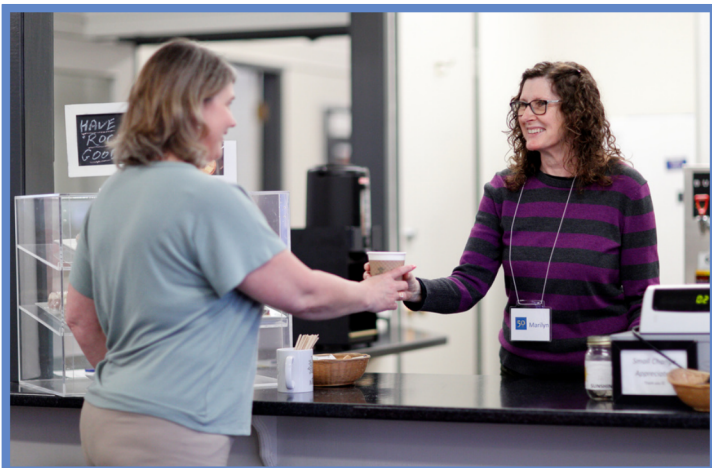


### Coffee Express

Need a pick-me-up? Be sure to visit the Coffee Express in the Monterey Lobby, where friendly volunteers are serving up hot and cold beverages, house-baked goods, and hot breakfast sandwiches.

Monday to Friday

9:00am-11:00am | 1:30pm-3:30pm



Credit & Debit cards are now accepted at the Coffee Express!

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# DROP-IN ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT

**\*MONTEREY MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION**

**NEW!**



## Backgammon Drop-In

**Mondays: 1:30pm - 3:00pm | Garden Court**

**Volunteer Facilitator: Bill Bullock**

**Both beginners and experienced players are welcome! Socialization and table talk is encouraged. Some boards are provided but if you have one at home, please bring it along!**

## Monterey Social Activities Drop-In

**Thursdays: 2:30pm-4:00pm | Fern Café**

**Volunteer Facilitator: Gail Dawson**

**All Members welcome! Meet new friends or connect with old ones. Casual drop-in sessions in a relaxed atmosphere.**

**To pursue and create fun and friendship!**



**NEW  
TIME!**

## Intermediate Guitar

**Second and fourth Wednesday of each month.**

**4:00pm-5:30pm | Cedar Room**

**Volunteer Facilitator: Rolfe McCooey**

**Imagine a roomful of acoustic guitars, everyone strumming, picking, and singing a variety of songs with Folk, Scottish/Irish and Americana roots !**

**Traditional Irish, The Pogues, The Band, Townes**

**Van Zandt, Simon and Garfunkel,**

**Willie Nelson, John Prine and more.**

**Bring your six-string and come join us!**



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## FREE TALKS



### Listening Books

Wednesday, May 29th | 10:00am-11:00am | Dogwood Room

Guest Speaker: Greater Victoria Public Library

Do you know the Library provides listening books?

Come & Learn how listening books are great for people with vision impairment.

You will also learn about some of the library's other collections

(large print & audiobooks on CD).

Please sign up in advance at Reception

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### Introduction to Public History

Friday, June 14th | 10:00am-11:30am | Dogwood Room

Guest Speaker: UVIC History Professor, Dr. Kristen Semmens

Public history is the presentation of the past outside formal educational settings.

It happens when people visit museums, watch TV, take walking tours, go online,  
see films and read novels, plus more.

Through public history, we learn about worlds as they once were.

Join Dr. Semmens to do some history in public!

Please sign up in advance at Reception

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## EVENTS

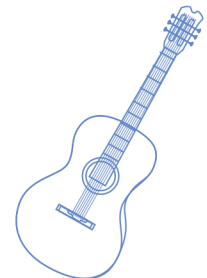


### Free Musical Performance

#### Music by Mario

Tuesday May 28th 12:00pm-12:45pm

Garden Court



Mario's singing and guitar playing will be sure  
to have you tapping your feet and humming along  
to popular British hits throughout the years.

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## TRIPS

### BUTTERFLY GARDENS & LUNCH AT FLOYD'S DINER

Wednesday, May 8th | 10:00am - 2:00pm

Members \$73.25 | Non-Members \$84.25 | Tickets on sale March 25th - April 25th

*Ticket includes bus transportation, self-guided tour of Butterfly Gardens, lunch, coffee/tea, gratuity & tax.*

Escape to the Butterfly Gardens - a tropical jungle paradise! You'll encounter tortoises, iguanas, flamingos, free-flying tropical birds and more. Stroll through and marvel at the lush gardens including tropical flowers, carnivorous plants and fruits of the world. Your jungle adventure awaits! Following a visit to the Gardens, head across the street to Floyd's Diner for a delicious lunch!



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### SALT SPRING ISLAND MARKET DAY TRIP

Saturday, June 15th | 8:00am - 6:30pm

Members \$62 | Non-Members \$72 | Tickets on sale May 1 - 31

*Ticket includes ferry and bus transportation, tax included. Refreshments, lunch and other purchases are at your own expense.*

Join us as we sail over to beautiful Salt Spring Island for their infamous weekly Farmer's Market! While on the island, check out the many local art galleries, shops and eateries Ganges has to offer. There are unique places for you to grab lunch, or you could nibble at many offerings found directly within the farmer's market. Don't forget to bring your reusable tote bag for the treasures you may buy!



# TRIPS CONTINUED

## INTEREST LIST

### “THE BOOK OF MORMON” THE MUSICAL (VANCOUVER)

Saturday, November 16th | 7:15am-9:30pm

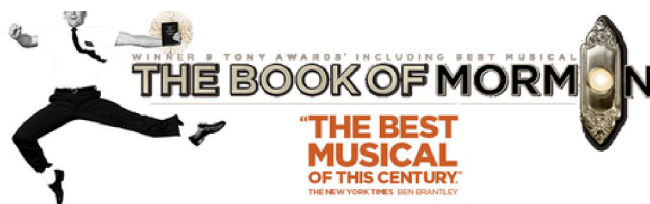
Approximate ticket price: Members \$210.00 | Non-Members \$241.00

**Interest list open April 3rd-May 3rd | Add your name to the interest list at Reception.**

*Ticket includes bus transportation, ferry transportation, theatre ticket, & tax.*

The New York Times calls it “the best musical of this century.” And Entertainment Weekly says, “Grade A: the funniest musical of all time.” Jimmy Fallon of The Tonight Show calls it “Genius. Brilliant. Phenomenal.” THE BOOK OF MORMON is a nine-time Tony Award® winning Best Musical.

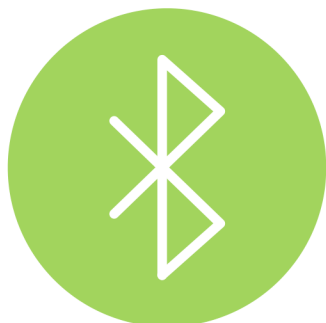
*All meals are the responsibility of the guest and are not included in trip price.*



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**Age Friendly Community Grant funding has enabled Monterey to enhance listening systems at the Centre through the purchase of a new microphone & speaker system at Reception with learning loop technology.**

**Grant funding also enabled the purchase of a portable Phonak microphone & speaker system with blue tooth hearing aid compatibility. The system greatly improves the quality of sound and clarity for all listeners**







# MAY



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Coffee with a Cop 10:00-11:00am Lobby	9	10	11
12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Victoria Day Centre open 1-4 	21	22 Member Birthday Celebration 1:30-2:30pm Lobby Live Music!	23	24	25
26	27	28 FREE MUSIC! Music by Mario 12:00-12:45pm Garden Court	29 FREE TALK Listening Books 10:00-11:00am Dogwood Room	30	31	

**Victoria Day Weekend Centre Hours:**  
 Saturday, May 19th | 8:30pm-4:00pm  
 Sunday, May 20th | 1:00pm-4:00pm  
 Monday, May 21st | 1:00pm-4:00pm

**Regular Centre Hours:**  
 Monday - Thursday: 8:30am-9:00pm  
 Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm  
 Saturday: 8:30am-4:00pm  
 Sunday: 1:00pm-4:00pm

