

# DECEMBER 2024 HAPPENINGS

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Mark your calendars.  
Winter 2025 course  
registration day is

**Wednesday, December 4th**

Registration opens online, over  
the phone or in person at 6:30am.



Happy Holidays from the  
team at Monterey!



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MONTEREY?



### Pacific Opera Victoria

Friday, December 6

11:00am-12:00pm | Garden Court

Pacific Opera Victoria's Coloratura series is back for another exciting season! Coloratura will delight your community with opera, art song, musical theatre, and holiday tunes. Through the magic of voices and piano, our Coloratura artists will offer charming performances and invite audiences to sing along to some classic melodies.

### Coffee with a Cop

Constable Natalie Mishrigi, Oak Bay Police  
Department

Wednesday, December 18th

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.



### Christmas Sing-a-long

Thursday, December 19th

10:45am-11:45am | Douglas Fir

Members are welcome to come join the Sing-a-long Club and participate in a Christmas sing-a-long. There will be complimentary coffee, tea and cookies provided by Friends of Monterey.





## FOOD SERVICES

### Fern Café

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





## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Stay active with us over the holidays! Did you know Monterey hosts many 19+ and 50+ drop-in fitness classes? From Sit & Fit to Dance Express, check out our holiday flyer for a full schedule over the holiday season.



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## CLUB & DROP-IN ACTIVITY NOTICES



**iPad Club** is on a break for the remainder of 2024. They will resume meeting in the new year on Thursday, January 9th 2:00pm-3:30pm.

**Sing-a-long Club** is looking for an accompanying pianist on Thursdays 10:45am - 11:45am.

If interested or for more information, email Sing-a-long Club rep Carol: [charlebois721@gmail.com](mailto:charlebois721@gmail.com)

**Table Tennis Club** is scheduled for extra playing times Tuesday evenings on the following dates in December:

December 3rd 6:45pm - 8:45pm

December 10th 6:45pm - 8:45pm

December 17th 6:45pm - 8:45pm



**Open Mic** is on for Sunday, December 29th 1:30pm-3:30pm  
Musicians are asked to arrive early and check-in with the session leader at 1:00pm.



## EVENTS

### MONTEREY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Thursday, December 12 | 12:00-1:30pm | Garry Oak Room

Tuesday, December 17 | 12:00-1:30pm | Garry Oak Room **FULL**

Tickets on sale November 5 to December 4

Members \$25 | Non-Members \$29

Due to the popularity of our annual Christmas Luncheon we are offering two options this year to attend this great event. Come to Monterey and enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner and dessert.

*Special thanks to Friends of Monterey for providing the dessert and one free glass of wine & punch!*



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### Monterey Christmas Tea

Friday, December 20 | 1:30-3:00pm | Garden Court

Enjoy live cello music and complimentary cookies, tea and coffee courtesy of the Friends of Monterey.

*Sign up in advance at Reception as this is a limited seating event.*



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## EVENTS CONTINUED

### ROBBIE BURNS DAY

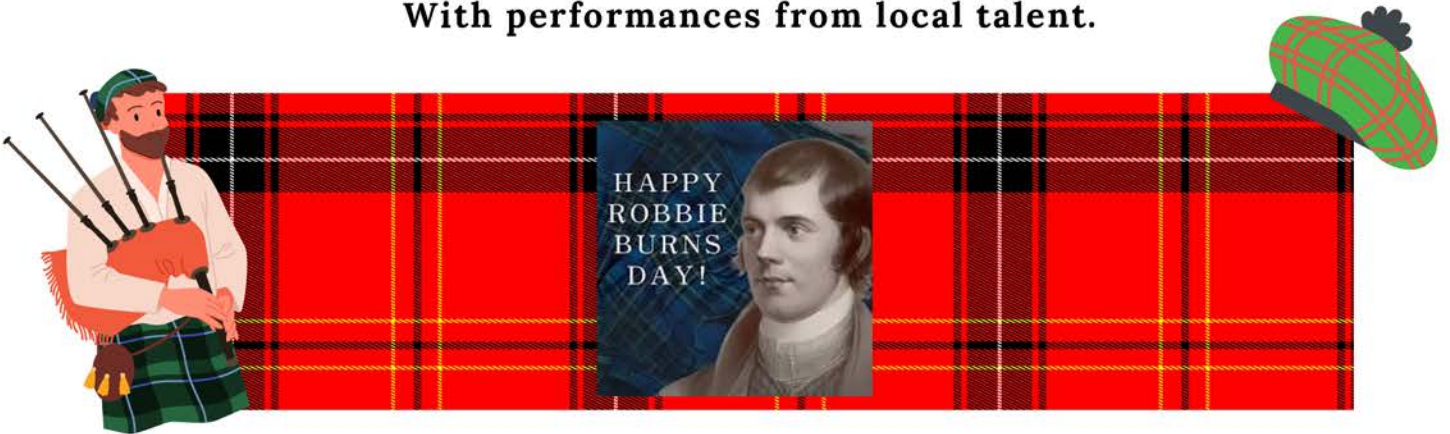
Thursday, January 23rd | 5:00pm - 8:00pm | Garry Oak Room

Tickets on sale December 20 - January 17

Members \$33 | Non-Members \$38

A traditional Scottish feast, with both a piper and an ode to the haggis are among the highlights of this special night!

With performances from local talent.



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## TRIPS

### NIGHT OF LIGHTS

Tuesday, December 17 | 5:30pm-9:00pm

Wednesday, December 18 | 5:30pm-9:00pm **FULL**

Members \$23 | Non-Members \$26 | Tickets on sale November 12 - December 9

Tis the Season to enjoy the magic of holiday lights!

Let the Monterey tour guides take you around town to enjoy some of the most brilliant light displays, while sipping a warm drink and enjoying some delicious, house-made treats.





# TRIPS CONTINUED

## BUTCHART GARDENS & HIGH TEA

Saturday, January 4 | 2:00-6:30pm

Member price \$120 | Non-Member \$138

Tickets on sale November 13 - December 19

Start your experience with high tea at Butchart gardens dining room where you can indulge in savoury sandwiches and delicacies.

After some yummy snacks, peruse the gardens and the 12 days of Christmas.

Tickets include tea, food, entrance, transportation and gratuity.



### \*INTEREST LIST\*

## CHINESE NEW YEAR LUNCH AT GOLDEN CITY

Thursday, February 6 | 11:30am-2:30pm

Expected Member price \$47 |

Expected Non-Member price \$52

**Tickets expected to go on sale December 19.**



“Get festive and celebrate Chinese New Year of the Snake with a delicious lunch at Golden City restaurant. Your taste buds will get to experience egg rolls, sweet & sour pork, chicken chop suey,

beef with broccoli, breaded almond chicken, house special fried rice, and house special chow mein.”

Tickets will include lunch, 1 pop beverage, transportation, and gratuity.

**Please notify Reception of your interest prior to December 19.**



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4  Winter 2025 Registration Day Opens at 6:30am	5	6 Pacific Opera Victoria 11am-12pm Garden Court	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Coffee with a Cop 10:00-11:00am Lobby	19 Christmas Sing-a-long 10:45-11:45am Douglas Fir	20 Christmas Tea 1:30-3:00pm Garden Court	21
22	23	24  Centre Closing at 2:00pm	25 Christmas Day Centre Closed 	26 Boxing Day Centre Closed 	27	28
29 Open Mic 1:30-3:30pm Lobby	30	31 Centre Closing at 2:00pm 				

## Monterey Centre's Seasonal Holiday Hours

December 23 - January 5

Monday December 23: 8:30am-4:30pm  
 Tuesday December 24: 8:30am-2:00pm  
 Wednesday December 25: **CLOSED**  
 Thursday December 26: **CLOSED**  
 Friday December 27: 8:30am-4:30pm  
 Saturday December 28: 8:30am-4:00pm  
 Sunday December 29: 11:30am- 4:00pm

Monday December 30: 8:30am-4:30pm  
 Tuesday December 31: 8:30am-2:00pm  
 Wednesday January 1: **CLOSED**  
 Thursday January 2: 8:30am-4:30pm  
 Friday January 3: 8:30am-4:30pm  
 Saturday January 4: 8:30am-4:00pm  
 Sunday January 5: 11:30am- 4:00pm

