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**The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Filberg Festival Gears Up For Another Successful Show!**

Comox, B.C., Enjoy arts, crafts, food, music and fun at the 29th annual **Filberg Festival** July 29 to August 1, 2011. Since its beginnings 29 years ago, the principal objective of the **Filberg Festival** has been to encourage excellence in all forms of arts and crafts, and to assist in the promotion and sale of quality work. The Festival has established a world-wide reputation for the excellence of the work of its juried artisans, and today is western Canada's largest juried outdoor arts show.

The 2011 Festival is once again living up to its objective and will play host to 130 artisans and makers of fine art in a variety of media ranging from metalwork, pottery, toys, woodcrafts, jewellery, paintings, glass, textiles and specialty foods.

This year's Guest Artist is **Coral May Barclay**, a Northwest coast landscape painter, who will be showcasing her oil paintings of light and colour in the Filberg Heritage Lodge during the festival [www.coralmaybarclay.com](http://www.coralmaybarclay.com).

The **BC Day** long weekend's entertainment line up includes: **Blackie And The Rodeo Kings, Eric Bibb, James Kellaghan, Lunch At Allen's, Michael Kaeshammer, Stacey Earle & Mark Stuart.**

New for 2011 is the "Sip & Bid". Enjoy hand crafted wines and beer from local Vancouver Island wineries and breweries while having an opportunity to bid on original paintings by **MONK, Marion Webber and Brett Varney, Mary Fox** pottery, a \$1000 travel voucher from **Transat Holidays** and a return trip for two from **Harbour Air Seaplanes/West Coast Air** with overnight accommodation at the **Fairmont Pacific Rim** hotel.

Gate admission is charged at the **Filberg Festival**, as it is the primary fundraiser for the not-for-profit organization which has the responsibility of repairing and maintaining the **Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park's** property and buildings [www.filberg.com](http://www.filberg.com). Advance tickets available June 11th all Vancouver Island **Thrifty Foods** locations and online at [www.filbergfestival.com](http://www.filbergfestival.com). Three-day passes are also available.

Shuttle service provided by **Ambassador Shuttle Service** to/ from the Festival and the new Park &-Ride location at Brooklyn Elementary School, 1475 Noel Avenue.

In order to make this Festival a reality it takes the support of the community which includes over 300 volunteers, the **Town of Comox** and organizations such as **Thrifty Foods, 'A' Vancouver Island, the Comox Valley Record, Torry and Sons Plumbing & Heating Ltd., Pacific Audio Works and Garf Baxandall Ford Courtenay.**

Set amongst the stately trees and gardens of the **Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park** in Comox, BC on the east coast of Vancouver Island the **Filberg Festival** is truly a unique event. Enjoy art and nature surrounded by beautiful gardens, rustic out-buildings and magnificent views of Comox Harbour and the Beaufort Mountain Range.

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