



BOWEN ISLAND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

**Celebrate the Dalai Lama's Visit through the Arts in
April 2004!**

**PEACE, COMPASSION AND UNIVERSAL
RESPONSIBILITY**

Ideas, Community, Spirituality and Music

Artists, organizations and businesses throughout Greater Vancouver will share in the spirit of the visit of His Holiness the Dalai Lama during the month of April 2004. ***Celebrate the Dalai Lama's Visit Through the Arts!*** is a community-based initiative that will coordinate a variety of presentations that highlight the messages of peace, compassion and universal responsibility and Tibetan culture that His Holiness will bring to the city.

His Holiness will be in Vancouver April 18-20, 2004 at the invitation of the University of British Columbia. The official visit is being organized by a partnership that includes UBC, Simon Fraser University, the Tibetan Cultural Society of BC, the Vancouver Symphony, Westcoast Sacred Arts Society, and a Dharma coalition. The official website can be found at www.dalailamavancouver.org.

Celebrate the Dalai Lama's Visit Through the Arts! will complement this historic visit with events and exhibits in art galleries, performance centre, community centres, cafes, yoga centres and other public spaces throughout Greater Vancouver. A colourful poster and limited edition buttons will identify participating artists and organizations. The celebration is not part of the official visit, and the events in this community-based celebration do not involve appearances by His Holiness. Events for this celebration is organized and promoted by the Community Arts Celebration (CAC) Committee. Visit the website, www.DalaiLamaThroughtheArts2004.org.

The Bowen Island Community will blend the themes of this three-day Vancouver celebration. "Peace, Compassion, and Universal responsibility" and "Educating the mind with Educating the Heart" **The Bowen Arts Council** invites our community to gather in a variety of events to share ideas and participate in activities to create prayer flags. Side by side, these prayer flags will be strung together and hung in the Cove sending a message of hope.

Nobel Peace Laureates, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Professor Sharin Ebadi, as well as former President of the Czech Republic Vaclav Havel, Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, and Dr. Jo-ann Archibald of Canada's First Nations community are leaders in the pursuit of peace and reconciliation. **Their gathering provides an opportunity for our community to think about our role in creating a world with peace, compassion, and universal responsibility.**

Bowen Island Community Celebration

A variety of events have been planned to gather our community to address these core pursuits. Join in on the celebration!

Thurs. Feb. 19, 3:30- 5:00 - Gallery at Artisan Square:

Workshop on **Tibetan Buddhist prayer flags** for **teachers** in educational and religious settings. We will have a member of the Tibetan Buddhist community to share with us the meaning of their prayer flags as well as artists to assist in sharing techniques of block print making and design using a variety of materials. Ideas will be discussed on how each faith and educational communities can involve our **children** in expressing their own unique messages of hope for peace, compassion, and universal responsibility. Information packages will be available for teachers.

Saturday February 21:

A multi-faith **sewing morning** to cut and sew the prayer flags. Donations of plain coloured cotton material would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the Gallery prior to Feb. 21. Prayer flags will be distributed to faith and educational communities on Bowen.

Island Film Festival 10:00 am-5pm 7-10:00 pm at Cates Hill Chapel

A showcase of island filmmakers supporting the nonprofit organizations on Bowen Island. The festival will include excerpts for the documentary **Tara's Daughters**. "This film is a rare look at the indigenous knowledge that Tibetan women hold in their culture" Dauber Film Services

Sunday April 4, 2004

12:00- 2:00 pm at the Gallery

All ages welcome to join us for a time of contemplation and creativity. In a quiet and reflective environment **create a prayer flag** to express your own hopes for a world of peace, compassion, and universal responsibility. Materials will be available and local Bowen artists will be on hand to guide us in the use of a variety of mediums and techniques.

2:00- 4:00 pm

Art Exhibition "Celebrating the Message of Peace Compassion and Social Responsibility through the Arts" Opening celebration of Bowen Island Artists and their work. Potluck finger food and refreshments.

4:00-6:00 pm Celebrating Ideas

Join us in a time of sharing ideas and learning more about the evolution of Vancouver's celebration

Introduction by **Victor Chan**

Poetry Reading by **Richard Osler**

Topic presentation by **Pitman Potter (TBC)**

Excerpts from the film by Mickey Lemle "**Compassion in Exile**" The story of the 14th Dalai Lama

\$5.00 or by donation. Tickets can be purchased at the Gallery

Saturday April 17th Celebration and procession of prayer flags to the cove.

12:00-2:30pm Meet at Artisan Square. Dance! Music! Song of Peace with the BOWEN PEACE CHOIR!

Call Sara Baker Wansbrough at the Gallery 947-2454 or 9438 or Dyan Spear at 947-0726 for more info.