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Fibre Fest marks fifth year – Hundreds anticipated – Registration begins Feb. 5

Hundreds of people are expected to come to Campbell River again this May for a unique opportunity to celebrate fibre arts.

Vancouver Island Fibre Fest draws people from all over British Columbia, Alberta and Washington for spinning, weaving, knitting, felting, quilting, embroidery and more.

Last year, approximately 600 people attended to take in the three fun-filled days of workshops, free demonstrations and Marketplace shopping.

“I had an amazing experience at a small local fair, a wonderful event and we definitely plan on coming back!” said one of last year’s participants.

Registration for workshops begins on Monday, Feb. 5. Register in person at either the Community Centre or the Sportsplex or at campbellriver.ca (click on the recreation guide section under the Parks Recreation Culture tab).

This year marks the fifth Vancouver Island Fibre Fest held over the first weekend in May at the Campbell River Community Centre. Instructors lined up for 2018 include:

- Diana Twiss – spinning
- Laurie Steffler – felting
- Sylvia Olsen – techniques used by the Coast Salish knitters
- Freda Jackson – rug hooking
- Jane Ireland – Indigo Blue Fabric dyeing
- Jody Richards – needle felting
- Jackee Thaysen – quilting

“Vancouver Island Fibre Fest is a chance dig into our past, share expertise and bring back the art of our grandmothers to make truly beautiful clothing and accessories that will amaze and inspire,” says recreation programmer Judy Ridgway.

Vancouver Island Fibre Fest is a fundraiser for City of Campbell River specialized recreation programs.

Find more information online at <http://shelmack.wixsite.com/vancouverislandfibre> or call recreation programmer Judy Ridgway at 250-286-5307.

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