

Special Event

Legacy Sakura Memorial Windows

Unveiling Ceremony

Friday, April 18, 2014 | 12 pm - 2pm

Oppenheimer Park Fieldhouse

Meal provided after the ceremony

Join us for the Powell Street Walking Tour at 2pm

(max. 20 people, sign up at the ceremony)



Photo credit: Tamio Wakayama

Please join us as we unveil the memorial windows to commemorate the history of Japanese Canadians and cherry blossom trees planted in 1977.

During the redevelopment of the park and relocation of the field house in 2009, one Sakura was transplanted to another area of the park and two were removed. The Oppenheimer Park Commemorative Task Force and Legacy Sakura sub-committee determined the importance of commemorating the lost Sakura and celebrating the history of the Japanese Canadian settlement in the community around Oppenheimer Park.

The ceremony unveils the legacy sakura windows designed by John Endo Greenaway. It also includes performances from Japanese Canadian, First Nations and Oppenheimer Park communities, a film screening, photo displays and more!

Supported by City of Vancouver Oppenheimer Park Commemorative Project

Organized by Oppenheimer Park, Oppenheimer Park Commemorative Task Force and Save the Legacy Sakura of Oppenheimer Park



Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Consulate General of Japan in Vancouver

We acknowledge that Oppenheimer Park is located on unceded Indigenous land belonging to the Coast Salish peoples.

Special Thanks

Oppenheimer Park Commemorative Task Force,
Save the Legacy Sakura of Oppenheimer Park,
Oppenheimer Park Committee, Carnegie Community Centre Association, Sakura Singers, Sunshine Choir, Harmony of Nations, Squamish Elder Sam George, Vancouver Japanese Language School, National Nikkei Museum & Cultural Centre, Ray Ota, Karenza Wall, Yasushi Kurashima, Greg Masuda, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, Oppenheimer Park volunteers and those who helped us make this event happen!

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Oppenheimer Park - DTES Communities' Backyard



Oppenheimer Park
Cherry Blossom Festival
April 4 - 26, 2014

Pre-Festival Events

Mar 21: Banner making and sushi making workshops

Mar 28: Banner making

April 4 - 26, 2014 Event Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		April 18 Legacy Sakura Windows Unveiling Ceremony			4 Oppen Arts Studio: Tissue Paper Cherry Blossom Trees 11am - 1pm Ladies Tea Party: Spring Fabric Necklace Workshop with Karenza 2pm - 4pm	5 Tree Talks & Walks: Walking Tour with David Tracey at Oppenheimer Park 10am - 11:30am
6 Park Closed	7 Park Closed	12:00 Squamish Elder Sam George Welcoming 12:10 - 12:15 Yuko Shibata: Save the Legacy Sakura of Oppenheimer Park 12:15 - 12:20 Ethel Whitty: Carnegie Community Centre & Oppenheimer Park 12:20 - 12:35 Sakura Singers 12:35 - 12:50 Sunshine Choir 12:50 - 1:05 Harmony of Nations 1:05 - 2:00 Meal, mingling, film screening and photo exhibition 2:00 - 3:30 Powell Street Walking Tour (Be weather prepared, register on the day of, max. 20 people)			11 Oppen Arts Studio: Japanese Calligraphy 11am - 1pm Ladies Tea Party: Japanese Tea Tasting 2pm - 4pm	12 Children's Program - Art with Heart: Japanese Edition 11am - 2pm
13 Park Closed	14 Park Closed	15 Documentary Film Program: Greg Masuda 2pm - 4pm	16 Sushi making workshop with Yasushi 11am - 1pm	17 Stepping Stones Cherry Blossom Tour Sign up in advance at the Park	18 Legacy Sakura Windows Unveiling Ceremony 12pm - 2pm	19 Cherry Blossom Easter Party 11am - 2pm (kids) 2pm - 4pm (adults)
20 Park Closed	21 Park Closed	22 Pancake Breakfast 11am	23 Park Closed until 1pm	24 Monthly Birthday Party: Cherry Blossom Style 3pm	25 Oppen Arts Studio: Origami 11am - 1pm	26 Spring Market Fair at Vancouver Japanese Language School & Japanese Hall 9:30am - 2:30pm
27 Park Closed	28 Park Closed	29	30			

Bold: Oppenheimer Park Program

Regular: Other community events around the Park