

## RSVP

Name of Person/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

For a contribution of \$100 a fair trade bouquet will be ordered for your union, family, business or organization. We ask you to have a delegate on hand to lay the wreath on your behalf. Please confirm order before June 15th along with payment.

- Yes - We wish to order a wreath for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Miners' Memorial Day.

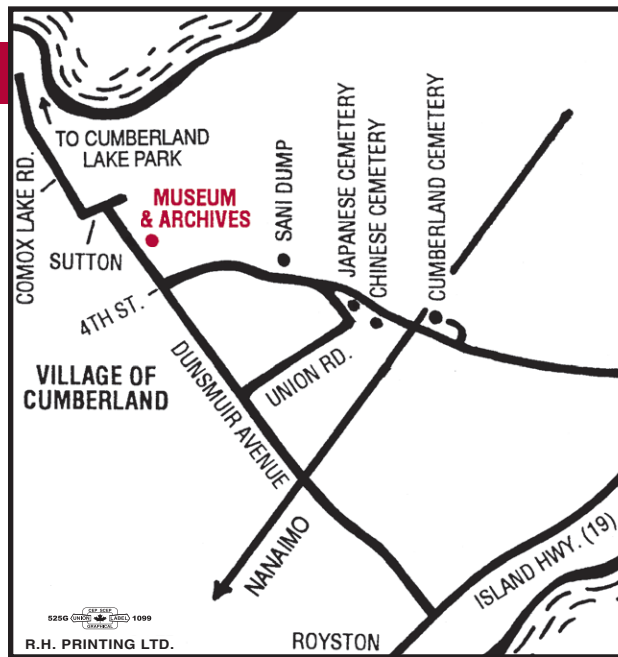
\_\_\_\_\_ will be present to lay the wreath.

- We wish to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the dinner at \$15.00 per ticket (cheque enclosed) Limited tickets available.

*All proceeds from Miners Memorial Weekend support the Cumberland Museum's programming, operations and labour history and mining exhibit development.*

Donations/cheques to:  
Cumberland Museum & Archives  
PO Box 258  
Cumberland, BC V0R 1S0

Cumberland and District Historical Society  
Box 258, Cumberland, BC V0R 1S0  
Phone: 250-336-2445  
Email: info@cumberlandmuseum.ca



### How to Get There

Cumberland is a 10 minute drive from Courtenay or Royston, located in the Comox Valley on Vancouver Island. From the Lower Mainland, BC Ferries sail from Horseshoe Bay or Tsawwassen to Nanaimo. Allow 1 1/2 hours drive on Highway 19 or 19A from Nanaimo to the Village of Cumberland.

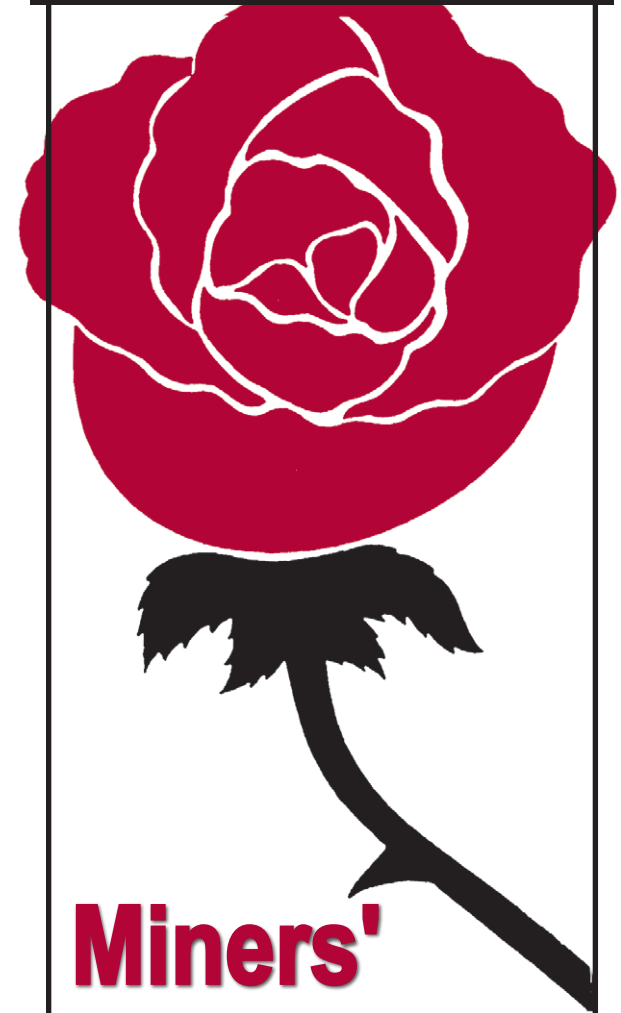
### Comox Lake Park and Campground

Located on the shores of Comox Lake and offers a food concession, swimming and both campsites and RV sites. Reserve your campsite by calling 250-336-2144.

Or check our [www.cumberlandbc.org](http://www.cumberlandbc.org) for alternative accommodations including the Riding Fool Hostel (private rooms available), local B&B's and more.

Cumberland Museum & Archives is located at 2680 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland, BC.

# 25<sup>th</sup> Annual



# Miners' Memorial Weekend

Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Cumberland, British Columbia



## Cumberland and District Historical Society

The Cumberland Museum and Archives is a vibrant gathering place that exists to develop, preserve, interpret and promote the rich history, cultural diversity and evolution of the Village of Cumberland.

### “What does labor want?”

We want more schoolhouses and less jails;  
more books and less arsenals;  
more learning and less vice;  
more leisure and less greed;  
more justice and less revenge;  
in fact, more of the opportunities  
to cultivate our better natures,”

– Samuel Gompers

*(English born American labour leader and first  
President of the American Federation of Labor  
(AFL). 1850-1924)*

### Miners Memorial Weekend

is an annual event presented by the Cumberland and District Historical Society on Vancouver Island. Celebrating their 25th anniversary in 2010, the event commemorates the miners who worked and lost their lives in the mines in Cumberland and in other workplaces throughout BC, Canada, and the world. Miners Memorial Weekend is a celebration of workers and their families and a call for a renewed commitment for safe and healthy workplaces; justice and equity; and bread and roses for all workers.



*“Without vision, the people will perish and without courage and inspiration, dreams will die- the dream of freedom and peace.”*

Rosa Parks

## Schedule of Events

### — June 18th —

#### 7:00 - 11:00 “Songs of the Workers”

- Miners Memorial “Pub Night” featuring George Hewison, Gord Carter and many more! At the Lower Cultural Centre. Admission by Donation. All welcome.

### — June 19th —

#### 8:00 am to 11:00 - BCGEU Pancake Breakfast

at the Lower Cultural Centre

#### 11:00 am - Guided Tour of the Cumberland Museum

#### 12:00 noon - Ginger Goodwin Funeral Procession

- leaves the Cumberland Museum at 12:00 to walk to the Cemetery

#### 1:00 pm Graveside Vigil at the Cumberland Cemetery

- MC Sy Pederson, speakers include Stephen Hume, Mayor Fred Bates, live music, laying of the roses.

#### 2:30 pm Visit to Chinese and Japanese Cemetery

to lay roses - all welcome

#### 3:30 pm Walking Tour

of #1,#2,#3, and #6 mine sites with local Historian Gwyn Sproule - Leaves from Cumberland Museum

#### 6:00 pm Miners Memorial Day Dinner

- Lower Cultural Centre. Speakers include Susan Mayse, theatrical vignettes and live music.

Tickets \$15.

BC’s mining industry was born in the coalfields of Vancouver Island. The coal mines of Cumberland were among the most dangerous in Canada, killing 295 miners in accidents over the years and countless others from work related illnesses. The appalling conditions in the mines compelled the miners to organize and connect with unions from across North America and Internationally. Organizer Ginger Goodwin was shot and killed near Cumberland on July 27th,1918 and has become an important symbol for the struggle of miners everywhere and his story is the focus of much song; fiery conversation; and celebration in the Village.

On Friday June the 18th “Songs of the Workers” offers a pub style evening of camaraderie and music with a variety of local and visiting performers. Saturday’s events include a pancake breakfast, guided tours at the Cumberland Museum, a noon time walk following the path of the Ginger Goodwin Funeral procession and a celebration of remembrance at the Cumberland Cemetery with guest speakers from the local and international labour movement, historians, live music and the laying the roses on the graves of fallen workers. Participating organizations, families or individuals can order a fair trade bouquet for the ceremony for \$100 and have it laid in their name. All proceeds from the bouquets support Museum programming and labour history exhibit development.

After the graveside vigil attendees can stop pay respects at the Chinese and Japanese Cemetery or go on a walking tour of the historic #1,#2,#3 and #6 mine sites with local historian Gwyn Sproule. (The pub crawl through the historic watering holes of Cumberland is also an option in the afternoon). At 6 pm enjoy a delicious cold buffet dinner is put on by the Cumberland Museum. Tickets are \$15 and there are limited seats available. Dinner includes speakers, live music and a silent auction to raise funds for the Cumberland’s “little museum’.

With generous support from the *Courtenay, Campbell River and District Labour Council, Cumberland OAP, The Cumberland Chamber of Commerce* (the funkiest little Chamber you’ve ever met), local musicians and artists, bakers, butchers and florists - Miners Memorial Day welcome young and old, union members, students, activists, artists, parents and workers of all types with open arms for an important acknowledgment of the blood sweat and tears of brothers and sisters from across time and around the world.