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## 2012 VANCOUVER CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

*Celebrate Vancouver's spectacular 40,000 ornamental Cherry trees found throughout the city during the 2012 Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival! Enjoy a wide range of activities and events happening between April 5 - 28, 2012 including Cherry Jam Downtown, the Sakura Days Japan Fair, a Cherry Blossom Umbrella Dance, Bike the Blossoms, Cherry Scout orientation, Tree Talks and Walks, Plein-Air Blossom Painting and even a Haiku Invitational. Take in the city's beautiful blossoms this Spring throughout the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival!*



Enjoy the events and activities of the 2012 Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival:

- **DATE:** April 5 - 28, 2012
- **WEBSITE:** [Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

### EVENTS

- **CHERRY JAM DOWNTOWN** | April 5, 2012 | 11:00am - 1:30pm | Burrard SkyTrain Station: Burrard Street at Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver ([map](#)) | Free | *Kick off the Cherry Blossom Festival with performances, flash dances and more (also, preorder a SakuraB Bento Box Lunch: [link](#))!* | [Website](#)
- **SAKURA DAYS JAPAN FAIR** | April 7 - 8, 2012 | 10:00am - 5:00pm | [VanDusen Botanical Garden](#): 5251 Oak Street, Vancouver ([map](#)) | Free - \$10 | *Experience the Sakura Matsuri which includes activities such as tea ceremonies, food, origami, ikebana, sake tastings, guided hanami tours and performances.* | [Website](#)
- **CHERRY BLOSSOM UMBRELLA DANCE** | April 14, 2012 | 2:00pm (Rehearsals: [link](#)) | [Vancouver Art Gallery steps](#): West Georgia Street at Howe Street, Vancouver ([map](#)) | \$12 | *Embrace the rain and celebrate the blossoming of Vancouver's cherry trees through the Cherry Blossom Umbrella Dance which performs to "Zoobie Doobie"!* | [Website](#)
- **BIKE THE BLOSSOMS** | April 28, 2012 | 11:00am | Location: TBA | Free | *Join Velopalooza and the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival for a guided bike ride which tours the blossom cherry trees throughout Vancouver and includes a talk by Vancouver Parks Board Arborist, Bill Stephen.* | [Website](#)



### ACTIVITIES

- **CHERRY SCOUTS ORIENTATION** | March 17, 2012 2:00pm | Creekside Community Centre: 1 Athletes Way, Vancouver ([map](#)) | Free (Preregistration Required) | *Learn to be a Cherry Scout! Learn about Vancouver's cherry tree species and let people know what's blooming in your neighbourhood!* | [Website](#)
- **TREE TALKS AND WALKS** | April 5, 7, 8, 14, 15 & 21, 2012 | Times and Locations Vary ([link](#)) | Free | *Enjoy guided tours of neighborhoods featuring spectacular cherry blossom displays and historic and cultural features!* | [Website](#)
- **PLEIN-AIR BLOSSOM PAINTING** | April 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2012 | 11:00am - 2:00pm | [VanDusen Botanical Garden](#): 5251 Oak Street, Vancouver ([map](#)) | One: \$50; All: \$175 | *Capture the beauty of Vancouver's Cherry Blossoms during Plein-Air Blossom*

*Painting which includes four different classes: Sketching and Painting in Watercolour and Mix Uses, Painting with Acrylics, Painting Acrylics and Oils Media and Painting in Acrylics.* | [Website](#)

• **HAIKU INVITATIONAL 2012** | Deadline: June 4, 2012 | *Submit two original Haiku poems celebrating Vancouver's blossoming cherry trees!* | [Website](#)

Visit the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival's '[Blooming Now](#)' page to learn what trees are currently in bloom. Also, see the [Blooming Now Map](#) to see photos, cultivar information and locations of blooming Cherry tree species found throughout Vancouver.

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