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## Artist Spotlight: Otter Studios

Otter Studios is based in Black Creek, BC and creates high quality handmade metal jewellery and art pieces. The studio has three metalsmithing artists (Adolf, Ryan and Anita), and all the Native designs are created by Harold.

Adolf Otter was born in Germany and emigrated to Canada in 1967. While in Germany he learned metalsmithing, and in 1955 he was only one of three

German apprentices in an increasingly uncommon trade. Metalsmithing can be directly traced back to the Middle Ages when craftsmen made suits of armour. Later the skill evolved and was used in creating ornaments and dishes. Otter uses special metalsmithing tools he made himself in his studio on Vancouver Island.

Ryan Valikoski was born in Victoria and at age 18, began

his non-formal apprenticeship with his uncle, Adolf, at Otter Studios. Anita Valikoski was also born in Victoria and joined Adolf and Ryan at Otter



#9999840631, \$46.00

Studios in 2000, assisting with production work, design and customer service.

Harold Alfred was born in Alert Bay and is a member of the Kwakwaka'wakw (formally Kwakiutl) Nation. All the authentic Aboriginal designs from Otter Studios are created by Harold. He follows the standards set by past Native art masters and looks to develop a distinct style which depicts the strong traditional designs of the Kwakiutl. His logo is the Thunderbird- one of the founding crests of the Nagmis, the tribe into which he was born.

The DCV has **five breath-taking pieces** from Otter Studios, including cuff bracelets, earrings and a necklace.



Adolf, Harold and Ryan at Otter Studios.

## Corporate Supply Arrangements

Corporate Supply Arrangements (CSAs) have been established by Logistics and Business Services for a wide range of goods and services that are routinely required by ministries and other public sector organizations such as school districts, universities,

colleges, municipalities, Crown corporations and boards and agencies. CSAs are established through competitive requests for pricing or qualifications from suppliers. Each CSA offers unique benefits such as discounted pricing, the ability to order directly

from suppliers and/or compliance with defined product and service standards. To learn more about the wide offering of CSAs, please visit the **CSA web-site** or come to the free Discovery Session on November 2nd at the Ambrosia Conference Centre on 638 Fisgard Street.

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Online Store:  
[www.dcv.gov.bc.ca](http://www.dcv.gov.bc.ca)

## Customer Spotlight: BC Schizophrenia Society



*Tara and Dana of the BC Schizophrenia Society Victoria Branch.*

The BC Schizophrenia Society Victoria Branch (BCSS) has been a customer of the DCV for 18 months. They specialize in supporting family members and individuals with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, psychosis and other men-

tal illnesses. The branch offers support groups, family counseling, public education, peer support and has a library where the public can borrow materials related to mental illness.

BCSS Victoria orders a wide variety of office supplies

from the DCV, including paper for printing brochures and newsletters, envelopes for invitations and thank-you letters, name tags for special events, scissors for a support group and a variety of file folders and fasteners for the day to day running of our office.

The DCV products, because they are affordable, make it possible for them to do more with less. For a charitable organizations like BCSS Victoria that rely on private donations, grants and health authority contracts, making every dollar count is essential.

"In our programs for people who have mental illness or are supporting someone who does, we show people that they are not alone. The DCV, by supporting non-profits, through discounted office supplies, lets us know that we are not alone in making Victoria a more caring city."

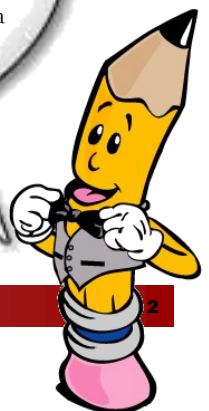
If you would like to support the work of BCSS Victoria you can make donations online at [their website](#), through the [Provincial Employees Community Services Fund](#), or by designating their agency in your United Way campaign donation. If you would like to find out more about their work, please call (250) 384-4225 or drop by their office at 941 Kings Road.

## Discovery Session

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 2nd. That's the day of the Victoria Discovery Session at the Ambrosia Conference and Event Center. There will be two sessions; one at 9 am and one at 1:30 pm. It is free of charge and is a great vehicle to learn ways to be more effective in purchasing, to save time and money and find out about green products and tendering. Come join us for a cup of coffee and meet people who can help make your work easier.

**Q:** What are the DCV's criteria for purchasing and how does this factor into the price points offered?

**A:** We are very concerned about social compliance of our suppliers and only deal with companies who have regular audits on their manufacturers for items made offshore. For products made in Canada and the US we presently do not require audits due to the labour laws already in place. As for pricing, the DCV is constantly negotiating with various suppliers. Many of the contracts DCV has in place are direct with the manufacturers to ensure we get the best price possible. We add only a small mark-up to that negotiated price to cover the costs of shipping and doing business. More often than not, the DCV can and does offer a lower price than commercial stationers.







**Magazine File**  
Fellowes Magazine File is made from 100% post-consumer waste material. It is easy to assemble, holds letter size materials, and is FSC certified.

#752061008 \$8.25



**Jabra Biaural Headset**

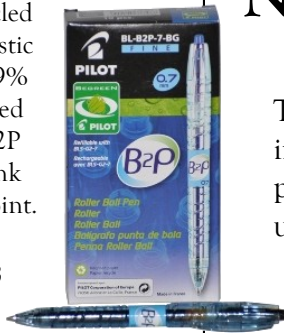
The Jabra GN2000 headset lets you hear every detail, the first time. Features include day-after-day durability, large ear-cushions for extra comfort, a noise-cancelling microphone, optional wideband sound, and USB connectivity. Great for use with Microsoft Communicator.

#7110025004 \$110.00

**Bottle-To-Pen Pen**

The Pilot BeGreen B2P is the world's first recycled pen made from a plastic bottle! Made from 89% post-consumer recycled plastic bottles, the B2P features vibrant gel ink and a fine 0.7mm point.

#7520603340 \$1.83



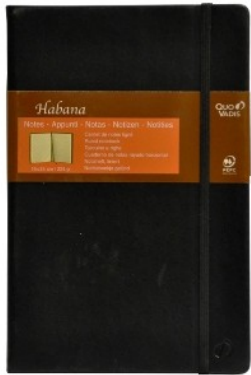
## New Products!

The DCV is always bringing in new, exciting, useful products to offer you at unbeatable prices.

**Partition Addition Clip**

Fellowes Clip displays important notes, memos, and lists. It securely holds up to 40 sheets of paper or 2 lbs., and the plastic is made from 100% post-industrial recycled material.

#7520402007 \$3.25



**Quo Vadis Notebook**  
Habana Collection notebook featuring an elastic closure, bookmark, filing pocket, elegant rounded page corners and a discreet embossed logo. Slim and compact, this journal has a leather look and feel.

#7530013033 \$11.50

**Stand Up Stapler**

Featuring a contemporary design and soft sensor grip that conforms to the unique shape of your hand, this X-Acto heavy duty full strip stapler requires minimum desk space.

#7520721008 \$13.97



**Partition Addition Pencil Cup**

Fellowes pencil cup organizes supplies with two separate compartments. It can securely hold up to 2 lbs., and the plastic is made from 100% pre-consumer recycled material.

#7520402014 \$6.52



**Quartet Dry-erase Markers**

Patented 3-chamber EnduraGlide dry-erase markers ensure constant ink flow, smoother writing and clean erasure. The pen features a roll-resistant cap and a convenient see-through ink gauge. Also available in single markers.

#7520484014 \$5.25

## Thanksgiving Dinner Ideas

Flip open a copy of *Everyone Can Cook Appetizers* for your Thanksgiving feast. Hosting a big party or family gathering can be a lot of work, and having to prepare the food can drive you loony. In his third book in the *Everyone Can Cook* series, Eric Akis has come to help hosts everywhere with appy preparation. With delectable recipes that are simple to follow, this book will make anyone more confident with their dinner party.

Akis included drinks and recipes for all sorts of occasions to guarantee a unforgettable menu for all your festive

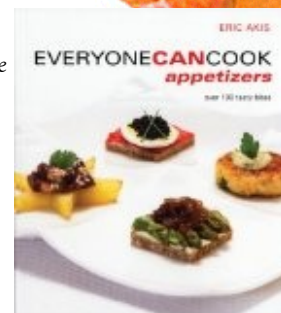
events. He explores classy canapés, Asian appetizers, pates, dips, sports appetizers, cocktails, and of course, desserts. Recipes include Stilton Mousse Canapés with Walnuts, Mini Lemon Pepper Crab Cakes, Pork and Ginger Gyoza, Gazpacho Shooters, and Black Currant Jelly-Filled Mini Shortbread.

Eric Akis was born in Quebec and worked as a professional chef and pastry chef before becoming a food writer for the Victoria Times Colonist. His columns are published in newspapers across Canada and he now has six

books in the *Everyone Can Cook* series. The DCV carries four of his titles.

Try the Sumptuous Seafood Melts

recipe from *Everyone Can Cook Appetizers* for your Thanksgiving meal below. It's easy to prepare and will add something new to the traditional turkey or ham dinner menu.



#9999840148, \$17.48

## Recipe: Sumptuous Seafood Melts



### Ingredients:

- \* 1 (8 oz. ) brick cream cheese, at room temperature
- \* 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- \* 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- \* 1/2 tsp. hot sauce
- \* 1 (5-oz) can drained crabmeat
- \* 2 oz. cold smoked salmon or lox, coarsely chopped
- \* 2 tsp chopped fresh dill, plus 24 small sprigs for garnish
- \* Salt, white pepper and fresh squeezed lemon juice to taste
- \* 24 (1/4 inch) slices of baguette
- \* 1/4 lb. cooked salad shrimp, patted dry
- \* 1 cup grated Swiss cheese

### Preparation:

Preheat the oven to 425°F (220°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place the cream cheese in a medium bowl and beat with an electric mixer until smooth and lightened. Add the mayonnaise, garlic and hot pepper sauce and beat until smooth. Stir in the crab, salmon, dill or tarragon, salt, white pepper and lemon juice. Spread the seafood mixture on the baguette slices and place on the baking sheet. Decorate the top of each melt with the shrimp, and then top with the Swiss cheese. Bake for 10-12 minutes, or until the Swiss cheese is melted and the melts are light golden on top. Arrange on a serving platter, garnish each melt with a dill or tarragon sprig, and serve immediately.





## Green On 10/10/10

October 10 is the day when people around the world take action to create awareness about the levels of CO<sub>2</sub>. The 10:10 campaign is to urge governments, businesses and individuals to cut their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 10%. Celebrate solutions for climate change through Global Work Parties- organized events where the “work” can be a large project or greening activities. The “party” is your time to honour everyone who did their part. Your Ministry Green Team challenges you to make a difference and share your experience. Please visit [350.org](http://350.org) for more info.

## Dated Products

It's hard to believe the summer has passed, school is back in session, and the leaves will start changing colour. Now is the time to start thinking about next year because 2011 dated products are now in at the DCV. Please refer to the [e-flyer](#) or browse the [Dated Products](#) in the DCV Online Store. These products change stock numbers each year so you will want to go by the new product numbers and not copy it off your order from last year. Dated products are not something that we can re-order so order early for the best selection.

## Staedtler Products

There is currently North American-wide difficulties getting products from Staedtler. There is no estimate of when this will be fixed, but the DCV is actively looking for alternatives.

## New Online Store

The DCV has partnered with British Columbia Magazine to launch the magazine's new online store. The DCV provides logistical support including procurement, customer service, warehousing and distribution services. Check out the flyer on the next page.

## Team DCV In Action!

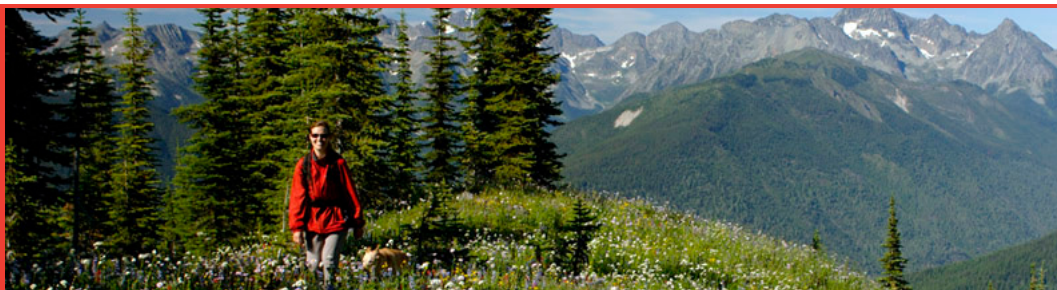


**Top left:** Team DCV at the Michael Dunahee Tournament of Hope. Team DCV came in second in the baseball tournament, and helped raise money for ChildFind.

**Top right:** DCV employees at the Public Service Long Service Award Ceremony. Three DCV employees were recognized for 25 or 30 years of service to the government.

**Bottom:** Guess which lady went as her mother's date (we know it's difficult to figure it out since they all look so young!)





# Introducing

Unique B.C.-inspired gifts from  
*British Columbia Magazine.*



## Beach Stones Bracelet \$45.00

This unique bracelet fuses polymer clay and found objects to create deeply textured interpretations of the mood and spirit of the West Coast landscape.



## Orca Scarf \$50.00

Scarf made from 100% pure silk, individually hand-painted by Lois Thomson of B.C.'s Sunshine Coast. Each is made through a nine step process, and can be dry-cleaned or washed by hand.



## Sea Otters Plush Toy \$21.00

This cuddly pair of otters will delight any child. Baby otter's wide eyes are hard to resist as he holds a sea shell.



## Eagle/Whale Pâté Knives \$35.00

Silver-plated knives with an eagle and whale design by Tsimshian artist Terry Starr. Presented in a matte black box with satin cloth to elegantly showcase the pieces.

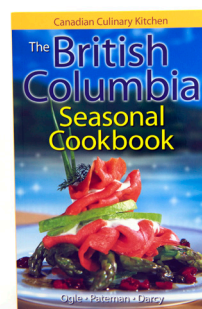
## Frog Bowl \$90.00

Silver-plated bowl with a frog design by Haida artist Corey Bulpitt. "Our culture unites the traditional and the contemporary by embracing the spirit of celebration, sharing and community."



## Dark Chocolate Sauce for Wine Lovers \$21.25

This decadent sauce is a blend of merlot and Belgian chocolate. Drizzle it over cake or fruit, or just dunk your spoon.



## British Columbia Seasonal Cookbook \$24.00

With beautiful photography throughout, this book features modern recipes of classic dishes long enjoyed by British Columbians, plus folklore and history about both the dishes and their ingredients.

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