

# DCV Online Newsletter

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## Before You Start Your Road Trip...

As a B.C. government employee you are eligible to receive discounts on personal leisure travel accommodation across B.C. Before you book your hotels for your summer vacation look at the [Employee Online Store](#), under Employee Leisure Travel. These rates are available to B.C. government employees and their immediate families. While in the Employee Online Store, check out the 20% discount on

travel insurance through Pacific Blue Cross.

The DCV Online Store has items that will come in handy for your trip: Bluetooth earpieces, travel mugs, stainless steel water bottles, moisture-wicking towels, picnic blanket, and mp3 player for when you can't agree on a radio station! The [Crown Publications bookstore](#) has numerous local and international maps and



recreational books. From fly-fishing tips and gourmet camp cooking to diving in the San Juans, just browsing the titles will want to make you get outdoors.

## Public Service Week

Public Service Week was celebrated in June and it was a beautiful, sunny week to recognize the importance of public service and the contributions of employees at the local, provincial and federal level. National Public Service Week was launched in 1992 to commemorate the work and achievements of public servants like us!

The BC Public Service has once again been ranked as one of Canada's top 100 employers for 2010. Some of the reasons include the range of career opportunities, career building, tuition subsidies, and alternative work schedule options. At the DCV we are all proud to be



*Marilyn, JoAnne and Katie at our Public Service Week BBQ.*

public service employees, exemplified by our work environment survey results.

Many Public Service Week events were scheduled across B.C. to

honour government employees, including office BBQs, blood donation, and a virtual game show. In past, the DCV and AIR hosted a Public Service Week BBQ

for the Procurement and Supply Services division. Themes included Hollywood, Western and Luau. Check out the pictures from the notoriously fun events on the next page.

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# B.C. Day

This August 2nd is B.C. Day in the province of British Columbia. The holiday was introduced by the Legislative Assembly in 1974, with the aim of creating a statutory holiday to recognize the pioneers of the province. Today it is celebrated with camping, festivals, BBQs and time spent relaxing with family and friends.

There are a number of official symbols of British Columbia. These include the Steller's Jay, Pacific Dogwood, jade and Western Red Cedar. The DCV has numerous products featuring these emblems.

For a memorable gift that will last a lifetime, the DCV carries Red Cedar and Pacific Dogwood seeds. Pacific Dogwood is actually protected by law and cannot be picked, removed or destroyed. A favourite item at the DCV is a Dogwood flower canvas bag, complete with a sample of wildflower seeds. For a tasty Dogwood-themed gift, try a Rogers' chocolate bar. Red Cedar items include a cribbage board, wall plaque, boxes with pewter designs and smoked salmon in a red cedar box.

Our provincial stone, jade, is featured in inukshuk figurines and the Steller's Jay is represented with a brooch and lapel pin. For a complete gift with all the B.C. emblems, our Symbols of BC Card gives details on each official B.C. insignia.



## British Columbia Pop Quiz!

1) Our provincial motto, "*Splendor sine occasu*" means:

- A) Splendour without diminishment
- B) Splendour with opportunity
- C) Splendour without falling
- D) Splendour allowing opportunity

2) Our provincial bird, the Steller's Jay, eats:

- A) only carrion (carcass of dead animals)
- B) only insects and berries
- C) seeds, plants, carrion and other species' eggs
- D) seeds, insects and small fish

3) August 2nd is B.C. Day in the province of British Columbia, but the first Monday of the month is actually a public holiday celebrated across Canada. Match the name of the holiday with the province or city.

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1) Simcoe Day              | A) Oshawa              |
| 2) Mountie Day             | B) Toronto             |
| 3) Heritage Day            | C) Alberta             |
| 4) Founders' Day           | D) Sarnia              |
| 5) McLaughlin Day          | E) North York          |
| 6) Alexander Mackenzie Day | F) Nova Scotia and PEI |
| 7) Natal Day               | G) Brantford           |

4) What is not another common name for the Western Red Cedar?

- A) canoe cedar
- B) Pacific red cedar
- C) giant arbour-vitae
- D) cathedral cedar

5) All the known jade deposits in B.C. are of what variety?

- A) nephrite
- B) type A
- C) vesuvianite
- D) jadeite

6) The Pacific Dogwood's latin taxonomy means "horn" and includes the botanist's name. What is its name?

- A) Cornus alba
- B) Cornus nuttallii
- C) Cornus walteri
- D) Cornus wilsoniana

1) A; 2) C; 3) 1) B, 2) C, 3) C, 4) B, 5) A, 6) B





## Ralph's Product Review



**Blueline MiracleBind Note Organizer**  
#7530013030 \$10.50

### Features & Benefits:

- \* Can remove, reposition and replace sheets continuously
- \* 150 micro-perforated MiracleBind pages
- \* 10 MiracleBind telephone and address pages
- \* 10 MiracleBind notes pages
- \* Storage pocket
- \* Index sheet
- \* Self-adhesive tabs
- \* Black hard cover
- \* Made of 30% post-consumer paper

REMOVE



REPOSITION



REINSERT



I give it two paws up!



**Pros:** very handy to be able to reposition pages; notebook is sleek and compact.

**Cons:** you get so used to repositioning pages that you may find yourself ripping out pages from your normal notebooks!



## Green Your Office

Water is a precious resource - if you have extra drinking water after a meeting, use it to water office plants.

**Q:** Can my office be mailed a copy of the DCV catalogue?



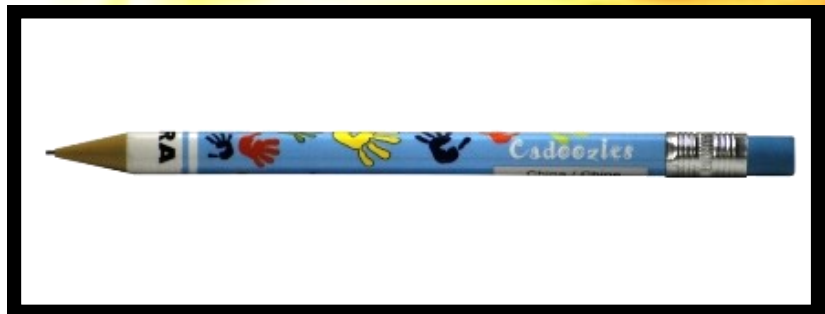
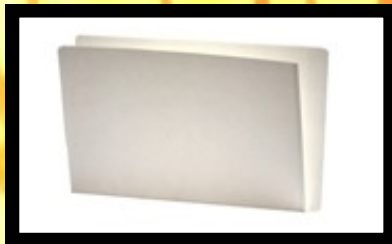
## Green Your Life

The friendly bumblebee pollinates a wide variety of the plants we eat. Unfortunately, some species native to North America are vanishing. Bumblebees often nest in compost heaps, so if you see them emerging from yours, try to leave them in peace. They sting only when provoked and die off naturally in autumn.



**A:** You can order a copy of the DCV print catalogue through the Online Store, but don't do it just yet! We are putting out a new print catalogue in the fall of 2010, complete with updated photos. Our Online Store is the best way to view the DCV product offerings since it is updated daily.

# New Products at the DCV!



Maple Syrup and Maple Honey Gift Package  
#9999840740 \$16.95

Sterling Silver Maple Leaf Pendant  
#9999840738 \$39.95

Rapid Eco Mini Stapler  
#7520721006 \$3.10

Cadoodles Mechanical Pencil  
#7510402002 \$0.45

Legislative Crest Lapel Pin  
#9910841035 \$1.65

Lateral File Folder  
#7530284030 \$29.55

Sterling Silver Amethyst Necklace  
#9999840730 \$48.95

# Recipe: Grilled Chicken with Beer and Maple Syrup

## Ingredients:

- \* 12 oz. beer
- \* 1/3 cup maple syrup
- \* 1/2 cup tropical fruit juice
- \* 1 tbsp. soya sauce
- \* 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- \* 1 green onion, thinly sliced
- \* 1/2 tsp. chopped garlic
- \* 1/2 tsp. savory
- \* 2 1/2 lb. chicken, cut into pieces
- \* salt and pepper to taste

## Preparation:

In a large pan, boil the beer by half, and cool. In a large bowl, stir together the beer, maple syrup, tropical fruit juice, soya sauce, mustard, green onion, garlic and savory. Add the chicken pieces, turn to coat on all sides and marinate in the refrigerator for at least 4 hours.

Drain the chicken pieces well, season and grill on the barbecue for 20 - 25 minutes over medium hot coals. Brush the chicken pieces with the remaining marinade during the grilling. Serve with vegetable shish kebabs and a green salad.



#9999840740 \$16.95

## Did You Know?

- \* Maple syrup is highly concentrated maple sap. Thirty-six to 44 litres of evaporated maple sap is needed to make one litre of maple syrup.
- \* Maple season is during March and April and lasts from 3-6 weeks.
- \* The most syrup a tree can produce in the whole season is one litre.
- \* You can use maple syrup anytime to flavour milk, cold cereals, oatmeal, yogurt, milkshakes, eggnogs, ice cream, coffee, tea, fruit (especially grapefruit), carrots, sweet potatoes, baked apples, baked beans... anywhere you use sugar.

## Discovery Sessions

A Discovery Session is being tentatively planned for this fall in Victoria! These Discovery Sessions feature what the different divisions of Procurement and Supply Services can do for you, and are always a huge hit. Stay tuned for more information in the next newsletter.

## Avery Q&A Sweepstakes



Do you have useful tips and tricks about Avery products? Avery Q&A is an online community where users can ask questions and share answers. If you answer a question from other Avery users, you could win one of three Flip MinoHD™ camcorders. Sweepstakes end on July 31, 2010. Visit the [Avery Community Q&A](#).

## In The Next Issue of the DCV Online Newsletter

- \* Another sizzling summer recipe
- \* Upcoming Victoria Discovery Session
- \* Green Your Life tip and Green Your Office tip
- \* Q: Can I still buy VANOC assets?



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