



SHARED SERVICES OPEN HOUSE – AN EVENT TO REMEMBER

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It was a carnival-like atmosphere as people lined up with eager anticipation to take part in the first Shared Services BC Open House last month. In the atrium of 4000 Seymour, the exhibit booths stood neat and tidy, the staff fired-up, eager to impress the parade of new and long-term customers alike as they walked through the doors.

Procurement and Supply Services booths were laden with our newest and finest products and services. Guests visiting the Queen's Printer booth sat down and created business cards on the spot with our online business card service; Storefront Services captivated people with their B.C. inspired gift and book selections; and Electronic Publishing demonstrated how the innovative CivixSuite Document Management system can streamline research and workflow processes; and Asset Investment Recovery displayed the contorted remains of hard drives, crushed by EDDIE (Evil Destroyer of Delicate Internal Electronics) the Shredder.

The Distribution Centre Victoria and the Product Distribution Centre displayed an assortment of cost saving office and emergency preparedness products; folks visiting the BC Mail Plus booth learned all about the space saving measures scanning

services can provide; and visitors to the Purchasing Services booth were amazed by all of the cost saving measures available through the various corporate supply arrangements.

Although exhausted after this two-day event, we were happy and content to form new part-

nerships and see guests leave with SWAG in hand and innovative ideas to bring back to the office. For those who attended, we were thrilled to meet you and hope to see you and your colleagues at our next event. If you missed the Open House [email](#) us for a personal invitation to next year's event.



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NEW PRODUCTS JUST IN!



Bamboo Coasters

A set of four coasters featuring an etched design titled "Eagle" by Corey W. Moraes of the Tsimshian. Bamboo is the fastest growing plant on Earth, making it a very sustainable gift.
#9999840762, \$18.95



Kleenearth Paper Trimmer

This handy paper trimmer can fit into a standard 3-ring binder and is great for trimming photos, 20 lb paper, forms and cardstock.
#5110015013, \$13.50



LED Penlight

Featuring aluminum casing with the Province of B.C. logo, it comes with three AAA batteries.
#6135300529, \$4.95



Heron Silk Scarf

Elegant scarf made of 100% fine quality silk. It features a design entitled "Heron" by Maynard Johnny Jr. of the Kwakwaka'wakw First Nations.
#9999840765, \$24.95



Ceramic Travel Mug

This sturdy ceramic cup features a striking design by Paul Winsdor of the Haisla Heiltsuk. The double-walled cup comes with a silicone no-spill lid.
#9999840763, \$14.95



Moon Mask Blanket

Elegant faux sheepskin blanket featuring a Moon Mask design by Ross Hunt of the Kwagiulth nation. In First Nations mythology, the moon is associated with transformation and is widely regarded as an important protector and guardian spirit.
#9999841946, \$79.95

Green Your Life

Take the two-mile challenge! If your destination is equal to or less than two miles (3.2 km) away, leave the car at home and make it a walking trip. This is an enjoyable challenge in the sunny weather and in addition to cutting down on pollution and your gas bill, you will also keep fit.

Green Your Office

Set the office air conditioning in your meeting and lunchrooms to a high temperature setting when the space is unoccupied, and only turn on the AC when the space is being used. The energy savings can be significant- as much as two per cent of your AC costs for each one degree that you raise the thermostat.

Featured Item: *Cranberry and Pepper Preserve*

This tasty Cranberry and Pepper Preserve isn't just for winter holiday dinners. Try serving the preserve on crackers, with chicken, in a hot turkey sandwich, or with a baguette, meat and cheeses on a tapas plate. A pinch of cayenne adds a bit of kick to this jelly and it can be used as a topping to spice up pound cake, pancakes and yogurt throughout the year. This recipe for Upside Down Cranberry Muffins is sure to be a hit with your family or guests!



Ingredients:

- *1 cup cranberries
- *one 125 mL jar of Cranberry and Pepper Preserves
- *2 cups all-purpose flour
- *1/2 cup granulated white sugar
- *2 1/4 teaspoons baking powder
- *1/2 teaspoon salt
- *1 cup milk
- *1 large egg, lightly beaten
- *1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit (205 degrees Celsius). In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. In a separate bowl, mix together the milk, egg, vanilla extract, and melted and cooled butter. Add the milk and egg mixture to the flour mixture. Stir just until combined.

Mix one jar of Cranberry and Pepper Preserves with the cranberries. Evenly divide the cranberry mixture among the 12 well-greased muffins cups and then evenly spoon the batter over the cranberry sauce.

Place in the oven and bake for about 15 to 20 minutes, or until very lightly browned and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Place on a wire rack to cool for about two minutes, and then invert them onto a cooling rack so the cranberry topping is face up.



Cranberry and Pepper Preserves #9999840122, \$7.95