

## Unique Lives

### March 6: Exploring Canadian Cuisine

This presentation will focus on the potential of culinary tourism as a means to address the gap that currently exists in defining Canadian cuisine. By connecting experience to food, Eric Pateman discusses how his company Edible Canada plays a role in explaining and defining Canadian food culture.

Eric Pateman has grown his company from a tiny one man culinary concierge into one of the leading ambassadors of Canadian cuisine. He is regularly sought as an expert on Canadian food for research projects, cooking demonstrations and speaking engagements. He is the co-author of the *BC Seasonal Cookbook* and was named as the recipient of the Mayor of Vancouver's Art Award for Culinary Arts in 2013.

Beginning in Spring 2006 as Edible Vancouver, Eric widened his scope with a culinary artisan retail store and expansion to Edible BC and ultimately in 2010, became Edible Canada.

### March 13: Mayor Darrell Mussatto: A Conversation

From teacher to paramedic, Councillor to Mayor, Darrell Mussatto has dedicated his career to public service and taken an active role in creating a community that is vibrant, healthy and engaged. Join Mayor Musatto as he shares his insights gained during nearly 25 years in elected office, and some of the key milestones the City of North Vancouver has achieved over the years in becoming a community that is active, inclusive and sustainable in every sense.

### March 20: Bee Amazed

Kamy Zargarpour has been a local beekeeper for over 6 years. He will share his findings on these wonders of nature including the importance of bees, threats to bees, what they produce, the use of pesticides, and bee friendly flowers. Urban hives and buying local will also be covered. A tasting of his award winning honey will conclude the presentation.

### **March 27: Soaring Attractions**

Andrew Strang, CEO of Soaring Attraction LP, is a serial entrepreneur currently developing major tourist attractions such as FlyOver Canada at Canada Place and its recent expansion into the United States, FlyOver America.

Andrew previously co-founded and sold his financial tourism company to a Swiss multinational. Born and raised on the North Shore, he will share his exciting career.

### **April 3: Southern Exposure – An Antarctic Photographic Adventure**

Jeff Topham will share his stunning photography and stories of his adventure.

Jeff Topham is a professional photographer, photojournalist and filmmaker based in Vancouver. His recent work from around the world has appeared in *The Guardian*, *The Observer*, *The Globe and Mail*, *VICE* and *EnRoute*. His award-winning documentary film *Liberia 77*, and accompanying photographs were featured at the prestigious Annenberg Space for Photography in Los Angeles in 2013.

### **April 10: The Cinderella Wine Region**

John Schreiner will discuss how a wine region that was ridiculed and scorned until 1990 turned itself around to become one of the world's most exciting small wine regions.

Based in North Vancouver, John Schreiner is a prolific author of more than 15 books on Canadian wines, including three Whitecap best sellers. He has juggled his passion for wine with a 40 year career as a business writer for *The Financial Post*. Among his numerous awards John received the Industry Recognition Award from the British Columbia Wine Institute in 2016. He is inducted into the BC Restaurant Hall of Fame. His latest book on collectible and iconic wines of British Columbia will be released in May 2017.