



## HIWEST First Nations Forum and Panel Discussion: Pacific Northwest Indigenous Poles and Carvings

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VICTORIA, BC — *Creation, Honouring and Preservation of Pacific Northwest Indigenous Poles/Monumental Wood Carving* is this year's theme for the *HIWEST Forum and Panel Discussion* on Friday, September 30, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the University of Victoria Legacy Art Gallery Downtown at 630 Yates Street.

*HIWEST* (pronounced 'hee-west') will feature a panel discussion moderated by Dr. Andrea Walsh, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology at the University of Victoria, with artists Doug LaFortune, Lou Ann Neel, Chief Rande Cook and Hjalmer Wenstob.

The discussion will be followed by a talk on the conservation of poles and monumental carvings by Heidi Swierenga, Senior Conservator and Department Head at the University of British Columbia's Museum of Anthropology.

Traditional indigenous food from Songhees Seafood & Steam will be served.

The event is free and seating is limited, however tickets are required and are available in advance at [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca)

For more information and bios on the presenters visit [www.victoria.ca/hiwest](http://www.victoria.ca/hiwest)

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