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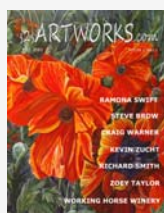
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Export Development Canada Provides Export Outlook

According to the [Spring 2010 Global Export Forecast](#) from Export Development Canada, there are brighter prospects for BC's forestry sector. This is in response to the reopening of idled pulp mills and high US residential construction activity which will lift overall exports by 14 percent in 2010 and 13 percent in 2011.

The Global Export Forecast identifies the major forces acting on the world economy and their implications for Canadian exporters.



s2sARTWORKS Magazine Now Online

The first online issue of s2sARTWORKS Magazine is out and has been so well received world-wide that starting with the June, 2010 issue, it will be produced under the name, OKANAGAN ART WORKS.



BC Okanagan Research and Innovation Centre Joins Canadian Digital Media Network

The Canadian Digital Media Network (CDMN) has announced that the Okanagan Research and Innovation Centre (ORIC), a BC-based non-profit organization providing high-tech business incubator and accelerator programs and facilities, has joined the CDMN. The CDMN is working to connect organizations such as ORIC in a nationwide network to collaborate and share digital media search, technology development and commercialization expertise.

ORIC supports a growing cluster of digital media companies in the Okanagan Valley through guidance, networking, knowledge and resources sharing, and will support programs that enhance research, product development and product commercialization.

For more information [click here](#).

Preparing for the "New" Normal *Commentary by Stephen Poloz at Export Development Canada*

By now it is clear that the global recession is over. That means we are on our way back to normality, but there are many reasons to expect it to be a different sort of normality than many seem to expect.

Consider first of all what it means to declare a recession over. Think of a recession as a period during which one digs a hole. When the recession is over, all it really means is that it time to stop digging. Climbing up out of the hole is the challenge that remains, and that can take both time and hard work.

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Order of British Columbia Call for Nominations

The vision of OKANAGAN ART WORKS is to promote, highlight and showcase the extraordinary talented artists who have chosen the Okanagan region as their home studio for creating original art.

View the first issue [here](#).

The British Columbia Honours and Awards Secretariat is currently accepting nominations for the province's highest honour, the Order of British Columbia.



Established in 1989, the Order of BC recognizes those who have served with the greatest distinction and excelled in any field of endeavour that benefits the people of BC or elsewhere. It represents the highest form of recognition the province can extend to its citizens.

For more information including eligibility criteria and nomination form [click here](#).

Links and Events

June 1st

Free Workshop

Could internationally trained workers give you a competitive edge?

June 4th

Tourism Showcase

Celebrate Lake Country!

June 5th"

"Croc-A-Palooza" Family Fun Day

Fundraiser

June 8th

Re-Tales of the Community

Storytelling and networking event

June 10-11

metabridge Kelowna Event

Direct connection and access to key technology leaders from the United States and the UK for emerging BC high tech companies

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