

## Love lavender?

We're not much for secrets here in the Shuswap, but if we did have a best-kept secret, it would be Carlin Hill Lavender.

There are hundreds and hundreds of lavender plants (really, we're not exaggerating). But it's not just lavender. They're actually like a mini Butchart Gardens with tulips, daffodils and roses.

What does one do at a lavender farm? For starters, you go to the Garden Cafe. In the tranquility of the garden, with the scent of lavender and the sound of the waterfalls, Royal Tea is served on fine china with linen napkins and tablecloths. Or you can pay a little extra for the Full Afternoon Tea. Next you can take a self-guided tour and enjoy the gardens. (There is a small fee to go in). Next, you check out the shop where everything is made from lavender, essential oils, sachets, eye pillows/stress busters, bubble bath, lotion and even lavender marmalade.

To find this little piece of paradise go to 4154 Eldon Frontage Road in Tappen. It's not far off the Trans Canada about 15 minutes outside of Salmon Arm. Call toll free 1-888-835-8801.

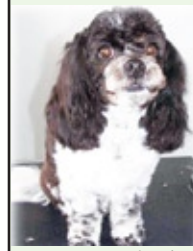
They're open on the weekends in May, June and September from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In July and August the hours are the same but they're open every day except Tuesday.

## Writers' Festival

Imagine the fun of sitting around listening to real storytellers and writers entertaining you. This spring there will be 'A Storyteller's Party' at the Okanagan College's beautiful outdoor courtyard in Salmon Arm. It will be a night of music, food and beverages as well as readings and stories. It's all part of the Shuswap Association of Writers' International Writers Festival from May 28 to May 30. Workshops will be held at both the Prestige Harbourfront Resort and the Salmon Arm Okanagan College campus.

For more information go online: [www.saow.ca](http://www.saow.ca).

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