

Hello Course Lovers 🧡

Our Gary Renard Extravaganza officially starts when Gary takes the stage at 10 am on October 24 at St Ann's Academy Auditorium.

Official address is 835 Humboldt St but auditorium is located on the south-west corner of the grounds, beside the parking lot off Blanshard St, closer to Southgate St.

1. **Parking lot:** There are about 30+ stalls onsite for \$ 8/day. Entrance to the lot is right off Blanshard, one block south of Humboldt, beside the auditorium. Come early if you need to be close. And there's also:

- **Royal BC Museum Lot:** Located W at 606 Douglas at Superior St. **5 minute walk**
- **Greater Victoria Library Parkade:** Located NW at 745 Broughton St. **9 min walk.**
- **Street Parking:** Along Humboldt, Blanshard, Quadra and in neighborhoods nearby. Avoid "residents only" signs. Some is paid, some is free.

2. **Cushions:** If coming by car, bring a cushion for your chair, and if you can, an extra for our air travellers. I will be bringing many! The auditorium seats are actually comfortable, rounded and wide, with arm rests, but made out of wood, so...?

3. **Ferry Reservations:** Definitely book in advance. BC Ferries: <https://www.bcferries.com> for Tswassen-Swartz Bay route, or US Black Ball/Coho <https://www.cohoferry.com> from Port Angeles WA to downtown Victoria. If you are driving north through Blaine WA, traffic normally moves quickly through **Canadian Customs**, but plan an extra hour, just in case it is slow. Tswassen ferry terminal is a pleasant place to hang out.

4. **Food Drink on site:** I will have bottles of water, along with fruit and snacks, both gluten and gluten-free varieties, plus chocolate on hand. I

looked at trying to organize tea, but realized it would be a bit too difficult to manage in that space.

5. **Schedule:** Doors open at 9:15 AM for checking in and choosing your seat. Gary will take to the stage at 10 AM - 5, with short morning and afternoon breaks as needed, and a 90-minute lunch around 1 pm. (See below for options)

6. **Book Signing:** We decided that won't have a real book table this time, (although we do have a small handful to sell) but if you bring a copy of any of Gary's books, he will sign them and have a personal chat between 5 pm and 6 both days. Sadly, as you by now know, his new book is temporarily postponed, but he will be speaking about its contents a great deal!

7. **Notebook:** Bring a note book as Gary will provide really great insights all throughout the weekend. I still refer to many years of mine.

8. **Lunches:** Likely timing 1pm - 2:30, with these suggestions, including a file of maps I will post separately.

Tre Fantastico 3 minute walk. Open 7am - 9pm is located under the Parkside Hotel on Humboldt, directly across from St Ann's to the north, w/ delicious coffee & simple healthy menu with a hidden larger eating area round a corner to your right.

Hide & Seek Cafe 5 minutes Open 9 - 4, located inside the ***beautiful Royal BC Museum*** on Belleville between Douglas & Government. ***Food Trucks*** in the courtyard too.

Neighbourhood Feel at Cook St Village - 12-15 minute walk. Head east via Southgate St 3 blocks to Cook St. Turn south for coffee houses, outdoor food court, healthy cafes, burgers, pub, sushi, greek, mexican, donuts, stone oven pizza, home-made ice cream, grocery store - great mood, vibe.

James Bay Village - 10-13 minutes. Head west on Southgate & turn south at Menzies. Coffee houses, burgers, sushi, pizza, bakery & neighbourhood ambiance.

Victoria Downtown: 8-13 minutes depending on your scenic view . **Ten Acres Bistro** 611 Courtenay, **Tibetan Kitchen** 680 Broughton, **Pagliachis** 1011 Broad.

Blanshard St, 8 minutes: a block of options between Broughton and Fort.
♥ **Be Love** at 1019 Blanshard, is delicious, healthy, gluten-free/dairy-free.

Bring a Picnic: Enjoy beautiful grounds at *St Ann's*, as well as **Beacon Hill Park** right across Southgate if the weather is good.

9. **Wifi** password is: dogwood, in case I forget to tell you!

10. ♥ **Roommate request, or a billet, sponsor?** A lovely woman coming from Seattle is eager to share a room to save some money, if anyone is interested. I will give you her email. She's a delight and trusting the HS to help make this happen.

11. **Auditorium:** There's a handicapped washroom on the main level near the west side door, and more downstairs by the door on the east side. St Ann's has beautiful grounds and gardens, so hopefully we'll have soft weather to enjoy the scenery.

12. **Lifetimes When Jesus and Buddha Knew Each Other:** If you already have this wonderful book, please review it again before the seminar! You can even get it autographed and have a chat with Gary after 5 pm both days. We also have about 5 copies to sell, plus one 'Love Has Forgotten No One' and 2 'Your Immortal Reality's'.

13. **Facebook Invite.** If you are on Facebook, please mark yourself **Coming** which would help raise our algorithm. You might also share the invite with your friends? Thanks so much for getting the word out! <https://www.facebook.com/share/1C5wcpNwVU/>
in happy anticipation of joining with every One as ONE,

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