

Squatch Watch 2026

A SASQUATCH CONFERENCE FOR ALL THINGS SASQUATCH!

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Come and listen to some of the most credited specialists talk about all things Sasquatch!

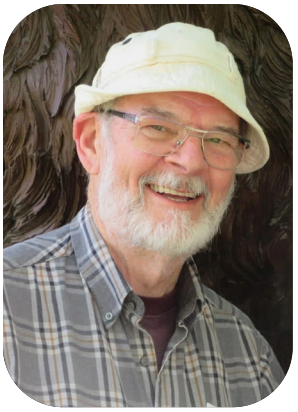
Why are we putting this event on? There are so many stories and limited information on this Elusive creature! I have had an experience that left me truly wondering if I had been followed by a Sasquatch. It was very localized, close to Strathcona Park and a special gift was left for me, followed by an eerie silence. I know I'm not alone; many stories and legends bring forward the Dzunakwa, Big Foot, Sasquatch and even the Yeti! It truly left me wondering. So I am excited to be presenting this special event and listen to experts and locals alike!

This 3-Day Conference, at the Florence Filberg Centre in the Comox Valley, will host multiple Presenters, Sasquatch-themed Vendors Market and a Halloween Monster Bash Dance (All Ages Dry Event). If you're curious about the elusive Sasquatch or are already a 'BELIEVER', mark your calendar and get your tickets to attend! Here's some highlighted special Speakers that will be hosting presentations and community dialogues:



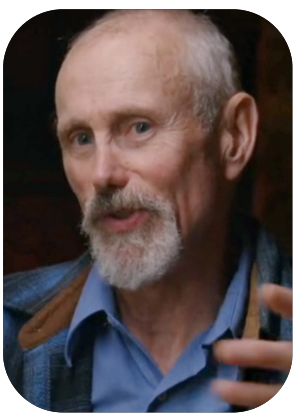
Tom Sewid
Sasquatch Island

"North American Indians and Canadian First Nations referred to North American as Turtle Island because it looks like a turtle from space. I call North America 'Sasquatch Island' because many Indigenous Tribes have a name, stories and in some cases art or dances about Sasquatch. Even to this day, all people from every corner of North America have sighting accounts, stories and names for the large hair covered creatures known as Sasquatch". Sewid will share his personal Sasquatch accounts along with First Nation legends and stories. He has recently opened a Sasquatch Museum in the Pacific Northwest.



Terrance N. James PhD + Biographer "Sasquatch Discovered"

Sasquatch Discovered is the biography of Dr. John Bindernagel – Canada's foremost Sasquatch/Bigfoot investigator. His intense childhood curiosity about the natural world, with a particular interest in ornithology, led to his involvement as a Junior Naturalist and his teacher dubbing him "the scientist" for his in-class contributions. By high-school, he was practicing good curatorial habits as he collected specimens for the museum he created in the family home. While in university, Bindernagel was intrigued by the story of an "ape-man" in British Columbia. During his time in Africa, he became familiar with the great apes and hypothesized the Sasquatch as North America's great ape. On return to Canada, he chose to live in the Comox Valley, on Vancouver Island, B.C., and closer to the west coast rain forests– prime Sasquatch habitat. Here he aimed to study and pursue research on this elusive animal. Terry James will share his story of friendship and biographical overview of Dr. John Bindernagle's encounters.



Dr. J. Robert Alley

Dr. J. Robert Alley is a preeminent figure in the exploration of cryptozoology, renowned particularly for his comprehensive works on Bigfoot. As an esteemed author and researcher, Alley has delved into the enigmatic world of Sasquatch with unparalleled depth and rigor. His groundbreaking books, such as "Bigfoot: The True Story of Apes in America" and "Raincoast Sasquatch: The Bigfoot / Sasquatch Records of Southeast Alaska, Coastal British Columbia & Northwest Washington," stand as pivotal contributions to the field, offering meticulous analysis and compelling evidence that challenge conventional perspectives on this elusive creature.

Raincoast Sasquatch is the bigfoot equivalent of In Search of Ogopogo. Alley, has devoted roughly three decades to collecting evidence, interviewing eyewitnesses and following up leads and has become a leading authority on the creature. His book adds another dimension to the coverage -- it gets deep into the native folklore surrounding the creature. It is the most in-depth coverage of indigenous folklore about the creature that I found in one volume to date.

Alley provides verbatim accounts of the creatures from natives, follows with a section on the beliefs of each of the tribes found within the covered region and concludes the section with his summation of the information. He includes an excellent table of cross-cultural traits that allows you to quickly compare what the natives believe about the creature. For instance, of the 14 tribes, five believe the creature steals souls and 10 believe it whistles.

Roughly two-thirds of the book consists of fast-paced, action-filled eyewitness accounts. The thing that is most striking about these accounts is that in several, bigfoot seems to be acting as a protector of the wildlife in the forest. I have not encountered this in other books and found it intriguing.

Alley has an energetic, enthusiastic storyteller style of writing that keeps you immersed in his story to the very end. This brings variety and regional/tribal dialects into his manuscript. Squatch Watch Vancouver Island looks forward to hosting him!

Squatch Watch Vancouver Island 2026 Conference

The conference opens Friday night, with a Sasquatch Market, Opening Ceremony, 1st Presenter, Concession w Aunty's Deadly Seafood Chowder and Bannock, Sasquatch Pizza and Bigfoot Donuts. Presenter Meet n Greet @ Match, Chances Casino Courtenay 8-10 pm (No Host / Complimentary Ticket required). Saturday, continues with a morning Presenter, Community Dialogue session and an afternoon Presentation, Squatch Market, Concession, and Keynote Panel for Q&A from Attendees! Saturday night will host the Monster Bash Dance where community comes together to dress up for prizes and have a ton of fun together! Sunday, the final day continues to host the Squatch Market and final Presenters, Concession and Closing Ceremony!

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