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# Artist's Journal

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News and Events for Artists who Paint or Draw

## Editorial . . .

# Linking artists and art lovers

For artists who paint or draw, keeping updated on events is not a problem within their own communities. The Arts Councils and various clubs do a commendable job of promotion, and keeping us informed. However, it becomes an inconvenience when an artist wants information from other areas. Each city or municipality provides its own information sources (directories or newsletters) of their arts organizations and clubs. Each one has to be contacted separately -- because unfortunately, there isn't an individual source, published on a regular basis, to combine them all.

Until now.

*The Artist's Journal* is produced for artists who draw or paint in any medium. While this introductory issue reports mostly on events and happenings in Surrey, Langley, Delta and White Rock, *the coverage range will be broadened*. Eventually, we plan to include events


occurring throughout the Greater Vancouver Regional District and (hopefully) beyond.

Each issue will feature listings of art clubs and organizations, upcoming shows, sales and other events, a column about personal achievements, tips, trivia, and a classified advertising section.

As an amateur artist, I know there's a need for a general source where artists can locate shows and events, enabling them to network with artists and art lovers everywhere. I've been a writer, editor and publisher for many years and as editor of *The Artist's Journal*, I'll do my best to make this new publication fill that need.

*This first edition of the Artist's Journal is complimentary*. Future issues are available only by subscription (see order form on page 4), but will occasionally be distributed to selected outlets frequented by artists and art lovers, such as art galleries.

Please contact me with your news, particularly if you or a friend has made a personal achievement as an artist. Also, keep me informed about your group's activities. With your help, *The Artist's Journal* will generate the public attention our talented artists deserve.

*Eve Lees, Editor.* 

## Calls for entry

**Aug. 26 - Sept 27:** The Arts Council of New Westminster, sponsors *A celebration of Creativity*, an art exhibition of senior's work in recognition of the 1997 B.C. Senior Games. Open to seniors 55 years and older in the Lower Mainland. Submissions by slides only: maximum of two slides with an entry fee of \$5.00 per slide. Entry deadline is Sunday, **August 3**. Those selected must deliver original artwork on August 23. For more information call (604)525-3244. The show's reception is Sunday, September 7, from 2 - 4pm.

• **May 31 - June 22:** *Burnaby Arts Council* is sponsoring a juried show on the general theme of sports, as a tribute to Burnaby hosting the BC Summer Games. Entry deadline is **May 10**. Up to three works per artist may be submitted. One award will be presented. Entry fee: \$10.00 (\$5.00 to members of the *(See page 3)*)

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# Easel talk . . .

Artists, please let us know of your news or personal achievements. There is no charge for submissions.

One of the oldest art clubs in the area still has an original member. *Stella Loney*, an oil painting artist of the Port Kells Arts Club, is an honorary charter member. She's 85, and was one of the original eight members who formed the group in 1963. The Aldergrove Arts Club can also boast of having original members. *Doris Swenson* (who paints in acrylics), *Audrey Fatkin* (oil and watercolour artist), *Connie Johnston* and *Helen Poppy* (both do oil and watercolour) were instrumental in forming the club twenty-five years ago.

Members of the Surrey Arts West Society had a nice surprise when the club's former president *Melba Massey* dropped in at a recent meeting. Melba is currently painting up a storm at her new home in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Surrey artist *Brent Lynch* again won a prestigious communications award recently in Las Vegas. His posters, promoting the Cloverdale Rodeo & Exhibition Association, have won the award two years in a row. Lynch has been painting posters to promote the Cloverdale Rodeo & Exhibition Association since 1989.

*Ruth Sawatzky*, a member of the South Delta Artist's Guild, was accepted into the 57th Annual North West Watercolor Society Spring Show, to be held May 20 - June 14 at the Howard Mandville Gallery in Kirkland, Washington. Of 697 entries, 100 were chosen. Ruth has been a watercolour artist for 15 years.

Three local artists have been chosen to display murals in the Surrey Place Mall. The murals will reflect life in Surrey, and help build community identity. *Moira Elliot*, a Surrey watercolour artist, will feature a mural entitled "Multicultural Surrey". The four separate canvases will reflect the various ethnic origins and lifestyles of Surrey. *David Klassen* is a Surrey artist, illustrator and art instructor. He will create "Fraser River/Waterway" a three-dimensional mural of salmon spawning, a pastel and charcoal drawing and a poem he's written. White Rock's *Polly Faminow* is the creator of "Recycle, Rejuvenation and Community". The artists were selected by a jury that included *Carol Prokop*, Surrey Arts Centre Curator, and local artist *Don Li-Leger*. The murals will be on display until September 20, then will be auctioned to raise money for local Surrey charities. 🖌️

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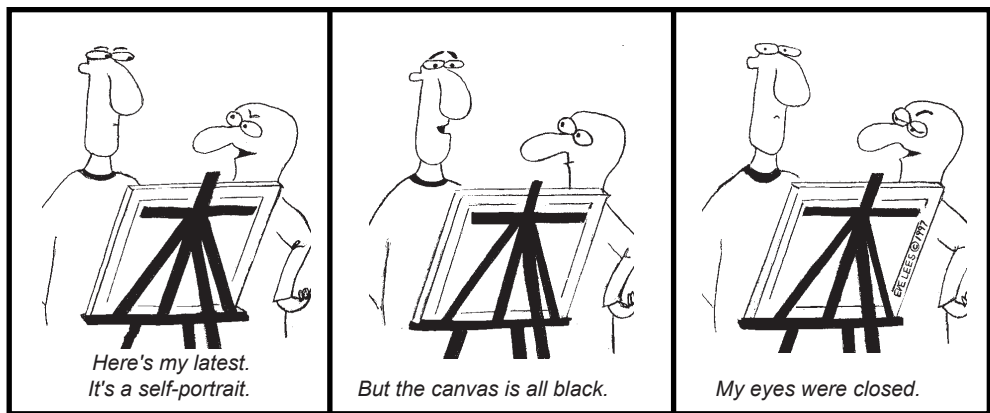
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# Shows and events . . .

Unfortunately, the entry deadlines for any juried shows mentioned in this column were prior to our publication date. They are listed here, however, for you to attend and enjoy. For current show deadlines, see the column "Calls for entry" beginning on the front page.

●**Bowen Island:** July 12 - 13, *1st Annual Bowen Island Arts Festival*, a family affair hosted by the Bowen Island Arts Council. Artwork will be shown and sold by local artists in Snug Cove at the Old General Store and the Plum Tree Gallery. Tours of local artist studios are scheduled. Maps and event information are available at the Old General Store, located by the ferry dock.

●**Burnaby:** May 3-25 *Burnaby Arts Council Juried show*, Theme: Burnaby's Rhododendrons.

●**Delta:** In August, the *South Delta Artist's Guild* is planning to hold a summer show. At our press time, the dates and location were not confirmed. Contact Sandra Taylor at 943-5914 for information.

*Ladner Gallery* (4869 Delta St.). May: Oriental Art, Beryl Nee. June: Multi Media, Ilona Nessler. July: Friday Morning Gang (Tsawwassen group), Multi Media Show. August: People & The Shadow. Oils, portraits by Joe Chang.

●**Kelowna:** April 8 - May 18, *Art in Action*, Art Gallery, Kelowna (250) 762-4544. A display of over 90 original artworks.

●**Kamloops:** April 26, *Kamloops Arts & Crafts Club*, Heritage House, Kamloops (250)376-4443. Tea, show and sale hosted by local talent 10am to 4pm.

●**Langley/Fort Langley:** Ending September 30th, *Fort Langley Artist's Group* has an ongoing exhibit at the CN Station, located on Mavis and Glover in Fort Langley.

May 24, *Sperling Artist Run Centre Studio Gallery* Opening, 7:30pm, 7206-240th Street, Langley.

June 28 & 29 (rain or shine), *Third Annual Art and Roses Exhibition*, 22771-38th Avenue, Langley 10am to 4pm. Features original artwork by Langley/Surrey artists, surrounded by Brad Jalbert's garden of roses.

●**Logan Lake:** May 16, 17 & 18, *First Annual Logan Lake Arts and Crafts Festival*, organized by the Logan Lake Chamber of Commerce. Registration fee \$75.00 for three days. Display table provided in 10x10 space. Can be shared. Storage and night security provided. Free R.V. and camping accommodations, barbecue pits. Registration accepted until day of festival. Register by mail, fax or phone. Call Lorraine (250)523-2373, Joan phone/fax (250)523-6356, or Ross (250)523-2335.

●**Powell River:** May 21 - 25, *artWORKS* (formerly Images & Objects), at the annual exhibition and conference of the BC Festival of the Arts. For further information contact James Lam, (250)920-4118.

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## Calls for entry

Burnaby Arts Council or affiliated organizations.) Phone (604)298-7322 for more information.

●**1998 gallery season:** Call for submission by the *Community Arts Council of Vancouver (CAC)*. Artists interested in exhibiting work (any medium) in the CAC Davie Street gallery can pick up a form at the CAC office after May 10, 1997. Exhibits are four weeks in length. Deadline for submissions is **July 15**, 1997. For more information, contact Christine Lawrence, Gallery Coordinator, at 683-4358. 🖋️


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# Shows and events (from page three)

●**Surrey:** May 3 *The Surrey Arts West Society* show their work at Van Dusen Gardens, Vancouver, and on May 25 at their Spring Show and Sale at the Sullivan Hall, 152 St. & 64 Ave. in Surrey.

Until May 4, *Surrey Art Gallery* presents artwork by Surrey artists Willa Downing, Cora Li-Leger and Ann Nelson. From May 7 - June 22, *Journey to Wellness*, celebrates Mental Health Awareness Week. May 17 - June 15, *Arts '97*, juried art exhibit at the Surrey Art Gallery.

September 8 to Oct. 10, *Surrey Painting and Crafts Society* exhibit their work at the Surrey Art Gallery.

●**Vancouver:** June 20, 21, 22, *The First Annual Vancouver Outdoor Art Exhibition*, held on the Georgia and Robson St. Plaza's, in downtown Vancouver. 1997 theme: BC Native Art.

●**Vancouver Island:** April 2-6 *Arts and Crafts show*, Woodgrove Centre, Nanaimo, (250)753-1191. A show featuring local artists.

●**White Rock:** May 2 - 24 the *White Rock and South Surrey Art Club* hold their *juried show*, at the Gallery Central Plaza, in White Rock. Tessa Lloyd (538-7132) is the show's organizer. (Entry deadline April 30.)

June 29 - September 7, the *White Rock and South Surrey Art Club* is planning to hold their third annual *Art Beat*. This event consists of a *Silent* and a *Live Auction* to help raise money for the art club's own facility. Artwork for the *Silent Auction* will be displayed in several White Rock businesses from June 29 - Aug 30. Participants are supplied with passports, to record the artist's and businesses involved. The completed passports are then entered in a draw, where the winner receives a \$500.00 gift certificate toward the auction. Artwork for the *Live Auction* can be previewed at the reception on September 4 from 6:30 to 10pm at the Jenkins Showler Gallery on Johnston Road. The Live Auction art will be juried by a committee. Both Auctions take place Sunday, September 7, in the gardens of Erica Ritchy, 1947 Ocean Park Road, in South Surrey. For more information on Art Beat, contact Dan Gross at 541-0268.

The White Rock and South Surrey Art Club is also affiliated with *Summer School of the Arts*. In July and August there will be seven, five-day workshops featuring professional artists from across the country. Call Kay Jenkins at 536-8692 for more information.

June 6 - 20 *Drawing on Life Art Group* will be exhibiting their work at *The Gallery*, Central Plaza, 15134 North Bluff Road, White Rock. 🖌️

## Ooops . . .

*Le Bateau*, by Henri Matisse (1869 - 1954), *L*hung up-side-down for forty-seven days before the Museum of Modern Art in New York realized their mistake. 🖌️

Source: *Curious facts*

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**Delta, Langley, Surrey and White Rock . . .**

# Local art clubs/groups

**Our apologies if we've missed your club. Please contact this newsletter (581-8653), and your group will be mentioned in a future issue.**

**S**outh Delta Artist's Guild began with seven members in 1975. Today they have 140 members, and welcome newcomers. The group meets once a month (the first Monday) at 7:30 at the Phoenix Club, Tsawwassen 6062-16th Ave. Workshops and classes for children and adults are ongoing. Contact Sandra Taylor, 943-5914.

● **The Port Kells Arts Club** meets every 4th Wednesday of the month at 12:30, at the Port Kells Community Centre 18918-88 Avenue, Surrey. Formed in 1963, the club currently has 60 members. They host two shows yearly at the Community Centre; the 1st Sunday in March and the 1st Sunday in November. Painting classes are held every Wednesday morning at 9:30 at the Community Centre. Classes run from January through May, and September through November. Contact Betty Loren at 584-3928 for more information. New members are welcome.

● **Aldergrove Arts Club**, meets every Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 at 3015-273 St., Aldergrove. The 25 members are mostly seniors, however new members of any age are welcome to join. Contact Margery Armstrong at 856-8444 for more information. The club was formed in 1972.

● **The Fort Langley Artist's Group** is a private group which meets the 1st Wednesday of each month. To be accepted, an artist's work is juried by the 15 members. Contact Sharon Danhelka 888-8483 for more information. The group was formed approximately five years ago.

● **Sperling Artist Run Centre** in Langley is a non-profit group of artists promoting art exhibitions, and providing lessons, space and equipment for art classes. For more information, contact Adam at 888-8391.

● **Young at Arts** is a non-profit group providing a variety of arts courses for children aged three to eighteen. The Young at Arts facility is located at #102 - 20091 Industrial Avenue in Langley. They are celebrating their 10th anniversary. Call 533-2787 for more information.

● **Orangewood Arts Club** in Langley meets every Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. The club was formed about eight years ago, and there are 15 members. New members are always welcome. Call Shirley Peterman at 533-8774 for more information.

● **Fraser River Artists' Club** is a private club of both professional and amateur artists. Approximately 40 members gather every Friday afternoon and evenings at the Fraser River Gallery, in Fort Langley. Yearly membership is \$175.00. Call 888-0206 for more information.

● **Surrey Arts West Society** celebrates its 11th anniversary. It has approximately 75 members. They meet the third Monday of each month, 6:45 at the Bear Creek

Pavilion (across from the Arts Centre) in Surrey. New members are welcome. Membership is \$15.00 yearly. Contact Shirley at 589-2891 for more information.

● **Surrey Painting and Crafts Society** meets every Thursday evening 6:45pm at St. Helen's Anglican Church community building, 10787 128 St. in Surrey. New members welcome. Membership fee is \$24.00 yearly. The club was formed 25 years ago, and there are approximately 25 members. For more information call Jan Rosgen at 590-3928 or Ray at 585-2665.

● **The White Rock and South Surrey Art Club** has about 90 members, and was formed in 1962. They meet the second Monday of each month 7:00 pm, at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 1480 George St., White Rock. The meeting location may change, as the club is currently trying to raise money for their own building. Contact Susan Falk, 534-4730 for meeting location or more information. New members are welcome.

● **Drawing On Life Art Group** meets every Wednesday in White Rock. Formed one year ago, the group of about 26 members draw from live models. Call Kathy at 531-9427 if you are interested in joining.

*In the next issue, we'll feature art clubs in the Vancouver, Richmond, New Westminster and Burnaby areas.* 🖌️

## Famous quotes

*"If my husband  
would ever meet a woman on the street  
who looked like the women  
in his paintings,  
he would fall over in a dead faint."*

*-- Mrs. Pablo Picasso*

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●**Harrison:** July 4-13, *Nineteenth annual Harrison Festival of the Arts*, organized by the Harrison Festival Society. The Festival includes a large Art Exhibit area featuring individual and group shows of local and international artists. On weekends, the Festival presents a juried Art Market along the beach. Contact Ed Stenson at (604) 796-3664 for more information, and to become involved.

●**Langley/Fort Langley:** August 23, *Arts Alive*, sponsored by the Downtown Langley Merchant's Association, is an outdoor Arts Exhibit. Artists interested in displaying their work, call 530-4833 for more information.

## We'd like to hear from you!

Please give us your news, comments, suggestions, ideas, praises (especially those), criticisms (be easy on those), and your advice.

Call, write or fax us; Phone (604)581-8653, fax (604)582-4035, or write to the Artist's Journal, 15902-100A Avenue, Surrey, BC., V4N 2P5.

## Expand your arts vocabulary . . .

**Craquelure** (*krak loōr'*) -- The fine cracks and lines that may appear when the surface of an oil painting eventually becomes brittle with age.

**Diptych** (*dip' tik*) -- A hinged pair of panels, which feature paintings or are decorated in other ways.

**Modello** -- A preliminary sketch or painting designed to provide an idea of the final appearance of a commissioned work.

**Oeuvre** (*oe' vrə*) -- The total output of a particular artist; a life's work.

**Putto** (*pōō' tō*) -- A male child, often similar in appearance to Cupid, used as a decorative motif in painting or sculpture. 🖌️

## Drawing tip . . .

To avoid smearing with their hand, artists cover completed areas of their work with a sheet of paper. Another idea is to rest your hand on an elevated object as you work on your drawing. With strips of cloth, pad one end of a narrow stick or dowel, so that it is raised from the table surface. Rest your hand on it as you work, to keep it off the paper. This method won't interfere with good hand control. 🖌️

tion. In the month of August, *Art Walk* (also sponsored by the Merchant's Association) is an opportunity for art lovers to view art for sale, and being created, in various locations. Artists wanting to participate, call 530-4833 for information.

**Sperling Artist Run Centre**, in Langley, encourages artists to contact their Centre if they are interested in showing in their Gallery. Contact Adam at 888-8391.

**The Crafter's Marketplace** in Langley and Surrey is an ongoing indoor craft mall, offering a unique opportunity for artists to show and sell their work. Monthly booth charges apply. Call (604)532-7011 (Langley) or (604)572-9885 (Surrey) for more information.

●**New Westminster:** The Arts Council of New Westminster is accepting applications for exhibitions in their gallery for 1998. Exhibitors must be current members of the Arts Council of New Westminster. For more information on how to apply, call 525-3244.

●**Surrey:** June 29 - September 21, *Art-In-The-Park*, organized by the Surrey Art Gallery, is held every Sunday 10am-5pm at Bear Creek Park. Contact Ingrid Kolt at 501-5193 for this chance to display and sell your work.

●**White Rock:** May 23-25, *Sixteenth Annual Mayfair '97*, exhibition and family fair. Booth space is available for artists. Call (604) 536-6844. 🖌️

Arts Councils and public art galleries are always in need of volunteers. If you have some time to spare, check with your area's Arts Council, or drop into your municipal gallery and ask how you may help. (Councils are listed on the back page).

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# Tip corner

If you plan to store your acrylic paints after mixing them with water, use distilled water. Cover the palette securely. Ordinary tap water, as well as humidity, can cause mould to grow on the paints.

(Source: *Acrylic Painting Techniques*, Earl Grenville Killeen.)

Misplaced your kneaded eraser? Don't fret. Grab a piece of bread -- it works just as well to correct errors in your pastel drawing. Squeeze a piece of soft white bread between your fingers until it has the consistency of a kneaded eraser. Dab the bread onto the surface to lift off the pastel. Never use an ordinary rubber eraser, as this can push the particles of pigment deeper into the paper, and damage the paper as well.

(Source: *Hazel Harrison, Pastel School*.)

Art shows, always chat to visitors who browse through your work. If they seem interested, but aren't buying, ask if they'd give you their name, address and telephone number. Tell them you'd like to let them know the next time you'll be showing in their area. With their consent, you can add their name to your mailing list for future reference.

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## Famous quotes

*"All the really good ideas I ever had came to me while I was milking a cow."*  
- Grant Wood

## Quick quiz . . .


Which well-known painting has been the subject of many humorous likenesses?

Answer: *American Gothic*. (The painting by Grant Wood shows a gaunt farmer and a woman standing side-by-side before a farmhouse. The man holds a pitchfork and both are wearing severe facial expressions.)

How long did it take Michelangelo to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?

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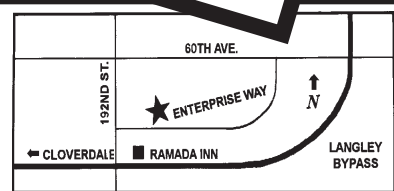
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● **Classified deadline for next issue: Aug. 20**

## Arts Councils

In order to meet our deadline for this introductory issue, we may have missed events occurring during the summer months. However, the Arts Councils listed below can provide information if you'd like to know what's happening in a particular area this summer. These Councils can also help you contact their member art clubs.

Abbotsford Arts Council (604)852-9358.  
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**Deadline for September issue, (news, classifieds and display ads) is August 20**

## Calling demo artists . . .

Artists wanting to do demonstrations, or art groups looking for demo artists, are encouraged to make use of this column. There's no charge -- so call, write or fax. Phone (604)581-8653, fax (604)582-4035, or write to the *Artist's Journal*, 15902-100A Avenue, Surrey, BC., V4N 2P5.