

Serious Fun Creativity Inspiration

Coworking Space for Artists Art Shows Fine Art Classes

Parties Paint Nights Weddings & Events Corporate Team Building



100 Braid St Studios is an inclusive co-working art studio for New Westminister and Lower Mainland artists that allows visitors to be inspired and to learn from the artists practicing in the studio. Studio artists produce fine art & craft in the form of paintings, sculpture, fibre, jewellery making, photography, and mixed media. The Studio also provides an alternative venue for corporate team building, private meetings and celebratory events.

As our philosophy is the expansion of the dialog around the ever-blurring boundaries and continuum of art to craft we provide three programs that foster creativity:

1. Painting or Craft workshops focus on the fun and social aspects of getting together in a group to produce art.
2. Fine art classes cover the basics of a number of painting techniques, colour theory and artistic exploration. Our monthly critique program provides feedback and insight for artists who wish to better their practice.
3. In partnership with the Arts Council of New Westminister and the New Westminister Chamber of Commerce we hold monthly workshops designed to provide professional development for creative entrepreneurs.



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2016

Resident Artists in the Studio

Judith Copland	Tony Durke	Omanie Elias	Susan L. Greig	Rachael Hatala
Karen Justice	Michael King	Victoria Klassen	Iris Mes Low	Jenna Mhairi
Merina Paton	Mardell Rampton	Fiona Tamp	Terra Varey	Judy Villett

Teachers

Cliff Blank	Brenda Hatch	Iris Mes Low	Michael King	Carla Thompson
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2016 has a challenging year. In January it came to our attention that Urban Academy and Wesgroup were making a bid to purchase the 100 Braid St property, with the eventual tear down of the property. Throughout the city process and community feedback it became clear Wesgroup heard and took seriously the cities concern about the future of the studio. Support from the Arts Council & local arts groups was key and most appreciated with the end result in a future art space that would benefit the community long term and public art that would pay homage to the history of the building.

In late August the sale of the property was completed & our five year lease was transferred to Wesgroup. Significant building code issues came to light at that time which then put the event & weddings portion of the Studios business at risk. Without events the business would not be viable. City staff made efforts to work with us on solutions, but there was still a great deal of work to be done for a new business.

Once Wesgroup took possession of the property they became fully aware of the situation and engaged a building code consultant to determine upgrades that needed to be made. Wesgroup has generously committed to doing these upgrades to the building.

By going ahead with the upgrades to the 100 Braid St property, they have invested in our business and the businesses of the over 20 local artists & teachers who share the space; they have made an investment in the lives of the many local couples who start their married lives here, the local non-profit groups who hold fundraisers here, the music groups who practice here, the local citizens who come here for entertainment and art education and therefore, above all, Wesgroup has invested in the arts and cultural fabric of the city of New Westminster. And at 100 Braid St we can get on with inspiring people with art in 2017 and beyond.

2016

Public Paint & Sip Nights: 2-6 each month

Team Bonding Painting events: 1-5 each month

Fine Art Classes: Monthly Oils, Acrylics, IPad Art, Pastels, Watercolors, Color Theory

Fine Craft Classes: Monthly Knitting, Crochet, Arm Knitting, Jewelry design, Cross stitch

UFO & WiP's Nights (Unfinished Objects) Drop in Nights: 2 per month

Art Critique with PleinAirBC, Michael King: Monthly

Artoventions: Monthly Feb-June and Sept-Nov

This program is supported by the Arts Council of New West and the New West Chamber of Commerce. Topics have included Beginners Social Media, Taxes for Creatives, Marketing, Finding Your Tribe, Advanced Social Media,

First Saturday Open Studios: Monthly

This program established by former directors of the Eastside Cultural Crawl encourages the public to visit working art studios each month. We have anywhere from 5-30 people who attend.

Events: PosAbilities Paint & Sip Night; Royal City Farmers Market Fresh Paint event; Royal City Musical Theatre fundraiser; Laughter Zone "Done is better than Perfect" Comedy Event; My Artists Corner Art Show; Mila & Paige Fashion Show, Creations & Libations New Westminster Chamber of Commerce Networking event; Feast on the Fraser – "Made in New West Night" partnership with Central City Brewing, Fratelli Bakery, Take Five Café NW, Cloud Nine Bakery, Fat Paint; Quayside Voices Concert;

Private Events: Weekend events run from Baby Showers to End of Life Celebrations, weddings, and fundraisers

Heritage Home Tour: 100 Braid St was delighted to be on the tour to showcase the history of the building and participate in the Arts Councils Art program for each location. We estimate an average of 600 people during the day; art was sold during the event.

New Westminster Cultural Crawl: We were delighted to have on average 400 people per day visit the studio. Art sales were brisk and we sold everything from small items to large paintings.

Programs & Organizations we support:

Artism: art classes for children, youth and adults with autism has been suspended.

Camp Kerry Society: has been chosen as the charity which we will support for the coming year or longer. In June, the studio hosted a Youth/Teen art retreat. The current goal is to replace art supplies that were damaged in a flood.

My Artists Corner Art Show

Rehearsal Space for Quayside Voices : we have invited this vocal music group to become resident artists at the studio.