



Artists in the Boro

Report for Arts Council of New Westminster AGM ~ November 2016

This Queensborough-based group—formed in 2011 for those creating original work in various visual art media, including painting, photography, textiles, jewelry, ceramics and more—has had another busy year since last November.

Mandate/purpose statement: “Artists in the Boro is a group inclusive of all visual art media, which endeavours—through meetings, workshops, public events and other forums—to discover, promote and celebrate the creative talents of artists residing, working or otherwise involved in the unique community of Queensborough in New Westminster, BC.” **Meetings** are held at 7:00 pm on the **third Tuesday** of the month from January to November, in the Poplar Room at the Queensborough Community Centre (920 Ewen Avenue, New Westminster).

2016 Events & Activities: The AB group continues to curate and install an exhibit in the QCC Hub’s ‘Art in the Atrium’ Gallery space on a 3-month rotational basis. Displays over the past year have included:

- **Abstractions** (September through November 2015)



- **All That Glitters** (December 2015 through February 2016)



- **Getting Emotional** (June through August)



- **Shapes & Reflections** (September through November)

- AB hosted a *Critters & Creatures* art activity table at the **Queensborough Children’s Festival** in June. Rain took us indoors this time, but creative spirits weren’t dampened!
- Jointly hosted by Artists in the Boro and the Port Royal Community Garden Society, the annual **Art in Bloom & English Tea Party** New West Cultural Crawl event was once again very popular, with artwork galore, live music and complimentary refreshments in the garden enjoyed by all.
- We held a hands-on **metal embossing** workshop in April, led by AB member Maya Vuppala and will participate in a group session to create **Artist Trading Cards** on November 15th.

We look forward to a number of the above events in **2017**, as well as more exhibits in the QCC’s gallery space and our 2nd “**Arty Afternoon**” event on February 18th for local children ages 6 to 9. (Our first one had a waiting list; the creations were hung in the QCC gallery space from March–May.)

The **Artists in the Boro** group is a proud member of the **Arts Council of New Westminster**. For more info, please **contact** the AB Chair at karenjustice@shaw.ca and visit our website at artistsintheboro.ca