

Artists in the Boro

Report for Arts Council of New Westminster AGM ~ November 2017

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

<u>Mandate/purpose statement</u>: "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 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from Jan to Nov at the Queensborough Community Centre (920 Ewen Avenue, New Westminster).

2017 Events & Activities: The AB group continues to curate and install exhibits in the QCC Hub's 'Art in the Atrium' Gallery space on a 3-month rotational basis. Themes over the past year included:

Animal Attraction (Dec/16 thru Feb)

Perspectives (March thru May)

Mini-Masterpieces (Jun thru Aug)

Making Music (Sept thru Nov)





Our 2nd annual **Arty Afternoon** for local children in February at the QCC had full registration. Projects included *Mask Mania* and *Making Funny Faces* and images from the latter were used for a box wrap design on the QCC's west side, facing Queen Elizabeth Elementary School. **Plus...**

- Jointly hosted by AB and the Port Royal Community Garden Society, the **Art in Bloom & Mad Hatter's Tea** New West Cultural Crawl event was especially well attended, thanks in part to the trial of the Q2Q ferry. Artwork was featured in the garden courtyard, along with live music by the "Harmony Honeys," complimentary refreshments and hat decorating.
- This past summer we ran two fun **Family Art in the Park** events: Beautiful Bubble Art and Marvellous Mini-Art, both funded by the ACNW's ArtsToGo Program.
- An enjoyable hands-on collage workshop was held for members in May, led by New West artist Katherine Freund, and we look forward to Cecelia Louie's session on quilling (not quilting) coming up next month.

Plans are in the works for 2018! For more info, **contact** the AB Chair at karenjustice@shaw.ca and visit our website at artistsintheboro.ca



