



NWA – New West Artists 2017

Through connection, education, and promotion, this Lower Mainland non-profit society inspires, encourages, and celebrates visual artists. New West Artists welcomes visual artists of all levels, from hobby artists to full-time professional veterans, from anywhere.

Annual membership is currently \$20, which helps cover advertising expenses, venue rentals, and supplies. We have 61 paid up members.

The 2017 Board executive consisted of new President Tiffany Prince who oversaw general operations of the organization, event coordination, and show design.

Janet Kvammen continued on as Vice President and provided the majority of the social media content for the group, assisted with event coordination and community events.

Teresa Morton was Secretary taking meeting minutes.

Penny McIvor as Treasurer / accounting, keeping track of show fees, outgoing expenses and incoming sponsorships.

The remainder of the board included Lavana LaBrey – Membership, Elena Zhukova – graphic design, Elieen Pick- bookings, as well as Dale Nicol and Zabrina Metheral as Directors at large helping with planning, events, and show hangs.

2017 was an extraordinarily busy year for the New West Artists with the following shows and events taking place:

March 12-28 – Surprise! Pop up Art show

This show was organized within two weeks and included 14 artists of all levels.

May 26 – June 26 – ABSTRACT

This show was made up of all abstract artwork and included an opening reception/ networking event which saw over 75 people come through the first night. 15 artists were involved.

June 11 – Sapperton Day

The NWA had an art display as part of Sapperton Day. Over 10 artists participated.

July 1st- 3rd – Canada Day: Celebration of the Arts

First showing at the pop up space, this show had a Canada / New West theme. 11 artists participated.

July 15th – 18th – Summer Sensations

Another show at the pop up with a loose Summer theme. 12 artists participated.

July 26th – Uptown Live

NWA hosted a community mural which was designed by new member Michelle Dall. Over 300 members of the community came by to take part in the mural.

August 12th-13th – New West Cultural Crawl

One of the biggest events of the year was the New West Cultural Crawl where the NWA exhibited at the Anvil Center in downtown New West. This show was a major success for many and included displays by 20 NWA artists.

August 28th- September 4th – Art Squared

This show was open to the public and you did not need to be a member. This show was free to participate and included over 30 artists!

October 21st – November 22nd – Black & White

The most recent show had a Black & White theme and was held at the Network Hub at River Market. 15 artists participated.

2017 was an amazing year for community support for the NWA. We would like to thank our various sponsors: The Network Hub, The Hyack Association, Uptown Business Association, Uptown Live Festival, Steel & Oak Brewing, Minute Man Press, BC Building Science, Brick & Motor Living and of course the Arts Council of New West who really went above and beyond with support for our group this year

New West Artists look forward to a prosperous 2018 which includes an exhibition at the Anvil Center Community gallery space. This NWA exhibition is titled "Limitless" and will encourage members to go outside of their comfort zone creatively and try something new.

Our final show for the year will be "The Best of NWA" which opens November 24th at the Network Hub at River Market. This reception will also serve as our holiday celebration and we invite everyone to come down and celebrate an amazing 2017!