

NEW WEST ARTISTS

NWA GALLERY ON 12TH STREET

712C Twelfth Street • New Westminster, BC V3M 4J6

inspire • encourage • celebrate • connect • educate • promote



2019

has been an explosion of evolution and expansion and brand new ideas. NWA is bursting with activity in the community and continues to grow far beyond anything anyone ever imagined.

THE NWA Gallery on 12th Street

Our little shop of arts

watercolours • acrylics • oils • mixed media • ink • jewellery • photography • textile work • beadwork • woodcarving

Approximately 20 artists exhibit their work every month. Events have included meditation groups, paint and sip nights, paint and pour nights, musical concerts, poetry readings, Life Drawing sessions, "Drop in and Do Art", a six-session drawing course, several book launches, as well as Cat Musings, a monthly Variety Open Mic night. Every week we feature an "Artist of the Week" in our window.

Space is available for rental for members and for community workshops and meetings.

NWA has opened our gallery to local musicians, and we enjoy concerts by **Moonlight Poet Bob Westfall** with **Jim Ferguson**; **Bushy Park** with **Shannon and Stephanie**; country band **Soda Crackers**. On November 30, we are thrilled to feature **Quayside Voices**.

On **July 7**, we celebrated our seven-month-iversary, which was well attended and included surprise guests **MP Peter Julian**, **Chief Rhonda Larrabee**, and several city councillors.

As well, we participated in **Canada Day** at Queen's Park and **Music by the River** in July and **Pride New West** in August. In August's **NEW WEST CULTURAL CRAWL**, we collaborated with **Renaissance Books** and **Impact Consignment** so we could offer a larger, sidewalk venue for this year's Crawl. We presented **Ekphrastic poetry** and a children's event at the Gallery during **BC Cultures Days** in September.

A craft sale, planned for two Sundays in November, is drawing a good response.

We're looking forward to our **December 2019 PopUp**, "**Let it Snow**", featuring winter-themed artwork.

Our holiday season gathering will be held jointly with RCLAS (The Royal City Literary Arts Society) on Saturday, December 14 from 1 to 6 p.m. at The NWA Gallery on 12th Street. You're all invited!

Vice President Janet Kvammen notes, "I am so proud of all we have accomplished in 2019. The Gallery on 12th is a dream come true for many of us, and I thank everyone who has helped to make it happen. We are all volunteers, and I appreciate each of you. Thanks to those who have supported us throughout the year. I look forward to seeing you at our 'little gallery that could' over the holidays. Show our local artists some love!"

The NWA Society

At The Network Hub at River Market, NWA presented ongoing displays: **Green It Is**, **Flower Power**, **Black & White**, and **Fantasmajorica**. Art Squared was revived at Queensborough's Art in the Atrium.

Many NWA artists open their own studios to the public. Individually, artists also exhibited at numerous venues around the Lower Mainland; several were successful exhibitors at **100 Braid Street's IAD** this October.

Meetings have been held nearly every month, where we share information about NWA exhibits; sign up for NWA shows; announce calls to artists; promote our own work, and connect with other artists.

One needn't be a member to attend any of our meetings; however, membership is a requirement to exhibit in any NWA show. **Annual membership**, which helps cover advertising expenses, venue rentals, supplies, and some exhibition entry fees, is **currently \$30**. We have 60 paid-up members, some of whom are generous patrons offering support.

NWA is very lucky to have a willing and dedicated executive team working with President **Julia Schoennagel**, who administers both the Society and our gallery. Enormous acclaim goes to Vice President **Janet Kvammen** for keeping our events front and foremost on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, in the local papers, and wherever else she turns up. Janet is also our primary show co-ordinator. Secretary **Teresa Morton** takes our minutes and keeps us on track at our meetings. **Lavana LaBrey** maintained our membership list and helped co-ordinate shows until September, after which we welcomed **Brandi Williams** as membership manager. **Jacky Hosford** and **Sandi Walton** both did stellar jobs coordinating gallery exhibitors; this position is open once again. Thanks to past treasurer, **Bruce Greig**, for his suggestions. **Alannah Haynes** has joined us as our new money manager. Our friendly ambassador **Eileen Pick** attends almost every NWA event. Exhibiting artists and members volunteer at every show and the gallery to share the workload and we are appreciative of everyone's efforts.

President Julia Schoennagel says, "When we first considered the idea of a gallery, we had no inkling our members would embrace the concept or that it would be so incredibly successful so very quickly. We offer a place for local, newly developing artists to showcase their work in an affordable, friendly venue. This chance is not found anywhere else in the city and we are indebted to everyone who has made it so."

As always, we are most especially grateful for the continued support of the **Arts Council of New Westminster**, the **Arts Commission**, and **Stephen O'Shea** in particular.



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