

2018 Arts Council of Surrey Activities Report

President's Message

2018 was a great 51st year for the Arts Council of Surrey (ACS). January started off by featuring the Surrey Photography Club's show "Multiple Exposures" in the Newton Cultural Gallery from January 3 – 30.

Local artist Gail Biddle was featured in Member of Parliament Sukh Dhaliwal's constituency office in February, which has been a strong partnership in providing exposure for artists.

The 50th anniversary legacy project, 'Arts Spot' came to life in March. There are two 'Art Spots' in Surrey. The first one is located at the corner of 72nd and King George Blvd. near the home of the ACS. The second is featured at the corner of 88th and King George Blvd. near the Surrey Art Gallery. You will notice that all four corners of the street feature a different colour on the sidewalk. Green represents that an arts and culture centre are located nearby.



"Just Chairs" was featured in April at the Newton Cultural Centre gallery from April 4 – 29. The artwork created reflects how artists choose to interpret the theme, "Just Chairs".

Leah Murray teamed up with the ACS and started hosting her, 'Artist Marketing Maker Space Workshop' which allowed for ACS members to take part in these free monthly workshops packed with valuable information.

May was a very busy month with all the spring and summer events starting to take place. Surrey International Children's Festival took place May 24 – 26. The Community Spirit Stage partnered with the ACS, to help gather local and emerging talent. The Cloverdale Market Days kick started the season with the first market taking place on May 26 with the ACS Creative Showcase featuring ACS artists and crafters. The Fraser Valley Heritage Railway (FVHR) teamed up with the ACS to feature the first ever "Paint the Train" juried arts competition. The FVHR invited artists to create artwork based off of the interurban railway that was running up until 1955.

June had the ACS teamed up with Vinoscenti Vineyards to create the first ever Three Seasons Juried Competition and Exhibition of Visual Arts. The artists participating in the competition met up for the first time on June 15 at the launch party. Also, the second ACS Creative Showcase was hosted on June 23 at the Cloverdale Market Days. Finally, the Arts 2018 reception took place on June 29th with the exhibition running from June 30 – Sept 1 at the Surrey Art Gallery.

July was as always, a very busy month for the ACS. We were happy to spend Canada Day at the Bill Reid Millennium Amphitheatre. The ACS tent has various activities taking place to celebrate the Arts and Canada's Birthday. The progress party for Vinoscenti took place on July 18th. Participating artists showed up to the vineyard and did live plein air painting. The weekend of July 21 was especially busy with both the ACS Creative Showcase happening on Saturday and Fusion Festival

taking place over the course of both days that weekend. The Canada Pavilion consisting of both the ACS and Association Francophone de Surrey was hosting various activities to represent Canada.

As the summer wound down, August was a more relaxed month with the 3rd ACS Creative Showcase taking place on August 18 at the Cloverdale Market Days. Vinoscenti Three Season's hosted the closing awards event on August 25.

September saw the last ACS Creative Showcase of the season taking place on September 22. The Work of Art Conference took place on October 14 featuring a great turn out of attendees and speaker representing their wisdom in various creative fields.

October's gallery exhibit was "Into the Mystic". The gallery show in November was "My Favorite Things" by Amy Lee.

We end the year off with our ACS Christmas Card Art & Words Competition, winning visual artist was Ryan Broderick and the verse artist was Helga Parekh they were featured on the Christmas cards we gave out to all members to wish them a happy holiday.

We are grateful to our members, business sponsors, volunteers, and to the community at large for their continuing support of the Arts Council and for their contribution to the fostering and growth of the arts in Surrey

Check out our legacy project: "The first two Art Spots in North America"



Description of Events



Just Chairs 2018: A juried exhibition created by the Arts Council of Surrey. The exhibition was featured in the ACS Gallery, Newton Cultural Centre from April 4 – April 29. The exhibition called for artists to create images of chairs which were open for interpretation. It was great to see the mix of different mediums that artists chose to express the theme of the show.

Surrey International Children’s Festival took place from May 24 – 26. The ACS teamed up with the Surrey International Children’s Festival to help find a variety of talent for the Community Spirit Stage. The weather was amazing, and the event was a great success. The festival has a variety of entertainment for all ages including lots of cool free activities that help promote creativity in youth.



ARTS 2018

A JURIED EXHIBITION OF VISUAL ART

Arts 2018: A juried art competition in which the Arts Council of Surrey teamed up with the Surrey Art Gallery to invite artists to enter works of art created in various mediums. The artwork was to be based on the criteria that artist make artwork for different reasons and from different experiences. This is one of the most requested art competitions each year. 2018 saw just over 200 artists apply. The exhibition ran from June 30 – September 1 at the Surrey Art Centre.

Cloverdale Market Days ACS Creative Showcase: The Arts Council of Surrey teamed up with the Cloverdale Arts and Entertainment Association. This year was the first year we decided to take a different approach and invite artisans and crafters to take part in the market days. For the first time ever ACS vendors were invited on the street with the other vendors. This allowed the artist and crafters to experience a constant flow of traffic. The market took place May 26, June 23, July 21, August 18, and September 22.

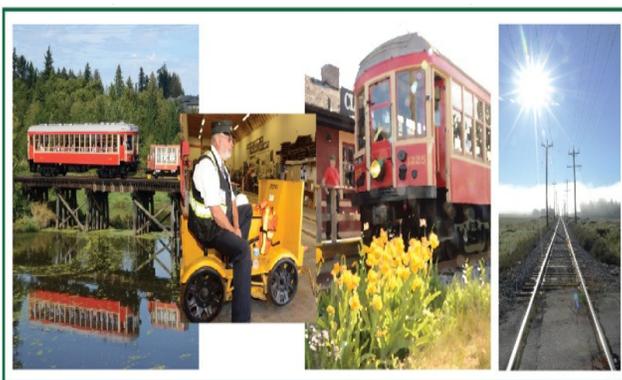


Canada Day 2018 featured a variety of activities to partake in while visiting the Canada Pavilion (ACS) tent. There was steady flow of visitors throughout the day. The weather overall was very pleasant and didn't affect the turnout of visitors to the Surrey Canada Celebration hosted at the Bill Reid Millennium Amphitheatre in Cloverdale.



Fusion Festival 2018 takes place at Holland Park in Surrey from July 21 – 22. The Canada Pavilion won, "Best Dressed Pavilion" ACS teamed up with Association Francophone de Surrey to help create a pavilion this year that represents women of all nationalities and talents from all 10 provinces and 3 territories across Canada, spanning over a period of 100 years. Crafting station, face painting, hour raffle ticket draws, and various other activities took place in the tent.

Vinoscenti Vineyards teamed up with the ACS to help promote the first ever *Three Seasons Juried Competition and Exhibition of Visual Arts*. The artists meet up at the vineyard over the course of three months. June 15 was the launch party inviting all artists and visitors to the vineyard. July 20 was the progress party, participating artists painted plein air at the vineyard. Winning artists were announced on August 25. Dr. Lee who runs the vineyard based the competition off of, "Joi De Vivre" Joy of Life and the winning artwork was handed over to the vineyard in exchange for a combination cash prize and sponsored gifts.



The first ever, "**Paint the Train**" juried art competition between the ACS and Fraser Valley Heritage Railway (FVHR) took place. Artists were asked to visit the FVHR to get a better understanding of the criteria for the artwork. All artwork submitted was to be based off of the, "Interurban Railway" The competition brought a great variety of styles and interpretations of the railway. Winning artwork traveled around downtown Cloverdale to various businesses like the Royal Bank of British Columbia, Cloverdale BIA, Surrey Archives, the FVHR, and the Honey Bee Centre's Beestro.

Dance & Wellness workshop sponsored in part by the Surrey Festival of Dance and the Arts Council of Surrey was featured at the Newton Cultural Centre September 29th & 30th. The event provided 13 professional instructors in the dance, health and wellness field over the two day event. A special thank you to the City of Surrey cultural grant program that help to make the event very affordable to the youth in our community.



The Work of Art Conference 2018 is a full day art conference hosted by the ACS at the Newton Cultural Centre. The conference took place on October 14, 9 – 4:30pm and included lunch. To help support all artists we had sessions available for visual, performing, and literary arts. The focus of the conference was to help artists improve their business skills in the field in which they are most interested.

ACS Christmas Card Art & Words Competition is featured at the Newton Cultural Centre gallery each December. The selection of works submitted is always a hard choice for jurors since the submitted pieces capture the warmth of the season. The ACS jury is responsible for choosing one winning visual piece and one winning verse or prose piece. Each winning artist was given 25 greeting cards made up of the winning artwork and winning verse. We send these greeting cards out to all our ACS members to wish them a happy holiday.

