



Youth Arts Council of Surrey 2020

YACOS continues to participate in visual, performance and literary arts in our community. We are always appreciative of the continued support of the Arts Council of Surrey and their mentorship of youth aged 13-21 living and/or attending school in Surrey.

As in many areas of community arts, YACOS was challenged by COVID - 19 in 2020. We managed to get in three events before things started to get cancelled.



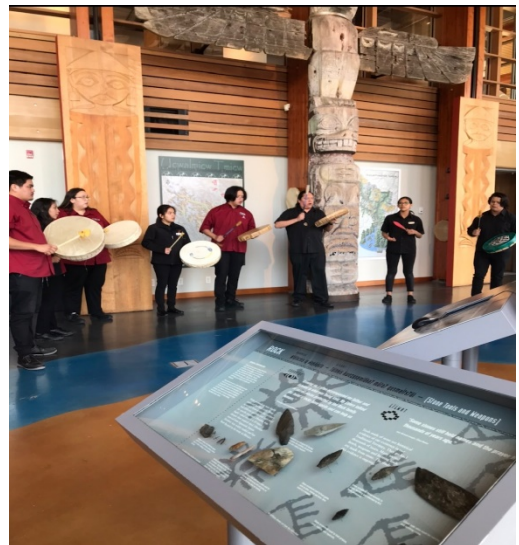
Artist Garage Sale

The first event on January 11, was the second annual Artist Garage Sale fundraiser, where new and nearly-new art related items are sold in the Newton Cultural Centre theatre space (once an actual garage!). YACOS revenue comes from the sale of donated items, table rental for those who'd like to sell their own items and admission by donation.

Warm beverages and light snacks are offered as well as three donated door prizes. YACOS made almost \$400 at this event.

Trip to Whistler

Our second event was our annual bus trip to Whistler to visit museums, galleries and cultural centres on February 22. This is an all-day event with bus fare, meals and admission to the centres, sponsored by YACOS. We visited the Audain Art Museum, the Squamish Lil'wet Culture Centre and a couple of smaller galleries nearby. It was a sunny day with snow all around, perfect for walking from to and from our destinations. We had lunch, took in the sites and had a relaxing bus ride home.





Surrey Steps Up

Our third event on March 6, was Surrey Steps Up, an annual showcase of the positive impact youth has on the city. YACOS set up a table in the atrium of City Hall, with our display board, Spotlight magazines, YACOS membership forms and some visual art pieces by member, Desmond Tompkins. We had quite a few opportunities to engage with the public to let them know about YACOS and the ACS. There was a great turnout and we are planning on making this an annual event for YACOS. We also had a free draw for a Tim Hortons gift card.

Something To Celebrate

YACOS was nominated and became a finalist in the Arts & Innovation Category for the Surrey Board of Trade's Arts and Business Awards! We are very thrilled with this honour and thank the Surrey Board of Trade for the nomination.

Much appreciation goes to the youth, past coordinators, mentors, and community members who have participated in, and supported this organization since 2004.

Special thanks to Barbara Gould for the dream and the Arts Council of Surrey, whose ongoing contributions help Surrey youth experience opportunities in literary, performing and visual arts.



Looking Ahead to 2021:

We are looking ahead to, hopefully, more in person events in 2021. If we still need to safely stay apart, YACOS has a few ideas in the works that can happen either virtually or in person:

- * Mixed media collage workshop: Send out PDF of printable collage page and have youth create their own work on zoom.
- * Have a film showing through zoom. Youth can vote on a diverse film to watch.
- * Do an art swap where we mail each other drawings/paintings.

Many thanks to everyone for supporting YACOS in 2020!