

2021 Arts Council of Surrey Activities Report

President's Message

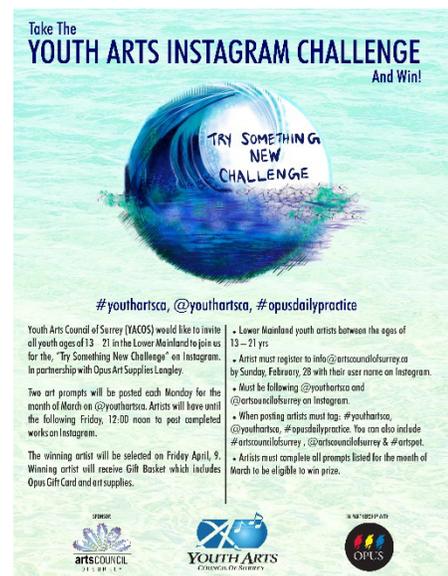
2021 was the 54th year for the Arts Council of Surrey (ACS). It started off with the ACS Gallery in January featuring Photographer/ Digital Artist Jim Hatch on display from January 6 – 30 at the Newton Cultural Centre (NCC). ACS supporter Carol Poole passed away in late 2020 which was really sad news since she had a strong presence in the arts community, and will greatly be missed.



The ACS Instructional' Series videos kicked off 2021 on the ACS website by featuring three artists Savannah J. Goins; 'Creating 'Fantasy' Vocabulary', Wendy Mould; 'Building Drawing Skills: With a Treasure Hunt', and Melissa Peacock; 'Acrylic Pour In An Art Journal.'

The ACS Gallery in February featured both Carla Maskall 'Pandemic Projects' and Patricia Sparks 'Soulful', February 3 – 27. ACS Gallery Talk with both artists was posted on the ACS website February 8, 2021.

Youth Arts Council of Surrey (YACOS) and ACS partnered with Opus Art Supplies to create the "Try Something New Art Challenge" this challenge brought together youth ages 13 – 21 years of age on Instagram to draw creative inspiration from prompts that were posted each Monday for the month of March. Artists had until that following Friday to post completed works on Instagram. Two winning artists were selected at the end of the challenge on Friday April 9 to win one of two Opus Art Supplies gift cards and gift baskets of art supplies. Rules of engagement were that the artists must be following the Youth Arts Council of Surrey and Arts Council of Surrey on Instagram, must tag #youthartsca, @youthartsca, #opusdailypractice, #artscouncilofsurrey.



“art...Apart” came to life when we needed to find a way to stay connected with all our members. We asked members of the ACS to submit an image and short write up on something they were doing while we were apart. With positive feedback from members we have continued to host it every few months in the ACS Spotlight on the Arts Magazine.

Together...apART a juried virtual art exhibition featured in the March issue of Spotlight on the Arts Magazine.



SURREY Festival of Dance OF Dance

Surrey Festival of Dance celebrated its 54th annual event going virtual for the first time. The Festival ran from April 7 – 28, 2021.

“Just Bags” is a juried exhibition created by the Arts Council of Surrey (ACS). The exhibition was featured in the ACS Gallery at the Newton Cultural Centre from April 1 – 29. The artwork created reflects how artists choose to interpret the theme “Just Bags”. ACS Gallery Talk video was posted on the ACS website on April 12, 2021.



May featured artists Alison Philpott’s show titled, “Yes! Its Coloured Pencil” and Wendy Schmidt’s show titled “Westcoast Wildlife”. The exhibition ran from May 1 – 29, visitors could visit the exhibit by appointment only. Entry deadline to partake in the Arts 2021 was Friday May 7, 2021, 1:00pm.

ARTS 2021

A JURIED EXHIBITION OF VISUAL ARTS

Arts 2021 is a juried exhibition where the Arts Council of Surrey teams up with the Surrey Art Gallery to invite artists to enter artwork. The artwork is based off the criteria that artists make artwork for different reasons and different experiences. This is one of the most requested art competitions each year. 2021 was the 36th year of the Arts2000 series. With nearly 200 pieces of artwork submitted 50 pieces were selected by a jury of professional jurors. The exhibit was featured online @artscouncilofsurrey.ca or in person at the Surrey Art Gallery by appointment only from June 5 to September 18, 2021.

The Surrey Street Art Project was funded by a United Way Local Love Grant. Surrey Street Art Project brought together 30 artists that created 3-foot by 4-foot murals or 2-foot by 4-foot murals. The theme for the murals was Nature. Artists had 10 days to create acrylic paintings using the supplies donated to them. All ages took part in the project and the selection of artwork submitted was amazing. To help make people feel more comfortable at Covid-19 vaccination centers the artwork has been put on display at various locations giving visitors to the vaccination centers something nice to look at. The event came together with the help of United Way, City of Surrey, Fraser Health, Arts Council of Surrey, Opus Art Supplies, and Studio Seventy-Three.

Surrey Street Art

Topic: NATURE

Time Challenge
2-3 Weeks For Completion

Materials Supplied: Canvas 3ft by 4ft, Paints, And Brushes

Searching For 25 Artists Of All Ages And Abilities That Would Like To Participate In Painting Artwork For Covid Centers

For more information email info@artscouncilofsurrey.ca or contact 604.594.2700

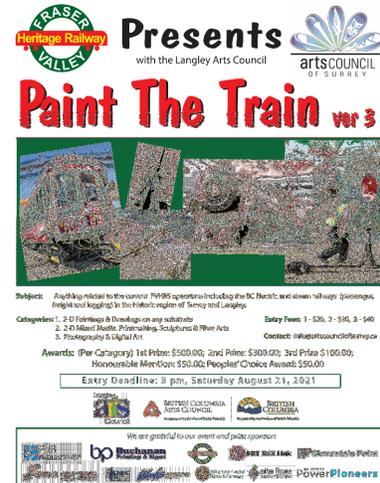
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Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 many of our yearly events were cancelled. Such as Surrey International Children’s Festival, Cloverdale Market Days, Canada Day, and Surrey Fusion Festival. In place of Fusion Festival not being able to take place in person the Festival came up with an idea to connect all the Pavilions together. They sent each Pavilion a mural painting kit in which they had two weeks to paint and return to the City of Surrey. The mural was assembled and displayed at Holland Park in Surrey from September 24 – October 24, 2021.



October was our first issue dedicated to the Literary Arts and we featured a compilation of some of our 50-word challenge entries. We asked readers to submit an excerpt from a novel, poetry, or an original work to share with our readers. We had a wide range of talented wordsmiths respond to this challenge, from published authors to emerging artists. Our Gallery featured Bob Gunning, FCA’s show titled “Summer Colours” and Helmut Gruntorad’s show titled “Journey Around the Globe” from October 1 – 28, 2021.

Arts Council of Surrey (ACS), in partnership with the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society (FVHRS) and the Langley Arts Council, presented the Paint the Train V3 juried art exhibition in November. To celebrate their 20th year, the FVHRS increased their cash awards and sponsorship packages. Judging this year's entries were professional photographer Scarlet Black, ACS Director and retired visual arts teacher Marc Pelech, and highly recognized visual artist from Langley Brian Croft.



All of the accepted artwork was on display in the ACS Gallery and online in the virtual gallery November 2 – 25, 2021. The winning pieces then travelled to Langley where they were on display at the Township of Langley Civic Centre from December 8 – January 24, 2022.

The Arts Council of Surrey invited artists and writers to submit 2D images of their original artwork or up to 8 lines of poetry or prose for a juried competition to be featured on our annual Christmas Card. First place for both visual and literary entries received 25 Christmas Cards with their image printed on the front of the card or their words printed on the inside, as well as their bio and headshots on the back of the card. The Christmas Cards were also mailed out to members to wish them Happy Holidays. All works were on display in the ACS in-person and virtual Galleries November 28 – December 12.



As we approached the year's end, the Arts Council of Surrey extended its deepest condolences to the family and friends of member Carolyn Budd-Goertzen, who passed away on Dec 2nd, 2021. Carolyn was a published writer and passionate painter who dedicated her life to her family, friends, and faith. She will be dearly missed.

ACS Staff and Board also congratulated Staff member Jenny Lewis and her partner Nic on the birth of their new baby! Emma Rose Gaylord-Lewis was born on Christmas Eve and both Mom and baby are healthy and happy.



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