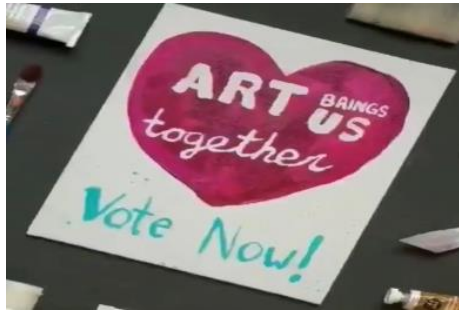




Youth Arts Council of Surrey Activity Report 2022

Covid 19 was still in our lives at the start of 2022, so we were still cautious about gathering in person. Fortunately, we've learned to at least exhibit and share visual and literary arts online.



Opus Art Supplies – Art Brings Us Together

YACOS was nominated to win one of six \$1000 gift cards in January. While YACOS didn't win one of the gift cards, we totally support this generous initiative.

The Nature of Youth-Climate Justice Through Art

Our first call to youth artists was suggested by YACOS member and visual artist, Desmond Tompkins. He envisioned an opportunity for youth artists and poets to express their feelings around climate change. We had thirteen submissions that were exhibited on the Arts Council of Surrey's website as well as in a number of their monthly magazines, Spotlight. These thoughtful and touching pieces reminded us of what kind of world we're leaving to the youth of the world.

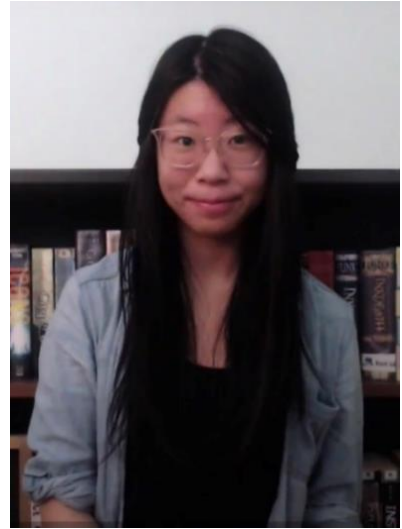
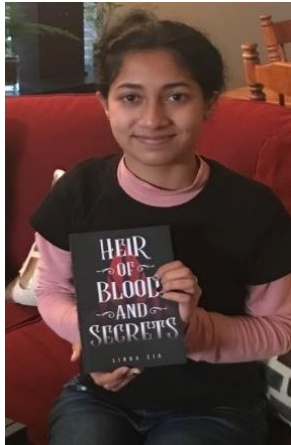


Artist Garage Sale

Our annual fund raiser, the Artist Garage Sale, was postponed to April, but was still a success. The generous donations of gently used art supplies and items from our arts community, as well as those who rented tables to sell their own artsy garage sale items made this event once again, a success. We had two great monetary donations as well, bringing our total to \$1000.00! Many thanks to all that contributed!

YACOS Alumnus Writes Her First Novel!

Linda Xia, a past YACOS member, fulfilled a dream and wrote her first novel, 'Heir of Blood and Secrets! It's wonderful when a YACOS member is able to carry on their love of the arts into their future; it makes the purpose of YACOS to support youth arts so meaningful. Linda was a past two-time winner of our Write On play writing contests, and clearly, she is continuing to excel in the writing department. YACOS decided to hold a contest to win a copy of 'Heir of Blood and Secrets' - which included a lovely, supportive inscription to the winner – for our YACOS members.



The winner was Sanjana Karthik, our oft-published Spotlight magazine poet, won Linda's book.

Arts Council of Surrey Opportunities

The Arts Council of Surrey had several opportunities for juried visual arts exhibitions in 2022, including Just Pets, Arts 2022, Christmas Card Art and Words, plus a new junior category for Paint the Train.