

Dear Friends of the Comox Valley Art Gallery,

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UPCOMING

=== Arts & Craft Gallery === October 1 – November 5, 2011

WIDE OPEN: Alberta in a Box

The Alberta Potters Association developed an exhibition titled *Alberta in a Box: Wide Open* which will run in tandem with *BC in a Box 3: the Edge of Here*. Alberta pieces will show in BC while BC pieces will show in Alberta. In an inter-provincial exchange with the Potters Guild of BC, Alberta in a Box: WIDE OPEN, an exhibit of ceramics by the Alberta Potters Association will be exhibited at Comox Valley Art Gallery. Here in Courtenay, Alberta in a Box: WIDE OPEN showcases 51 works of ceramics by 39 potters from Alberta. Each piece measures under 6” x... 6” and is created from a vast array of clay types and processes.

This show is open to all members of the APA, both emerging and established. The goal of the show is

- 1) to provide our members an opportunity to exhibit their work with other provincial members
- 2) to provide the public an overview of the wide-ranging clay investigations of some of the most provocative and eloquent potter/clay artists.

For more information, please visit both the [APA](#) and [BCPA](#) websites.

Monday Oct. 10

CLOSED for Thanksgiving - Happy Holidays!

Saturday Oct. 15

WORKSHOP: The Significant Dream Project with Cathy Stoyko

Date: Saturday October 15, 2011

Age: 12 years & over including adults

Time: 3:30pm to 5pm

Cost: \$15 - \$25 sliding scale, includes most materials

Location: CVAG Lower Level Studio

Please register in advance by October 12

The Significant Dream Project Artist Statement

"In the Fall of 2010 I posted the mail art project 'Significant Dream' and invited people to participate via flyers, snail mail, email, and postings on Mail Art websites and forums. The project itself and my art blog were inspired by a 'significant dream' that I had in 2007. Approximately 77 artists from around the globe have sent in about 100 dreams! Along with postcard sized art I have also received 2 'dream' related zines and an incredible LTR sized collage to include in the show. One of the interesting observations I have made after seeing all of the art work people have sent is the honesty in dreams. It

is one of the beautiful things about dreaming, our ego isn't involved in the same way. Another inspiring aspect about dreams is that anything is possible and that is a good reminder to carry over into our waking lives, the surrealist know this well." - Cathy Stoyko

About The Workshop

In this workshop you will get a chance to produce your own 'Significant Dream' inspired artwork. Pre-registration is required, \$15 to \$25 sliding scale. Most materials are included, but bring anything you would like to include in your work.

About The Instructor:

Cathy Stoyko operated The Abbey Gallery in Cumberland BC from 2004 - 2007. For the past 15 years she's been active in the local arts community as an artist, dancer, choreographer, mask maker, costume designer, event organizer/producer and curator. She also organizes collaborative and correspondence art projects and cabaret/performance art events.

To register, contact the gallery: curator@comoxvalleyartgallery.com or 250 338 6211

Tuesdays Oct 11+

WORKSHOP: The Figure With A Thousand Faces: Myths, Memes & The Life Model with Clive Powsey (4sessions)

Date: Tuesdays October 11th, 18th, 25th and Nov. 1

Age: Adult (18 years and over, all levels)

Time: 6:30pm to 9pm (4 sessions)

Cost: \$125 +HST, includes model fees

Location: CVAG Lower Level Studio

Please register in advance by October 8th

About The Workshop:

Classes will start with a brief slide show and then proceed to two hours of drawing from a nude model. Our interest will be in studying and representing iconic poses that have been repeated, often for millennia, and that may be steeped with meaning. Our model will strike poses both sacred and secular, from the sublime to the ridiculous, representing gods, saints, martyrs, angels, clowns, kings, despots, cover boys and girls and recurring characters from stage and film. As well as drawing these poses participants will spend some time considering where, how and why such poses manifest themselves. As well as enjoying the drawing process, participants might subsequently find they look at and draw the figure with new perspectives.

About the Instructor:

Clive Powsey studied drawing, painting and printmaking at the Ontario College of Art graduating in 1980 after spending his fourth and final year in an off-campus program in Florence, Italy. He has exhibited regularly since 1981 in solo and group exhibitions including International Waters (1991), a joint exhibition of the Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour, the American Watercolour Society, and the Royal Watercolour Society. Clive has also worked in animated film and television with screen credits as an art director and background artist/stylist.

Supply List: (students will need to bring or buy)

- All the participant's preferred drawing materials
- Newsprint pad 18" x 24" (46 cm x 61 cm)
- Drawing board to accommodate 18" x 24" newsprint pad
- Conte and or compressed charcoal
- Kneaded and/or white rubber eraser
- Some better quality paper if desired

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Sunday Oct. 16

FILM – Toronto International Film Festival: “Sarah’s Key “

5pm at the Rialto Theatre, 2665 Cliffe Ave, Courtenay (at Driftwood Mall).

[Official Site](#) [Reviews](#) [Trailer](#)

Director: Gilles Paquet-Brenner

Cast: Kristin Scott Thomas, Melusine Mayance

Year: 2011

Runtime: 111 minutes

Rated: PG-13

Genre: Drama
Country: France
Language: French (w. subtitles)

A Gala Presentation at the 2010 Toronto International Film Festival®, and based on Tatiana de Rosnay's bestselling novel of the same name, **Sarah's Key** is a fictionalized account of the actual roundups in Paris that sentenced thousands of Jewish families to their deaths. The film is a harrowing and profoundly moving tale about a terrible period of French history.

Individual film tickets are \$11 each, Available in the [CVAG Gift Shop](#), 580 Duncan Ave, Courtenay and at [Video's N More](#), 264 Anderton Road, Comox

Call us at 338 6211 for more information or to purchase passes/tickets with Visa or Mastercard. Please be aware that CVAG membership discounts cannot be used for purchasing film passes or tickets. The Film Series is a fund raiser for CVAG. No refunds. Films are subject to change.

Click for more details: <http://www.comoxvalleyartgallery.com/eventsfilms.html>

Sunday Oct. 23

FILM – Toronto International Film Festival: “Life Above All” at the Rialto Theatre

5pm at the Rialto Theatre, 2665 Cliffe Ave, Courtenay (at Driftwood Mall).

[Official Site](#) [Reviews](#) [Trailer](#)

Director: Oliver Schmitz
Cast: Khomotso Manyaka, Keabaka Makanyane
Year: 2011
Runtime: 105 minutes
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama
Country: South Africa/Germany
Language: Sotho (w. subtitles)

This official selection of the 2010 Toronto International Film Festival® and Winner of the Francois Chalais prize at the 2010 Cannes Film Festival, **Life, Above All** is a film about a little South African girl with an unimaginably big heart. South African filmmaker Oliver Schmitz (*Mapantsula*, *Paris, je t'aime*) tells the story of twelve-year-old Chanda (newcomer Khomotso Manyaka), who endures her family's burdens with unrelenting courage and unending loyalty.

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Thursday Oct. 27

EVENT: “Rocky Horror Picture Show, (1975)” screens at the CVAG!

7pm start, ticket info TBA – limited seating

Time for some Halloween dress up fun! CVAG screens the classic Rocky Horror Picture Show. Prizes for best costumes! Please bring props and be prepared to sing along!

Director: Jim Sharman
Stars: Tim Curry, Susan Sarandon and Barry Bostwick
Rated: “R”
Runtime: 100 min.
Genre: Comedy/Musical
Country: USA / UK
Language: English

A newly engaged couple have a breakdown in an isolated area and must pay a call to the bizarre residence of Dr. Frank-N-Furter, a transvestite. A place to stay is offered, but will Brad and Janet want to remain there? Especially when a large group of Transylvanians dance to the 'Time Warp', Dr. Frank-N-Furter builds his own man and a whole host of participation for the audience to enjoy.

Click here for info on the Prop list: <http://www.rockyhorror.com/participation/proplist.php>

Rice (dry only!), newspapers, flashlights, rubber gloves, noisemakers, confetti, toilet paper (dry only!), toast (dry only!), party hats, bells and playing cards.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Traditionally water pistols shooting water, hot dogs and prunes were also thrown during this film screening.

Since we are in an art gallery with sensitive materials, these items or anything wet, sticky or food related are PROHIBITED. Only dry materials that can be swept or vacuumed will be permitted!!

Thank you for respecting the gallery and artworks.

GALLERY NOTICES

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

Friday September 16

=== PUBLIC GALLERY === September 17 – November 5, 2011

A Releasing Breath

Sara Vipond (Hornby Island BC) - Drawings and prints

Joël D. (Cortes Island BC) – Sculpture



A Releasing Breath examines the physical, visceral and liminal qualities of life/death of the human body. A series of sculptural abstractions of human/animal body parts, delicate translucent drawings and a sound sculpture questions the connection (or lack thereof) of life and the beyond.

Sara Vipond holds a BFA from University of Toronto and an MFA from York University and is an instructor for North Island College and Emily Carr University.

Joël D. has a Visual Arts Diploma from Centennial College, Ontario and studied at Alberta College of Art, completing a BFA at Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.

=== GEORGE SAWCHUK GALLERY === September 17 – November 5, 2011

The Significant Dream Project Mail Art Group Exhibition

Opening Reception 7pm-9pm, some of the artists in attendance, light refreshments served

"Approximately seventy seven artists from around the globe have sent in a total of about 100 dreams! Along with postcard sized art I have also received 2 'dream' related zines and an incredible LTR sized collage to include in the show. One of the interesting observations I have made after seeing all of the art work people have sent is the honesty in dreams. It is one of the beautiful things about dreaming, our ego isn't involved in the same way. Another inspiring aspect about dreams is that anything is possible and that is a good reminder to carry over into our waking lives, the surrealist know this well."

- Guest Curator, Cathy Stoyko (in attendance)

Saturday October 15, 2001

Significant Dream Workshop with Cathy Stoyko: 3:30pm – 5pm

\$15-\$25 sliding scale

Examine your dreams with this collage and mixed media exploration. Most materials will be supplied but bringing materials you'd like to work with is encouraged.

More details to follow.

Thursday September 1 – 28

=== ARTS & CRAFT GALLERY ===

Always and Forever

Old World European inspired reliquary chest, mirrors and sculpture by YARTYS

Yartys was born and raised in Northern Alberta, Canada. He has a Diploma in Architecture, Bachelor Degrees in Industrial/Technology Education and Visual Arts (painting, ceramics & sculpture). He is Graduate of the Banff School of Fine Arts - Visual Art Department and has a Trade Qualified Ticket in Bench Work & Cabinetry

Yarty has been an instructor at U of A, Edmonton, Alberta; North Island College, BC; various high schools as well as teaching in Japan & Korea.

Most of his art work has been influenced by his extensive travels around the world. Many of his works also reflect the concerns he has about significant moral, ethical and problematic/unresolved issues of our times.

http://www.comoxvalleyartgallery.com/exhibitions2011.html#sep_nov

CVAG presents the Toronto International Film Festival series

CVAG Fall 2011 Film Series

Individual tickets are \$11 each, available in the [CVAG Gift Shop](#), 580 Duncan Ave, Courtenay and at [Video's N More](#), 264 Anderton Road, Comox

All screenings are on SUNDAYS at 5:00 pm at the Rialto Theatre, 2665 Cliffe Ave, Courtenay (at Driftwood Mall).

New: Passes and tickets are available for sale by phone, CVAG shop accepts VISA and MC

Films are as follows:

Sunday, October 16, 2011 at 5:00pm

SARAH'S KEY [Official Site](#) [Reviews](#) [Trailer](#)

Director: Gilles Paquet-Brenner, Cast: Kristin Scott Thomas, Melusine Mayance, Year: 2011,

Genre: Drama, Country: France, Language: French (w. subtitles)

Sunday, October 23, 2011 at 5:00pm

Life Above All [Official Site](#) [Reviews](#) [Trailer](#)

Director: Oliver Schmitz, Cast: Khomotso Manyaka, Keaobaka Makanyane, Year: 2011,

Genre: Drama, Country: South Africa/Germany, Language: Sotho (w. subtitles)

Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 5:00pm

CAVE OF FORGOTTEN DREAMS [Official Site](#) [Reviews](#) [Trailer](#)

Director: Werner Herzog, Cast: Werner Herzog, Dominique Baffier, Year: 2011,

Genre: Documentary, Country: Canada/USA/France/Germany/UK, Language: English, German (w. subtitles)

Click here to see full details and movie posters: www.comoxvalleyartgallery.com/eventsfilms.html

Support CVAG while you grocery shop at Quality Foods!

If you shop for groceries at Quality Foods and would like to support CVAG, please consider donation your Q points to CVAG!

It's another easy way to support the arts. Donated points would be used towards purchasing goods for our opening receptions, workshops or purchasing "rec bucks". These are dollars that can be used towards renting municipal facilities to hold our fundraising events.

When you are at the checkout, just let them know that the account is under "C.V. Art Gallery"

Thank you for your support!

GIFT SHOP NOTICES

CVAG 37th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

November 18 to December 31, 2011

Craft Fair Opening Friday November 18th, 10am to 9pm

Storewide specials all day in conjunction with Downtown Courtenay "*Christmas Magic*" on Friday November 18th.

The Craft Fair includes: Original Design Pottery, Glass, Wood, Fabric, Jewellery, Ornaments, Speciality Foods, Stocking Stuffers and Much More!

If you are interested in submitting your work to sell in our Christmas Craft Fair:

1. Fill out a [Christmas Craft Fair Registration Form](#) (PDF File) and return it to the Gallery Gift Shop
2. Read our [Helpful Hints](#) (PDF File) for the Christmas Craft Fair consignors. (These files are also available in the Gallery Gift Shop)

Initial work for the Fair is due by 4pm Tuesday, November 1st, 2011. Pick-up work after the Fair closes by 4pm Saturday, January 7th, 2012.

ABOUT the Gift Shop:

The CVAG Gift Shop offers one of the best selections of high quality handmade crafts and artwork on Vancouver Island and is the single most important fundraiser for The Gallery. We are well known as the destination for locally made personal and significant occasion gifts. Featuring the best of Comox Valley produced arts and crafts, we offer a wide selection to suit all tastes and budgets including pottery, glass, jewellery, metal work, wood work, fabric arts, paintings, prints, art cards and more.

The Gift Shop features work from close to one hundred different artists, some of which have been selling work in the shop for a great number of years and new artists are added regularly. Excellent relationships with participating artisans contribute to the success of this largely consignment retail venue. Repeat customers result from great customer service, and regular local customers bring family and friends in to visit, both the Gallery and Gift Shop.

Rhonda Burden, Gift Shop Manager

Website: www.comoxvalleyartgallery.com/shop.html

Email: shop@comoxvalleyartgallery.com

CALLS / OPPORTUNITIES

Open Call for Entries: International Mail Art Exhibition and Swap

Exhibition: November 17, 2011 - January 8, 2012

Submission Deadline: October 1, 2011 (postmark deadline)

Theme: Economy

Artists from all over the world are invited to contribute their work for the Richmond Art Gallery's Mail Art Exhibition and Swap. This exhibition is intended to be a cultural exchange, where artists exhibit their works and receive new works as part of a swap. This shared enterprise is free from the rules of the art market, and yet we ask artists to respond to the theme of "economy" in all its forms. Mail Art (aka Postal Art) is an art form where artists exchange artworks and correspondence through the mail to one another. To continue on in the tradition of this democratic art form, all entries received that follow the guidelines will be exhibited.

Guidelines:

* Artists can send up to 3 artworks (2D ONLY), sized 5" x 5" (120 x 120 mm).

* THERE IS NO PARTICIPATION FEE, EXCEPT FOR COST OF RETURN POSTAGE.

Please enclose \$3 CDN (or equivalent) for return postage and a self-addressed envelope. Canadians, enclose a Self-Addressed Stamped

Envelope.

* ORIGINAL art works only (no photocopies).

* Theme of exhibition: Economy

* Artworks will be traded at the end of the exhibition, and you will receive a 'swap'.

* All artworks will be displayed on our online gallery for one year. Your entry into this exhibition signifies that you agree to the swap and having your work displayed online.

* Include with your submission: Full name, Address, Country, Title of work, Medium, Year, E-mail address on the back of artwork(s)

Address entries to:

Mail Art Exhibition, Richmond Art Gallery, 7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond, BC V6Y 1R9, Canada

More information at: <http://www.richmondartgallery.org/mail-art-2011.php> or contact ktycholis@richmond.ca

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7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond BC V6Y 1R9, 604-247-8313, www.richmondartgallery.org

Greetings from the Cumberland Chamber & Visitor Centre!

We are now accepting applications from artisans and crafters for this year's Winter Fair at the Cumberland Recreation Hall. The date is Saturday December 3rd - 10am-4pm.

Visit this [link](#) for the application form.

We welcome application submissions from vendors of handmade goods (including food, art, music, crafts, clothing etc). All arts and crafts must be made by the vendor or the vendor's family.

- When applying, please supply photos of your work - or a link to photos on-line.
- Applications for participation will be considered by the Winter Fair selection committee and notification of approval will be sent to all applicants via email.
- Table Fees are **\$50** . We will supply an 8' table and two chairs. You must provide your own table lighting, skirting, and extension cords.

Include a **cheque** payable to the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce with your application.

- Table fees will go towards marketing, hall rental, decorating, entertainment and future community events.
- Set up for vendors will be available as of 8am on Dec 3. Set up must be complete by 9:45am.

Tear-down must take place no earlier than the marketed closing time of 4pm - **no exceptions!**

Applications & cheques can be dropped off during office hours 10am-5pm Monday-Saturday at 2680 Dunsmuir Ave in Cumberland. (In the Cumberland Museum).

OR by mail to: PO Box 250 Cumberland BC, V0R 1S0

Looking forward to another great event!!

Regards...The Cumberland Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Centre www.cumberlandbc.org

Muir Gallery

September 16 –October 1, 2011 – The Comox Valley Camera Club 4th Annual Showcase

With 75 images on display, the show promises to WOW viewers with pictures of wildlife, landscapes, portraits, seascapes, architecture and sports, all presented by this talented group of local amateur photographers.

A photo education session will be held from 1-3 pm on Tuesday, September 20th. Club member Bryan Walwork, a well known local photographer, will present "Getting Better Photos From Your Point & Shoot Camera". The public is welcome and, in fact, encouraged to attend this interactive session. Please bring your camera, a fully charged battery, a memory card, your camera manual and your questions; Bryan will be pleased to assist you with any concerns or issues you may have.

Members of the Comox Valley Camera Club will be on hand daily throughout Showcase, prepared to answer your questions about the photographers, the images, the club and photography in general. Please feel free to ask questions and seek information while you are viewing the show. Admission is free, and you are invited to cast your ballot for your top three selections. The People's Choice Awards will be announced following the show, and will be posted on the club's website at www.comoxvalleycameraclub.org.

Muir Gallery: CV Writers Circle

7pm, September 27th

The CV Writer's Circle is beginning a new year and is inviting writers who might enjoy reading and critiquing in a friendly, helpful environment to join us.

To preserve functionality the group has always limited its membership (8-12ppl) but at this meeting we will be considering creating additional groups if enough interest is shown.

Bring a brief sample of your writing. If we have time, we will be happy to include you.

FMI: john.britton23@gmail.com or 250 336 8772

Muir Gallery 440 Anderton Ave., Courtenay, BC, Phone: (250) 334 2983

Open Tuesday to Saturday 11am - 4pm Admission is free. || Email info@comoxvalleyarts.org

Comox Valley Community Arts Council

Administration Comox Valley Centre for the Arts, 202 - 580 Duncan Street, Courtenay, BC, V9N 2M7 Phone: (250) 338-4417 ext. 2 and Fax: (250) 338 4452

Members who wish to include news may send it to me by Friday afternoons (You must be a member in good standing and it needs to be art community related please). Please be assured that every effort is taken to include member news in a timely manner – unfortunately if something is missed, in an effort to respectfully keep emails to a minimum, it will be posted in next week's news.

If you wish to not receive these updates, please reply with "Remove" in the subject line. Please forward this information to your friends and contacts who may find the information of interest – thank you!

We gratefully acknowledge financial support from the British Columbia Arts Council; Government of Canada; BC Lotteries and The Comox Valley Charitable Bingo Society; Comox Strathcona Regional District Areas A, B, C, K; City of Courtenay, Town of Comox; Village of Cumberland; Membership and Private Donation

Sincere thanks,
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Anh Le, Curator

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