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Subject: New exhibit celebrates art by the CVAG Membership, awards and new website launch

Comox Valley Art Gallery invites you to attend the opening reception of the 2011 CVAG Members Juried Exhibition on Friday March 4 from 7pm-10pm. The awards presentation takes place at 8pm and the new website, along with our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) sites will be launched at 9pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, artists will be attendance and refreshments will be served. This exhibit runs from March 5 – April 16, 2011 in the Public, Window and Arts & Craft Galleries.

This exhibit is programmed as a celebration of the creativity and diversity of the Comox Valley visual arts community. A few months ago, CVAG released an open invitation to all members (membership is open to the public) of the gallery, which is a non-profit society, to submit artwork for exhibition.

There are over 50 artists in this show and more than 100 pieces of art! The majority of the works are by local artists, including original works by Doug Senft, Catherine Lavelle, Clive Powsey, Channing Holland, Pat Acton, Mary Reed, architect Tom Dishlevoy, Jeff Hartbower, Simone Thompson, April Dyck, Shelley Combs, Robin de Lavis, Rhonda Burden, Jo Swallow, Bill Kerr, and more than we can name here. Drawings, paintings, prints, sculpture, ceramics, photography, and fibre arts are some of the genres that have been submitted. As a fundraiser for the gallery's programs, all works are for sale with pieces priced from \$49 - \$500.

What does it mean to be a "juried" show? Once the art work has been installed, a panel of jurors will assess the art on a variety of merits; these categories have not been created at press time, but will be discussed by the jury. Selected outstanding works will be recognized and awards will be presented at the opening reception on Friday, March 4th. One award will be reserved for presentation at the close of the exhibit in April; the People's Choice Award. Make sure to attend the opening or visit the gallery during the run of the show to vote on your favourite piece!

CVAG is located in downtown Courtenay at 580 Duncan Avenue. Gallery hours are from Mon-Sat. 10am-5pm. This new show runs from March 5 – April 15, admission to the CVAG is by donation, all ages are welcome. FMI visit comoxvalleyartgallery.com or call 250-338-6211.