



40 YEARS

OF CONTEMPORARY ART + ENGAGEMENT IN THE COMOX VALLEY

YOU ARE INVITED

NOVEMBER 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 **21** 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

DECEMBER 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

TURNING 40 PARTY FOR CVAG 4 – 7 PM **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21**

40+ DAYS AT CVAG CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR NOVEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 27

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The Comox Valley Art Gallery's annual Christmas Craft Fair features the creative work of more than 80 local & regional artists and is one of the gallery's most important fund-raising activities of the year. With most of the artwork entered on a consignment basis, the fair is an important economic generator for both the gallery and the participating artists.

The ongoing success of the fair relies on a solid base of support from gallery volunteers and the community at large. Valley residents make a tradition of bringing their family & friends, while visitors from near and far return year after year to see the newest selection of high-quality artisan wares or to find the work of their favorite artists.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR PARTICIPATING ARTISTS:

Melissa Abram	Lynn Farwell	Antonia Olak
Dante Ambriel	Dorothy Gardner	Nicole Partridge
Angela Atkins	Nadie Gelata	Hans Petersen
Mark & Jane Bateman	Ted Goodden	Jennifer Pickford
Blackfish Pewter	Laura Gosnell	Brad Prevedoros
Julie Blouin	Lynda & Dalroy Hall	Sue Pyper
Susan Booth	Mary Harrison	Peter Jack Rainbird
Debbie Bowles	Judy Hilgemann	Jocelyn Reekie
Jeff Brett	Hornby Island Soap	Leanne Reid
Caroline Bridges	Kelsi Hornstein	Melissa Rickey
Chris Carter	Jack & Leanne Jackovich	Alvaro Sanchez
Ernie Carlson	Heather James	Elaine Savoie
Robert Cerins	Ted Jolda	Sawdust and Stitches
Madeleine Chisholm	Martha Jablonski-Jones	Charlotte Schaufelbuhl
Dalton Cole	Tracy Kobus	Theresa Schlagel
Shelley Combs	Jean Lunny	Tamara Schwartz
Bruce Coney	Werner Karsten	Bev Severn
Susan Crowe	Martin Kaspers	David Sivers
Cumberland Candleworks	Margaret Kelly	Sofie Skapski
Claude Dalley	Elaine Kerr	Joe Smith
Anne Davies	Michael Kobic	Perrin Sparks
Sharon Davis	Gwen Kushner	Melinda Straight
Allan de Haan	Judy Maclean	Lisa Strain
Robin de Lavis	Bill Magee	Betty Taylor
Bridgette Delmars	Margaret Maringgele	Allison Tremain
Tom Dennis	Mussels & More Pottery	Helen Utsal
Tashi Draper	Mystic Glass Creations	Vivid Works
Shauna Duncan	Kim Naylor	Regan and Len Wells
Danya & Debbie Etherington	Damaris Oakley	Sarah M. Wood

40 YEARS AT THE COMOX VALLEY ART GALLERY

1974 -- It started with backyard meetings in places like Cumberland and Denman Island. It grew quickly from ideas into action. And in a few short months, the Central Island Arts Alliance emerged as a new force in the Comox Valley.

Located in an old wood building on McPhee Ave. in Courtenay, the Arts Alliance was a centre for music, poetry, art exhibitions – and perhaps most importantly a place for artists to connect with each other and reach out to the larger community. Before the year was out, the alliance had spawned the Renaissance Faire and the Christmas Craft Fair.

Over the years the people in the organization changed, the location changed, even the name changed. Today, the Comox Valley Art Gallery is located in Courtenay's old fire hall at 580 Duncan Ave. In November we opened our doors for the 40th annual Christmas Craft Fair.

Jed Irwin, the first coordinator of the Central Island Arts Alliance, sent us the following greeting from his current home in Nova Scotia. In it he references Ralph (Pop) Warner, another one of the Arts Alliance founders.

"People keep passing the torch; over a span of forty years that's a beautiful thing to witness. I am sure that the Arts Alliance in its various incarnations has touched and enriched (and perhaps even saved) many lives. Hope, faith, determination, flexibility and generosity; those, along with creative vision, are the human strengths that have served and will continue to serve this organization as it moves into the next 40. As Pop Warner used to say, 'Onward!'"

SPECIAL THANKS

First and foremost, we thank our volunteers. The Arts Alliance could not have started, and the Comox Valley Art Gallery would not be active today, without the support of hundreds of dedicated individuals who give so generously of their time to make our daily operations possible.

We thank the City of Courtenay for making it possible for the gallery to be housed in our current location, and for ongoing funding that enables our programming. We also receive greatly-appreciated financial support from the Town of Comox and the Comox Valley Regional District.

We are grateful for the support we receive from the BC Arts Council, the Canada Council for the Arts, BC Gaming, and the Government of Canada.

For our turning 40 birthday party, we give special thanks to local businesses that contributed toward our food:

- Dark Side Chocolates
- Natural Pastures Cheese
- Zocalo Cafe





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GALLERY: TUE - SAT 10-5

GIFT SHOP: MON - SAT 10-5

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NOVEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 27 40TH ANNUAL CVAG CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR, FEATURING OVER 60 ARTISTS MON – SAT 10 – 5

SPECIAL HOURS: NOV 21 10 – 9, DEC 3 10 – 8, DEC 14 + 21 11 – 4, DEC 22 + DEC 23 10 – 7, DEC 24 10 – 3 Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day

NOVEMBER 7 – 27 LAYERED DEMOCRACY exhibition by The Print4 Group **RECEPTION: 4 – 7 PM FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21**

ECUAD BFA STUDENTS: Tonja Bjermeland, Karissa Comer, Lukas Roy and Mariya Vancheva. Sara Vipond – instructor

NOVEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 27 WINDOW PROJECT installation by Robert Moon with Carrie Tannant **RECEPTION: 4 – 7 PM FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21**

NOVEMBER 21 BIRTHDAY PARTY Celebrate 40 years of CVAG with snacks, beverages, and cake **4 – 7 PM**

DECEMBER 3 LABYRINTH OF LIGHT Solstice Celebration Co-Creation by Medwyn McConachy + Cathy Coates

COMMUNITY LANTERN MAKING: 3 PM + PARADE OF LIGHT: 4:30 PM

DECEMBER 3 - 27 MORE THAN HUMAN, THE SILENT CONVERSATION **RECEPTION: 5 – 8 PM WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3**

NIC/ECUAD STUDENTS: Jenna Burrell, Jeanne MacGroty, Maraya Vancheva, Lukas Roy, Tonja Biermeland, Karissa Comer, Kelly Davidson, Roberta Denton, Carol Hilland, Anita Lawrence, Denise Lawson. Sandra Semchuk – instructor

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