

comox  
valley **ART GALLERY**

Community Gallery  
January 11 to March 8, 2014

# Rhythm in Blue

## Art Group of the Comox Valley

Group Exhibition  
mixed media

### EXHIBITING ARTISTS

Sabine Arends  
Marlet Ashley  
Kate Brown  
Kay Bukta  
Maureen Coltman  
Carol Elliott  
Karen Erickson  
Pam Faunt  
Lynn Gray  
Judith Kennedy  
Kate Kokotailo  
Sharon Lalonde  
Christina Manders  
Pieter Molenaar  
Judi Murakami  
Gaylia Nelson  
Izzy Pichette  
Myshree Tsai  
Doris Wilson



*Rhythm in Blue* by the Art Group of the Comox Valley, 2013,  
acrylic and mixed media, 121.9 cm x 91.4 cm

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## The Art Group of the Comox Valley

The Art Group of the Comox Valley (AGCV) includes about 40 individuals who get together weekly to paint, sketch, write, photograph and teach. Members of the AGCV are professional, semi-professional, and amateur artists. Our organization has been together for three years. We work in and give back to our community.

## Rhythm in Blue Exhibit

*Rhythm in Blue* is our January 11, 2014 show at the Comox Valley Art Gallery, Community Gallery. All works include the theme "blue" in its varied meanings, and each contains the colour blue. Oil, acrylics, glass, textiles and sculpture are among the media appearing in our show.

## Auction and Fund Raising Event

Our signature piece "*Rhythm in Blue*" and the sculpture "*Life in Blue*" are being sold at silent auction with proceeds supporting L'Arche, an organization helping challenged individuals through art. The silent auction runs throughout the show and ends with a gala on February 18<sup>th</sup> between 5:00pm and 7:00 pm during which the successful bidders will be announced.



**SABINE ARENDS** - Sabine is a self-taught artist who achieved most of her skills by experimenting as well as developing ideas with other artists and students. Her specialty is dichroic glass due to the magic effects and impressive color impacts of the material.



**MARLET ASHLEY** - Marlet is the author of a series of children's books under the collective title *Revelry on the Estuary* as well as a children's seasonal book, *Must Be Christmas*. As a member of the Art Group of the Comox Valley, she now works in acrylics and mixed media.



**KATE BROWN** - Kate, the founding member of the Art Group of the Comox Valley, studied design in London, England. Drawing was always an important means of communication for Kate who recently has honed these skills into illustrating a series of children's books, *Revelry on the Estuary*



**KAY BUKTA** - Kay's primary subjects are scenery, rocks, trees and flowers which she weaves into naturalistic portraits. She can be found oil painting in her home studio or out taking reference photos. She fits this in around her job as Curator of the Comox Archives and Museum.



**MAUREEN COLTMAN** - When an opportunity arose in January 2013 to join a local art group, Maureen jumped at it and immersed herself totally. Why not? Her dad started painting in his late 80s and had quite a talent. Her daughter is also an up and coming artist. Maureen is exploring every medium to find her niche. In

2013 she had her artwork exhibited in local cafes and several pieces shown at the Pearl Ellis Gallery in Comox.

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**CAROL ELLIOTT** - After years being a full-time executive, full-time mom and part-time artist, Carol and her husband moved to Vancouver Island so she could devote more attention to painting. Since moving to the Valley, her style has changed significantly. This giant step forward in artistic style incorporated decorative

art techniques into oil paintings, working with mixed mediums and playing with watercolours.

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**KAREN ERICKSON** - Karen began painting at age 30 just before she moved from Port Alberni to Parksville. She discovered a group of artists in the Parksville area who painted together every Wednesday and joined them whenever she could. She moved to Comox in April 2013 and she is greatly enjoying meeting other artists in

the Comox Valley and finding new people to paint with, which motivates her to keep on working at her art.

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**PAM FAUNT** - Pam moved to Courtenay in 2012 and discovered the like-minded artists of the AGCV soon after that. These days Pam focuses on acrylic painting with great enthusiasm for the bold, vibrant colours and texture that the medium offers and dreams of painting larger and bolder in the near future. Nothing is

safe from her whimsical interpretation of nature, people and the abstract. It's all about the joy!!

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**LYNN GRAY** - Lynn is a surface design and textile artist. Her art quilts are not meant to sleep under. They're not about getting into quilt shows. They are about giving life meaning. In her imagery, she often starts with a concept, finds something she wants to explain and understand, then sets parameters around

that. Cloth and thread are her medium. Within each genuine and authentic art quilt, she incorporates recycled textiles, hand painted and dyed fabrics.

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**JUDITH KENNEDY** - Since taking up the brush in 2002, Judith has worked with many mediums, including watercolor, ink, pastel, oil, and acrylics. The natural world is her inspiration, colour and light her guides. She has studied with some of BC's most notable painters and an art retreat in the South of France continues to provide inspiration. Presently, her focus is on oil and acrylic painting and developing a personal style.

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**KATE KOKOTAILO** - Kate moved to the Comox Valley in August 2012 after working for 30 years as graphic designer for the Regina Public Library system. She studied Fine Arts at the University of Regina and has participated in many classes and workshops over the years. Kate has exhibited her work in public and corporate art galleries in Regina and Comox and her paintings have been purchased by the Dunlop Art Gallery and the City of Regina.

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**SHARON LALONDE** - Sharon's training in art began in high school and continued at the University of Saskatchewan where she completed a BFA, majoring in photography. She is now getting reacquainted with new mediums, techniques and perceptions in her life as an artist. The opportunity to explore the light, colour, and endless possibilities for expression, make this new chapter of her life very exciting.

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**CHRISTINA MANDERS** - Sketching has been the thread that has tied together many of the art activities Christina has done throughout the years. In the Comox Valley, she has taken hundreds of photographs of the area and uses them as inspiration for her paintings, fiber art and quilting. Taking classes and getting together with the Comox Valley Art Group has reinforced her interests and talents.

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**PIETER MOLENAAR** - Pieter is an internationally known Canadian West Coast artist transplanted from The Netherlands. He admires the Old Dutch Masters, and this is reflected in his style—his colours are rich and his tones evocative. Often, his paintings reflect a brooding, pensive, and compelling atmosphere most obvious in his scenes of pending storms in rural settings, roiling waves of seascapes, and slanting light down city streets.

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**JUDI MURAKAMI** - Judi retired to the Comox Valley in 2008 and has availed herself of all the wonderful opportunities here in the valley. She started acting and painting in 2011, and is currently a volunteer reporter for Shaw TV, an usher at the Sid Williams Theatre, acting in the Fox & Bee video productions and studying to

become a teacher at Unity Comox Valley. She also enjoys curling, golfing, aqua size, book club, the rhodo society, dinner parties and wine tasting.

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**GAYLIA NELSON** - Gaylia has been involved in fine arts for almost 40 years. She has worked with many different mediums and now prefers acrylics. She exhibits with the Art Group of the Comox Valley and other outlets, but no longer take commissions. Years of private and commercial commissions, along with one woman

and group exhibits, have made her career very prolific and rewarding.

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**IZZY PICHETTE** - Elizabeth (Izzy) and her family moved to Vancouver Island in 2006 from Kingston, Ontario. Last year, she began painting again and embraced the more relaxed lifestyle of British Columbia, experimenting with different creative outlets and mediums. Her style is whimsical and technical. You have to

look beyond the busy and vibrant to the more simple message in each piece.

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**MYSHREE TSAI** - Myshree was born and educated in Taiwan. She majored in art and graduated from National Taiwan Normal University. She is a member of the Taiwan International Watercolor Association, Chairman of the Needle Painting Association, and an Active member of the Federation of Canadian Artists. She has exhibited and sold her work in galleries on both sides of the Pacific and

teaches sketching and watercolour painting in the Comox Valley.

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**DORIS WILSON** - Doris moved to Courtenay in 2010 from Regina after working as a music teacher. She joined the Art Group of the Comox Valley at a 'Newcomers' meeting. She had always wanted to paint but never took the time to indulge this passion. This group has been encouraging and supportive. She finds painting a

wonderful way to express herself, to play with paint, to be whimsical or serious.

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