



CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

MARCH 15, 2018

MICHAEL WRIGHT ART GALLERY, 5PM – 7PM
Gathering Place #200 – 2253 Leigh Square, Port Coquitlam, BC

Attendees: **Julie Schmidt** - President of the Heritage Society, **Linda Sliworsky** - Vice President of the Heritage Society, **Angela Anderson**- Owner/Publisher of What's On Magazine, **Christina Malone** - Art Focus, **Pia Longstaffe** - Art Focus, **Ofer Marmur** - Instructor of Mathematics at SFU, **Ronald Boersen**- Artist in Residence at Leigh Square Community Arts Village, **Tony Kosta** - Polonez Tri-City Polish Association, **George Lukasch** - Wilson Centre, **Roger Loubert** - Minnekhada Park Association & Creative Café, **Kathy Fuller** - Tri-City Wordsmiths, **Deborah Sulver** - Theatrix, **Brad Nickason** - Friends of Leigh Square, **Councillor Glenn Pollock** - Port Coquitlam Council, **Sherry Carroll** – Artist, **Carrie Nimmo** – Cultural Development and Community Services Manager, Arts and Culture, **Klara Manhal** – Arts and Culture Coordinator, **Rory Erickson** - Recreation Program Assistant, Arts & Culture

Cultural Roundtable Goals:

1. Share information and resources
2. Work together to develop new cultural initiatives

Presentation: Artist Talk with Ronald Boersen

Note Taker: Rory Erickson

Agenda:

1. **5:00 - 5:10pm: Welcome and sign in**
2. **5:10 – 5:20pm: Cultural Plan Update**
3. **5:20 – 5:50pm Roundtable – Introduce yourself and what is coming up for you or your organization (1 minute each)**

Introduction of Carrie Nimmo and staff

- a. Welcome Rory Erickson to the position of Recreation Program Assistant, Arts and Culture.

Acknowledging that we are meeting on ancestral and unceded territory of Kwikwetlem First Nation [k'wɪkwə'ɛləm].

Establishing that this is an inclusive meeting

- b. Inclusion comes from the word to be included - research - important for building healthy and creative communities.
- c. Recognize and include all people regardless of their age, gender, race, culture, language, religion, sexual orientation, family structure, socio-economic background, appearance or ability.

- d. We support the use of gender pronouns – feel free to introduce yourself with your preferred pronoun. I prefer to use the pronouns she and her

Goals of Cultural Roundtable

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Agenda:

- e. Roundtable
- f. Networking
- g. Today's Presentation – Ronald Boersen, our current artist in residence and exhibiting artist
 - i. talk about the Japanese and Korean potters who have inspired his work
 - ii. share his techniques
 - iii. Outlet Curatorial Talk

Cultural Plan Update

- h. CCD Funding
 - i. Last intake awarded two grants for the following projects:
 - 1. Sizdeh Bedar Festival taking place in Gates Park April 1st, 2018
 - 2. Polonez Christmas Show at the Terry Fox Theatre on December 2nd, 2018
 - ii. Next intake is April 30th
- i. Rainbow Project:
 - i. During the focus group at the Cultural Roundtable meeting in November, participants communicated that a more robust community engagement process was necessary in order to give voice to a more diverse range of perspectives including youth.
 - ii. Three additional focus groups were completed working with Youth Services, PoCo Youth Crew, MPowerment Fraser, Riverside Secondary School's LGBTQ2+ youth group and PLEA's Generation Out – Tri-Cities. Between November 2017 and March 2018, a total of 48 community members were engaged in this process including 29 youth.
 - iii. Staff have compiled community input to put a recommendation forward to Council.
- j. Wayfinding RFP is up – seeking proposals to develop a wayfinding strategy for Downtown PoCo including Leigh Square
- k. Developing a new Marketing Plan for Recreation, Arts and Culture
 - i. New branding for Recreation, Arts and Culture
 - ii. New branding for signature events such as May Day
- 2. Next Meeting - Marketing Plan for Recreation, Arts and Culture – present draft in April 19th

Roundtable Portion:

Julie Schmidt

President of the Heritage Society

The Heritage Society's exhibit PoCo Stories: Sports is running until the end of July. We invite you to explore the proud and prolific history of sports in Port Coquitlam. The exhibit will feature a selection of the many notable athletes, coaches, and teams that have contributed to this community.

Linda Sliworsky

Vice President of the Heritage Society

Angela Anderson

Owner/Publisher of What's On Magazine

Submissions for the May/June edition of the magazine are due in the few days after Easter
If you are a non-profit you could potentially have your submission published for free.

Christina Malone

Art Focus

Frank Townsley will be doing a watercolour demonstration Wednesday, March 28th from 7-9 pm
in the Outlet.

Pia Longstaffe

Art Focus

A painting is being done for the Tri-Cities Dialysis Unit to brighten the space and fill it with the
celebration of nature.

Ofer Marmur

Instructor in mathematics at SFU

Partner of Artist in Residence Ronald Boerson

Ronald Boersen

Artist in Residence at Leigh Square Community Arts Village

Klara Manhal

Coordinator of Port Coquitlam's Arts & Culture Department

Has been speaking to artists and how they are influenced, and she is excited to hear about our
current Artist in Residence Ronald Boerson and the ways in which his work was formed through
transitioning spaces.

Rory Erickson

Program Assistant of Port Coquitlam's Arts & Culture Department

Looking forward to the diverse opportunities in artistic exploration available to the city, and the
upcoming Summer in the City festival programming.

Tony Kosta

Polonez Tri-City Polish Association

There will be a Polish Canadian Art Exhibition at the Inlet Theatre Galleria until March 22nd and
the grand opening will be on March 18th from 2-5pm.

George Lukasch

Wilson Centre

There is a talent show on April 14th for PoCo's Got Talent and there will be choir performances
through April.

Roger Loubert

Minnekhada Park Association & Creative Café

There is a session tomorrow morning for a Toolbox for Art and Culture, and the same session
will be held in Port Moody next week. Creative Café runs the first Sunday of every month from

1-4pm and it's a great opportunity to learn about the history of Minnekhada Park and the Lodge.
Reminder: Sustainability Community Breakfasts
<http://www.metrovancouver.org/events/community-breakfasts/Pages/default.aspx>

Kathy Fuller

Tri-City Wordsmiths

Inspirational Speaker Alfred DePew will be talking at the Terry Fox Library on April 7th.

Deborah Sulver

Theatrix

Spring break camps are running as are the school programs. Lunch Box and Spotlight Theatre programs are in session as well. There is development with city events in conjunction with Theatrix. There is excitement around the eventual meeting of the Cultural Roundtable held in the Kwikwetlem First Nations.

Brad Nickason

Friends of Leigh Square

The Friends of Leigh Square is an umbrella group that brings together artists and supports & facilitates the growth of artistic and cultural opportunities for the community, while connecting the arts with people and businesses. There is going to be a celebration of all the arts on April 6th.

Councillor Glenn Pollock

Port Coquitlam Council

Excited about the Second Story Theatre productions, the 5 on a String Sunday Coffee Concert occurring Sunday, March 18th, and wants to support a greater audience for the PoCo Heritage Society's PoCo Stories: Sports, which contains many of the individuals he coached and saw develop within Port Coquitlam over the years.

Sherry Carroll

Going to be visiting the Museum of Anthropology's Coast Salish weaving exhibition and is getting ready to visit the exhibitions held at City Hall.

3. 5:50 – 6:05pm: Break: refresh and network

4. 6:05 – 6:50pm: *Artist Talk with Ronald Boersen*

Ronald Boersen's discussion of his exhibition of *Between 3 Worlds*:

- History of the pottery
- Process as inspiration
- The relationship between Bernard Leach: the Father of British Studio Pottery & Shoji Hamada: brings out the Elementary Nature of Pottery
- Aesthetic of the West: symmetry, golden ratio, perfection and the relationship between Wabi Sabi: the imperfect, unrefined and the unconventional.
- Aging of things to be seen as celebrated and not to be discarded.

5. 6:50 – 7:00pm: Cultural Roundtable Feedback

6. Next Cultural Roundtable Meeting: April 19, 5-7pm