



CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

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

Attendees: **Carrie Nimmo** – Cultural Development and Community Services Manager
Linda Sliworsky - President of the Heritage Society, **Christina Malone** - Art Focus, **Geoff Scott** – TriCity Community TV, **Tony Kostka** – Polonez TriCity, **Bonnie, Jacquelyn Collins** – Riverside Secondary, **Zorhreh Hamraz** – ISS of BC, **Roger Loubert** – Arts Connect, **Shery Razavihor**- Art Focus, **Sherry Carroll** – Artist, **Kelly Brown** – PoCo Heritage, **Angela Anderson** – What's On PoCo, **Klara Manhal** – Arts and Culture Coordinator, **Nikki Hillman** - Recreation Program Assistant, Arts & Culture, **Lesley Perrie** – Recreation Program Assistant, Arts and Culture.

Cultural Roundtable Goals:

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

Presentation: Artist **Aurelia Bizouard** presenting on her **Live Light Painting, Community Engagement Through Public Art**

Note Taker: Nikki Hillman

Agenda:

1. **5:05 - 5:05pm: Welcome and sign in**
2. **5:05 – 5:15: Cultural plan update.**
Roundtable – Introduce yourself and what is coming up for you or your organization (1 minute each)
3. **6:00 - 6:10pm: Break: refresh and network**
4. **6:10 - 6:45pm: Aurelia Bizouard presents on her Live Light Painting, Community Engagement Through Public Art**
5. **6:45 - 6:55pm: Q&A with Aurelia Bizouard and CRT participants**

Introduction of Carrie Nimmo and staff, acknowledged that we are gathering on traditional lands of the First Nations.

Carrie Nimmo, Manager of Cultural Development and Community Services: City Update on upcoming cultural initiatives:

- Aurelia will be sharing her process.
- Tri-City Community TV will be filming Aurelia's presentation.
- Cultural Plan Update: goal to build capacity within community. Fall intake for CCD grants is September 30, 2018.
- There will be a Workshop to help with grant writing on Sept 22. 1-4pm in MWAG with Marian Anderson. Please come with any questions you may have.

- Lifecycle Survivor 101 Workshop – presented by Metro Vancouver. This is a Professional Dev. workshop for anyone in Arts, Culture and Heritage. This includes community committees. We are excited that PoCo is launching the whole series. Workshop will take place in the Outlet, Oct 13, \$20. Register online at Metro Vancouver. There will be an eblast as soon as registration is open.
- Rivers and Trails Festival is Sunday Sept 23 at Lions Park 12-4pm. Aurelia will be working on the Live Light Painting mural during Rivers and Trails. Boris will be performing along with Jessica Barbour. Firebelly Productions will hold aerial performances. Partners who received funding through the CCD grant were: Coquitlam First Nations, Maple Creek Streamkeepers, Poco Fishing and Hunting Club, Heritage Trees, Poco Heritage (Heritage Tree Walk to educate folks on trees), Can 150 partnered with Coquitlam Watershed Society, Firebelly worked with grounds crew.
- Aurelia Bizouard Live Light Painting with the Community – You can paint with her and help create a 38 foot Live Light mural. This will be on the side of Public Works storage building and will connect people to nature and art. There will be a second opportunity to work with Aurelia on Monday, Sept 24 10-6pm at Lions Park.
- Aurelia will be onsite on Sunday, 12-4 and Monday onsite 10-6pm. Register your group, etc. Come paint with us!

Roundtable Portion

Sherminah – Art Focus: Executive member. Proud of the team. 25th year in Poco. Do best to bring to the community. Involved in Can 150, Canada Day, Dialysis Mural working in Outlet. Bring some happiness to people in dialysis. Art Show coordinator and workshop coordinator. Oct 26-28, Outlet Leigh Square.

Christine Malone - Art Focus. 46ft Mural, 4ft tall. Set up towards end of Oct. Season just beginning. First demo next Wednesday Tammy Pillion (muralist downtown). Palette Knife painting with acrylics.

Tony Kostoka - Polonez Festival. Plan for next year. Organization 30th anniversar. They have an Art Show in PoMo. With a surprise artist painting 30 panels for a mosaic, it will be a picture of the Polish mtns, 40x60 in. Last Sunday of May is the Polish Festival.

Jacquiline Collins - Riverside Senior Secondary School. High School art teacher. Would like to connect her students with the community. Trying to reach out and encourage students to attend events. Students are attending the live light painting on Monday. Would like to find out about scholarship funding, would like to have another show in the MWAG.

Roger Loubert - TriCity Tv & Minnedkha Park. Meet every 4th Wed. of the month for a general meeting. December is the Arts Connect Gen meeting - Everyone welcome.

Klara Manhal: Coordinator for Arts and Culure - AiR Dorothy Doherty, has extended her residency to end of December 2018. She will continue working on Collage work with accumulated papers over decades. Her art work is in the gallery. A new program has begun, the Songbirds choir. This is a partnership with the Tricity School of music. They received funding from the CCD grant and this allows a charge of \$22 for 12 sessions, per child. The choir is open to children 7-18. They sing in MWAG and are led by a professional vocalist. If you know of any children interested in this choir, please let them know.

Lesley Perrie: Rec. Program Assistant, Arts and Culture – Lesley is back. The Public Pianos are all moved indoors. The Rec Centre piano is playable. The City hall piano is locked so is only to be enjoyed as a visual art piece. We are replacing two for next year. Currently working on the Exhibition and AiR call, coming out early October.

Aman - Ahmad Aghazadeh aghazadea@yahoo.com new painter and sculptor. Would like to have an exhibition.

Zohreh - Instructor of language to immigrants. Isis of BC. Member of cultural group, studying Canadian society's culture. Collecting photos and presenting culturalism in Canada.

Anglea Anders - Whats On. New issue Nov/Dec end of next week. Looking for Artwork submissions for cover contest. Make sure there are people in your photo. For Culture Days, Watercolour to Music – Open house at Four Cats Studio. Can design a whole page and put it in for free for non-profits.

Linda Sliworsky Pres. Poco Heritage, Chair of Programs and Fundraising - Busy creating exciting programming. Also preparing for the 6th Annual Tree Festival to be installed throughout city. info@pocoheritage for the registration form if you are a new participant. There will be an Informal "meet your candidate" meeting 7-8:30pm. They will all present their platforms and you can ask questions. We also have a bursary available for students through heritage. Funds were raised through the sale of the Sarah and Michael Explore Port Coquitlam book.

Kelly Brown, Poco Heritage – Current exhibit is the Secret Life of Trees (A Carol Hubbard Memorial) Heritage partnered with Poco Heritage Trees to create exhibit. Poco Heritage Trees also received funding from the CCD grant as well. The exhibit explores trees, how they communicate and function. It's created an indoor forest in the museum. The tree was also assemble with the help of the Friends of Leigh Square Society. There's a recorded birdsong, real moss, lots of cool touches. For the month of October we have 300 students booked to tour the exhibit. There is a cost of \$2 per person for the guided tour. But it's still free to come in. There will be Secret Life of Tree walks throughout the community. There will be one this Saturday at 2:30pm, meet at museum. The museum is open on Sunday for the Rivers and Trails festival. For Culture Days on Fri-Sun, please see our website and brochure for information. There will be activities, a scavenger hunt, seeds to plant, leaf drawing and writing activities. On Sunday we have a tree walk at 1:30pm. Sept 27 is our next 6:00pm evening at the Museum. We will have a Professor from UBC presenting about people, nature and relationships. We also hosted the Yoga in the Park.

Sherry Carroll, Artist - Attended the Coquitlam Watershed Roundtable. They have their annual meeting and 1-2 open house meetings yearly. They discuss clean water, healthy fish and serve great beer. On Wed. Oct 17, 4-7pm there is a family friendly event to support them. First 50 people get a free growler. Mariner Brewery providing growler. Enter from Landsdowne, they are in building H.

Nikki Hillman, Program Assistant, Arts & Culture Department – our fall programs are up and running. We have 15 programs running. We have Culture Days coming up with a free collage workshop with Dorothy Doherty, 1-3pm in the MWAG. All materials included. Still space available.

6:00pm: Presentation by Aurelia Bizouard on Live Light Painting, Community Engagement Through Public Art

- Community is invited to paint with Aurelia at Lions Park on Sunday and Monday, bring your friends and family to paint on the mural.
- Aurelia works with glass panels to create a project. This is so she can involve the public. In 2008, moved to Canada in 2011 and while in Toronto had an aha moment, she fell in love with glass after breaking a frame on a poster, she painted on the glass. Really wanted to connect with people and bring the art to people. In 2017 she created Kulturelia.com. She would project light through painted panels, then have people follow the light lines and add paint. Once all is filled in, she removes the light, and it's a huge coloring book. It's all about connecting, feeling and creating.
- People leave a mark on their city. Poco will decorate the storage shed at Lions Park. The sketch shows respect for the environment; how everything turns into something. There are leaves carried by doves, which turn into fish and branches turn into water. It's the lifecycle of nature and will reinforce for people how important nature is. We will be using bright colours so it really catches the eye and hopefully encourage contemplation.
- Please join Aurelia Bizouard at the Rivers and Trails festival and then again on the Monday following to help her fill in the mural.

Next Cultural Roundtable Meeting: October 18, 5-7pm