



CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

FEBRUARY 21, 2019

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

Attendees: **Carrie Nimmo** – Cultural Development and Community Services Manager, **Christine Malone** - Art Focus, **Tony Kostka** – Polonez Tri-City Polish Association, **Zorhreh Hamraz** – Board Member of Tri-Cities Community TV, Board Member of Tri-City Iranian Cultural Society, Board member of BC Educators, Board member of MPA, **Ahmad Aghazadeh** – Artist, **Roger Loubert** – Minnekhada Regional Park, **Sherry Carroll** – Artist, **Angela Anderson** – What's On! Port Coquitlam Magazine, **Nikki Hillman** - Recreation Program Assistant, Arts & Culture, **Lesley Perrie** – Recreation Program Assistant, Arts & Culture, **Evann Siebens** – Artist, **Patrick McCarthy** – Friends of Leigh Square Society, **Elvira Monteforte** – Artist, **Aldo Monteforte** – Photographer, **Kelly Brown** – Manager and Curator of PoCo Heritage Museum, **Deb Solberg** – Theatrix Youththeatre Society, **Lauren Hillman** – Theatrix Youththeatre Society, **Councillor Nancy McCurrach** – City of Port Coquitlam, **Marnie Maule** – PoCo Heritage, **Jennifer Pownall** – Writer and Port Coquitlam's current Artist-in-Residence, **Chris Conroy** – Terry Fox Library, **George Lukach** – Wilson Centre, **Ashton Ramsay** – Royal Canadian Theatre Company.

Cultural Roundtable Goals:

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

Presentation: Evann Siebens presents: *Dancers, Buildings and Old Cars: making media with the moving body in the landscape and beyond*

Note Taker: Nikki Hillman

Agenda:

1. 5:00 - 5:10pm: Welcome and Sign-in
2. 5:10 – 5:15: Cultural plan update.
3. 5:15-5:45: Roundtable – Introduce yourself and what is coming up for you or your organization (1 minute each)
4. 5:45-6:00: Break: refresh and network
5. 6:00 – 6:45pm: Evann Siebens presents: *Dancers, Buildings and Old Cars: making media with the moving body in the landscape and beyond*
6. 6:45-7:00pm: Questions and Wrap-up

Carrie Nimmo, Manager of Cultural Development and Community Services: Introduction of Arts & Culture staff and Councilor McCurrach. This meeting welcomes everyone interested in arts, culture and heritage. Research has proven that inclusive environments are important for building healthy and creative communities so everyone is welcome to attend. We also support the use of gender pronouns – feel free to introduce yourself with your preferred pronoun.

Review of Agenda by Carrie Nimmo:

The goals of the Cultural Roundtable are to share information and resources and to work together to implement the Cultural Plan initiatives. There will be an update on the Cultural Plan and then the Roundtable, where participants have the opportunity to share information and resources. At 6:00pm, Evann Sibens, whose artwork will be featured on the 2019 Street Banner Project, will present *Dancers, Buildings and Old Cars: making media with the moving body in the landscape and beyond*. Evann will talk about her films and photographs through the lens of her history as a former dancer, documentary filmmaker and now visual artist. She will also talk about W-E-L-C-O-M-E to PoCo, our City's Street Banner Project, as well as her other public art projects.

Cultural Plan Update:

Funding opportunities:

- Self-Help Matching Grants for capital projects – **Deadline is April 1** follow link for Application Package <https://www.portcoquitlam.ca/recreation/administration/self-help-matching-grant-program/>
- Community Cultural Development Grants – Spring Intake
 - There will be an information session on **April 4, 7-9pm**
 - Deadline for the CCD grants: **April 30**

Port Coquitlam Community Foundation Grant Application 2019 process is open. PCCF supports a wide range of local charitable organizations to make our city a better place to live, work and play. PCCF granting cycle opens **January 1st** and closes **March 15th** (midnight) annually.

If you are looking for information on more funding opportunities, Mary Ann at Little Dog Creative Consulting has a full list of federal and provincial opportunities listed on her website. <http://littledog.ca/grant-deadline-calendar/>

Festival and Event Action Plan – supports the development of community festivals and events in Port Coquitlam.

- We are developing a new, streamlined event application process and Festival and Event Tool Kit with information on how to produce a festival or event in the City.
- At the preliminary budget meeting, Council approved \$120,000 of funding for the PoCo Events Society, so holding off on posting the call out for the Festival and Event Advisory Group until we have a better understanding of the Events Society plans – budget is going out for public consultation and will be adopted in May. We will determine the next steps after the budget is approved in May.

February 18-24 is Heritage Week. Port Coquitlam Heritage Society will be conducting tours of City Hall.

Pride Public Art

- The Pride Public Art Project is an artist-led, community-engaged public art project that recognizes and celebrates Port Coquitlam's LGBTQ2+ community and its presence and contribution to the social fabric of the city.
- There was a call for submissions, which were put forward to a selection committee. The committee's recommendation will go forward to Council for approval.
- Installation will be Summer/Fall 2019, at the fountain in Leigh Square.

Street Banner Project

- There will be a free photography workshop on Saturday, February 23, 1 to 4pm.
- The City is working with Evann Siebens, an artist who is working with the Capture Film Festival and has created an exhibit called W-E-L-C-O-M-E to PoCo, which will reflect and highlight the welcoming spirit of the community of Port Coquitlam, featuring images of local residents of diverse ages and cultural backgrounds in front of iconic sites and landmarks. Please visit the City website for more information on this year's Street Banner Project. <https://www.portcoquitlam.ca/recreation/leigh-square-community-arts-village/2019-street-banner/>
- One of the project goals is to engage the community and build capacity by offering the workshop and an online gallery of the participant's photos.

Our next Cultural Roundtable will be April 18, 5-7pm. There will not be a meeting in March, due to Spring Break.

Roundtable Portion

Kelly Brown – Manager and Curator of Port Coquitlam Heritage and Cultural Society - PoCo Heritage is hosting their first General Meeting of 2019 on February 21st, celebrating Chinese New Year with guest Jessica Yue. Jessica will be speaking about Chinese New Year, and will help us usher in the Year of the Pig. Heritage Week runs February 18-24. This year's theme is "The Tie That Binds". Join us for a Port Coquitlam City Hall tour, and learn more about this City's heritage and the threads that bind it together. We have two tours of City Hall on February 22 11:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-2:00pm, February 23 we will host a downtown walking tour of Port Coquitlam 1:00pm-2:30pm. Check the PoCo Heritage website and Facebook for more information.

Lauren Hillman – Theatrix Youtheatre Society. The society is working with Elementary and Middle schools in the Tri-Cities. They will be running their Spring Break Musical Theatre program at the Outlet, in partnership with Arts & Culture. Their next production of Robin Hood will tour the local schools beginning in May.

Deborah Solberg – Outgoing director of Theatrix Youtheatre Society. The society applied for a Port Coquitlam CCD grant and were awarded a Capacity Grant to help build capacity and transition to Lauren Hillman in as director of Theatrix. Newsies is also currently running at Riverside Secondary School, Feb. 21, 22 23 + Feb. 27, Feb. 28, March 1.

Chris Conroy – Terry Fox Library, Community Librarian and Supervisor. Some of the upcoming programming involves a partnership in March with Port Coquitlam Heritage Society. At the library, writer Jennifer Pownall will be running a magnetic poetry workshop and Science World will be coming in as well.

Ashton Ramsay – Royal Canadian Theatre Company Marketing intern. The company has an upcoming show titled *A Bedfull of Foreigners*; a Benny Hill meets Fawltly Towers adult

comedy. It will be on tour in Surrey and New Westminster March 8-16, 2019. Check the website for more information. www.rctheatrereco.com/bedfull

Sherry Carroll – Would like to promote the CDMF Festival (Coquitlam District Music Festival) this year marks the 67th annual festival. This festival focuses on children in performing piano, voice and speech arts. Adjudicated by senior professionals, provide corrections and feedback to students, and are then given marks. Please see their website for more information. Also mentioning that Western Sky Books makes space in their store for visual artists to display.

Christine Malone - Art Focus Artists Association. Art Focus offers free demonstrations every month and these are by professional artists. Wednesday, Feb 27, 7-9pm at the Outlet, Jane Appleby is the demo artist. She also teaches at Place des Arts. Tri-City News currently has an article published about her work.

Tony Kostoka – Polonez Tri-City Polish Association B.C. The 6th Polish Canadian Art Fusion Exhibition runs March 12-21, 2019 at the Inlet Theatre Galleria in Port Moody. The opening reception is March 17, 2-5pm. There are many activities and refreshments to enjoy such as, the unveiling of the mosaic “Memories of Poland”, the winner of the painting competition “Trapped in Wonderland” will be announced, and local artist Agata Teodorowicz will present ‘From Cradle to Colour’. The event is free and open to everyone. The BC Polish Festival will take place May 26 with artistic programs on the Leigh Square Stage, polish delicacies, arts & crafts display, activities for children and a raffle draw. Everyone is welcome and it is free to attend.

Roger Loubert - Minnekhada Park Association. Minnekhada will be rolling out their three year strategy plan. Place Maillardville will hold their annual, free Family Fun Day May 25, 10-1pm.

Lesley Perrie – City of Port Coquitlam Recreation Program Assistant, Arts and Culture – The City of Port Coquitlam invites talent from across Metro Vancouver to apply for the 2019 Summer in the City Arts, Culture & Entertainment Festival, an annual two-month long festival in July and August. Our Call for Emerging Performers and Professional Musicians closes on Monday, February 25 and can be found at www.portcoquitlam.ca/artists

Ahmad Aghazadeh – CEO of a company in Iran. He currently follows his interests as a painter and sculptor.

Zohreh Hamraz – Board Member of the following – Tri-Cities Community TV, Tricity Iranian Cultural Society, BC Educators and MPA. Invites everyone to the Norooz Festival and Chahar Shanbe Soori.

Pat McCarthy – Friends of Leigh Square Society. Working on growing the board and membership. The society was awarded a capacity grant for strategic planning and to develop more skills for the board. FLSS are currently running the Youth Open Mic which is free for kids to jam. This is held in the Michael Wright Art Gallery. Working with Art Focus to offer an art drop in for youth. Also working on an upcoming event “Last Dance at the Old Rec Centre” on May 4th to celebrate an era of activities that have taken place at the PoCo Rec Complex. Tri-City Community TV interviews a variety of people within the Community. They film and record audio, then post to their YouTube channel. If you’d like to participate in any of these activities, please reach out.

Angela Anderson – Publisher of What’s on! Port Coquitlam Magazine. The March/April online issue is up. Distribution of the physical magazine will be March 1. The deadline for the May/June (the most read issue) is the end of March.

Marnie Maule – Port Coquitlam Heritage and Cultural Society. On the arts and culture fundraising committee. Looking for ideas to spice up the Heritage Tree Festival in November and December.

Jennifer Pownall – Current Port Coquitlam AiR (Literary). She will be working with the Terry Fox Library over Spring Break offering a magnetic poetry workshop, she was recently interviewed by Pat McCarthy and TriCity Community TV. She will be doing some public outreach with free writing classes for children and adults in March. May Day she will be participating in the Art Zone with a Found Haiku Workshop and she will be at Chapters February 27 for the members only event, offering a tiny books workshop.

Elvira Monteforte – Artist and Former City of Port Coquitlam AiR. She would like to be near the energy of the people and the community, working to create the next Port Coquitlam. She is excited to be participating during May Days on May 11 and has an activity planned for the community to participate in the Sculpture Yard.

Aldo Monteforte – Photographer. Aldo is a local photographer with extensive experience in dance, stage and action photography, portraiture, and also photography based digital art.

City of Port Coquitlam Councilor Nancy Mcurrach – attended UBC and studied Art and Physical Education. After university, took a florists course and worked in a flower shop, learning design. She volunteered with Arts and Culture for 8 years and designed the planters for the stage for Christmas in Leigh Square. She attended an open house at the Port Coquitlam Pre-Trial centre. The inmates there are participating in art therapy projects. One is the Stream of Dreams, the painted, wooden salmon you see on fences. The plywood is donated to the Pre-Trial Centre and the inmates make the shapes, they also make turtles. They also make fish hooks, fly fish hooks, birds houses and community gardens for schools. During one of the Council meetings for the CCD Grant, there were funds remaining and she recommended that half be used to fund art. She is excited to be the liaison of arts, culture and heritage.

Nikki Hillman, Program Assistant, Arts & Culture Department – Our Spring Programs will open for registration this Saturday. If you are looking for something to keep your kids busy for Spring Break, there are still some spaces left for our Spring Break Art Camps. I am very excited to be working with Evann Siebens on this year’s Street Banner Project. I hope you’ll join us for this Saturday’s free photography workshop with Evann. Registration is required so please contact me and I will add you to the list. More information about the Street Banner Project is on our website and I have posters for you to take if you’d like to share with your organizations. I’m currently working on the Pianos on the Street program and will be sending out the call for artists to paint the pianos soon.

I wanted to add on Jeffrey Luong’s behalf that the FLOH Organization has moved their Balance Our Minds Conference to March, I have some of his business cards if you’d like to contact him for more information. Jeffrey@floh.foundation

6:00pm Presentation by Evann Siebens: *Dancers, Buildings and Old Cars: making media with the moving body in the landscape* Evan Siebens spoke about her films and photographs through the lens of her history as a former dancer, documentary filmmaker and now visual artist.

She also spoke about her present Street Banner Project, entitled W-E-L-C-O-M-E to PoCo, along with her other public art projects; a large-scale projection mapping project on the exterior of the Vancouver Art Gallery and a Billboard project on the streets of Vancouver.

Evann Siebens' films, photos and installation works have been shown in many countries including Russia, Greece, India, Italy, Brazil, China, The Netherlands, Germany and Mexico, while her documentaries have been screened at the National Ballet of Canada and the Bonn Ballet in Germany, she studied film and graduated from New York University. Now based in Vancouver, she recently screened a film at Lincoln Centre in New York City, exhibited a geodesic dome with a 360 projection at the Belkin Gallery in Vancouver, and won the 'Outstanding Overall Work' prize at the Light Moves Festival in Limerick, Ireland.

For more information on arts, culture and heritage programs offered at Leigh Square, call 604-927-8441 or visit portcoquitlam.ca/leigh_square

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