



Arts Council Newsletter

Winter/ Spring 2023

Welcome to a new year, a milestone one for the Kent Harrison Arts Council. The Arts Council is celebrating 50 years of supporting artists and the arts in our community. Again, this year the Arts Council will present monthly shows in the Ranger Station Art Gallery featuring a diversity of work by many artists, as well as an array of workshops and Pop-up residencies. Each Gallery show begins with a public Opening Artist's Reception and we encourage you to note these dates and join us at the Gallery to view the work and meet the artists.

This is the time we ask for your involvement by becoming an Arts Council member (or renewing your membership). Your support is very important to and much appreciated by the Arts Council. Find more information about becoming a member at the end of this newsletter. (Or for digital format [Click here](#) to download the membership form.)

Ranger Station Art Gallery 2023 Schedule

Hunter Ramsey

March 4 – March 26

Reception: Sunday, March 5, 2-4pm



Hunter Ramsey's recipe card series is inspired by her paternal grandmother who lived one hour outside of Fort St. John BC. Since Fort St. John's planting season is so short she would bake carrot pie instead of pumpkin. In Hunter's exhibition recipes are

not limited to just food production but are expanded with some visual instructions for DIY household solutions. Hunter combines these visual recipes with canister wraps that blurs the lines between traditional art and craft design.

Colleen Brown

April 1 – April 30

Reception: Sunday, April 2, 2-4

Colleen Brown has created textiles, sculptures, paintings and works of intervention related to her upcoming book titled, *If you lie down in a field, she will find you there*, which will be published by Radiant Press in the Fall of 2023.

Young at Art

May 3 – May 28

Reception: Sunday, May 28, 2-4pm

The Arts Council's annual show featuring work by students from schools throughout the region. The show

will feature work of students of all ages showcasing the up and coming talent in our local area.

Thriving Artist Symposium

Saturday, May 6, and Sunday May 7, Memorial Hall

Many Artists in Residence who have lived in our community over the last fifteen years are coming back to Harrison to share their experiences since their residency.

There will be a community dance Saturday night and curators Jordan Strom, Surrey Art Gallery and David Chapperon, Jones Gallery will be joining the symposium on Sunday.

Orion Zhang and Zarin Tazreen

June 3 – July 2

Reception: Sunday, June 4, 2-4pm

Orion Zhang is looking for the solitude and the devotion of wandering in landscapes. Zhang approaches these photographic works with hope and nostalgia.

Zarin Tazreen's plein air works in pastel and acrylic capture landscapes from the blue waters of Deep Cove to lush, green parks of Metro Vancouver.

Alyssa Schwann and Sylvie Roussel-Janssens

July 5 – July 30

Reception: Thursday, July 6, 7-9pm

Alyssa Schwann creates temporary installations using string or by clearing human debris in the forest to record the felling of a tree or reveal the relationships of the branches to the parent trunks. Her three dimensional drawings delineate connections between trees and logs which at first appear to have no relationship between them.



Sylvie Roussel-Janssens' sustainable art practice in sculpture melds embroidery and environmental concerns. The plastic debris she uses as material was gathered in the Fraser Valley during the pandemic. "Stitching is healing. If we can make small gesture of

repair, perhaps we can have the courage to fix our broken world."

Fraser Valley Biennale

August 5 – August 27

Reception: Sunday, August 6, 2-4pm

Planned by the Reach Gallery in partnership with the Kent Harrison Arts Council and other regional arts organizations, the Fraser Valley Regional Biennale is a dynamic, collective representation of exceptional artwork produced by artists in the Fraser Valley region.

Gwenyth Chao

September 2 – October 1

Reception: Sunday, September 3, 2-4pm



Gwenyth Chao's work combines a deep and far ranging research practice with experimentation with new sculptural materials to create innovative installations.

Chao's materials often include ingestible biomaterial such as onion skins, tea leaves, coffee grounds, cherry blossoms, kiwi, xanthan gum, gelatin, methylcellulose.

Stephanie Gagne

October 7 – November 5

Reception: October 8, 2-4pm

In her exhibition, Living Dead Girl, Stephanie Gagne will consider how figures, flowers, and insects are used across art history and contemporary media, to simultaneously represent both beauty and death.

Small Works Show

November 11 – December 3

Reception: Sunday, November 12, 2-4pm

Annual show of small works by new and established artists.

Ranger Station Art Gallery

98 Rockwell Dr., Harrison Hot Springs

M - F, 1 - 4; weekends 12 - 4 (closed weekends until March 4)

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Member's Show

December 9 – February

Reception: Sunday, December 10, 2-4pm

Work from Kent Harrison Arts Council members.

A note from Artist in Residence Colleen Brown

I have had a great time getting to know you and your community. Thank you for being so welcoming. I hope to see some of you at the library on March 4th so we can make surprises to include in some of the books for your neighbours.

Become an Arts Council Member

The Kent Harrison Arts Council is a non-profit organization committed to enriching the community through the presentation, instruction and appreciation of the Arts. The Arts Council is run by volunteers and relies on its membership for financial as well as hands on and moral support.

As we begin a new year we ask that you renew your membership or become a new member in 2023.. To become a member fill out the form accompanying this newsletter, or get one from our website or from the Ranger Station Art Gallery.

Thank you!

The KHAC is supported by:

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The Village of Harrison Hot Springs

The District of Kent

The Kent Harrison Foundation

We also thank our community partners:

Agassiz Public Library, Harrison Festival Society, Agassiz

Harrison Museum

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"Art washes away from the soul
the dust of everyday life"

Pablo Picasso