

Arts Council Newsletter Summer/Fall 2021

Greetings from the Kent Harrison Arts Council. As the situation around Covid changes and as things slowly start to open up there are some new developments we want to share with you.

First, we welcome a new Artist in Residence to the Ranger Station. After an extended stay as a result of Covid Ava Christl has moved on. We are extremely pleased to announce that Lewis Bennett began a year long residency on May 1.

Second, we would like to share information about a full slate of Gallery shows and activities for this summer and fall. These activities, as well as some others still in the planning stage, are dependent on the reopening of the province going as planned. We are very hopeful and are looking forward to an active summer and fall.

We invite you to visit the Gallery and view the work of many wonderful artists. Covid protocols are still in place for the time being.

If you have not, we again would like to encourage you to support the Arts Council by becoming a member. <u>Click here</u> to download the membership form.

New Artist in Residence

Hi there. I'm Lewis Bennett and I'm the new Artist in Residence at the Ranger Station Art Gallery.



I'm a documentary filmmaker originally from Langley, now based in Vancouver.

Major thanks to the Kent Harrison Arts Council for this incredible opportunity. In the coming months, I look forward to meeting more Arts Council members and other folks from the surrounding area.

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at the RANGER STATION ART GALLERY

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If you want to come say hi, you can find me in the gallery on Saturdays and Sundays between noon and 4pm.

I've got several short documentaries that I'm currently working on and will be presenting at the gallery next year, upon completion. Most of my recent work has been made using found footage - video clips I've compiled from numerous sources, including home video tapes and video-sharing websites like YouTube. If you're curious what the means, you can see some of my previous work at www.lewisbennett.com.

As COVID restrictions open up, I'm hoping I can host some in-person screenings and workshops so if you have any interest in documentaries, home movies, or video editing please get in touch.

Thanks for having me in your community and I look forward to meeting more of you soon.

Ranger Station Art Gallery 2021 Summer/Fall Activities

Sylvie Roussel-Janssens Four of my Favorite Things

Four of my Favorite Things is a sculptural installation on the front of the Ranger Station Art Gallery (see photo at top of page). Created during an earlier pOp-Up Residency, this piece is a playful look at the ingredients of happiness and will be in place through the summer.

Joe Gadsby July 9 - 25

Work of local nature photographer presented as part of the Harrison Festival of the Arts.

Beatrix Martin Pop-up Residency August 3, 4 and 5

A pOp-uP Residency featuring afternoon art walks & nature journaling with the goal of engaging and encouraging curiosity and connection to nature and providing an opportunity to observe, learn from and sketch local fauna and flora.



August 9 - 29

Planned by The Reach Gallery Museum Abbotsford 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 over the past two years.

Anne J. Steves September 4 - 26

CAST (away) features part of Steves' ongoing A-Luring Object(s) project, in which she has been working with the fishing lure as a mode of connectivity with the landscape and



other species. At multiple shorelines across Canada she has been creating fantastical lures that may attract resident lifeforms.

pOp-uP Residency August 30 - September 3

In conjunction with her exhibition CAST (away) Anne will demonstrate the process she went through in creating the objects that make up the A-Luring Object(s) project.

Workshop September 1

Join Anne Steves as she shows participants how to make the kind of fabric creations that comprise her A-Luring Object(s) project.

Barbara Shelley October 2 - 31

Barbara Shelley is a textile, fabric artist and colour theorist. In her abstract work, she evokes her surrounding landscape in Belcarra, BC. and in her representational work, she transcends the ephemeral beauty of our West Coast.

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We also thank our community partners: Agassiz Public Library, Harrison Festival Society, Agassiz Harrison Museum, Back Porch Coffee

Small Works November 6 - 28

Annual show of small works (10" x 10" panels) by new and established artists. Panels for this show can be purchased at the Ranger Station Art Gallery after September 15

Entry Deadline: Friday, November 5 4:00pm

Arts Council Members' Show December 4 - February 13

Call for work from all Kent Harrison Arts Council members. Each member can enter two pieces of artwork which will be displayed to create this group show.

pOp-uP Residencies

In these short term residencies artists will use the gallery as studio and exhibition space and the public is invited to visit with the artist while they work. A great opportunity interact with artists as they work.

Artists will be in the Gallery from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm during the residencies.

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Please note, after many years, the Art Council has a new phone number: 778-819-8668

Visit Us:

In Person: Ranger Station Art Gallery 98 Rockwell Drive, Harrison Hot Springs On the Web: kentharrisonartscouncil.com facebook.com/Kent Harrison Arts Council

Gallery Hours:

Weekdays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Weekends 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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

Pablo Picasso