



The
KENT HARRISON ARTS COUNCIL

RANGER STATION ART GALLERY

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Arts Council Newsletter Winter/ Spring 2020

Welcome to a new year of Kent Harrison Arts Council activities. We look forward to some exciting monthly shows in the Ranger Station Art Gallery and a series of interesting workshops. New this year we are presenting four Pop UP residencies where artists will use the Gallery as their studio and invite people to interact with them and their work.

Join us for a public Opening Artist's Reception at the beginning of each show.

Ranger Station Art Gallery 2020 Schedule

Greg Ekberg March 7 - April 1

Greg Ekberg's show consists of acrylic on canvas paintings, all produced within the last year and a half. Ekberg considers his abstract paintings as exercises in composition, contrast and colour, executed in a hard edge, cellular style. He is currently exploring these characteristics as they relate to forests and trees.



Forests Edge 24 x 30

Opening Reception – Sunday, March 8 2:00pm

Ross Bollerup April 4 - 26

This show features the work of well known local printmaker, painter and drawer Ross Bollerup. The work will span quite a few years and focus on the various processes he has used on paper to develop his vision.

Opening Reception – Sunday, April 5 2:00pm

Young at Art May 3 - 31

A show featuring work by students from schools throughout the region. Come and vote in the People's Choice Awards.

Awards Ceremony – Sunday, May 31 2:00pm

Skeena June 6 - July 1

Ava P Christl, Artist in Residence Show

Skeena: A series of paintings that reflect back on, and express relationship with, the river and environs where I grew up. These are paintings of places known, remembered and reimagined; evocations of places of belonging, mystery and spirit as seen and experienced over time.

Opening Reception – Sunday, June 7 2:00pm

Alex Turner Retrospective

July 10 - August 3

In partnership with the Harrison Festival of the Arts, the Arts Council presents a retrospective exhibition of Alex Turner's visual art, along with readings of his short fiction. Alex grew up in Harrison and though he moved to Toronto to teach art, Harrison and the surrounding area remained his spiritual and artistic home. For nearly sixty years he was a chronicler of its natural environment—its rainforests, its lakes—and of the increasing encroachment of a fragmented suburban sprawl.

Opening Reception - Sunday July 9 7:00pm

Ronan Considine August 8 – 30

Monochromatic Photography Show

Using long exposures on the horizons Ronan creates surreal dreamlike effects and deeper sense of the spirit of a place and its timeless



qualities. This gives a deeper feeling to his work, showing the passage of time on the horizon, the clouds streaking through the sky and the waves becoming a mist on the shore.

Opening Reception - Sunday August 9 2:00pm

Jesse Klassen September 5 - 27

Through surreal and abstract imagery, Jesse Klassen's works engage the viewer through the traditional form of storytelling. The stories told, despite being autobiographical, allow for both literal and creative interpretations by the viewer. This freedom of interpretation is encouraged by the artistic use of abstraction and surrealism, which stimulates a deeper connection between artist, viewer, and the work itself.



Opening Reception - Sunday, September 6 2:00pm

Bibliocache October 3 - November 1 Aaron Moran and Sylvana Dangelo



Bibliocache is an experimental library of curated self-published projects. In an attempt to move beyond the traditional bookshelf, *Bibliocache*

encourages the audience to engage with printed materials through a playful, thoughtful, and social experience. Viewers are invited to explore structures housing printed materials where they can flip through books and investigate content.

Opening Reception - Sunday, October 4 2:00pm

Small Works November 7 - December 13

Annual show of small works (12" x 12" 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 7 4:00pm

Opening Reception - Sunday, November 8 2:00pm

Arts Council Members' Show December 11 - February 14

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.

Opening Reception - Friday, December 11 7:00pm

Workshops

The Arts Council will again be offering workshops throughout 2020. Below are a few that are confirmed but keep an eye out for others that are currently in the planning stages.

World of Words with Kevin Spent

Saturday, March 14 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Partnership between the Arts Council and the Agassiz Library covering memoirs and editing.

Monoprint Making with Ross Bollerup

Saturday, April 18 12:00 to 4:00 pm

Exhibiting artist Ross Bollerup will bring one of his small presses into the Gallery for a monoprint making workshop.

Ceramics for Kids with Ernie Eaves

May (specific dates and times to be announced)

Four weekly session during the month of May where kids will have an opportunity to create with clay.

Landscape and Memory with Ava P Christl

Saturday, June 13 12:00 to 4:00 pm

Landscapes are essential to personal stories, shaping our character and imbuing us with belonging. We will make paintings based on your childhood home or favourite natural place.

Something New This Year **Pop UP Residencies**

These short term residencies will be scheduled a few times through the year. The residencies will be between four days and a week long and take place when the gallery space is available between regular monthly shows. Artists will use the gallery as studio and exhibition space and the public will be invited to visit with the artist while they work. We are excited at the opportunity to make the Gallery accessible to more artists and encourage greater interaction between artists and the community.

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

Residency # 1

Monday, March 2 to Friday, March 6

Ava P Christl, the Gallery's current Artist in Residency, will be drawing in the Gallery and will welcome others to come and draw or just visit and chat.

Residency # 2

Monday, April 27 to Friday, May 1

Details to be announced

Residency # 3

Thursday, July 2 to Monday, July 6

Details to be announced

Residency # 4

Monday, September 28 to Friday, October 2

Aaron Moran and Sylvana Dangelo will be in residence at the Gallery the week prior to the opening of *Bibliocache*. This pop-up studio space will be used for artists to produce book work(s) which can be added to the October Gallery show.

Notes from the Artist in Residence

With gratitude to KHAC for bringing me to the Ranger Station, I have happily settled in to my new home and studio and am enjoying everything from the new kitchen to watching the otters play on the docks below my window. It is a gift to have the time and space to focus on my work and an added bonus that the Directors are such gracious hosts who have welcomed me and included me in their community.



During these first months I have participated in two group exhibitions, given a presentation about my work, facilitated a crown making workshop, and hosted an Open Studio, as well as continuing my own work.

My work, in general, addresses ideas about nature and place - nature as healer; wilderness; and our human relationships to the living land. My current body of work has to do with growing up along the Skeena River in northern BC and is part memory, part observation, and part spiritual connection to place. The work will be shown at the Ranger Station Art Gallery in June 2020 and in Terrace in September.

Over the next months, I will be teaching painting at the Community Recreation Centre in Agassiz, offering programming with the Agassiz-Harrison Museum, and facilitating a painting workshop with Kent Harrison Arts Council. Watch for details via email and FB.

I look forward to spring in Harrison, to planting some veggies and flowers in the garden, to engaging with community through teaching opportunities and other projects or events, and to further explorations of this area.



Examples of the 'Crowns' made during the Arts Council's second annual Winter Solstice workshop, lead by Artist in Residence Ava P Christl, December 21.

In Memorium

The Agassiz Harrison arts community lost two of its most ardent supporters this past year.

Photographer and teacher Alex Turner grew up in Harrison Hot Springs and although he later lived in Vancouver and Toronto he maintained his family home in Harrison and returned often. He photographed and wrote extensively about the natural splendor of this area. He was a great supporter of both the Arts Council and the Festival Society.

Rae McCombs grew up in the Harrison area and returned to bring up his family here. As the regional programmer for the Continuing Education Department of Fraser Valley College Rae was instrumental in the growth of the Harrison Festival through the early days and served on the Festival's first board of directors. In retirement Rae was a regular at many Arts Council and Festival events.

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 totally 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 become a member of the Kent Harrison Arts Council. If you have been a member, please renew your membership; if you have not been a member, become a 2020 member. To become a member fill out the form accompanying this newsletter, or get one from our website or from the Ranger Station Art Gallery.

What does the KHAC get out of your paid membership?

We get financial support to carry on with our mandate of facilitating creative expression and imagination as an integral part of community life in the Agassiz-Harrison region. Your support helps us put on high quality, accessible programs for kids, seniors and everyone in between. It helps us bring seriously talented artists willing to share their skill and knowledge with the rest of us through shows at the gallery, workshops and other events, and our acclaimed national artist's residency.

What do you get out of your paid membership in the KHAC?

You get the satisfaction of bringing the Arts to our area, as well as free admission to many workshops, and the opportunity to participate in the members-only Gallery show. You also get the much coveted limited edition magnet designed by our Artist in Residence.

Thank you!

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Please note, after many years, the Art Council has a new phone number:
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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](https://www.facebook.com/KentHarrisonArtsCouncil)

Gallery Hours:

Weekdays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Weekends 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm (closed weekends from mid December to the beginning of March)

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

Pablo Picasso

The Kent Harrison Arts Council is a registered non-profit society. We are run entirely on clean, environmentally friendly energy from our dedicated group of volunteers:

Ed Stenson: President

Darleane Cunningham Vice President

Rosa Quintana: Gallery Director

Patti Turner: Secretary

Sharon Weeks: Treasurer

Liz Webber, Helene Juzda: Members at Large

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