



The Old School House, Public Gallery & Art Learning Centre

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Your guide to art activities at THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE in Qualicum Beach

Summer Of Learning Awaits You

Art education is an important part of the TOSH mandate.

This summer we are fulfilling this commitment with a wide selection of meaningful learning opportunities in a variety of mediums, for artists of all ages.

All of these opportunities are geared towards providing you with real learning that you can apply to your own creative interpretations. In addition to painting, there are workshops in applied arts such as fabric and Woodturning.

Attending one or more of these learning opportunities could be the highlight of your summer and don't forget to include your friends and summer visitors.

Take advantage and register today. (See back page for an outline of the Summer program. A brochure will be printed next month.)

Fun In Vogue at Eaglecrest

Fashion was the focus of this very entertaining evening. Ball room and Latin dancers, and the dulcet tones of Joyce Barr singing "One Kiss" made a colourful backdrop for the vintage fashions of Renee Wilson and the Beautiful spring / summer collection from Mary Leigh Campbell's EYES ON YOU.

The fashion highlight of the show for this onlooker was the introduction of the semi formal silk line from Mary Leigh; beautiful in its simple elegance.

Lenore Hellum introducing the show kept up a steady stream of humor, eclipsed only by Joyce Barr who asked if those in the back of the room could hear her. Her question was answered by a person who telephoned in from Parksville.



Joyce Barr singsaloud.

Special thanks go to Mary Leigh, Lenore, Renee Wilson, Eaglecrest G.C., supporting businesses and everyone else who helped make the evening a success.

If anyone has vintage clothing that they would like to donate to Renee's collection, please call her at 757- 8434.

Dorothy Francis Gallery Officially Opens.

With Qualicum Beach Mayor Bill Luctmeijer to help her, Dorothy Francis was on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony on February 28. TOSH is proud to honor Dorothy in this way in recognition of her many contributions to the arts in our community and her talent as an internationally known artist.

TOSH Celebrates its Tenth Anniversary.

Mark April 18th on your calendar now and come and help us celebrate the 10th anniversary of The Old School House. (*According to Hallmark Cards, this is our Aluminum anniversary.*)

Many of the founding members and sponsors of TOSH will be here, along with local council members, merchants and some very special guests. Live entertainment, food, wine and other refreshments will complete the evening which starts at 7:00 PM. *Your invitation is enclosed.*



A Glimpse into the Future of TOSH

Our renewed sense of vitality and purpose has given rise to much discussion concerning the evolution of TOSH within its stated mandate and how this evolution will manifest itself.

Our mandate is simple; we exist to support and expand the arts on Vancouver Island.

So how will we evolve? Well we could write reams on the strategy and tactics we have discussed, but in a nutshell, we want to be better at what we already do.

This means balancing our exhibits to include more travelling shows and art that stretches our imagination, giving us reason to pause and question. It means developing our education programs and summer school to a point where we are a recognized force in Canadian art education; possibly to the point of becoming an accredited



Contemplating the future.

It also means doing more to expose local and aspiring artists to the public eye by expanding our audience both locally and beyond.

Member input is vitally important.

We believe that these are worthy objectives and that they form the basis our growth strategy.

The scope of this strategy obviously has far reaching ramifications concerning our facility and perhaps even the town. We don't profess to have all of the ideas, or all of the answers.

We look to you and other members for your input. **TOSH belongs to you and to our community.** If you have some thoughts on what we should, or should not be doing, please let Bryan or Bob know. Better yet, come to the AGM on the 25th of this month and share your ideas with other members. You are a part of TOSH and you can help to shape its future.

Member Get Member Campaign

In order for TOSH to grow and to improve the calibre of exhibits and art education that it provides, it needs the critical mass that a healthy and growing membership provides *and you can help.*

Our membership currently stands at just over seven hundred and we would like to increase it to a thousand by year end.

The Member Get Member Program is simple. Tell a friend, neighbor or relative why you are a member of TOSH and get them to become a member too.

A membership form is enclosed which lists the benefits of membership and the annual dues.

If just half of our members get one other person to join, we will reach our goal. But don't leave it to someone else to do it, sign up a member today and feel good in the knowledge that you are helping to build TOSH's future.

At the end of this year, the member who has signed up the most new members will receive an original work of art by one of our resident artists.

Volunteers: The Heart and Soul of TOSH.

As you all know, without our volunteers there would be no Old School House. Exhibitions, special events, education programs, accounting; all are managed entirely, or in large part by your fellow members.

And there are the little touches too. Many people who visit TOSH comment on the beautiful flowers that accent the gallery. These arrangements are courtesy of volunteer **Jill Gooden**, affectionately known as our flower lady. Jill has an enormous garden and keeps TOSH green and blossoming year round. Thank you Jill for the beauty of the outdoors that you bring inside.

If you want to find a channel for your creative juices, we need an editor for the newsletter. Interested? Call Bryan at TOSH.

Upcoming Exhibits

***"Birds of A Feather"* March 23 - April 12**

TOSH celebrates the Brant Festival with an exhibit of the bold works of **Gwen Curry** and **Carol Frank**, staged in the Brown Gallery. This is an exhibition in which these two professional Vancouver Island artists use the imagery of birds and the language of art to communicate their ideas. This is a show about our relationship with nature and with ourselves.

The exhibit is curated by **Brenda Wenstob** of the Fran Willis Gallery in Victoria and demonstrates our commitment to bring world class art into our community for your enjoyment.

**"From Darkest Domistica II -
Escape To The Humdrum"**

March 17 - April 12

By **Wendy Saville Wilkes** in the Dorothy Francis Gallery. New works by this talented local artist with bold use of colour and shapes, draw the viewer in to ponder and question their commentary on every day issues of life.

**Loose Goose In The Gallery
March 27 - April 8**

TOSH will again host the Children's Brant Festival art show. Students of district 69 will display their artistic interpretations of BC coastal wildlife. Reception for the kids in the gallery on March 28, 2 - 4 PM.

Upcoming Events

The Art Of Golf, June 13.

Whether you are a duffer or a pro, grab your clubs (or someone else's) and come and play in The Art of Golf Tournament on June 13 at Memorial G.C. in Qualicum. Tickets go on sale next month. Included, are green fees, dinner, lots of prizes and a chance to win artwork, a dream cruise or maybe even a new car!!

All this for just \$49! What are you waiting for? Register now and bring family and friends out for this fun event. Call to register 752 6133.

**The Grand Prix d'art.
June 27 & 28.**

Calling all artists. TOSH present the 4th annual Qualicum Beach Grand prix d' art. First prize \$400. This fun contest is open to anyone. For registration or more details call 752 6133. Entry fees are \$15/day or \$25 for both days. Includes artists lunch.



Come out for Grand Prix.

**Summer Learning
Opportunities.**

This is only a listing to let you and your fellow members know the kinds of opportunities that are coming up. Call Cheryl at 752 6133 for more details, or drop by during April to pick up a brochure.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Please register early as these classes are being advertised in BC and the PNW.

WORKSHOPS

Willow chair workshop

You will make your own willow chair with Simon Yan. All materials provided. One day, May 23. \$120.

Using Photographs in Textile Art.
Louise Slobodan. June 13. \$50 + \$10 for materials.

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Fabric. Jane Garcia. June \$50. + \$3.50 lab fee.

Landscape Impressions with Fabric. Dale McEwan. June 27 & 28. \$100.

Acrylics and Oils. Bruce Cryer. July 25 & 26. \$125.

TURN WEST 98.

Woodturning symposium.

Internationally known Woodturning artists, Bonnie Klein, Jason Marlow & Frank Sudol. August 8 & 9. \$275. Includes lunch each day and welcoming reception.

CLASSES

Oils & Acrylics. Kiff Holland. Four days, June 8 - 11. \$376 Includes lunch each day and welcoming reception on June 7.

The Fun of Watercolour. Pauline Pike. Five days June 15 - June 19. \$325, Includes lunch each day and welcoming reception on June 14.

Watercolours. Joyce Kamimura. Five days, June 22 - June 26. \$400. Includes lunch each day and welcoming reception on June 21.

Name That Colour Acrylics. Muriel Patterson. Five days, July 6 - 10. \$325. Includes lunch each day and welcoming reception on July 5.

Better Painting Techniques, Watercolour. Wendy Robson. Five days, July 27 - 31. \$365. Includes lunch each day and welcoming reception.

CLASSES FOR KIDS

During this summer, we will also have a full schedule of summer

classes for children . These classes cover a variety of mediums and crafts. Call Cheryl at 752-6133 for details, or drop by in April to pick up a brochure.

A Big Thank You!

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