

Chairs Annual Report

Welcome, this is an important event connecting the members of the Arts Council, the Board of Directors and staff who work on behalf of the members and the many volunteers who make the Sunshine Coast Arts Council come alive in our community.

I want to thank the current Board – Tim Clement, Pamela Roberts, Ian Macleod and Carole Miller a group of dedicated volunteers who have worked together over the past year. Thank you for being dedicated, resilient and very capable.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Sheenah Main, our arts administrator. The Board is dependent on and incredibly grateful for Sheenah who implements and administers the Arts Council's many programs and projects, we are truly grateful for Sheenah's organizational and administrative skills. Tammy Williams our dedicated bookkeeper, the board truly appreciates and relies on the work she does. Thanks also to Leslie Thompson, our fundraising manager who has worked on various grants this past year to allow us to continue with our current programming as well as introduce new programs and projects for our growing community in the coming year.

In February, the unexpected happened when a car crashed through the wall into the Doris Crowston Gallery causing damage to the building, but luckily no one was hurt.

In April we introduced our new logo, 4 sections and colours to represent the different areas of art: Visual, Performing, Literary & Educational that come together under the umbrella of the Sunshine Coast Arts Council.

Our posters have taken on a consistent, new and improved look too, thanks to Ian Macleod's design work.

The constitution was updated in compliance with the BC Society act and we took this opportunity to overhaul and update our own bylaws which the membership approved in June.

We had two competent summer students who assisted Sheenah not only with the Craft Fair, but with archiving and other administrative duties.

In review we have had a very successful year. Our building is in excellent shape inside and out; our finances continue to be solid, and our volunteer base is increasing. Our visitor numbers and membership have both increased in this fiscal year.

We will continue working to further our constitutional purpose to *"increase and broaden the opportunities for the Sunshine Coast citizens to enjoy and to participate in cultural activities"*.

With Thanks
Nell Burns
SCAC Co Chair

SCAC Exhibitions Doris Crowston Gallery



The Doris Crowston Gallery featured 5 professional exhibitions with 10 artists, plus 4 group exhibitions.

Works in Wood 28 artists exhibiting in the medium of wood including musical instruments, watercraft, furniture, cabinets, carvings, sculpture from woodworking professionals in our community. Curated by Tim Clement.

Seeing and Being Seen Mental Health Group show featured 31 artists in a variety of mediums.

Friends of the Gallery SCAC's Annual Group exhibition included 83 artists in a variety of art mediums.

Connecting the Lines the final group exhibition showcasing the diverse talents and skills of four LGBTQ artists on the Sunshine Coast.

In February we introduced 'Meet the Artist' for each exhibition. This gives the public the opportunity to hear about the artists process and inspirations for their work as well as see demos, if the artists are able to. These special events are live streamed on social media where possible to help reach a further audience.

Our opening receptions have been changed as requested from many members. Openings have been moved from weekday evenings to weekend afternoons to allow more people to attend.

We had 28 active gallery attendants over the year who contributed a combined total of 1283 hours to keep the Gallery open.

4859 total recorded visitors to the exhibitions.

SCAC Youth Programs and Exhibitions



Children's Summer Workshop. Artist Bruce Edwards in collaboration with the Sunshine Coast Conservation Association gave a very successful painting and conservation workshop. Each student painted an individual canvas with a final exhibition featuring individual collage panels by 16 young people (full house). Each student received a T-Shirt featuring their own artwork. This workshop was sponsored by Sechelt Rotary and in partnership Sunshine Coast Conservation Association.

Children's Banner Project The theme this year was 'Our Heritage'. The Banner Project had 300 entries, with 10 schools participating. All entries are exhibited in the Doris Crowston Gallery. A jury meets to review all entries and select 20 designs which were then made into full-size banners and displayed by the Municipal Library Building and Aquatic Centre in Sechelt Feb – Nov (weather dependent) Approximately 45 volunteers worked for a total of 154 hours to make this project successful. We sincerely thank Devon Blean for Coordinating the painting and volunteers for this project. Sponsored by Clayton's Heritage Market.

The Young Artists Awards We had 19 entrants and a total of 33 entries from artists aged 5 to 18 years old. 16 volunteers were involved in the production, including 3 professional artists that assess and provide comments on every entry. All participants received certificates of recognition for their pieces at the award presentation, and 15 artists were honoured with special recognition, each receiving gift cards for art supplies to encourage them to continue in their creative endeavors. We had 3 sponsors for this show, Opus, Sechelt Rotary and Gibson's School of the Arts.

The Young Peoples Own Show We had a decrease in the number of elementary schools taking part mainly due to scheduling which we have changed this year. We used the additional space to install fabric with dress outlines (front and back). Art supplies were provided so visitors to the arts Centre could graffiti and decorate the dresses with pictures and words to represent what Canada means to them in celebration of Canada's 150th birthday. Dresses were made up and worn in the Canada Day parade. We had 3 of the 4 Secondary schools exhibit resulting in another successful exhibition.



SCAC Programs & Events

The art council's Author Reading Series is an important part of arts council programming. A total of eight authors were brought to the Sunshine Coast to read from and talk about their work during this period: Brian Payton, Ian Brown, Janie Chang, Jordan, Abel, Dennis Cooley, Bill Gaston, Joan Haggerty, Ujjal Dosanjh. Committee co-chairs Dick Harrison, Paddy Blenkinsop, Andrew Scott and Shelly Harrison Rae continue to volunteer their time help run this series.

We celebrated our 50th anniversary in 2016. Four key events marked this special celebration.

- a public concert
- an anniversary tea to honour volunteers from past to present
- a special reception to recognize donors and sponsors
- An evening celebrating 50 years of writers and readers

All four events were very well attended and appreciated by all.

The Sound Studio run by Steve Wright is open daily offering music programs to learn drumming, guitar, turntables, music with iPads and allows students from age 8 and up play instruments with each other and to record their work.

SCAC Craft Exhibits



Hackett Park Summer Craft Fair Our annual outdoor juried craft fair in August 2016 had over 5,000 visitors. The fair had 65 vendors which included 25 new vendors (increased by 5 from 2015) and 88 volunteers helped to make it a big success.



Deck the Halls Our juried Christmas Craft Fair, held for the 4th year in the Arts Centre. There were 29 vendors participating and 900 visitors.

We thank Sheenah Main who excels at producing both of these events.

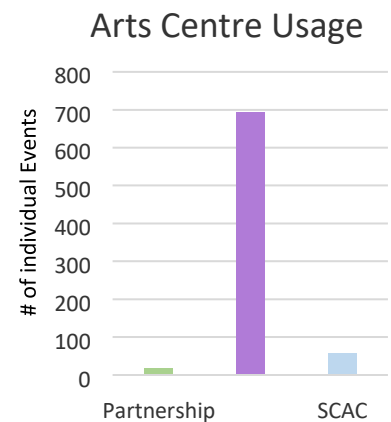
SCAC Attendance

The building continues to be a source of revenue from rentals to other organizations and individuals. We had 15 regular renters over the year including:

The Sound, Coast Recital, Elder College, Toastmasters, Life Drawing, Head Start, Brushstrokes, Tops, SCACL, Life & Limn, Café Artesia, SC Natural History Society, Buddhist Meditation and SC Astronomy Club.

Month	Gallery Visitors	SCAC Events	SCAC Partnership Event Visitors	Rental Visitors
July	203			95
August	1002			80
September	672	166	12	416
October	704		302	1084
November	1171			759
December	124	189		42
January	464			402
February	243	190		352
March	381	50		336
April	196		450	398
May	241			368
June	458			107
Total	5859	595	764	4439

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We had 69 single rental events ranging from Celebration of Life, Book Launches, Birthday & honouring community member parties, workshops, meetings, rehearsals, auditions, films, yoga, recitals, receptions, interviews, performances, dance practice, interviews, lectures, Fibre Arts Sale, .

The arts centre is also used in partnership with other organisations; Festival of the Performing Arts, Culture Days and the Sechelt Arts Festival.

SCAC Volunteers

We sincerely thank all the amazing volunteers who have helped SCAC this past year. Their contribution to the arts community is invaluable.

All the gallery attendants who engage with the public, the kitchen crew who provide refreshments and clear up at our reception's and events. The gardeners who help maintain our grounds and keep the garden tidy.

The gallery committee who schedule the jury, exhibition calendar, help with installations and take down and introduce each artist.

The building committee who keep track of repairs and upgrades inside and out.

The banner committee who draw, paint and coordinate the winning banners every December & January.

We continue to actively recruit new volunteers.

This year we have recruited new volunteers to steer head and contribute to committees in the new programs we will be offering in 2017/2018.

This year we are awarding Sheila Page a Lifetime Membership. Sheila has been volunteering since 1984 in many aspects of the SCAC.

Month	# of Volunteers	# of Volunteer hours
July	22	118
August	38	211
September	34	88.5
October	38	83
November	62	120
December	33	191
January	52	95.5
February	31	83.5
March	35	90
April	37	82
May	34	86
June	38	80
Total	454	1328.5



Volunteer Appreciation Tea Party

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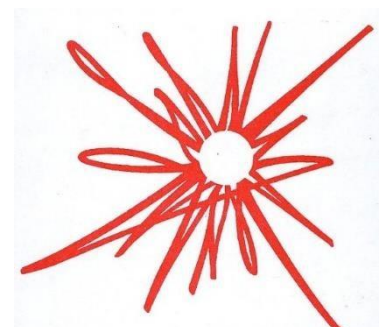
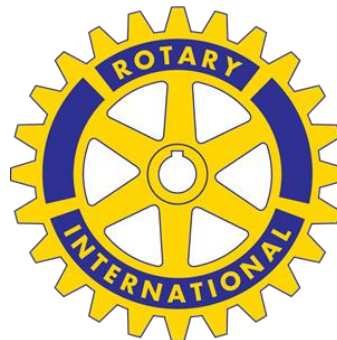
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