

## PACA Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, December 11, 2024

**Location:** Semiahmoo Arts Society

**Host:** Semiahmoo Arts Society

**Time:** 12:30 PM Potluck, followed by Meeting (1:00–2:00 PM)

The potluck lunch was fantastic, and the gathering fostered a great sense of community!

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### 1. Welcome

- **Facilitators:** Elaine Cheung and Michele Partridge
- **Purpose of PACA:** To promote collaboration and mutual support, helping members thrive together.

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### 2. Semiahmoo Arts Society Membership

- **Membership Fee:** \$50
  - Includes all benefits of the Semiahmoo Arts Society and PACA.
  - One free PACA meeting included.
- **Registration:** <https://semiahmooarts.com/>

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### 3. Member Introductions

Each member shared their name, organization, activities, promotions, or requests (2 minutes each):

- **Lyn Verra-Lay**
  - Creator of *Belinda's Connection Café* (@ 13530 72 Ave, Old Firehall).
  - Activities: Music, movement, painting, Indigenous storytelling, and mini drums.
  - Free registration, funded by the Art Council of Surrey.
  - [Belinda's Connection Café Facebook Page](#)
- **Winston Connor** (White Rock Singers)
  - Recent events:
    - Carol singing at Miramar Plaza (Nov 16)
    - Christmas on the Peninsula Tree Lighting (Nov 30)
    - Christmas Concert raised \$750 for Alzheimer's Society; combined with Rotary Club match, \$1,500 will be awarded as a student bursary at Semiahmoo High School.
  - Spring session begins Jan 13, Mondays at Semiahmoo High School.
  - Success Story: Collaboration between Peter Koyander and Janet Ellis led to the *Crimson Crescendo* performance at *Gossamer Glow*.
- **Dale Harding** (Pizzazz)
  - Focus: Personal development and modeling classes (35 subjects).
  - Request: Enroll children in classes. Planning a major showcase next year.

- **Tamiko Spicer** (DKimat Artworks)
  - Specialty: Pal Tiya clay for outdoor art (no kiln required).
  - Plans: Offering workshops at Semiahmoo Arts Society.
  - Request: Seeking connections with Emily Carr University or the City of Surrey.
  
- **Rosemary Smituk**
  - Musician for hire (harp, flute, piano).
  
- **Pat Petrala**
  - Community connector involved in several initiatives, including:
    - Semiahmoo Seniors, PH2H (Peninsula Homeless to Homes), CAT.
    - Home-based detox program through Options Community Services.
  - Shared resources:
    - *People's Law School*: Free webinars on copyrights.
    - *Naked Stage*: Upcoming library reading event.
  
- **Derek Armstrong**
  - Visual and mixed media artist.
  - Collaborating with Curiko to create comics and teach storytelling.
  - Plans: Publishing books and working with the City of White Rock.
  
- **Chris McClure & Marilyn Hurst** (Golden Cactus Studio)
  - Hosting a small show with GS & Company this December.
  
- **Denice Thompson** (CARP)
  - Hosting a Christmas party (Dec 12) at White Rock Community Centre.
  - New chair: Rich Ulvild, offering fresh leadership.
  
- **Heidi McCurdy**
  - Singer and voice coach, focusing on creative expression.
  - Offers private lessons, group classes, and leads the *Soul of the World Community Choir*.
  - Request: Seeking a venue for choir rehearsals. Suggestions: Aspira, White Cliff, or retirement homes.
  
- **Michele Partridge & Elaine Cheung**
  - New Vice Chair/Chair of the 2025–2026 PACAC Committee.

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#### 4. Semiahmoo Arts Society Update

- **Member Show:**
  - Deadline: Jan 20; exhibition runs Feb 8–Mar 1.
- **Turnbull Gallery:**
  - Current show: *Seeing Red* by KPU students (ends Jan 31).
- **2025 Registration:** Open for classes.

- **PACA Newsletter Updates:**
    - Starting 2025: Two emails per month.
      - 1st: Save-the-date details.
      - 2nd: Includes posters and event info.
    - Submit posters to: [newsletter@semiahmooarts.com](mailto:newsletter@semiahmooarts.com)
  - **Workshops:** Encouraging PACA members to host more workshops.
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## 5. City of White Rock Updates

- **Karina Hill (Curatorial Assistant):**
  - Conducting condition reports and creating a maintenance plan for murals and public art.
  - Term ends Jan 17, 2025.
- **Rebecca Forrest:**
  - 2025 plans:
    - Two new murals.
    - *Poetry in Motion* in parks (collaborating with poets and schools).
    - Heritage Interpretation Program (grant-based).
  - *Bright Walk in White Rock*: Ongoing until Jan 12.

## Suggestions from Members:

- Reach out to TV news weather hosts to feature the White Rock pier camera and promote the city.
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## 6. New Business

- None.
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## 7. Next Meeting Dates

- **Jan 8, 2025:** Semiahmoo Arts Society
- **Feb 12, 2025**
- **Mar 12, 2025**