

PACA Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Location: Semiahmoo Arts Society

Host: Semiahmoo Arts Society

Time: 1:00–2:00 PM

1. Welcome

- Facilitators: Elaine Cheung and Michele Partridge
 - Purpose of PACA: Promote collaboration and mutual support to help 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 Link: <https://semiahmooarts.com/>
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3. Member Introductions

Each member had two minutes to introduce themselves, share activities, promotions, or requests:

Janet Ellis – Peninsula Productions

- Upcoming Shows:
 - *Outside Mullingar*: Feb 6–14
 - *Dance Dance Dance*: Jan 25, 7–10 PM (cash bar)
- Events:
 - *Tuesdays Got Talent* (live comedy): Jan 14, 7 PM (donation at the door)
 - *Crimson Crescendo*: Mar 2, 2PM

Jackie Alexander – Jewelry Artist

- Member of the Art of Colour.
- First-time attendee.

Caroline Baasch – Painter

- Member of the Art of Colour.
- Specializes in bold colours and floral themes.
- First-time attendee.

Barb Fukusaka – Glass Artist

- No upcoming shows.
- Currently experimenting with new techniques.

Tamiko Spicer – Okimat Artworks

- Specializes in Pal Tiya clay for outdoor art (no kiln required).
- Working on a life-size timber wolf sculpture.
- Plans to bring samples for members to try at the next meeting.
- Website: <https://okimatartworks.com/>

Rosemary Smituk – Musician

- Performs on harp, flute, and piano.
- Weekly performances at Morrison's Café during brunch.
- **ASK:** Seeking an acoustic guitarist to form a duo.

Winston Conyers – White Rock Singers

- Leads a jazz group and hosts weekly choir sessions on Mondays (\$125 for 12 sessions, recital, and potluck).
- Plans to join two choirs for a large concert in the fall.

Nicci Battilani – Mixed Media Artist

- Participated in the Landmark Pop-Up Gallery (September).
- **ASK:** Looking for more opportunities to exhibit work.

Karen Kroeker – Painter

- Member of the Art of Colour.
- Preparing for a Semiahmoo Arts Member Show (March).
- Seeking additional exhibition opportunities.

Babeata Chhabra – Artist for Peace

- Works with Indigenous communities writes poetry and sings jazz and original music.
- Planning biannual *Artists for Peace* events, supporting ocean/environment organizations in May 2025 at St. Mark's Anglican Church.

Delores Duley

- Community builder hosting monthly events at her home.
- **ASK:** Wants a centralized source for arts events in South Surrey and White Rock.

Denice Thompson – CARP

- Announced leadership transition: New Chair, Rich Ulvild.
- Reported a successful Christmas party with over 200 attendees.

Michele Partridge

- New Vice Chair/Chair of the 2025–2026 PACAC Committee.
- Recently joined Peninsula Productions as an Associate Producer, with plans for a play in the fall.

Elaine Cheung

- New Vice Chair/Chair of the 2025–2026 PACAC Committee.

4. Semiahmoo Arts Society Updates (Presented by Laurel, ED)

- Formerly known as the Community Arts Council.
- Winter season classes begin next week.
- Access Fund: 50% off PACA membership for those in need.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Open House: April 5, featuring free classes.

- Member Show:
 - Submission Deadline: Jan 20
 - Exhibition Dates: Feb 8–Mar 1
 - Turnbull Gallery:
 - Current Exhibit: *Seeing Red* by KPU students (ends Jan 31).
 - PACA Newsletter Updates:
 - Two emails per month:
 - 1st: Save-the-date reminders.
 - 2nd: Event posters and details.
 - Submit posters to: newsletter@semiahmooarts.com
 - Encouraging PACA members to host workshops.
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5. City of White Rock Updates (Presented by Karina Hill)

- Landmark Pop-Up Gallery: Renamed "Uptown Gallery" as part of a rebrand.
 - Kent Street Activity Centre: New gallery wall featuring archival photos of White Rock, launching soon.
 - Antique Fire Truck Refurbishment: This will be displayed at the Firehall.
 - Public Art Inventory: A comprehensive catalogue of public and private art with signage updates.
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6. New Business

- None reported.
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7. Next Meeting Dates

- February 12, 2025: Semiahmoo Arts Society
 - March 12, 2025: Semiahmoo Arts Society
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