

PACA Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Location: Semiahmoo Arts Society

Time: 1:00–2:00 PM

Facilitators: Elaine Cheung & Michele Partridge

1. Welcome

Purpose of PACA: To promote collaboration and mutual support, helping members thrive together.

2. Semiahmoo Arts Society Membership

- **Membership Fee:** \$50
 - Includes all benefits of the Semiahmoo Arts Society and PACA.
 - One free PACA meeting included.
 - **Registration:** [Sign up here](#)
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3. Member Introductions

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

Derek Armstrong (Artist)

- Participating in the **2025 Art Rise Collective** at the end of May. [More info](#)
- Preparing for the **Culture Crawl** and **Inclusion Art Show**.

Caroline Baasch (Painter)

- **ASK:** Interested in organizing a PACA show or open house to showcase PACA. Seeking a working group.

Yan Song (Seniors Painters' Group) (First time at PACA)

- Current exhibition at **White Rock Landmark Gallery:** *Where the Heart Finds Home*.
- Member of **Golden Autumn Chinese Choir**, performing at seniors' homes.

Patti Petrala

- Member of **Semiahmoo Senior Planning Table**.
- **Brella Society** launched a new resource book. [View online](#)
- **White Rock South Surrey Primary Care Network** is hosting a **Lifestyle Management Education Series**. [Register here](#)

Chris McClure (Golden Cactus Gallery)

- **Art Show** at GS & Company in Semiahmoo Mall. Live painting this weekend.

Barb Fukusaka (Glass Artist)

- Upcoming shows:
 - **May 3 & 4** – Burnaby Village Museum
 - **Summer** – Township 7

- **July** – Landmark Uptown Gallery
- **ASK:** Looking for display plinths.

Rosemary Smituk (Musician, AKA Rosy Sims)

- Performing Irish music at **Morrison Café** for St. Patrick's Day.
- **ASK:** Attend her performance and brunch at Morrison Café.
- **ASK:** Available for **wedding background music** bookings.

Briyany Hollick (first time at PACA)

- Her mother, **Elizabeth Hollick**, is giving away **100 sketchbooks** filled with her art.
- **Art Extravaganza Giveaway & Auction** – March 28, 6-9 PM, at White Rock Players Club.
- **ASK:** Attend the event.

Dale Harding (Pizzazz School of Personal Development & Modeling Agency)

- Focus on **confidence-building** and life skills for all ages.
- **Upcoming Summer Camps** (ages 4+).
- **ASK:** Looking for a **venue** for a fashion show.

Winston Conyers (White Rock Singers)

- Choir of **50 voices**, performing community concerts.
- **Spring Carol Concert** – April 13, 2025, raising funds for Alzheimer's research & a bursary for music students.
- **ASK:** Looking for new singers and contact for Playhouse.

Nicci Battilani (Mixed Media Artist)

- Working on **two books**.
- **September Show** at Landmark.
- **ASK:** Searching for a **trade show venue** for a Pen & Paper event in **Spring or Fall 2026**.

Karen Kroeker (Textile Artist/Painter)

- Participating in several shows this year.
- Creates **wall art & functional pieces using a sewing machine**.

Jackie Alexander (Jewelry Artist)

- Will be at the **Semiahmoo Arts Society Booth** at White Rock Farmers Market.
- Working on **driftwood art**.

Phyllis Cole (Violinist, O'Carolan Celtic Ensemble)

- **St. Patrick's Day Performance**.
- **March 29:** Performing at **Langley Arts Council** (1:30 PM, Aldergrove Kinsman Activity Centre).
- **June 22:** Performing at Greg Smith's *Art in the Blue Cottage* event.

Alison Thorpe (Guest of Jackie, Watercolor Artist)

- **Next Show: Pelican Rouge Café** – April 27.
- Artists can exhibit at Pelican Rouge without being part of an artist group.

Denice Thompson (CARP Representative)

- Looking to **collaborate with artists** for CARP events.
- **June Event:** Focus on **nutrition & healthy eating for seniors**.

Michele Partridge

- **Vice-President of Semiahmoo Arts Society.**
- **April 4-8:** Open house in collaboration with **Semiahmoo & Rotary.**
- **Rotary of WR:** Book sales raise over **\$120K/year**, 70% goes to the local community.
- **Peninsula Productions Show: *From Swing to King*** starring **Ben Klein** (April 4 & 5).

Elaine Cheung

- **White Rock OCP Update:** Have your say! [Fill out the survey.](#)
- **Community Hub:** Learn more about open houses [here.](#)

4. Semiahmoo Arts Society Updates (Presented by Emily)

- **Farmers Market:** Two tables – one for crafts, one for member showcases.
- **April 5 Open House:** Free activities including pottery, watercolor, and live music. **Seeking vendors** (must have taken a class at Semiahmoo Arts).
- **Newsletter Revamp:**
 - *Save-the-Date Newsletter & PACA Events Newsletter* – Contact Emily at newsletter@semiahmooarts.com to submit events.
- **PACA Contact List:** Add your info to the **Storymap** via the PACA members page.
- **ASK:** Donate used **art supplies** for resale at the open house. Proceeds support the **Ulee Access Fund**.

5. City of White Rock Updates (Presented by Rebecca Forrest)

- **Mural Callouts (Deadline: March 30):** West Beach Parkade & Balsam Street Comfort Station. [Apply here.](#)
- **Uptown Gallery Artist-in-Residence Program:** 4-week residency (October 2025). [Apply by April 21.](#)
- **Culture Crawl:** Oct 5-6, in partnership with City of Surrey.
- **New City Events Coordinator: Manisha Jassal** (formerly with Richmond & Surrey).
- **Volunteer Fair:** April 7. **Canada Day event in planning.**

6. New Business

None reported.

7. Next Meeting

- **April 9, 2025** – Semiahmoo Arts Society, 1:00 PM.