

## PACA Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Location: Greg's House, 1046 Steven's Street

Lunch: 12:00–1:00 PM

Meeting Time: 1:00–2:00 PM

Facilitators: Elaine Cheung & Michele Partridge

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### 1. Welcome

Elaine and Michele welcomed attendees and reiterated the purpose of PACA:

*To promote collaboration, mutual support, and collective success among members.*

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### 2. Semiahmoo Arts Society Membership

- Annual Fee: \$50
  - Includes full membership with both the Semiahmoo Arts Society and PACA.
  - Includes one free PACA meeting.
- Registration Link: [semiahmooarts.com/paca](http://semiahmooarts.com/paca)

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### 3. Member Introductions

Heidi McCurdy – Singer/Songwriter, Voice Coach, Sound Therapist

- Provides private singing lessons, community song circles, and leads *Soul of the World* choir.
- Outreach programs with Semiahmoo Arts and Brella, plus intergenerational drum circles.
- Ask: Looking for community events seeking a non-performance group to participate.

Megan McClenen – Manager, Black Bond Books (Semiahmoo Mall)

- First PACA meeting. Also an artist (animation, multiple mediums).
- Instagram: @artsymegan22

Karen Kroeker – Fibre Artist

- Exhibiting in *Art of Colour* show at the Pop-Up Gallery.
- Involved with Culture Crawl (22 artists at Landmark Gallery).
- Board member, White Rock Museum & Archives.
  - New glass display cases (\$3,500 each) being installed; sponsorship opportunities available with plaque recognition.

Eric Laponte – Yuk Yuk's White Rock & Surrey / South Rock Comedy Festival

- Upcoming comedy show at WR Players Club, Sept 20.
  - Tickets: \$29 early bird / \$35 regular.
  - Host: Dan Quinn.
- Ask: Assistance with distributing show posters/fliers at storefronts.

Lucille Loore – Visual Artist

- Seeking new venues to sell art. Recently shown at Pelican Rouge.
- Collector of themed plates (e.g., train series).
- Ask: Looking for buyers for plate collection.

Phyllis Cole – Violinist, O'Carolan Celtic Ensemble

- Celtic-inspired group, also booking Christmas shows.
- Ask: Seeking weekend gigs; smaller groups available weekdays.

Pattie Petrala – Community Engagement

- Active with many local organizations.
- Shared info about talk on *AI & ChatGPT for Seniors* session at WR Community Centre.

Tamiko Sapicer & Zak – Cement Clay Sculpture Artists

- Create large outdoor sculptures and lighter cement-clay bags for purchase.
- Exploring opening a studio for public workshops.
- Ask: Seeking display locations for large-scale works and opportunities to sell the clay.

Barb Fukusaka – Glass Artist

- Specializes in small glass works.
- Upcoming events: Delta Stop (late Sept), Culture Crawl at Kaleidoscope, Highcroft (Nov 20–23).
- Focus: Christmas markets.

Rosemary Smituk (Rosy Sims) – Musician

- Harpist, flutist, and emerging vocalist.
- Performs at seniors' homes, cafés, weddings, and busking in White Rock.
- Volunteer at Peace Arch Hospice.
- Ask: Looking for event and wedding performance opportunities.
- Participating in Culture Crawl.

Greg Smith – Art Lover & Curator

- Running for White Rock Council (focused on restoring arts and culture representation).
- Hosts backyard concerts and open to lending venue to musicians.

Chris Maclure – Golden Cactus Studio

- Organizer of *Art on the Promenade* (35th year, longest-running cultural event in White Rock).
- Participating in Culture Crawl at Nomad Gallery.

Michele Partridge – Confidence Coach & Associate Producer, Peninsula Productions

- Teaches acting, improv, and confidence coaching.
- Producing *Super Seniors* (Sept 18–21).
- Hosting stand-up and improv shows during Culture Crawl.
- Ask: Seeking program ads (\$100 full page).

Elaine Cheung – President, White Rock Farmers Market; Director, Semiahmoo Arts Society; City Councillor

- Nothing to share at the moment.

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#### 4. Semiahmoo Arts Society Updates (Emily)

- New ED: Amanda Silver, replacing Laurel. Background in marketing, communications, and arts leadership (City of Surrey, WR, Fraser Health).
- Workshops & Registration: Fall programs start next week (visual & performing arts, all ages).
- Opportunities:
  - Pottery instructor needed.
  - Wall space available for art displays at the South Surrey Rec Centre.
  - Nov 20 Networking Event with SBOT (8–10 AM, Rosemary performing). Sponsorships available.
  - Exploring ways for PACA members to showcase art at the event (updates in October).
- Culture Crawl: Free art classes offered through Semiahmoo Arts.

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#### 5. City of White Rock Updates (Rebecca)

- Murals: 3 new pieces added in the city and locations will be added to the art story map.
- Events: Increased attendance and improved safety at this year's Canada Day and Sea Festival.
- Culture Crawl: Oct 4–5. Contact Rebecca to join next year.
- Artist in Residence: Easton Arnouse (Semiahmoo First Nation).
- Uptown Gallery: Record 25 applicants; programming set for 11 months + 1 artist-in-residence.
- Truth & Reconciliation Day: Sept 30, led by Semiahmoo First Nation. New shirt design anticipated.
- Heritage Signage: Partnership with WR Museum to update city signage.
- Opportunities:
  - Sign up for recreation & culture newsletters.
  - Join artist database to receive updates on calls for artists.
  - Applications for 2026 events now open. Contact Rebecca or Manisha with proposals.

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#### 6. New Business

- None reported.

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#### 7. Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 – 1:00 PM

Location: Semiahmoo Arts Society