

PACA Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Location: Semiahmoo Arts Society

Lunch: 12:00–1:00 PM

Meeting Time: 1:00–2:00 PM

Facilitators: Elaine Cheung & Michele Partridge

1. Welcome

Elaine and Michele opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and reaffirming PACA's mission: *To foster collaboration, mutual support, and collective success among members.*

2. Semiahmoo Arts Society Membership

- **Annual Fee:** \$50
 - Includes full membership with both Semiahmoo Arts Society and PACA
 - Covers one free PACA meeting
- **Registration:** <https://semiahmooarts.com/paca>

3. Member Updates & Introductions

Denise – CARP

- Oct 25: *For the Health of It* event (BIA) – Sold out
- Nov 11: Speaker and Elvis performer
- Dec 7: CARP Christmas Party at White Rock Community Centre (3–5 PM) featuring Alissa Neilson

Sarah Macklin – The Real Fashion Spy

- Participated in the Culture Crawl and Kent Street clothing market
- Involved in circular fashion and sustainability efforts
- Interested in supporting nonprofits by redistributing thrifted clothing

Carla Maskall – Mural Artist

- Restored the Playhouse mural and participated in the Culture Crawl
- Completed a mural in Langley (artists were paid \$3,000)
- Elaine encouraged Carla to share insights on Langley's mural policy with the City

Eric Laponte – Yuk Yuks Surrey & South Rock Comedy Festival

- Festival postponed to November 2026
- Sept 20: Sold-out Yuk Yuks White Rock show
- Nov 8: First charity gala for his daughter's foundation: Playful Palette Foundation (supports youth access to arts)

Phyllis Cole – Violinist, O'Carolan Celtic Ensemble

- Praised Culture Crawl and social media promotion
- Booking Christmas shows and planning a benefit concert for the food bank
- Seeking weekend gigs; smaller ensembles available on weekdays

Bo Long

- Interested in community engagement and bridging the Chinese and broader community

Bruce Petherick – White Rock Orchestra

- Hosts three concerts annually, including double Christmas performances
- Seeking a larger venue (500+ capacity) beyond church settings

Pattie Petrala – Community Engagement

- Attended Culture Crawl and Kent Street show
- Used shuttle service and visited multiple venues

Barb Fukusaka – Glass Artist

- Participated in Culture Crawl
- Upcoming shows:
 - Nov 8: White Rock Christian Academy
 - Nov 20–23: Highcroft
- Focused on Christmas markets

Greg Smith – Curator & Art Enthusiast

- *More Than the Eye Can See #5* photography exhibit at Landmark Gallery (Jan 3–30)
- Includes 23–28 photographers, poetry competition, and youth videographers
- Hosts pop-up art shows at seniors' homes

Michele Partridge – Confidence Coach & Peninsula Productions

- Teaches acting, improv, and confidence coaching
- Monthly improv jam (last Monday of each month) – cash donation at door
- Upcoming events:
 - Oct 14: *Tuesday's Got Talent*
 - Oct 23–26: *Billy Bishop Goes to War*
 - Nov 2: *Crimson Crescendo* – candlelit symphonic evening themed “Fire”
- Seeking program ad sponsors (\$100 for full-page ad)

Louise Taylor – Brella & Crescent Housing Society

- **Winter Wonderland Holiday Market** – Nov 23 near Crescent Beach
 - Vendor Fee: \$50
 - Booth Options: Indoor (table/chairs provided) or Outdoor (bring your own tent)
 - Setup: 10:00 AM
 - Contact: louise.taylor@brellasociety.ca

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

- **Yoho Cruises Vendor Opportunity** – Nov 16, 12–5 PM at Granville Island (MV Carousel II Yacht)
 - No vendor fee; open to public
 - Contact: Lauren Barton (778-908-3414 / lauren@yohocruises.com)
- **White Rock Farmers Market**
 - Final market day: Thanksgiving Sunday
 - Pre-order turkey fixings available
 - Expansion plans: Potential extension to Johnston Road (Russell to Thrift)
- **Culture Crawl Recap**
 - Successful event with strong attendance and media coverage
 - Elaine participated both days and praised community spirit and artist exposure

4. Semiahmoo Arts Society Updates (Emily)

- **Art Outreach Showcase:** Therapeutic art displayed in gallery, made by long-term care homes residents.
- **2026 Call for Artists:** Seeking members to showcase work; discounts available
- **Nov 20 – SSWRBOT Breakfast Networking Event**
 - Featuring Sheila's Catering and live music
 - PACA members encouraged to bring promotional materials for display
- **Shop Update:** No Christmas market this year; transitioning to year-round shop

5. City of White Rock Updates (Rebecca)

No specific updates recorded.

6. New Business

- None reported

7. Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Semiahmoo Arts Society