

## **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

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### **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.*

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### **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>
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### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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

*No specific updates recorded.*

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#### 6. New Business

- None reported

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#### 7. Next Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, November 12, 2025

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Location:** Semiahmoo Arts Society