



PACA Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Location: Semiahmoo Arts Society

Time: 1-2 PM

Facilitators: Elaine Cheung & Michele Partridge

1. Welcome

Elaine and Michele opened the meeting and reaffirmed PACA's mission of encouraging collaboration, mutual support, and shared success within our artistic community.

2. Semiahmoo Arts Society Membership

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

3. Member Introductions & Updates

Phyllis Cole – O'Carolin Celtic Ensemble

A traditional ensemble of string musicians, flute, and percussion, performing at senior homes, city events, and more.

ASK: They can only perform on weekends - please reach out if you know of groups looking for weekend entertainment. They're on Facebook.

Pattie Petrala – Semiahmoo Seniors, PH2H, Tides of Change, Friends of White Rock

Friends of White Rock recently hosted a stage reading. Pattie promotes local creatives and also does important advocacy work in the community.

Jackie – Jewelry Maker

Just checking things out.

Zack & Tamiko – Kimat Artworks

Creators of Pal Tiya Premium: a waterproof, nontoxic sculpting clay sold in 3 lb bags for outdoor use. They also offer clay party workshops, though they require ample power outlets for glue guns used to build frames.

ASK: Please recommend their product to sculptors who'd like to try something new.

Amy Van Bergen –visual artist, musician, poet, performer

First PACA meeting!

Musician and poet with work tied to a one-woman show exploring spirituality, belonging, and purpose. She has a new song releasing Dec 21 and her first Surrey show coming up at Country Barn.

ASK: Looking for people who can help develop playwrights or performing artists.

Email: vanbergenamy@yahoo.com

Sanjoy Das – Artist, Architect, and Healing Arts Practitioner

Blends art and architecture, currently touring a Chakra art exhibition that fuses colour, music, and yoga for meditation and healing.

Collaborating with South Surrey Arts Society for 2026 sessions and offering classes integrating art, yoga, and music. Has YouTube content.

His work focuses on healing through colour frequency, connecting mind and body.

Carla Maskall – Mural Artist

Winner of a gingerbread contest this week! Her illustrated children's book was featured in a Hallmark movie.

ASK: Seeking someone to take over the Set Designer role at White Rock Players' Club next year—an opportunity that led to major mural work and great exposure.

Denice Thompson – CARP

Recently held their annual Christmas party, sponsored by PAHF, featuring performer Alisa Neilson. CARP is growing with new board members; Denice will be stepping back in 2026.

Winston Conners – White Rock Singers

A welcoming choir of 50 voices. Their recent Christmas concert was their best yet. They run 12 sessions followed by a party and recital.

ASK: Looking to collaborate with other musical groups.

Chris McClure & Marilyn Horst – Golden Cactus Gallery

Their artwork is exhibited in six galleries across Canada in group shows.

Lucille Loose – Artist

Shows her work at Hilltop, White Rock Players Club, and SAS.

ASK: Seeking more display opportunities—needs to sell work to free up studio space. Specializes in alcohol ink.

Derek – Comics Artist

Recently sold his work at the Exclusive Market. Launching *Darmstrong's Comic*.

Working with Semiahmoo Arts Society to share opportunities.

Barb Fukusaka – Glass Artist

Participated in the Hycroft Christmas fair in Vancouver. Preparing for her next event in the spring.

Michele Partridge – Confidence Coach & Associate Producer, Peninsula Productions

Hosted *Elvis in Christmas in Hawaii* last week and a comedy night with 15 comedians. She plans to try a set herself!

Teaches acting and improv at Peninsula Productions — great for developing quick thinking and creativity.

Improv runs the last Monday of each month (pay-what-you-can). Comedy nights on Tuesdays (by donation).

Recently facilitated mock interviews for Grade 10 students.

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

Farmers Market vendor applications open in February. Spots fill fast — apply early, either through SAS or independently.

4. Semiahmoo Arts Society Updates (Nina)

- Recent networking event with SWRBOT was a success, highlighting SAS space rentals and artist-led team-building opportunities.
- If you want to run a workshop or event, contact Nina.
- New Executive Director: Amanda Silvers
- **ASK:** If you can post SAS posters in your locations, please let them know.
- Seeking volunteers for classes and events — great experience, especially for youth.
- Preparing for *Paint the Town* and sponsorship plans for 2026.
- The SAS Shop accepts art for sale (70% to the artist, 30% to the Ulee's Fund supporting families in need).
- Posters and event notices: send to newsletter@semiahmooarts.com. Bring printed posters or rack cards to the office if you want them displayed.

5. City of White Rock Updates (Uday)

- Uptown Gallery has a refreshed look — please visit.
- New exhibition by Greg Smith opens January 3, 2026.
- New display cases are being added in city buildings featuring pieces from the White Rock Museum.
- Film sector is being revamped to attract more productions.
- Busking Program reopens in January with an updated guide and website.
- The City's website now includes a full community event calendar and an artist directory.
- Open to ideas for new community events.
- If you are an artist interesting in receiving more information about opportunities in the City of White Rock please fill out this form and we will email you.
<https://whiterockcity.jotform.com/231586623844867>
- For Busking Program <https://whiterockcity.jotform.com/243465980477268>
- Are you a local artist who would like the opportunity to create and sell your artwork on the White Rock Promenade? <https://whiterockcity.jotform.com/243465980477268>

6. New Business

- Discussion about changing meeting time — no interest; time remains the same.
- Patti suggested inviting a guest speaker each meeting for mutual learning and connection.

7. Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Activity: Bring a friend from the arts community to help grow PACA and share each other's work.

Location: Semiahmoo Arts Society