

PACA Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Location: Semiahmoo Arts Society

Facilitators: Elaine Cheung & Michele Partridge

1. Welcome

Elaine Cheung and Michele Partridge opened the meeting and reaffirmed PACA's mission to encourage collaboration, mutual support, and shared success within the local arts community.

2. Semiahmoo Arts Society (SAS) Membership

- **Annual Fee:** \$50
 - Includes membership with both the Semiahmoo Arts Society and PACA
 - Includes one complimentary PACA meeting per year
 - **Registration:** <https://semiahmooarts.com/paca>
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3. Member Introductions & Updates

Nicci Battilana – Artist

- Currently seeking a venue or space for an upcoming pen-and-paper art show.

Lucille Loose – Artist

- Shared her work featuring historic train plates, connected to a *Peace Arch News* article titled *The Last Spike*.
- Seeking assistance connecting with the article's writer, as she owns the original plates and has been unable to reach them.
- Looking for collectors or individuals interested in purchasing the plates.
- Noted challenges with limited wall space locally compared to larger exhibition spaces in Burnaby.
- Expressed difficulty selling larger works and interest in additional exhibition opportunities.

Derek – Comics Artist

- Recently launched an art series titled *Fantasy Epic Realms*, an illustrated encyclopedia featuring dragons, mythological creatures, and magical beings inspired by books, films, and comics.

Phyllis – Violinist, O'Carolan Celtic Ensemble

- Representing a group of eight musicians available for performances.
- Several upcoming shows currently being scheduled.

Zack & Tamiko – Kimat Artworks

- Creators of Pal Tiya Premium, a waterproof, non-toxic sculpting clay designed for outdoor use and sold in 3 lb bags.
- Offer clay party workshops requiring access to multiple power outlets for frame construction using glue guns.
- Recently completed a water dragon head sculpture and are working toward completing the project by fall.
- Planning to begin offering classes.
- **Request:** Members were asked to recommend their product to sculptors interested in trying new materials.

Winston – White Rock Singers

- Choir of approximately 50 voices.
- Upcoming performance scheduled for April 25 at St. John Presbyterian Church (Saturday afternoon).

- Uptown Gallery currently hosting a Black History Month exhibition organized by Threads of Power.

Barb

- Currently focused on replenishing art inventory.

Marilyn & Chris McClure

- Planning an event at the Uptown Gallery in November for International Artist Day.
- Seeking minor sponsorship support. Event is not a non-profit initiative.

Michele Partridge – Confidence Coach & Associate Producer, Peninsula Productions

- Teaches acting and improv classes at Peninsula Productions.
- **Monthly Improv Jam:** Last Monday of each month (19+, pay-what-you-can).
- **Comedy Nights:** Tuesdays by donation, featuring performers testing new material in 5-minute sets.
- Upcoming productions:
 - *Dirty Puppets* — Saturday, February 21 at 7:00 PM
 - *Crimson Crescendo: Earth* — one-hour musical performance
 - Performing in *Love, Loss, and What I Wore* (Ephron sisters), March 5–7.

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

- White Rock Farmers Market vendor applications are now open.
- The market has been named a finalist in the BC Farmers' Market Awards for **Best Contribution to Youth Engagement**, with results to be announced at the BCAFM Conference in March.
- International Women's Day activities were noted.

4. Semiahmoo Arts Society Updates (Nina)

- Family Day weekend programming includes family crafting and drumming groups.
- Drumming sessions available for \$15 drop-in (bring your own drum or use one provided).
- February 14: "Paint Your Partner" paint-and-sip event (\$90).
- Spring workshops currently being finalized; artists interested in leading family or adult workshops are encouraged to apply.
- SAS will participate in the White Rock Farmers Market for five dates this year; artist call-out coming soon.
- *Paint the Town* competition planned for July; call-out expected in May. Participants will have four hours to complete an artwork. Sponsorships and possible paint kits are being finalized.
- Volunteers needed; high school students welcome.
- SAS Shop accepting small art items for sale (70% artist / 30% Ulee's Fund supporting families in need).
- Members Show scheduled for April/May (1–2 pieces per artist).
- Event posters and notices can be sent to newsletter@semiahmooarts.com; printed materials may also be dropped off at the office.
- SAS AGM scheduled for April; members encouraged to consider joining the board.

5. City of White Rock Updates (Rebecca)

- Street banner artist call-out launching next week for East Beach, West Beach, Uptown, and Five Corners locations. Banners rotate every two years. Artists receive a \$300 honorarium and a copy of their banner.
- Human Sundial project applications are now available online.
- Mural opportunity at the Oxford Comfort Centre currently accepting applications.
- Noted that 2026 programming includes many new artists as well as artists returning after extended absence.



- Cultural needs assessment underway focusing on programming and space needs across theatre, music, and visual arts. Artists encouraged to complete the survey on Talk White Rock.
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6. New Business

- No new business raised.
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7. Next Meeting

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