

PACA Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 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>

3. Member Introductions & Updates

Nicci Battilana – Artist

- Currently seeking a venue for an upcoming **pen-and-paper art show**.
- Focusing on strengthening both her **art practice and community connections**.
- Hosts **weekly online art livestreams** every Thursday at **10 AM**.
 - March 12 topic: *Embracing Analog & the Handwritten word*
 - <https://www.twitch.tv/niccidotca>

In-person sketch events:

- **March 17 – 10 AM** | Evenbean Café, 15331 16 Ave
- **April 14 – 2 PM** | 3 Dogs Brewing, 15181 Thrift Ave

Updates:

- Vancouver Pen and Paper Show is currently on hold.
 - Refocusing on developing her artwork and producing a **new art book and product line**, much of which will be created during her weekly livestreams.
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Lucille Loose – Artist

- Looking for **collectors or buyers interested in purchasing her plates**.
 - Noted the challenge of exhibiting and selling **larger works locally** due to limited gallery wall space compared with larger venues in cities such as Burnaby.
 - PACA discussed potential opportunities such as **anonymous art shows** to help move inventory and increase exposure.
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Derek – Comics Artist

- Recently launched an illustrated encyclopedia series titled **Fantasy Epic Realms**, featuring dragons, mythological creatures, and magical beings inspired by books, films, and comics.
 - Plans to sell the series at **various venues and events**.
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Greg Smith – Art at the Blue Cottage

Event: June 20–21

- The event has expanded to **multiple homes**, allowing Greg to invite **10–12 additional artists**. Invitations will be sent out this week.
- Greg committed **half of the donations from the photography show (\$275)** to **Playful Palette**. Elaine has reached out to Sabine regarding the donation.

6-Foot Bar Anniversary

- **May 2–8**, daily from **4 PM onward**
- Location: Greg's front yard, **1046 Stevens Street**
- Drinks provided by Greg.
- The gathering began during COVID when guests had to sit six feet apart; the event now celebrates that community tradition.

Carla Maskall – Artist

- Recently sold artwork at **Suncrest**.
- Attended the **Cultural Feasibility Study meeting** and advocated for a **permanent location where artists can showcase their work** in the community.

Megan McClennon – Black Bond Books

- **Canadian Independent Bookstore Day: April 25**
- Activities planned include:
 - Prize draws and book giveaways
 - Possible **face painting for families**
- Location: **Semiahmoo Shopping Centre**

Michele Partridge – Confidence Coach & Associate Producer, Peninsula Productions

- Teaches **acting and improv classes** with Peninsula Productions.

Regular events:

- **Monthly Improv Jam:** Last Monday of each month (19+, pay-what-you-can)
- **Comedy Nights:** Tuesdays by donation; performers test new material in 5-minute sets

Community opportunities:

- **White Rock City Orchestra** seeking artists to display work in the space adjacent to the performers' room at **St. Mark's Anglican Church**.
 - **March 21, 3–5 PM**
 - Tickets under \$40

White Rock Singers Concerts

- **April 25 & 26, 2–4 PM**
- St. John's Presbyterian Church, 1480 George Street
- Donations at the door
- Proceeds support **Alzheimer's research** and the **Dr. David Proznick Music Student Bursary**
- www.whiterocksingers.ca

Peninsula Productions:

- Recently completed the production **Love Loss and What I Wore**
- Upcoming show: **The Ladies Foursome** by Norm Foster
 - **April 9–12**
 - Tickets available at Showpass (already half sold out).

Semiahmoo Arts Society:

- **SAS AGM in April** – the organization is seeking **additional board members**.
- It is a **governance board** (not a working board), with **one 1-hour meeting per month**.
- Interested individuals can speak with Michele and complete an application form (no nominations from the floor).

Elaine Cheung – White Rock Farmers Market, Semiahmoo Arts Society, City Councillor**The Beehive Community Dinner**

- **March 14 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church**
- First non-profit community dinner organized by The Beehive
- **40 seats available**

Highlights:

- \$10 tickets (subsidized by donations and small grants)
- Build-your-own burritos and homemade churro cake
- Family-friendly and open to everyone
- Designed to help neighbours connect

Community outreach will include sharing the event through community groups and organizations supporting **new Canadians**.

White Rock Farmers Market

- **Grand Opening: April 19**
- Opening day prizes and giveaways, including a **trip to Whistler**.

4. Semiahmoo Arts Society Updates (Nina)**Annual General Meeting**

- **April 23 at 7 PM**
- Food and wine will be provided.

Members' Art Show

- **May 6 – June 21** in the gallery
- Call for submissions will be sent via newsletter in late March or early April.

Spring Workshops

- Currently being finalized.
- Artists interested in leading **family or adult workshops** are encouraged to apply.

White Rock Farmers Market

- SAS will participate on **five market dates this year**.
- Artist call-out coming soon.

Paint the Town Competition

- **July 25, 10 AM – 2 PM**
- Participants receive painting supplies and create artwork during the event.
- Exhibition runs **August 1 – October 15** in the gallery.
- Artwork will be displayed for sale and visitors can vote for their favorite piece.

Volunteers Needed

- Spring Break programming and outreach opportunities available.
- **High school students welcome**.

SAS Shop

- Accepting **small art items for sale**.
- Revenue split: **70% artist / 30% Ulee's Fund**, which supports families in need.

Promotions

- Event posters and announcements can be sent to:
newsletter@semiahmooarts.com
- Printed materials can also be dropped off at the SAS office.

5. City of White Rock Updates (Rebecca)

Street Banner Artist Call-Out

- Launching next week for **East Beach, West Beach, Uptown, and Five Corners.**
- Banners rotate every **two years.**
- Artists receive a **\$300 honorarium** and a copy of their banner.
- **Deadline:** March 22

<https://www.whiterockcity.ca/m/newsflash/home/detail/5060>

Human Sundial Project

Applications now open.

<https://www.whiterockcity.ca/DocumentCenter/View/12191/2026-Bayview-Park----Human-Sundial-Call-Out?bidId=>

Mural Opportunity – Oxford Comfort Centre

Applications currently being accepted.

<https://www.whiterockcity.ca/m/newsflash/home/detail/5067>

6. New Business

No new business was raised.

7. Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Time: 12:45 PM