

PACA Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Location: Semiahmoo Arts Society

Facilitators: Elaine Cheung & Michele Partridge

1. Welcome

Elaine Cheung and Michele Partridge welcomed attendees and reaffirmed PACA's mission of fostering collaboration, mutual support, and shared success within the local arts community.

2. Semiahmoo Arts Society (SAS) Membership

- Annual membership fee: \$50
- Membership includes both Semiahmoo Arts Society and PACA membership
- Includes one complimentary PACA meeting per year

Registration:

<https://semiahmooarts.com/paca>

3. Member Introductions & Updates

Bruce Petherick – White Rock City Orchestra

- Announced that future orchestra concerts will include parallel art exhibitions in the gymnasium space.
- Upcoming performance: *Music of the Movies* on June 13 at 3:00 PM at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Ocean Park. Tickets available at WRCO.ca.
- Shared that the White Rock City Orchestra is Canada's first inclusive orchestra, with many members unable to participate in traditional orchestras due to mobility, vision, or other challenges.
- The orchestra also focuses on creating an inclusive audience experience.
- Bruce will be presenting this inclusive orchestra model in Dublin.
- Upcoming performance: *Crimson Crescendo: Water* on June 7, 2026 as part of the Elements Concert Series at Peninsula Productions.

Pat Petrela

- Exploring collaborations with SAS and Semiahmoo Seniors regarding arts programming in July.
- Planning an introduction to art therapy and "The Creative You."
- May and June dances continue at the Kent Street Activity Centre.

Chris Maclure

- Working on a November exhibition at the Uptown Gallery.
- Requested that media outlets acknowledge White Rock as the home of International Artist Day and Art on the Promenade when covering local arts stories.

Tamiko and Zak Spicer – Okimat Artworks

- Presented a butterfly bench concept as part of a placemaking initiative for White Rock.
- Proposed installing artistic benches throughout the city to create a community attraction and interactive "scavenger hunt" experience.

Nicci Battilana:

- Continuing sticker art projects.
- Applying for the October Artist in Residence program.
- Hosts "Sip and Sketch" every second Tuesday from 2:00–3:30 PM at 3 Dogs Brewing.

Lucille Loose – Artist

- Currently displaying paintings at the SAS Gallery.
- Interested in participating in South Surrey Art Walk.
- Participating in International Artist Day on October 24.

Michele Partridge – Confidence Coach & Peninsula Productions

- Continues teaching acting and improv classes, with recent improv attendance nearing 30 participants.

Regular Events:

- Monthly Improv Jam: Last Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at Peninsula Productions (19+, pay-what-you-can)
- Comedy Nights: Every second Tuesday by donation; next event June 9 at 7:00 PM

Upcoming Productions:

- *Beyond the Sea* stage reading: May 28–31
- *Elvis, Johnny Cash & Patsy Cline tribute performances* May 23-24
- *Gruesome Playground Injuries* Jun 25-28
- *Crimson Crescendo* Water Jun 7

Elaine Cheung – City Councillor / White Rock Farmers Market

- Shared updates regarding the White Rock Farmers Market. Great success! Over 10K visitors per Sunday
- Mentioned ongoing work related to the Art Endowment Fund. Hoping to get this fund started for the city of WR.

4. Semiahmoo Arts Society Updates (Nina)**Donations & Opportunities**

- Uniti has art supplies available for donation, including tile, grout, and tools. Interested individuals can contact Sarah at Uniti.
- Artist call-outs continue to be distributed through the SAS newsletter.

Penmar Salmon Sessions

- Artists and vendors are being sought for the Penmar Salmon Sessions on August 22 and 26.
- Participants must bring their own table and tent.

Registration:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScU6tq406QsQ8x8SGn3wg7Ad13UhOwPpXTu_2uDRie_qcTWSQ/viewform?pli=1

Upcoming Events

- *In Our Own Backyard* Members' Art Show: May 6 – June 21 at the Turnbull Gallery

Paint the Town Competition

- Competition Date: July 25, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Exhibition Dates: August 1 – October 15
- Includes public voting and artwork sales

Volunteer & Donation Requests

- Volunteers needed, including high school students.
- Ongoing call for donated art supplies such as twine, shells, jewelry, craft wire, fishing line, buttons, and beads.
- Donations or inquiries can be directed to info@semiahmooarts.com.

SAS Shop

- Accepting small artwork submissions.
- Revenue split: 70% artist / 30% Ulee's Fund.

Promotions

- Submit events and posters to newsletter@semiahmooarts.com.
 - Printed promotional materials may be dropped off at the SAS office.
 - Members are encouraged to help distribute posters throughout the community.
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5. City of White Rock Updates (Manisha)

- Artist in Residence applications are now open.
- Reminder for organizations to submit events to the City website for promotion.

Upcoming City Events & Opportunities

- Canada Day volunteer opportunities to be released shortly.
 - Sea Festival volunteer opportunities launching within the next two weeks.
 - Snowbirds air show scheduled for August 12, featuring a full performance beginning after 5:00 PM.
 - Parade applications are now open for marching bands, floats, and community groups.
 - Vendors may apply for tent/table space on the promenade through the White Rock Museum website. Setup begins at 10:00 AM; event starts at noon.
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6. New Business

- No new business was raised.
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7. Next Meetings

- **June 10, 2026** – Semiahmoo Arts Society
 - Note: Neither Michele nor Elaine will be in attendance.
- **July 8, 2026** – Greg's House
 - 1046 Stevens Street, White Rock