



BC's Guide to Arts & Culture



WEEKLY ARTS DIGEST

BC's Best Artists & Studios
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BC's dynamic cultural scene and supernatural beauty create the ideal setting for over 10,000 artists. The scenes of natural beauty found throughout British Columbia are awe inspiring, but what makes BC exceptional as an epicentre for artists is community support of the arts through local programs, events and engagement with tourism. Communities showcasing local artists and studios create an environment of creative authenticity drawing in locals and visitors alike seeking to connect with artists and visionaries in every corner of the province.

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Paul Ygartua Studios | Vancouver

Paul Ygartua is an international artist a painter and muralist with bases in Canada, France,



**Evelyn Kirkaldy - Wild Images
Studio Gallery | Powell River**

A deep sense of the natural world and energetic colour play are fundamental to Evelyn Kirkaldy's

Spain and England. Ygartua original paintings are all unique, and each style takes you on art journey of discovery. His technique in colour is startling and impressive in every piece. Explore his abstract art and enjoy how his masterful use of the pallet knife is both bold and convincing. His monumental murals and domed ceiling have received international acclaim and the power of his achievement is appreciated and recognized by many collectors worldwide.

[Learn about Ygartua](#)



Browning Stained Glass Studio | North Vancouver

Stuart Browning, glass artist, specializes in the creation of original leaded stained glass windows, etched art pieces and wall dividers for churches, homes and commercial buildings. Traditional techniques are used which include etching, sandblasting and carving. Stuart is skilled at incorporating his designs into residential and commercial renovations. Stuart's artistic themes continue to evolve. His work reflects many design influences from biblical references, and period influences from both historic and modern art drawn from European and Asian traditions. These are complimented by Stuart's ongoing interest in North West Coast Native design.

[Discover Browning's Art](#)

portrayals of vibrant mountain meadows, lively flower gardens, lush rainforests and charismatic wildlife. Her latest creations are layered in sensuous intricate texture; drips, dots and spatters merge and mingle to create striking contemporary paintings. She also works in oils, watercolour and mixed media and loves instructing both children and adults in various disciplines of art and design. Evelyn's work has been exhibited in private, public and commercial galleries in BC and Alberta; her pieces hang in residences and establishments across the globe.

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Esther Sample | Comox

As a self taught oil and acrylic painter, Esther dives into the expression of the West Coast with passion, colour, and realistic renditions of local scenes. Having been a commercial fisherman in a past career, she fell deeply in love with coastal BC. Waves and boats being her specialty, seascapes and wildlife are also a big part of her subject matter. She offers weekend workshops in acrylic once or twice a year. Her work is collected around the world. She has been published in numerous hard covered art books and magazines. After 24 years running, she was the first woman to win the Pacific Salmon Foundation's annual salmon stamp award, and won again 3 years later.

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Sandy Kay | Halfmoon Bay

Sandy Kay's paintings are very emotion-based, working in both classic and contemporary styles, from the abstract to photo-realism. While her work spans a broad range of subjects and styles, the commonality can be found in their stories. Sandy strives to create a feeling rather than a picture, to evoke a deeper emotional response from the viewer. Her paintings have sold internationally to countries like England, Germany, Dubai, the U.S. and Canada. They are included in many Corporate Collections and the permanent collections of the Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour in Toronto and Mount Royal University in Calgary.

[Visit Sandy Kay](#)



Red Cat Studio - Fine Art & Tattoos | Nanaimo

Red Cat Studios is a local family run studio. Presenting Oil paintings by Alla Yevdokimova – a renowned Ukrainian & Canadian artist with 25+ years of experience in painting and teaching art, member of Ukrainian Canadian Art Foundation. She uses her own technique of layering oils and creates vivid volumized paintings of flowers and landscapes. The tattoo artists – Julianna and Dima – brought their experience of running their own tattoo studio in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. They can create custom & original tattoos and cover-ups plus offer a variety of available tattoo designs.

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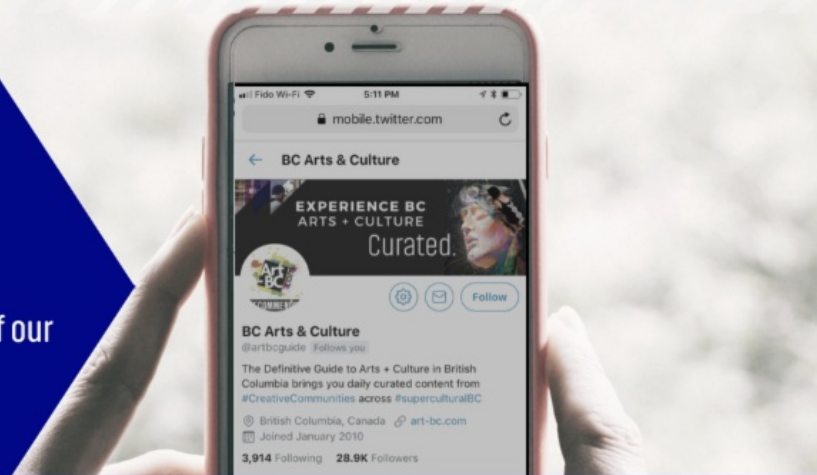


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