

BC's Guide to Arts & Culture



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SPOTLIGHT ON THE SUNSHINE COAST

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BC's Creative Talent ARTISTS & STUDIOS

PURPLE BANNER TOUR Sunshine Coast

The **Purple Banner Studio Tour** is a year long celebration of the arts, all along the Sunshine Coast. Supported by the Coast Cultural Alliance, you can download the **Purple Banner Map** to find participating



With a wealth of natural and cultural wonders to discover, British Columbians are so incredibly fortunate to be able to explore BC this summer. With Phase 2 of the provincial Restart Plan underway, many organizations are safely opening their doors to visitors, sharing in their artistic practices and love for their communities.

Few places have such a high concentration of arts & natural wonder as the Sunshine Coast, a short flight or ferry trip away from Vancouver. Whether you are camping, glamping or staying in the wide range of rental or resort accommodations, there are many options for visitors. Be sure to check out the numerous arts and nature tours along the coast. There is so much to safely discover in #SuperCulturalBC this Summer! artists throughout the region. The map was developed before the COVID-19 pandemic so please be sure to plan accordingly, ensuring that artisans are able to accommodate your visit. Some studios accept visitors by appointment only while others are open daily. Be sure to touch base with artisans via their website or social media if you have any questions.





GIBSONS

L: "Room With a View," by Liz Christian Art R: Umbrellas by Barrington Brolly

A quick skip from the Langdale ferry terminal, Gibsons is home to the popular Molly's Reach café and an extensive arts community. Local artist Liz Christian is an expressionist and semi-abstract painter, using acrylics on canvas to create bold, colourful pieces that inspire and delight. Joan Barrington, owner of Barrington Brolly, is another Gibsons artisan, creating detailed custom umbrellas, personal parasols and reproduction pieces from her home-based studio.

ROBERTS CREEK

High fired stonewear pottery by Elaine Futterman & Mike Allegretti

Located roughly between Gibsons and Sechelt, Roberts Creek is home to several artisans, including **Creek Clayworks**. Studio potters Elaine Futterman and Mike Allegretti create a range of functional pottery pieces in contemporary colours and styles. Both potters use different techniques and firing methods to create their pieces, with collaborations that celebrate their distinct styles. The clay studio, located on 5 acres in a rural setting, includes the Gallery.

CREEK CLAYWORKS



SECHELT

L: "Time In Its Flight," Anna Hanson, 2009







TR. "Dreaming Tree," by Anna Green LR: Views from Sunshine Coast Tourism

The Public Art & Murals of Sechelt walking tour is one of many ways to enjoy the sites and culture of this vibrant community. Be sure to stop by Artworks Gallery & Framing to view their showcase of local artists. Sechelt is also the hub for Sunshine Coast Tourism, providing visitors with everything they need to know for their visit. Be sure to check out their website in advance to plan your visit and learn more about the features of this region.

HALFMOON BAY & SECRET COVE

T: Rockwater Secret Cove Resort *L: "I Do," by Gigi Hoeller R: "The Gap at Stirling Island," Chris Ainslie*

Both Halfmoon Bay and Secret Cove are sun-filled paradises. Local artists like **Gigi Hoeller** and **Chris Ainslie** are continually inspired by their environment and local culture. If you don't know where to say on your journey, **Rockwater Secret Cove Resort** provides romantic, luxury accommodations in fully equipped oceanside tents surrounded by arbutus-filled cliffs.







MADEIRA PARK & GARDEN BAY

T: Painted Boat Resort Spa & Marina L: Hand spun and dyed wool from @mark_of_the_hand, found at FibreWorks R: "Autumn Profusion," by Motoko

Madeira Park and Garden Bay are also home to many artists, including Motoko's Fine Art Studio & Gallery. Textile enthusiasts regularly visit FibreWorks Gallery for workshops and more. To enjoy the area fully, stay at The Painted Boat Resort Spa & Marina with exceptional dining at the Lagoon Restaurant.

EGMONT & BEYOND

Sunshine Coast Tours run a variety of marine excursions and chartered trips from their base in Egmont, less than 10 minutes from Earls Cove ferry terminal. Visitors can take a one-hour excursion to view the exciting Skookumchuck Narrows and Sechelt Rapids. Or, take a five-hour trip to Chatterbox Falls, enjoying the spectacular beauty of Jervis and Princess Louisa Inlets along the way. Sunshine Coast Tours also provides charter tours to assist with specific travel needs. Enjoy trips along the Agamemnon Channel, Hotham Sound & Friel Falls, Telescope Pass & Blind Bay, Malaspina Straight and so much more.



COMING EVENTS

October is a huge month for the Arts along the Sunshine Coast. From October 8-25, the **Sechelt Arts Festival** celebrates multidisciplinary arts at a variety of indoor venues throughout the District, including visual art, music, heritage, drama, dance and a variety of workshops.

The **Sunshine Coast Art Crawl** kicks off near the end of the Sechelt Arts Fest, running from October 23-25 throughout the region. Travel along the entire Sunshine Coast Highway from Gambier Island and Langdale to Earls Cove and area islands to see local artists celebrate their craft!

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