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KOOTENAY CULTURE

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Of the many enchanting places in British Columbia, the Central Kootenay region is high on the list of natural splendour and cultural charm. Accessible yet off the beaten path, the mountain ranges and lakes shape the District into glorious pockets of solitude and discovery. It's no wonder that the Kootenays have been a major draw for artists and artisans, building a deeply cultural mecca that is in tune with nature and the ephemeral spark of creativity.

Another feature of this region is the wide range of accommodations, from cozy to grand, cloistered in nature or surrounded by the relaxed excitement of distinctive towns throughout the area. This is a region that deeply values and nurtures the Arts, bubbling into all facets of daily life. Culinary culture is equally creative, built upon an appreciation for cultivation, nature and sustainability. Imagination and innovation are also intrinsic in Kootenay enterprise. From cool shops to groundbreaking municipal policy (we're looking at you, Nelson eBike program), the Kootenays are an incredible place to visit, ditch your stresses and dream.

NELSON KOOTENAY LAKE TOURISM

Discover this unique corner of British Columbia and enjoy eclectic fodder for foodies, art-goers, music lovers, history buffs, and adventure seekers. A self-sustaining non-profit, Nelson Kootenay Lake Tourism promotes the region's unique cultural qualities (outdoors, sports, dining, shopping, arts, health and wellness, heritage) to potential visitors, sharing the excitement, events and natural beauty of this unique region to the World.

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TOUCHSTONES NELSON

Museum of Art & History

Touchstones Nelson: Museum of Art and History is a multi-faceted cultural hub located in downtown Nelson. They house a regional archives, history collection, regional museum, two contemporary gallery spaces and a stunning gift shop, all within a 1902 heritage post office. Exhibitions showcase both regional heritage and Contemporary Canadian art. Their mission is to encourage new perspectives and foster a collaborative and inclusive community. Open Thursdays through Sundays at noon, the first hour of each day is reserved for the immuno-compromised.

CASTLEGAR SCULPTUREWALK

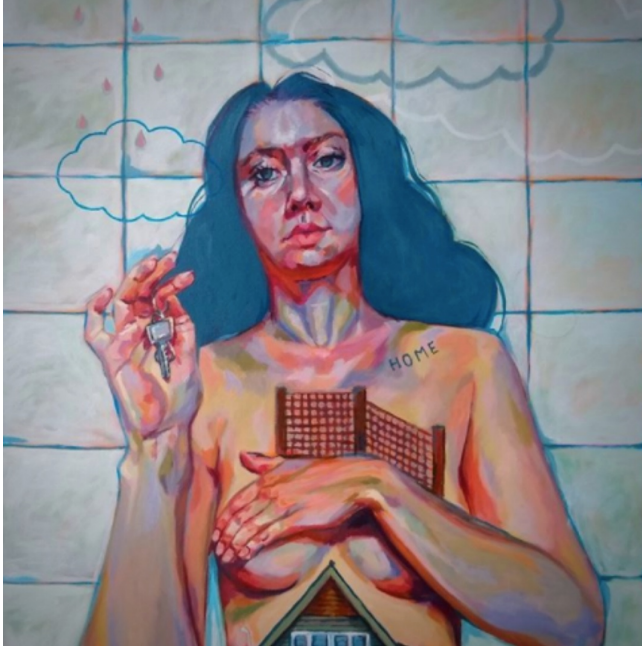
"Listen", Stephanie Robicheau, aluminum, acrylic, LED

Castlegar, Sculpture Capital of Canada™, is home to this annual rotating exhibition of outdoor sculptures from Canadian and International artists. From May to October, viewers can stroll downtown and vote for the Winner of the People's Choice Award (ballot on the Sculpturewalk website), garnering a place in the City's permanent collection of public art. Viewable online, awesome in person.

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OXYGEN ART CENTRE



"House Lady," Bethany Pardoe, acrylic

Fundamental to the regional cultural landscape, Oxygen Art Centre is a rural artist-run centre that nurtures contemporary professional practices while engaging the wider community through multi-disciplinary programming. The goals of the Centre are to stimulate the creation, exhibition and discussion of contemporary art in all disciplines, to stimulate rural cultural development and professional practices in rural artists, to engage in community development through art-based projects, and to achieve diversity in all programming.

THE CAPITOL THEATRE

With every Season Series, the Capitol Theatre is thrilled to present a new selection of professional touring artists spanning a range of artistic genres. They features the best in live theatre, classical ballet and contemporary dance theatre, classical and contemporary music, comedy and a vast variety of other performances and productions. The theatre has taken an innovative approach to reopening in the midst of the pandemic, with outdoor workshops, self-assessments, distancing and extensive protocols in place to ensure safe engagement with the best of the Capitol.



THE GARDEN STUDIO

"Embracing The Beauty Of Autumn," mixed media

Visit Creston to discover joyous art for your home or inspired gift giving. A garden comes to life in Laura's mixed media collage paintings. Laura exhibits throughout the Kootenay region, including at ViewPoint Art Gallery in Nelson (see below). Gardens, birds, and surrounding landscape are created through collage and techniques reminiscent of art deco and stained glass. Her stylized paintings sparkle with lighthearted and expressive celebrations of nature, and often include a touch of whimsy.

VIEWPOINT ART GALLERY

Cougar, Damian John, acrylic

A unique shopping experience with over 60 Kootenay Artists and Artisans (including Laura Leeder) and select guest artists from BC on two floors of Gallery space overlooking Kootenay Lake. Whether you're looking for that special piece of art for your home or a memorable gift, ViewPoint offers a wide selection of paintings, pottery, sculpture, glass, woodwork, fibre, quilts, photography, jewelry and more! The primary focus of the Gallery is to feature artists from the Kootenays as well as select guest artists from areas within BC.



NELSON AND DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL (NDAC)

Originally formed in 1969 as the Kootenay-Columbia Arts Council, NDAC is committed to promoting and encouraging cultural and artistic activities in the community while securing important grants for the arts. Advocacy, representation and education are all important in fostering greater appreciation and support of arts and culture in the Nelson area. They present a number of projects each year intended to foster the arts in Nelson and District including the Nelson ArtWalk and the Nelson International Mural Festival (Aug 14-16, 2020).

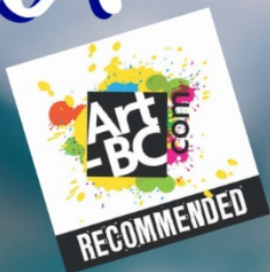
NDAC NELSON ARTWALK

"Square Garden Left," Chrystyna Bykova, acrylic on paper

Whether you are fortunate to visit Nelson this year or not, be sure to view this year's virtual ArtWalk Gallery! Although the community misses the in-person ArtWalk experience, they are so grateful to continue this tradition which fosters partnerships between local businesses and local artists. With most pieces available for sale, virtual visitors can contact the artist directly to inquire about pieces. This year, 100 % of the sales revenue goes directly to the artists.



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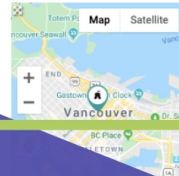
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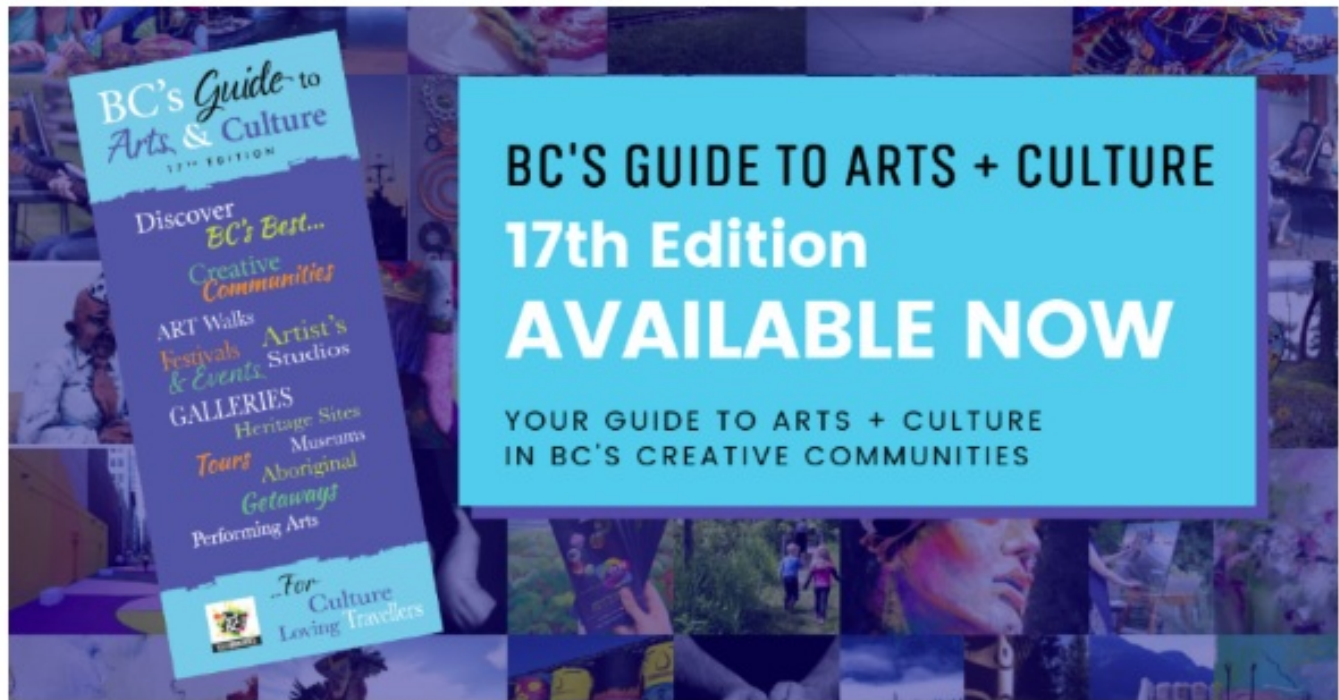
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