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BC's Guide to Arts & Culture



weekly BC ARTS + CULTURE digest

Discover BC Artists & Studios

The works of BC artists, whether paintings, glass objects, or sculptures, are often inspired by the beautiful natural landscape that surrounds them, as well the vibrant culture of their local community. This summer plan a studio visit or engage with an artist hosting classes or workshops. It will most assuredly be an enriching experience you will remember!



Kathy Traeger

Kathy Traeger is a full time visual artist residing in **Surrey, BC** who works primarily in acrylics.

Traeger doesn't lean towards traditional landscapes or subject matter. She loves to bring a **hyperrealist** style into her work. Inspiration is pulled from urban landscapes, old buildings, weathered signage, anything that is **iconic, eclectic** or **rusty**. There are stories in all of these forgotten treasures just

Gigi Hoeller



Sunshine Coast-based artist Gigi Hoeller is inspired by the acres of trees and gardens that surround her at her home, aptly name the "Sanctuary". In addition to original **paintings** on canvas and paper, she produces **cards** and **small prints** of her work, as well as larger limited edition **giclees**.

Her flower images have been reproduced as postage stamps for the Marshall Islands, and are currently being produced as limited edition **silk**

waiting to be unleashed in a painting.

scarves. She also creates collectable one-of-a-kind **art blocks**.



Liz Christian

Expressionism/ Semi Abstract.

Intuitive paintings through the process of letting go. **Acrylic** on large canvases, bold contrasting colours. Gibson's artist Liz Christian's work is calming, nurturing and grounded in **nature**.

Colour inspires Liz on many levels. Imaginary snapshots painted intuitively free-form without rules or boundaries. Each individual creation is special unto itself with a certain energy all its own. Making them precious where ever they find a forever home.

Jenny Long | The Long Gallery & Studios



This inviting Gallery owned by **Jenny Long**, artist and art instructor, is also the home of **8 Resident Artist Studios** as well as a **Makers Shop** featuring handcrafted Canadian goods.

As a qualified teacher who loves to facilitate people's creative learning, Jenny teaches **workshops and classes** (as well as a variety of visiting artists) and can be found experimenting with new creations in the studios along with the other resident artists.



Jim Unger | Clayburn Copperworks

Jim Unger is a professional artist living and working in the **Fraser Valley** of British Columbia. His studio and small gallery are located on his rural property

Diane Brinton | Flow Studio Designs



In her home studio, **Nanaimo**-based Diane Brinton creates delicate art pieces and jewellery, mostly using **glass**. Using a torch mixing oxygen with gas, she produces an intense heat that melts glass onto a steel rod, "**mandrel**", for flame sculpting or onto an Italian hollow steel pipe, "**canello**", for blowing.

in **Abbotsford**.

Jim's art has evolved over the nearly 20 years since its beginning, from primarily outdoor bits and pieces, to now large **sculptures** and **indoor works**. He uses **copper** in most of the art he creates, sometimes as the most dominant feature and sometimes the copper only plays a small part.

Diane names each piece with the hope evoking "a rush of water, a quiet forest, or the beauty of the night sky."

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