



BC's Guide to Arts & Culture digest

COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCILS

Arts councils are a great resource for those interested in information on local artists, arts festivals, often showcasing the work of local artists in associated galleries, hosting art exhibits, concerts and performances in community settings. Truly a great resource for all things local.



Penticton Arts Council

☐ Penticton

Visit us at the historic Leir House Cultural Centre in Penticton, BC!

Our location hosts two galleries with exhibitions featuring artists from across BC, the Members' Space gallery and shop featuring artists from the South Okanagan, and several artists in residence studios.

Since 1960 it has been our mission to



Gabriola Arts Council

☐ Gabriola Island

GAC's VISION: A creative, engaged, and inclusive community sustaining Gabriola's vibrant island culture.

Every day is a celebration of arts and culture on Gabriola Island—the "Isle of the Arts"—in this community of writers, actors, poets, painters, dancers, musicians, sculptors, and potters.

stimulate, foster, and celebrate the arts in our community through our programs and partnerships. Take a workshop, participate in an event, and join in the creative fun!

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Bowen Island Arts Council

☐ Bowen Island

The Hearth – Arts on Bowen (Bowen Island Arts Council) is an arts umbrella organization promoting and supporting arts and culture on Bowen Island.

The Council and its Gallery are host and supporter of myriad art exhibits, literary and cultural events, theatre and musical performances, and more every year. With sold-out community events like the Mini Gala, both open-call and juried fine arts shows, hosting art classes and programs, as well as crafting key municipal policies around support for the arts, The Hearth is integral to the Bowen Island arts scene, enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

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kamloops
arts council

Kamloops Art Council

Artists are an important part of the island's economic and social engine, and the Gabriola Arts Council (GAC) is committed to growing this sector through building audiences, and by increasing accessibility of the arts to people of all ages and interests.

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Nelson Arts Council

☐ Nelson

The Nelson and District Arts Council (NDAC) is a registered non-profit organization that was formed in 1969 as the Kootenay-Columbia Arts Council.

All board members are volunteers who are committed to promoting and encouraging cultural and artistic activities in our community through accessing funds for projects and rural artist support.

The Council has both individual and group members that draw from the greater cultural community throughout its area. Advocacy, representation and education are all important in fostering greater appreciation and support of arts and culture in the Nelson area.

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□ Kamloops

Mission: To promote the development of arts and culture through events, public awareness, advocacy, support for artists, and community connections.

The Kamloops Arts Council (KAC) is devoted to the development and enhancement of the arts in the Kamloops area. We support all artists and art organizations and promote cooperation among them, government and business. We produce high-quality, year-round low- and no-cost arts programs, arts performances, arts workshops and arts events that help to connect our local community and promote our local talent.

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Arts Council of Surrey

□ Surrey

Established in 1967, the Arts Council of Surrey is a member-based, non-profit society with a mandate to promote Performing, Literary, And Visual Arts.

The Arts Council sponsors and produces more than 15 events each year in addition to participating in community events such as the City of Surrey Fusion Festival and Children's Festival, the Surrey Association of Art Teachers student exhibit, the Cloverdale Blueberry Festival, and various other community events.

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“The Penticton Arts Council appreciates the support of Art-BC is helping get the word out about our programs and services, especially to folks outside of our area who plan on visiting the Okanagan. It provides wider exposure for our exhibiting artists, the format is easy to use, and the publications look terrific!”

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