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**2017 EXHIBITION SUBMISSIONS JURY:** Shelley Fearnley, Giorgio Magnanensi, Sadira Rodrigues, Kez Sherwood, Manon Staiger, Aad VandenHeuvel

**2016 EXHIBITION SPONSORS**

Metzner Orthodontics, Soprovich and Co., Olson Electric, Ascribe Consulting, Coastal Craft Yachts, SCRD, Town of Gibsons, Wendys/Tim Hortons, Coast Lifestyles Network, The Blackberry Shop, Coast Reporter, BC Ferries, The Black Bean Roasting Co., Abakhan and Associates Inc., Nimbus Two Cooperative, Click Modular Homes, Alison Sawyer (Gibsons lawyer), Service Canada. Thank you to Splatter's Paint for the gift of paint for our Gallery walls, and to Thomas Heating and Electric Ltd. for the gift of the installation of the Board Room track lighting. Thank you to all of the artists featured in our regular 2016 exhibition program.



**2016 EXHIBITIONS IN THE MAIN GALLERY**

January 14 - February 7: 'Donna Balma Retrospective', diverse media.  
February 11 - March 6: Jeff Wilson, '60 Degrees North - Shetland', acrylics on canvas.  
March 10 - April 3: 'Shout Out', GPAG's annual celebration of emerging artists. Sponsor: Dr Louis Metzner, Metzner Orthodontics.  
April 7 - May 1: Derek von Essen, 'Lost and Found and Broken', found objects. Sponsors: Soprovich and Co.  
May 5 - May 29: Marilyn Marshall, 'Close to the Bone', acrylics on canvas or board. Sponsor: Ascribe.  
June 2 - June 26: Kim LaFave, 'Safe Harbours', large acrylics on canvas, small studies, works on paper. Sponsor: Coastal Craft Yachts.  
June 30 - July 24: 'Contemporary Art of the Squamish Nation', multiple media. Sponsors: SCRD, Town of Gibsons, Wendys/Tim Hortons, Coast Lifestyles Network, The Blackberry Shop, Coast Reporter, BC Ferries.  
July 28 - August 21: Jill Pilon, 'White Noise', mixed media. Sponsor: The Black Bean Roasting Co.  
August 25 - September 18: Anna May Bennett, 'Shorelines and Skylines', oils on canvas. Sponsor: Abakhan and Associates Inc.  
September 22 - October 16: Margaret Witzsche, 'Looseness in the Current', acrylics and mixed media on canvas. Sponsor: Nimbus Two Cooperative.  
October 20 - November 5: 'Visions of Home', fundraiser for GPAG and Habitat for Humanity. Sponsor: Wendys/Tim Hortons.  
November 10 - December 4: Jan Poynter, 'The Longview', acrylics on canvas, prints, giclées.

**2016 EXHIBITIONS IN THE EVE SMART GALLERY**

January 14 - February 7: Natasha Vukovic, 'Dying Slowly in Your Memory', lithography and print, mixed media.  
February 11 - March 6: Nick Westover, 'Arrival', photography.  
April 7 - May 1: Bodhi Drope, 'Nature's Gallery Underfoot', photography. Sponsor: Olson Electric.  
May 5 - May 29: Lawrence and Kathryn Kristmanson, 'Shared Vision', engravings, linocuts, drawings, jewellery.  
November 10 - December 4: Bill Edmonds, 'Talking to Strangers', mixed media.  
September 22 - October 16: Paul Clancy, 'The Art of Being There', photography. Sponsor: Alison Sawyer, Gibsons lawyer.

**GPAG EVENTS**

Star Wars, GPAG Holiday Special: Dec 10- 23, 2015.  
Gibsons Landing Carol Festival: Dec 12, 2015.  
Baroque and Blue concert: Jan 30.  
'Embracing Newcomers' panel discussion: Mar 5.  
Auction for Syrian refugees: Mar 5.  
Artist presentations: Natasha Vukovic Jan 17; Donna Balma Jan 23, Jeff Wilson Feb 20; Derek von Essen Apr 16; Bodhi Drope (visual meditation) Apr 17; Marilyn Marshall May 21; Squamish Nations artists Jul 17; Margaret Witzsche Oct 1; Jan Poynter Nov 13.  
Lowry Olafson concert: May 14.  
NFB Film Nights, in collaboration with SC Welcoming Communities: May 19, Jun 16.  
Jazz Group of Seven concert, Gibsons Jazz Week: Jun 12.  
Canada Day Bag of Books sale (sponsor: Sunshine Coast Credit Union): Jul 1.  
Private functions: Feb 10, Jul 5, Jul 29.

**2016 CLASSES**

Spring Break art classes: Miyuki Shinkai Mar 14-18  
Spring Watercolour Workshop: Bruce Edwards May 28-29  
Drawing for Kids classes: Bruce Edwards July 5-8 and Aug 15-18

**ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Our Gallery has a vision: to foster and promote artistic creativity and learning, while serving as a cultural centre that unites art and community. In looking back at this past year we can see how all of our work, as members and volunteers, is achieving this objective.

After our last Annual General Meeting, the Gallery held an acclaimed creative tribute to Canadian icon Joni Mitchell. Over 80 artists participated. Saturday evenings throughout November featured live music and poetry and a Gallery filled with people. In December, the force was awakened and our Star Wars celebration connected us with many local schools and young families, many coming to the Gallery for the very first time.

2016 has been a year for expanding community partnerships. In January, GPAG hosted an exhibit and auction for the Town of Gibsons summer street banner project. In February we hosted a fundraiser for the Syrian Refugee Sponsorship project and a forum on embracing newcomers (part of a collaboration with Capilano U and Sunshine Coast Community Services' Welcoming Community program). March featured our annual Shout Out youth show, with work from the students of School District 46. This past spring the Gallery ran well attended art classes for kids, a watercolour workshop for adults and several talks led by our exhibiting artists. In May we continued our partnership with Welcoming Communities, with an ongoing monthly NFB film night (third Thursday of every month). In June we were a venue for Gibsons Landing Jazz Week. Summer at the Gallery kicked off with a celebration of Squamish Nation arts and culture. Squamish Nation hereditary Chief Ian Campbell came to Gibsons, with a delegation of Squamish Nation artists, elders, councilors and members, to open an installation of contemporary and historical works of Squamish Nation art. As part of this celebration, community members were invited to visit the Chekwelp reserve and hear the story of how Squamish culture began, survived, and has now emerged strong and resilient in the modern age. We had two sessions of summer drawing classes for kids and a fall watercolour workshop for adults. Our community outreach continues this fall, as we plan the fundraiser "Visions of Home 2016" with Habitat for Humanity and work out arrangements for a future collaboration with Gibsons Recycling Depot & Zero Waste Canada.

In addition to all of this community work in 2016, the Gallery continued to host its usual year round rotation of diverse installations of art in multiple mediums. There were 17,249 recorded Gallery visits from September 2015 to August 2016 (compared to 15,708 visits from September 2014 to August 2015).



The message here is that GPAG offers the community more than just an art gallery. It offers a public accessible space filled with potential. Thank you to all of our members and volunteers for stepping up to turn this potential into reality!

Staffing our front desk, serving at receptions, working out how we are going to pay the bills...this Gallery is entirely dependent on our volunteers. Thank you to everyone who is able to provide the Gallery with your gift of time.

Thank you to our Office Manager Michael Aze and all of our Board, especially Shelley Fearnley, Sheila Mullen and Jeannie Harlow, whose terms as Board Members are now ending. Thank you to Joan Fallis for taking on the challenges of Treasurer, and Pat Bean for your dedication to our Gift Shop. Thank you to the Drope family for your continued support of this Gallery and the Eve Smart legacy.

Stewart Stinson  
President

**Visit your PUBLIC ART GALLERY!**

Enjoy the exhibitions and events, renew your membership and find great art items in the GIFT SHOP!

GPAG annual memberships make a great gift!

**INDIVIDUAL - \$20**  
**STUDENT - \$10**  
**FAMILY (up to 4 adults and children) - \$35**

## EVE SMART LEGACY:

Who was Eve Smart? Eve Smart was an early Gibsons Public Art Gallery supporter and volunteer. When Eve became ill, she could no longer visit the Gallery (at its previous location, down a steep flight of stairs). When Eve passed away in 2011 she left her estate to GPAG, with the instructions that the funds be used to create a longterm accessible community arts venue. With this directive, the Gallery coordinated a major renovation of the vacant bank building at the centre of Gibsons Landing. The doors of a vibrant new arts centre opened in 2012. In 2015 the Gallery purchased the building. The Gallery now employs a manager and our Board of Directors is a diverse group of experienced and well trained community members. Thanks to Eve Smart's legacy gift, Gibsons now has a first class public arts facility that is well positioned for serving as a permanent community centre for celebrating all forms of art and culture.

## MEMBERSHIP:

The word public is in our title because this Gallery aims to be an inclusive space, where everyone is welcome. That said, we are an organization that depends on members of the community to step up, join and maintain a Gallery membership and, when possible, help out as volunteers, leaders and donors. Membership has its privileges! Benefits include a 10% discount on all Gift Shop purchases over \$50, a 20% discount at Lisa's Framing & Art Supplies, discounts on GPAG lectures, workshops and classes, access to the Sunshine Coast's largest library of art books, a 20% admission discount at the Vancouver Art Gallery (until 31 DEC 2016), and voting rights at our Annual General Meeting. Become an active member and help shape the Gallery's future!

## STRATEGIC PLANNING:

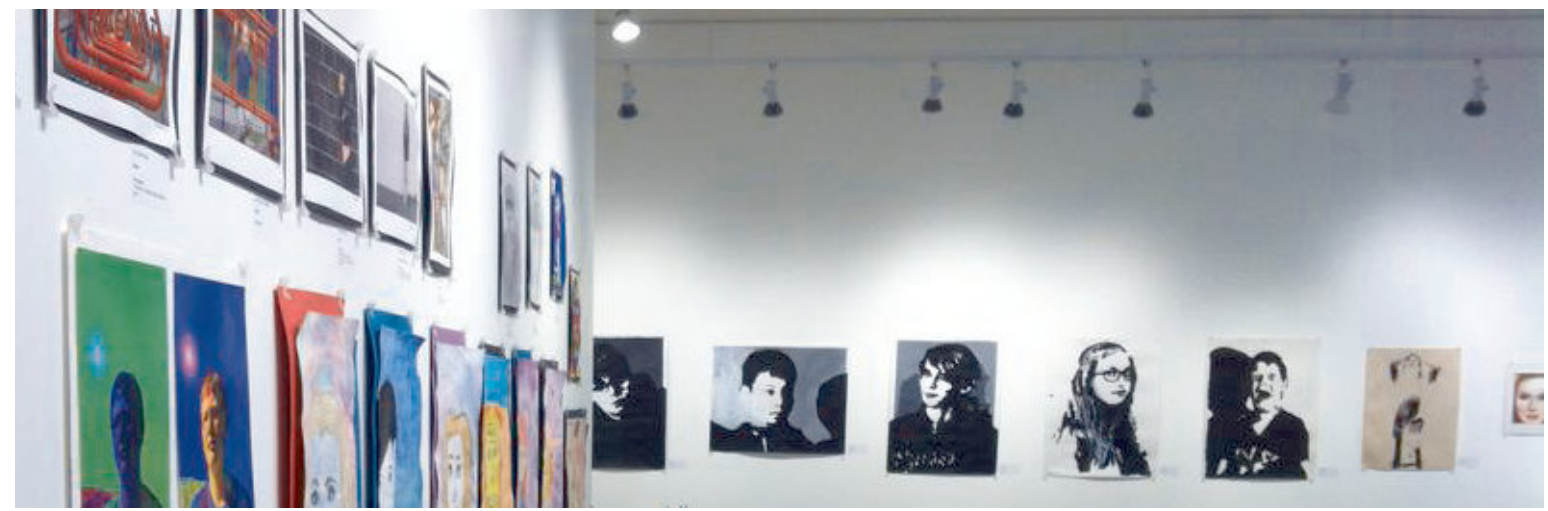
In November and December of 2015, Sunshine Coast Credit Union CEO Shelley McDade led the GPAG Board of Directors through workshops on governance and strategic planning. From those sessions, the Board identified three key administrative goals for the Gallery: long-term financial sustainability, efficient administration & governance, and greater community outreach. The Board has now implemented a number of administrative improvements (including a review of the Office Manager position, the creation of a Board Member orientation manual, the creation of an online membership system, and recruitment of needed skill sets in new board members) and has successfully reached out to build more partnerships with other community groups. While projects like the Visions of Home fundraiser will help generate revenue, the Board recognizes that the goal of long-term financial sustainability must now become a top GPAG priority.

The Gallery will initiate the transition to BC's new Societies Act next year, and we will have an opportunity to amend our bylaws as part of this transition at our 2017 AGM.

## FINANCIAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

This has been our first full year as owners of our fine gallery. Gallery and gift shop sales have increased by 40% over the previous year and the Gallery has hosted several successful events which have generated revenue. We are grateful for the continued support from the Town of Gibsons and the SCR D in providing grants in aid of our many community based activities and for the support from our wonderful sponsors. The purchase of our building for \$400,000 cash and a \$200,000 mortgage reduces our investment portfolio to approximately \$556,000. This in turn reduces our investment income in what has been a volatile and uncertain year for all investors. Despite carefully budgeting for our operating expenses we do have an operating deficit and will continue to do so unless we find other ways to increase revenue. Our financial statements have been prepared by Nelson Alvarez & Company Ltd. Copies are available to all. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. Sincere thanks to our members and hard-working volunteers who make GPAG possible.

Joan Fallis  
Treasurer



## GIFT SHOP REPORT:

It has been a privilege to liaise with over 50 talented artists from the Sunshine Coast whose work is showcased in the GPAG Gift Shop. The quality and variety of their items have increased the gross sales of the Gift Shop by 41% (\$24,285) from 2015. Thank you to Susan Janzen, whose administration expertise has been invaluable. Kudos to the desk volunteers whose friendly greetings make the gallery and gift shop a welcome space. We always appreciate their attention to detail on the invoices. Also to Joan Fallis, whose promptness expediting cheques to the artists is appreciated. As the funds generated by the Gift Shop help fund the gallery, please consider us the next time you are looking for a special gift or a treat for yourself. Thank you.

Pat Bean  
Gift Shop Volunteer Manager

## VOLUNTEER REPORT:

I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to our many volunteers over this past year. GPAG is almost exclusively run by volunteers. We have 35 dedicated people who help out at the front desk dealing with the day to day running of the Gallery and Gift Shop. It's a huge job and increasingly more complicated as GPAG grows. There are 23 volunteers who help out with the hospitality side of our receptions every month. Special thanks to Sheila Mullen who continues to coordinate these functions and to Suzanne Pemberton who unfailingly shows up to lend a hand. A big thanks to Pat Drope who is virtually always on hand to help. Not to forget our Board Members who are also volunteers! As well as sitting on the Board most of them help out in many other aspects of the running of the Gallery. There is an amazing crew of exhibition installers whose commitment continues to produce high quality installations. Last but not least, Pat Bean, almost singlehandedly does an awesome job of running the Gift Shop. On May 3 of this year, our Volunteer Appreciation lunch was held at Leo's - our local Greek Restaurant. In total, 33 Volunteers were able to attend and as usual a good time was had by all. Thank you Stewart for consenting to the addition of beer or wine with our meals. I'm going to lobby for desert next year! It always amazes me how wonderfully steadfast and faithful our volunteers are. Thank you again for all your dedication throughout the year. Without your help, the Gallery would not exist.

RoseAnn Janzen  
Volunteer Coordinator

## THE ART OF HOSPITALITY:

**“An ancient definition of hospitality means both hosts and guests hold the promise of sharing the best of what they have.”** I think this sums up what we have all tried to do at our receptions in the Gallery. It has only been possible with the amazing help of so many of our volunteers, donors and members of our Board. Every reception has been very well attended with lots of good food and conversation. My most sincere thanks to all who have been such wonderful helpers over so many years. Without you, I could not have managed. Please continue to volunteer and welcome everyone to our Gallery with a SMILE!

Best wishes,  
Sheila Mullen

