



News letter

February 1st, 2008

Message

Happy New Year

Opening the Burnaby Arts Council's 2008 series of art shows at Deer Lake Gallery will be a solo Watercolour Painting Exhibition by Shahla Majlessi, winner of the 2006 Celebration of Spring. The opening reception will be from 2 –4pm on Saturday, February 2nd.

At the January meeting of Parks, Recreation & Culture, attending current and past board members were delighted to hear that the City will provide wheelchair access to the BAC building once the weather improves.

The Burnaby Spirit Committee and 2010 Legacies Now Events Administration hope to see you at the Spirit of BC Week Provincial Launch on Feb. 9, followed by the Free Swim & Poster Contest Awards at Eileen Dailey pool on Feb. 16th.

SPIRIT OF BC WEEK IS A CELEBRATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND ITS UNIQUE COMMUNITIES, and is held annually in February. It's a week of events and activities showcasing pride in our province, and profiling local programs and services that strengthen sport and recreation, healthy living, arts and culture, literacy and volunteerism. The fourth annual Spirit of BC Week will take place February 8-16, 2008.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2008 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Bill Copeland Sports Centre, 3676 Kensington Avenue, Burnaby

AGENDA

- 10:30 am Doors open
- 11:00 am Official opening ceremonies, Spirit of BC flag raising and entertainment
- 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm
Entertainment, displays and activities for the general public. Free family skate presented by BC Hydro.

Membership to the Burnaby Arts Council for 2008 is due

Please complete the form on the last page and send your payment in to us.

Thank you!

Deer Lake Gallery CALL FOR ENTRY 2008 Celebration of Spring Show

Juried Event Open to all Mediums
at the BAC Deer Lake Gallery
April 26 - May 25

People's Choice Award

www.burnabyartscouncil.org or 604-298-7322

Deadline for entries March 25

Katimavik is back for 2008!



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Deer Lake Gallery

February 2 to 24



Pearl (watercolour) - S. Majlessi

Reception: February 2, 2-4 p.m.

Shahla Majlessi: grew up and was educated in Iran. She began painting seriously after graduating from fashion design college. Realistic images of nature, especially flowers, are favourite subjects. In the gallery, she presents a beautiful collection of watercolour paintings.

Shahla Majlessi has exhibitions in Iran, France, and Metro Vancouver. She was the winner of the Deer Lake Gallery 2006 Celebration of Spring *People's Choice* award.

Hours

Tuesday—Friday 11am-4pm; Saturday 1-4pm
Closed Sundays and Mondays

March 1-23

Burnaby Photographic Society: on the heels of their successful annual show at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts in January, the PBS brings their talents to the Deer Lake Gallery. This exhibit features many of the Society's members and demonstrates a wide variety of techniques and subject matter.

March 29-April 20

Vancouver Sketch Club: presents watercolour, acrylic, charcoal, and mixed media.

April 26-May 25

Celebration of Spring 2008: a group exhibition of diverse artwork following the theme of "Spring".

Telephone 604-298-7322. www.burnabyartscouncil.org.
Free admission

Calls for entry

Burnaby Arts Council (BAC) seeks visual artists to participate in a non-juried, "BC 150" art exhibition and sale. Artists receive a blank 1' x 1' canvas to work on and a challenge to create art about the beautiful, the everyday, or edgy side of Burnaby. Free to BAC members; \$10 for non-members. Registration: February 12-April 30. Deadline: work must be delivered to the BAC by Friday, May 16. For information or to register, call 604-298-7322, email info@burnabyartscouncil.org, or see www.burnabyartscouncil.org.

Arts Council of Surrey invites submissions for ARTS 2008, an annual juried exhibition taking place at the Surrey Art Gallery June 28-September 21. For information and entry forms contact the Arts Council of Surrey at 604-585-2787 or download from www.artscouncilofsurrey.ca. Deadline: Friday, May 30.

Place des Arts in Coquitlam is currently accepting proposals for its 2009 exhibitions. Place des Arts welcomes submissions in all 2D and 3D media and techniques, including fibre arts, sculpture, painting, photography, prints and drawing. For details and an application form, visit www.placedesarts.ca or call 604-664-1636. Proposals accepted until February 3, 2008.

The Scandinavian Cultural Society invites works by artists of Nordic background and/or works with a Nordic theme to be shown at their upcoming Nordic Art and Photography Exhibit and Sale, March 1 & 2, 2008. For information, please call Carolyn 778-999-6339 or send an email cthauber@interchange.ubc.ca, or the Centre at 604-294-2777.

gallerygachet (88 east Cordova, Vancouver) is accepting proposals for solo, group, juried and curated exhibits in their two exhibitions spaces for April 2008 through March 2009. For information, contact 604-687-2464 or gachet@gachet.org or visit www.gachet.org.

BCWF Artist of the Year Competition is now accepting submission for their 2009 event. **Deadline** Feb. 28, 2008. For details please visit www.bcwf.bc.ca or call Gail Ferrier at 604-291-9990 x 223.

Federation of Canadian Artists: 6th annual Painting on the Edge international juried exhibition invites artists in all painting, printmaking, & drawing media to apply. Exhibition dates: August 19-September 7, 2008. \$8,000 in prizes. Deadline June 5. Please contact www.artists.ca or call 604-681-8534.

The Blackberry Gift Shop (Port Moody) invites new submissions for their gift shop, and or, participate in the Blackberry Artist Society. Call Nadia at 604-936-0743 or visit pomoartscentre.bc.ca

MyArtClub.Com is offering artists a website showcase for 3 images free. Visit MyArtClub.Com>Showcase.

Member News

Burnaby Writers' Society's next Workshop meeting will be Thursday, February 14, 7:30 p.m. in studio 211 at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts. For info email info@bws.bc.ca or visit www.bws.bc.ca.

The BWS next ReVisions Open Mic Reading will be Wednesday, February 20 at 8 p.m., Myles of Beans Coffee House, #1-7010 Kingsway, South Burnaby. For more information, contact Sheila at 604-522-7272 or email srfearless@shaw.ca. For both BWS events, admission is free and drop-in visitors are welcome.

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society (BRAGS) will hold its popular sale of perennials and shrubs Sunday, April 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. rain or shine, in the Burnaby Village Museum parking lot (Canada Way and Sperling Ave, Burnaby). A wide variety of quality plants at excellent prices will be available for both beginning and experienced gardeners. These Beautiful, nurtured plants come directly from our members' homes. Master gardeners will be on site to answer questions and offer suggestions. BRAGS is a non-profit society. Proceeds from this fundraiser assists a variety of garden projects and organizations throughout Burnaby.

BRAGS hosts monthly meetings at 7:00 p.m., first Wednesday, Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum, 6501 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby. For information visit www.braggs.ca, email info@brags.ca, or call Jackie 604-420-0275.

February 6: Heather Edwards, City of Burnaby, *Eco Sculptures & Burnaby Projects*

March 5: Gerry Gibbens (VanDusen Botanical Gardens) *Rhododendrons: Questions and Answers*

April 2: Candyse Roberts (Garden Works), *Small Water Features*

May 7 Elaine Cramer, *Hydrangeas*

The *Japanese Canadian National Museum & Heritage Centre* invites the public to the following exhibitions and events:

Shashin: Japanese Canadian Studio Photography to 1942, a half century of 80 images of studio photographers in Cumberland, New Westminster, & Vancouver, providing a glimpse into the lives of Japanese, Chinese, African-American & European communities. To March 15.

Jan Ken Pon! (Rock Paper Scissors) Family Games Day coming Saturday, February 23, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Experience over 20 traditional Japanese heritage games and toys at the 4th annual Jan Ken Pon! Family Games Day. The highlight of the day is a rock-paper-scissors tournament with prizes. The event is suitable for families with children 4-12. For information and registration, call 604-777-7000 ext 109 or email nogiwara@nikkeiplace.org.

First Friday Forum: an outreach program with the theme of culture and identity, sharing experience through music & dialogue. Fridays at 7:30 p.m., February 1, March 7, and April 4. Refreshments provided. Call Harry at 604-266-0154 for more details.

The *Japanese Canadian National Museum & Heritage Centre* is located at 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby (at Kingsway & Sperling). Telephone: 604-777-7000. www.jcnm.ca.

The Clef Society of Burnaby presents

The Fraser River Fiddlers and Pat Rolston's Piano Studio

Sunday, February 17th at 2:00 p.m.

Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, Room 103

Tickets: \$10 at door. Members no charge. Refreshments.

For information, please contact Dolores Myles at 604-420-6858 or doloresmyles@telus.net

Richard Major Art Group is LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS! Weekly workshop meetings and demos on Wednesday mornings at the Shadbolt Centre. Call Leah Scott at 604-931-3182.



Volunteer Profile of the Month:

KATIMAVIK!

Hello art community! My name is Michele Lysik and I am currently volunteering at the Burnaby Arts Council. Originally from Alberta, I have been given the opportunity to live in 3 other provinces for a total of nine months through a program called Katimavik. But thankfully, I am not in it alone. I have 8 house-mates! We started our journey in New Brunswick in September 2007, and have been enjoying ourselves in Burnaby since mid December.

For those of you who haven't heard about Katimavik, it is a volunteer service program provided to Canadian youth between the ages 17 to 21. Individuals are selected across Canada, formed into groups of 10-11 people, and sent to 3 different regions to volunteer in communities for 3 months at a time. Participants work 35 hours a week at non-profit organizations for a total of 9 months. We also keep ourselves busy outside our jobs by attending personal skills workshops, helping at community events, working on our bilingualism, exploring local culture, and so much more.

And what have we be doing? My group has been creating some unique memories (like doing the Polar Bear Swim), and feeding our interests by going to Museums and trying exotic foods. Our work placements have been very fulfilling as well. Participants volunteer at ReStore, North Shore Connections, Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion, Neil Squire Society, the Burnaby Hospice Thrift Store, and Windsor House School. (When we were in New Brunswick, I was working at a kitchen that prepared free lunches for less-fortunate people. It was a good experience getting to know the regulars and gain perspective.) I am now at Burnaby Arts Council and PacWest Performing Arts Society, and working in an area that is a major passion of mine-ART. I am excited to be in the field that will be part of my future. Upon my completion of Katimavik, I plan to go to the Alberta College of Art and Design. I have another month & a half in Burnaby before my group goes to Port Colbourne, Ontario (and another Burnaby group arrives).

This month the group splits up to billet with local families for two weeks. Billeting gives us a chance to immerse ourselves in local culture and enrich our personal experience. The Burnaby Katimavik group is always looking for new billeting homes. If you might be interested, please contact our group Project Leader, Eury Chang at (604) 298-2450 or email katimaburnaby@yahoo.org.

If you drop by the Burnaby Arts Council, please don't hesitate to talk to me. I'm pretty friendly and I would love to meet you. Happy New Year wishes from the Burnaby Katimavik group!

February 2008

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Website: www.burnabyartscouncil.org **Email:** nfo@burnabyartscouncil.org **Telephone:** 604-298-7322

Address: 6584 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby, BC V5G 3T7 **Hours:** Tuesday to Friday 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Membership Application

Membership in the Arts Council supports arts and culture in your community.

Membership is open to individuals or organizations.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Annual Membership (January—December)

- Individual \$25 Associate Member Group \$42 Full Member Group (registered charity) \$55 Business \$50

Please make cheque payable to **The Burnaby Arts Council, 6584 Deer Lake Ave, Burnaby V5G 3T7**

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