

Langley

arts

Council

MAY 1, 2023 - APRIL 30, 2024
ANNUAL REPORT



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ABOUT US

The Langley Arts Council (LAC) is a charitable organization that has been serving the residents of the Township and City of Langley since 1968. The LAC attained charitable status in 1996 which gave the Arts Council more opportunity for continued growth and flourishing into the arts and cultural umbrella organization it is today.

OUR MISSION

As a community-based arts organization, the mission of the Langley Arts Council is to *cultivate, sustain, and proliferate artistic activity in the Langleys by offering both monetary and resource support to the community as well as developing new and innovative programs in a variety of artistic disciplines.*

OUR MANDATE

The Langley Art Council's mandate is to *Increase and broaden opportunities for citizens to enjoy and participate in cultural activities; to engage in such activities as will promote the advancement of education in arts, culture, and heritage, or other purposes of charitable nature beneficial to the community, to improve the standards of artistic expression in the community and increase the public's knowledge of, appreciation for, and participation in the arts.*

WHO WE SERVE

The Langley Art Council serves both the Township of Langley and the City of Langley residents to make a combined population of 161,066 (Statistics Canada. Census February 2022). As an organization we serve, artists and creators, arts organizations, community members, educational institutions, tourists and visitors, local businesses, underrepresented and marginalized groups, government and civic entities, donors and philanthropists, and local cultural organizations.



**BOARD OF
DIRECTORS AND
STAFF FROM
MAY 1 2023 -
APRIL 30 2024**

BOARD EXECUTIVE

Diane Gendron, President
Lana Hart, Past President & Treasurer
Alana Evans, Vice President
Suzanne Erickson, Secretary

DIRECTORS

Marlo Browne
David Williams
Freda Lombard
Ana Bayona
Anita Klein (until June 2023)
Judy Vanderveen (until October 2023)
David Johnson (until October 2023)

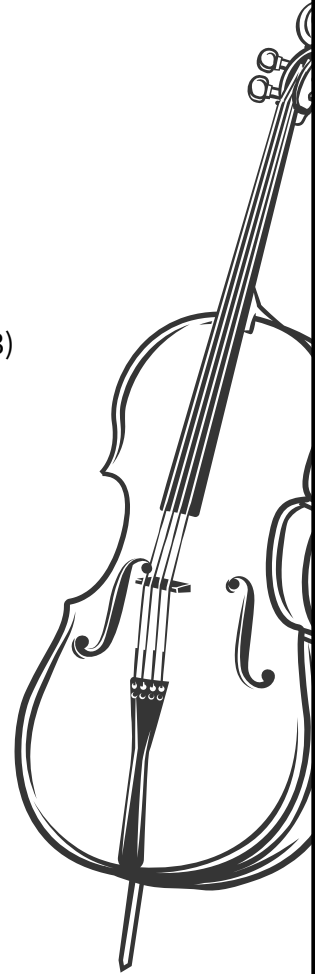
STAFF

Claire Sarfeld, Executive Director
Nicole Hutton, Office Manager
Mimi Savyong, Arts Coordinator
Deepika Pandian, Event Coordinator
Mini Claire, Curator and Gallery Coordinator
Joel Libin, Facility Maintenance

Florance Wang, Gallery Coordinator (until December 2023)
Neil McNernie, Facility Maintenance (until June 2023)

FACILITATORS & INSTRUCTORS

Alex Gregghi (Art Instructor)
Patricia Dunphy (Art Instructor)
Julie Epp (Art Instructor)
Jessica Fairweather (Art Instructor)
Grace Chen (Art Instructor)
Toni Van der Geest (Art Instructor)
John Hall (Art Instructor)
Yuka Morino (Art Instructor)
Danielle, St-Georges - Deschamps (Art Instructor)
Eric Hotz (Art Instructor)
Freda Lombard (Art/Wellness Instructor)
Linda McRae (Theatre Instructor)
Lauren Trotsuk (Art Instructor)
Baljeet Kaur (Art Instructor)
Shelby Page (Art Instructor)
Angie Tatarniuk (Art/Wellness Instructor)
Elayne Preston (Theatre Instructor)



VOLUNTEERS

Angie Tatarniuk, Brennen Fryer, Andrew JE HWAN LEE, Alexander Hill, Chutong Qin, Jasreen Kaur Johal, Danielle St-Georges Dechamp, Baljeet Kaur Johal, Abby Gaudier, Alana Evans, Alexandra Kim, Ana Bayona, Andrew Lee, Anaya Mankatala, Angie Tatarniu, Baljeet Kaur, Baghath Nithish Kumar, Cameron Dougherty, Cherilyn Ahn, Dana Scott, Danielle St-Georges - Deschamps, Danny Nyguen, David Johnson, Davin Cuadra, Deepika Ajith, Devina Kapila, Diane Gendron, Elaine Nong, Gaeun Chun, Graeme Beamiss, Geordie Smyth, Hayat Khalid, Iris Zhang, Jessica Belyk, John Hall, John Libin, Julie Epp, Jevon Gunawan, Kenny Soo, Komal Sree, Teja Boyapati, Maureen Sinclair, Manmeet Claire, Maria Listya, Marlo Browne, Michael Paylor, Michelle Tang, Ramya Shravanthi, Rebekka Jensen, Ric Lafollette, Robert Little, Rosemary Wallace, Sam Li, Sacha Hill, Sonum Dhupar, Warren Zeer, Wade Marshall, Xuanzhe Peng, Yuxan Bo, Zara Bains, Zayan Khalid

The Arts Council has allowed several members of my family, myself included to exhibit our artistic talents within the Langley community. The LAC social media and website helps us keep informed on upcoming events in the Fraser Valley artistic community. I like the fact that the LAC staff and volunteers create opportunities specifically with senior artists in mind. And that the entry fees are waived for members in most LAC artist calls. In my opinion, the LAC brings the arts community alive and keeps it flourishing.

- Debra Westdorp



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In 2023 - 2024 the Langley Arts Council made waves throughout the community. We presented more exhibitions, expanded our class and workshop offerings, and presented arts and cultural community events for all ages. We were thrilled to see our members actively engage in our programming, and we appreciate all of you who worked with us to present offerings to best suit our community's needs. Your ongoing participation and support once again outlined the importance of the arts in our lives and highlighted the importance of arts, culture, and heritage.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to our mission, mandate, and vision for the Arts Council and our 5-year Strategic Plan. We will continue to nurture creativity, foster cultural inclusivity, and advocate for the arts. We invite you to join us in the upcoming year as we embark on new projects and explore fresh ways to engage with our community.

As we reflect on the past year with the Langley Arts Council, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude. Thank you to our members, community partners, funders, and collaborators for your unwavering support, commitment, and continued effort to work with us to bring accessible arts and cultural activities to the community. Your membership, patronage, and partnership have been integral to the success of our endeavors throughout the 2023 - 2024 calendar year. The past year continued to reveal the incredible spirit and adaptability of our arts community and has encouraged the Arts Council to seek ways to expand our capacity as an organization. To fill the want and need for more programming opportunities and creative experiences for all ages.

We are truly grateful for the trust and confidence our community places in us as an organization, and your involvement and support for our programming are a testament to the enduring value of the arts in our lives and our community. We look forward to continuing our journey together, knowing that, together, we can achieve extraordinary things in the Langleys that impact the wider arts and cultural sector.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering commitment to the arts, the Langley Arts Council, and our shared vision for a culturally vibrant and thriving community. We look forward to welcoming you into the center and having you join us in programming.



Diane Gendron; President



Claire Sarfeld; Executive Director

STRATEGIC PLAN

The purpose of the Arts Council's 2023 - 2028 strategic plan is to provide a structured and comprehensive roadmap that guides the organization in achieving its long-term goals and objectives. It is a forward-looking document that outlines how the Arts Council will allocate its resources, make decisions, and adapt to achieve its mission and vision.

The plan below was created using community feedback from artists, participants, local organizations, community partners, and local government throughout the 2021 - 2022 calendar year. Additionally, an anonymous community survey was actively collecting information and suggestions for 3 months in 2023. The three priorities below were created to serve as a guiding document to chart the course for the Arts Council's future. It ensures that we as an organization remain focused, adaptable, and accountable in its pursuit of its mission and vision. It is a crucial tool for achieving long-term success and sustainability.



BUILDING ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY AND STRENGTHENING FINANCIAL STABILITY

PRIORITY #1

OBJECTIVES

- Create a well-balanced funding portfolio that supports our growing role and responsibilities as the umbrella organization for the Township and the City of Langley.
- Continue to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment in the arts community.
- Continue to present an effective and capable organization and a great place for passionate people to work and volunteer.

ACTIONS

- Diversify revenue streams.
- Develop annual fundraising and giving campaigns.
- Develop additional opportunities for donations, sponsorship, and naming opportunities.
- Drive sustainable growth by increasing individual and corporate philanthropic initiatives and earned income.

**BUILD ACCESS TO
ARTS
PROGRAMMING**

PRIORITY #2

OBJECTIVES

- Create greater awareness of the impact of cultural programming in building stronger communities and fostering community engagement.
- Increase the impact of our educational art programming and services by bringing the arts to the people.
- Assist in creating a desirable community enriched by arts and cultural programming.

ACTIONS

- Continue to offer accessible and robust arts programming for all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds providing exposure to local talent.
- Create additional opportunities for residents to participate in arts and cultural programming at a reduced rate or for free.
- Expand our programming to include offerings in each of the Langley boroughs.
- Continue to seek funding to support the LAC's Youth Bursary Program and expand its support to more at-risk youth.

**DEEPENING OUR
COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS
AND
COLLABORATION**

PRIORITY #3

OBJECTIVES

- Foster community and collaboration through maintaining the Langley Arts Councils' active participation in the local and regional arts community.
- Continue to foster new relationships, encourage the development of new partnerships, and continue to be a connector of those in the arts.
- Create a rich art, cultural, and historical dialogue in the Langleys that showcases and supports the array of artistic mediums.

ACTIONS

- Seek opportunities to collaborate and work alongside other value-aligned cultural organizations and encourage a safe space for conversation and collaboration.
- Develop new, and maintain current connections with arts organizations, individual artists, and other members of the arts ecosystem.
- Embody values equity, adaptability, integrity, connection, trust, and service in all of our relationships and provide a welcoming place for artistically diverse individuals, organizations, and communities in our region.



BY THE NUMBERS

MAY 1, 2022 -
APRIL 30, 2023

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APRIL 30, 2024

LANGLEY ARTS COUNCIL MEMBERS

5 Active Student Memberships
84 Active Senior Memberships
92 Active Regular Memberships
11 Active Organization Memberships
4 Active Family Memberships
196 Total Members

8 Active Student Memberships
92 Active Senior Memberships
102 Active Regular Memberships
20 Active Organization Memberships
3 Active Family Memberships
3 Active Business Memberships
228 Total Members

Additional **603** Mailing List Members.

Additional **1,602** Mailing List Members

98,892 Total website visits

126,894 Total website visits

PROGRAMMING ACTUALS ART IN FOUND SPACES

4 Gallery Spaces
38 exhibitions
487 artists exhibited

4 Gallery Spaces
33 exhibitions
541 artists exhibited

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

3 Class Locations
30 classes offered
10 instructors
185 participants

8 Class Locations
41 classes were offered, which spanned over **191** class sessions
17 instructors
567 participants

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES; FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Hosted and participated in **39** events
These events were held in **11** locations
7,079 event attendance

Hosted and participated in **32** events
These events were held in **9** locations
8,701 event attendance

COMMUNITY RENTALS

13 societies/charitable organizations used our space over the 2022 - 2023 calendar year.

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Since joining Langley Arts Council in 2023, I have gained lifelong connections with the city and its arts and culture community. Having the opportunity to teach youth painting and drawing with the LAC, in both the Aldergrove and Langley City environments, has been an enriching experience. I am beyond thankful to the LAC team for their trust, compassion, thoughtful collaboration, and initiative in supporting their team of instructors and collaborators. Having such a valuable hub for arts and cultural events is so crucial for our community, and I can see noticeable effects of how it has transformed the greater Langley area each day. Being surrounded by other creatives, of all ages, and collaborating with members of the community has expanded my horizons and allowed me to champion arts education with more enthusiasm and assurance. I am excited to see how LAC continues to grow.

-Grace Chen



ART IN FOUND SPACES PROGRAM

The purpose of the Art in Found Spaces program is to provide the community at large an opportunity to showcase and view original artworks in public spaces around the Township of Langley and the City of Langley.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS MAY 1, 2023 - APRIL 30, 2024

- Lin Maxwell; Solo Exhibition
- Karen Johnson; Solo Exhibition
- Linda Morris; Solo Exhibition
- Gary Gillespie; Solo Exhibition
- Paramjit Assi; Solo Exhibition
- Vladamir Kolosov; Solo Exhibition
- Jayme Chalmer; Solo Exhibition
- Paul Gravett; Solo Exhibition
- Gregory McKinnon; Solo Exhibition

GROUP EXHIBITIONS MAY 1, 2023 - APRIL 30, 2024

- Tuesdays with Lalita; Group Exhibition
- BC-Wide Landscape Painting Exhibition
- Power of Colour; Group Exhibition
- Summer Group Exhibition
- Beyond Barriers; Group Exhibition
- Paint the Train Traveling Group Exhibition
- Annual Youth Exhibition
- Fraser Valley Bienalle
- Vancouver Outsiders Art Festival Traveling Exhibition
- Literary Group Exhibition
- BC-Wide Painting Competition, artSpecific
- Point of View Group Exhibition
- Creating for Change Group Exhibition
- Federation of Canadian Artists Group Exhibition
- The Port Kells Art Club Group Exhibition
- Point of View Exhibition
- My Heritage Group Exhibition
- Annual Youth Exhibition
- Canadian Art Preservation Foundation Exhibition
- One Way Spring Group Exhibition
- One Way 006 Group Exhibition
- One Way 007 Group Exhibition



The Langley Arts Council gave me the opportunity to bring my artwork to the community. They provided me a platform to be able to participate in BC-wide juried competition which boosted my enthusiasm and confidence to create more artwork. I am very humbled and grateful for this. I also won the People's Choice award for My Heritage exhibition. This has given much joy to my parents and family members. Not being a professional artist, it meant a lot to me. My parents can't stop telling everybody they meet about it.

- Garima Wilson

EXHIBITIONS
FROM
MAY 1, 2024 -
APRIL 30, 2025

- One Way Exhibition theme *Spring*
- Tuesday's wit Lalita Group Exhibition
- Youth Open Call and Group Exhibition
- Gary Gillespie Solo Exhibition
- Lin Maxwell Solo Exhibition
- Karen Johnson Solo Exhibition
- BC-Wide Live Painting Event and Landscape Exhibition
- One Way Gallery Group Exhibition
- Power of Colour Group Exhibition
- Linda Morris Solo Exhibition
- Summer Group Exhibition
- Paramjit Assi Solo Exhibition
- Serena Trinder Solo Exhibition
- Vladimir Kolosov Solo Exhibition
- One Way 07 Group Exhibition
- Fraser Valley Biennale Traveling Exhibition
- Vancouver Outsider Arts Festival Traveling Exhibition
- Inspired by Words
- BC-Wide Prize Winning Exhibition artSpacific
- Point of View Exhibition
- Bahar Mohazabnia solo
- Paul Gravett solo
- Celebration of Culture - My Heritage
- Creating for Change
- Gregory McKinnon solo
- Youth Exhibition
- Canadian Art Preservation Foundation
- Beyond Barriers Group Exhibition
- Paint the Train Traveling Group Exhibition

The Arts Council has been really important to me and my family. I was so happy when I got picked for the Annual Youth Exhibition. It was amazing to show my artwork to everyone, and it made me feel really proud and confident. Right now, I'm waiting to find out if I can be part of the Holiday Artisan Market (Youth table). I'm excited about the possibility because it would be a great chance to learn how to show and sell my art. Overall, the Arts Council has given me awesome opportunities. It has helped me grow as an artist and brought my family closer as they supported me. I'm really thankful for everything I've learned and experienced.

- Chloe Chiang

As a very new and self-taught painter, I entered and was accepted to several exhibitions. I felt so welcomed and supported by the staff, who encouraged me and taught me how to participate in art shows. I recently won a prize in an art show, which has done so much for my confidence. I continue to enter and participate to show my appreciation for all the LAC support and I promote the LAC at every opportunity. I would not be where I am if I had not started with you.

- Karen Sheehan



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

The purpose of the Classes and Workshops Program presented by the Langley Arts Council is to provide accessible and affordable arts, cultural, and heritage programming to all ages, and levels in the City and Township of Langley.

CLASSES OFFERED MAY 1, 2023 - APRIL 30, 2024

- Horizon grant portrait class
- Horizon grant Sculpture / 3D
- Horizon Grant Literary class
- Art studio
- Watercolours & Acrylics
- Christmas card workshop
- Adult Glass Mosaic Workshop
- Youth Painting and Drawing
- Adult Improv
- Youth Theatre League
- Experimental painting and drawing
- Creatures and their cabin (Kid clay making)
- Mini Masters program (Free Langley City Classes) Ages 4-6 (Painting w/ watercolour)
- Mini Masters program (Free Langley City Classes) Ages 7-9 (Drawing & sketching)
- Mini Masters program (Free Langley City Classes) Ages 10-14 (Pixel cross stitch)
- Needle felting
- Christmas Bead workshop
- Life drawing with John Hall
- Watercolour Flower classes
- Adult beading (Cultural fest)
- Corn husk dolls (Cultural fest grant) Kids workshop
- Introduction to alcohol inks
- Kintsugi: Ceramic Repair Workshop
- Painting: My Masterpiece | Ages 13 - 16 (Canada Post)
- The wonders of watercolour | Ages 9 - 12 (Canada Post)
- Watercolour classes | Ages 6 - 8 (Canada Post)



It was wonderful to be a participant in the recent Seniors' Poetry Program (Golden Palette). The instructor was excellent, and clearly had a great deal of poetry experience and knowledge. Her ideas were inspiring and gave me the opportunity to revive a past interest. She was also very encouraging, positive, and gave great feedback. I would love to see more Creative Writing classes offered at LAC, as there are not many similar opportunities in the Langley area.

- Kathy Neudorf

**UPCOMING
PROGRAMMING
MAY 1, 2024 -
APRIL 30, 2025**

- Colourful landscapes
- Chigiri-e (ちぎり絵) | Japanese paper art workshop
- Drawing Anime & Manga
- Summer camp for kids in partnership with the Ukulele Association
- Culinary Creations (Chinese cuisine: Tofu Specialty workshop)
- Needle & thread
- Air dried clay
- Group Voice lessons



In sharing my art, I found a deeper connection with my community and fellow artists. The regular exhibitions, performances, cultural events, and workshops are a vital part of our community.

The arts center didn't just provide a venue for my work; it became a hub for inspiration and collaboration. I began participating in group exhibitions and workshops, where I met other local artists and art enthusiasts. These interactions sparked new ideas and pushed me to explore different mediums and techniques.

The response to my work was overwhelming. People from all walks of life attended the exhibitions, engaging in conversations about the themes and emotions my art expressed. This experience highlighted the power of art to foster understanding and connection. It allowed community members to see the world through my eyes, and in turn, I gained new perspectives from their interpretations and reactions.

- Robert Gagnon

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

The purpose of the Community Initiatives Program is to present a wide array of free community arts programming for all ages to the residents of the City and Township of Langley and the surrounding communities.

EVENTS HOSTED MAY 1, 2023 - APRIL 30, 2024

- Fraser Valley Bienalle Opening Reception
- Art in the Park
- Outdoor Fine Arts Fair
- BC-Wide Landscape Competition and Live Painting Event
- Literary Exhibition Opening Reception
- BC-Wide Painting Competition artSpecific
- Langley City Film Festival
- Paint the Train Traveling Exhibition and Reception
- Timms Holiday Artisan Market
- Point of View Opening Reception
- Adult Improv and Open Mic Night
- My Heritage Opening Reception
- Celebration of Culture
- Youth Exhibition Opening Reception
- Canadian Artists Preservation Foundation Opening Reception



PERFORMERS & ADJUDICATORS MAY 1, 2023 - APRIL 30, 2024

Over 2023 - 2024 the Langley Arts Council presented events that featured the following entertainers, performers, and artists;

- The Wild Mocassins
- Karthik Nats
- Rock Step Swing Society
- Lorita Leung Dance Academy
- Grupo America Team
- Ted Lightfoot
- Baljeet Kaur
- Langley Ukuele Association
- Gabriel Regehr
- Harmeet Kaur Virdee
- Bryan Phenix
- Jana Seale
- Michelle Klimchuk



EVENTS
CALENDAR
MAY 1, 2024 -
APRIL 30, 2025

Throughout 2024 - April 2025 the Langley Arts Council looks forward to hosting:

- Outdoor Fine Arts Fair in Langley City
- Canadian Artists Preservation Foundation Speaker Series
- Fibre Art Network Opening Reception
- Art and Fashion Opening Reception
- BC-wide painting competition artSpecific
- 56 Works to Celebrate 56 Years Fundraiser
- Art in the Park
- BC-Wide Landscape Painting Competition and Live Painting Event
- Timms Holiday Artisan Market
- Aldergrove Holiday Artisan Market
- Cups and Coffee Fundraiser
- Celebration of Culture
- BC-Wide Portrait Competition and Live Painting Event

And more!

We recently migrated to Canada and moved to BC in July 2023. In the very first week of our arrival, my daughter and I visited the Aldergrove office of the Art Council. It has been a most memorable association since then. We have felt like part of the team while volunteering with the Art Council. Every event has been a valuable learning experience. We got to meet many people from diverse backgrounds and we got to know the community better. My daughter attended Art class here and for me the Art Council became a platform to present my own art. It is always a pleasure to conduct workshops with them. I would always like to stay connected with the Art Council.

-Baljeet Kaur



FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The Langley Arts Council would like to say a big thank you to those who have supported us financially over the last year. Our patrons and supporters have been instrumental in providing the financial foundation for our work. Your contributions have enabled us to continue providing valuable resources and opportunities to local artists, educators, and audiences.

FUNDERS

BC Arts Council
BC Gaming Grant
City of Langley
Canada Post Foundation
Government of British Columbia
Job Creation Program
G & F Financial
Township of Langley
Metro Vancouver
Rotary Club of Aldergrove
Rotary Club of Langley
Y.P. Heung Foundation



SPONSORS

Able Auctions
CN Railway
Vancity
Starbucks Aldergrove Location



SUPPORTERS & PARTNERS

- Arts Council of Surrey
- Aldergrove Community Secondary
- Aldergrove Library
- BC Technology for Learning Society
- DeSerres
- OPUS Art Supplies
- Willowbrook Art Gallery
- Downtown Langley Business Association
- Langley Chamber of Commerce
- Kroma Acrylic Paints
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University
- Langley Community Services Society
- Inclusion Langley
- Save on Foods
- Langley Little Theatre
- Mercado Latino Society
- Langley Spinners and Weavers Society
- Langley Volunteer Bureau
- Scouts Canada
- Girl Guides Canada
- Very Very Improv
- Steps Forward, BC Initiative for Inclusive Post Secondary Education
- The Reach Gallery and Museum
- Community Arts Council of Vancouver
- Federation of Canadian Artists

