



**ARC
ARTS
COUNCIL**

*A Regional
Arts Resource Centre*

*Serving
Coquitlam,
Port Moody,
Port Coquitlam
Anmore and Belcarra*

THE PRIMARY PURPOSES of the Arts Council is TO ADVANCE THE ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOWER-MAINLAND'S NORTHEAST REGION BY

- * fostering interest and participation in all forms of the arts
- * actively pursuing communication and co-ordination amongst governments, artistic groups and individuals, through the stimulation and support of their cultural endeavours
- * acting as the regions arts advocate by actively participating in community cultural development initiatives
- * offering informed commentary and developing public awareness of cultural issues, needs and services
- * providing a resource centre for its members and the regional community

As a community resource, the Council is the first point of contact at the local level for information on the arts. We play a vital role in creating opportunities for the participation and involvement of individuals in the creative life of their community.

Our service to the regional arts community provides direct support to our member groups, by creating a focal point for networking, joint promotions and initiatives.

These services are made available through the organization and delivery of a range of activities and ongoing programs. From exhibition and presentation opportunities to professional development for artists, the promotion of local cultural activities and the dissemination of arts event information, as well as the sponsorship of special events, community festivals and arts training and education programs.

An HISTORICAL RESOURCE

The Community Arts Council of Coquitlam, Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, Anmore and Belcarra was first established in 1969 as the Coquitlam Area Fine Arts Council. It was renamed the ARC Arts Council in 1992 to reflect the Council's role as an Arts Resource Centre working to promote arts and cultural activities that fulfill the needs of the communities constituting School District 43. As a registered charitable non-profit organization, the work of the Arts Council is performed by its members on a volunteer basis through a Board of Directors and managed by an Executive Director. Funding is provided by the Government of British Columbia, municipal grants, fundraising, memberships and donations.

Membership Benefits

ARC is a Resource Centre, providing information on:

- * artists, arts groups, events
 - * grants and scholarships * educational programming and services
- Members have access to
- * member newsletter and information publications
 - * inclusion of event information in newsletter and other promotional activities
 - * networking through member meetings and seminars
 - * ARC's library and extensive arts data base
 - * office assistance: photocopying and fax machine available

Board Room bookings * liability insurance (for member groups)

Your membership and volunteer activity supports the work of the ARC Arts Council by helping to create and promote opportunities for creative expression in the region. Over ARC's 30 year history member groups, individuals and local governments have benefited from the Arts Council's involvement in developing new programs and through the sponsorships of events such as:

Place des Arts Satellite Art Program and Orchestra Program

The Tri-City Youth Talent Search

Coquitlam Public Library's Culture

Through Music Series

and The Triad Concert Series

As the communities cultural needs change, so does the role of the Arts Council. We have assisted in facility and program development and are now facilitating defined cultural policy for the region. Membership in ARC is mutually beneficial and will ensure our partnership continues to provide this community with a clear and strong cultural voice well into the 21st century.

"Local arts agencies have become community change agents, by using the arts as a community development tool. By partnering with artists and arts organizations local arts agencies have contributed to the vitality of a city. Investment in culture has brought tremendous economic benefit to North American cities. There is no other service that collectively impacts business, tourism, the development of livable communities and the quality of life for citizens." Victoria Hamilton, Executive Director

MEMBERSHIP FORM:

Student \$5
Senior \$10
Individual \$15
Group/Organization \$ 35
Corporate \$100

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ARC ARTS COUNCIL MEMBER GROUPS OR THE LOCAL ARTS SCENE

Phone: 931-8255
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ARC ARTS COUNCIL

The Port Moody Arts Centre
2425 St. John's Street
Port Moody
Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
9:30 a.m.- 4:30p.m.

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Arts Directory * the guide to the local arts scene, a valuable resource to be updated in 1998 with electronic access

Arts Funding * annual scholarships are awarded to District 43 Senior Secondary * Individual grant programs for fine arts education are awarded when funding is available * special project grants to member arts groups are made available from time to time, depending on funds available

* ARC Building Fund for capital development of local facilities

Programs / Events

* public workshops and member meetings on cultural issues and skills training

* ongoing arts awareness campaigns highlighting the district's cultural activities

* participation in Arts Achievement Awards and recognition of outstanding achievement * participation in and co-sponsorship of various regional festivals and events, including:

Port Coquitlam May Days, the Port Moody Arts Festival, Festivale du Bols, the Annual Teddy Bear Picnic, the Golden Spike Festival and Faces of the World Festival Annual Juried Exhibitions

* WORKS IN 3D Sculpture Show

* INNOVATIONS Art Exhibit

* Faces of the World GALLERY WALK & CRAFT FAIR