

SHEDDING SOME LIGHT ON OUR HISTORY.

The Coquitlam Area Fine Arts Council was founded in 1969 by a small group of people interested in pulling the arts community together to promote the arts in the Tri-city area. They were instrumental in establishing Place des Arts and also held an arts festival annually for several years. The council then entered a period of inactivity, with only a small group remaining together as an executive.

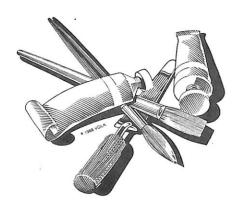
In 1979 the Arts Council established a scholarship program. Scholarships for art, music and drama are awarded each year to graduates of the three high schools in the area.

In 1980 the Arts Festival was held once again. The arts community was able to pull together a good show but attendance was poor. Recently, the Council has started a series of Summer Sunday Artsfests which combine a number of different art forms and present them in the context of the public parks.

The Arts Council joined the Fraser Regional Arts Council in 1982. In conjunction with the Assembly of B.C. Arts Councils, it provides a large network of expertise and support upon which the C.A.F.A.C. and its members can draw.

The Coquitlam Area Fine Arts Council has recently produced a research study that clearly indicates the necessity for a comprehensive building to house an Arts Centre for the Coquitlam area.

The Council continues to operate on its tradition of supporting the arts, acting as a resource centre for individuals and groups interested in the arts in the Tri-city area.



ACTIVITIES UNDER

THE SPOTLIGHTS.

Talent Search.

- held each spring to highlight young talent in the area.
- 2. Summer Sunday Artsfests.
 - a series of arts festivals in the local parks, featuring performing and visual arts.
- 3. Family Concert Series.
 - a series of concerts and stage performances for the family.
- 4. Senior Secondary School Scholarships
 - three awards to each high school, one in each discipline of visual arts, music & drama.
- 5. Business & the Arts Awards.
 - to give recognition to local businesses who support art-related endeavours.
- 6. Grants to Individuals.
 - to assist in further artistic studies.
- 7. Craft fairs.
 - Annual Christmas Craft Fair and others during the year linked with Summer Sunday Artsfests and Community Festivals such as Golden Spike Days, May Days, or Dogwood Days.
- 8. Annual Juried Art Show.
 - to encourage local visual artists to be more innovative and creative. Artists may also participate in Regional Juried Art Show of the Fraser Valley Regional Arts Council.

STARS UNDER

THE FLOODLIGHTS.

1. COOUITLAM CHORALE

A 65 voice adult choir which performs a wide variety of music. Presents annual Christmas and Spring Concerts.

2. FRASER VALLEY POTTERS GUILD

Host monthly meetings with guest lecturers and demonstrations to encourage an exchange of ideas and inspiration. Juried pottery show featured annually.

3. LES ECHOS DU PACIFIQUE

An amateur bilingual choir, singing an international repertoire of French music. Annual concert cabaret.

4. PLACE DES ARTS

A fine arts centre teaching music, dance, drama, arts and crafts to all ages and levels. Has art exhibitions showing a wide range of visual and performing artists.

5. PORT MOODY HERITAGE SOCIETY

A heritage society serving the Belcarra, Anmore, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody communities. Operates the Port Moody Station Museum. Holds the tapes of the Society's Oral History Project.

6. PORT MOODY ART ASSOCIATION

A group of local visual artists who hold regular meetings with demonstrations or workshops to develop their expertise. Hosts annual Art Shows.

7. B.C. REGISTERED MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

Coquitlam/Maple Ridge chapter. An organization of professional qualified music teachers. Promotes high quality music instruction in this area.

8. SUITEE ARTISTS

A life-study visual art group who meet weekly around sketching and drawing workshops with live models.

9. TRIAD CONCERT SOCIETY

A society organized to bring high quality musical concerts to the Tri-city area. Programs include a champagne reception. Content ranges from jazz to classical music.

10.STAGE43

A theatrical society whose purpose is to enrich the cultural life of the residents within school district 43, through the production and presentation of drama and related activities.

11.COQUITLAM DISTRICT MUSIC FESTIVAL

A volunteer society which organizes and produces an annual adjudicated music festival. Winners represent Coquitlam at the B.C. Festival of the Arts.

12.COQUITLAM QUILTERS

This group meets on Wednesday mornings at Place des Arts to work on quilts and other quilt related projects. Shows are held bi-annually.

13.COQUITLAM SCH. DIST. 43.

The Visual & Performing Arts Department has been involved with the council by disseminating C.A.F.A.C. program information to interested teachers, serving on council committees, speaking to council board meetings and using the services of community artists in programs such as the "Artist-in-the-Schools Program".

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Group or Business Name		
Make Cheques Payable to: COQUITLAM AREA FINE ARTS COUNCIL P.O. Box 217 Port Coquitlam, B.C.	Please Check One: Individuial Family Group or Business	Membership Fees: \$7.00 \$10.00 \$15.00

