We wish you a Happy New Year and Welcome 2020! Thank you for supporting the Kelowna Art Gallery.

The mission of the Kelowna Art Gallery is to engage, inspire, and enrich the greater community through the exhibition, collection, and interpretation of visual art.

By bringing people and art together, the Gallery has a significant social impact. Through our diverse exhibition and educational programs, visitors become more creative, more aware, and gain new perspectives.

The roles and responsibilities of a public art gallery are multi-faceted, however. As in any organization, it is the people involved that contribute to our success. Together, our board of directors, staff, volunteers, donors, and visitors provide the ingredients that enable the Gallery to set high standards for innovation and quality in everything that we do. Thank you to all those involved in our success.

In the coming year, we will continue to focus on and engage our visitors, inspire our audiences, and be innovative in the ways we gather people together to create community through art. We are passionate about connecting people, art, and ideas.

Our upcoming line-up of enriching exhibitions, and the innovative educational and hands-on programs that accompany these exhibitions, are designed to explore new ways of truly engaging visitors of all ages.

Our goal is to provide a social space that encourages people from all walks of life to meaningfully engage with visual art and ensure that our Gallery is a highly visible and loved meeting place.

Thank you, best wishes, and see you at the Kelowna Art Gallery in 2020!

Warm Regards,

Nataley Nagy
Executive Director
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Sovereign Acts
Curated by Wanda Nanibush
Through to March 1, 2020

Sovereign Acts showcases photography, video, and installation works by eight well known Indigenous contemporary artists: Rebecca Belmore, Lori Blondeau, Dayna Danger, Robert Houle, James Luna, Shelley Niro, Adrian Stimson, and Jeff Thomas.

In Sovereign Acts, the artists turn colonial representations on their head, showing Indigenous ideas of gender, sexuality, and culture. Visitors will encounter a variety of works ranging from In My Room, by James Luna, a multi-media video installation of a sweat lodge ceremony; to four massive and striking photographic portraits honouring the strength of Indigenous women by Dayna Danger.

Sovereign Acts is curated by Wanda Nanibush and is organized and circulated by the Art Museum at the University of Toronto with financial support from the Ontario Arts Council and Canada Council for the Arts.

In the Making: CBC Episode Screenings
Thursday, January 30, 6 to 8 pm. See Page 11 for details.

Panel Discussion | Saturday, February 22, 2 to 4 pm
Join us for an insightful conversation about Sovereign Acts.

Experiment in F# Minor
January 18 to March 15, 2020

Experiment in F# Minor is a collection of bare speakers of all shapes and sizes set upright on a large table. Light sensors are inlaid into the edge of the table and as the viewer moves around the room, their shadow causes the various sounds and instrumental tracks to fade up and overlap, mingle and fade down. When the space is empty, the sounds fade to silence.

For over three decades, Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller have crafted multimedia environments that offer multi-sensory experiences with substance and depth. Their works incorporate sound, technologies, and objects that seem somehow obsolete. Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller live and work in Grindrod, British Columbia and Berlin, Germany.

Organized in collaboration with the University of British Columbia Okanagan Campus’ Living Things Festival.

Opening Reception
Friday, January 17, 6 to 8 pm
This is a free event, open to members and guests by invitation. The artists will be in attendance.
Slipstream
March 21 to June 14, 2020

In an otherwise empty gallery space, this immersive video installation includes six reflective panels positioned in an inward-facing ring which create channels of infinite regress. A dancing figure in the form of a spiraling flurry of silk moves from one panel to another. As the dancer traverses the ring, it appears that the viewer and the figure share the same physical space.

Jenn E. Norton is an interdisciplinary artist working closely with the technologies she employs within her studio practice, marrying formal and intuitive processes. She currently resides in Guelph, Ontario, and is pursuing a PhD at York University.

Organized and circulated by The Robert McLaughlin Gallery, in collaboration with the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery. Curated by Linda Jansma and Crystal Mowry.

Opening Reception
Friday, March 20, 6 to 8 pm
This event is held in conjunction with the opening for From Geisha to Diva: The Kimono of Ichimaru.

Exhibition Tour | Date and Time TBA
Join guest curator Barry Till for a tour of the exhibition.

From Geisha to Diva:
The Kimono of Ichimaru

March 14 to May 31, 2020

The word geisha is made up of two characters, gei means ‘art’ or ‘accomplished’ and sha means ‘person.’ Therefore it can be translated as ‘accomplished person’ or ‘person who lives by the arts.’

The fascinating life of Ichimaru (1906-1997), one of the most famous geishas of the 20th Century, is told through this collection of her magnificent kimono and personal effects. The exhibition will feature 25 kimono, 10 obi, in addition to 11 woodblock prints and aims to reveal the complexities of geishas and the depth of the role they played within Japanese society.


Opening Reception
Friday, March 20, 6 to 8 pm
This event is held in conjunction with the opening for Slipstream.

Open to members and guests by invitation.

Exhibition Tour | Date and Time TBA
Join guest curator Barry Till for a tour of the exhibition.

Artist Talk | Saturday, March 21 | Time TBA
Join exhibiting artist Jenn E. Norton for an illustrated lecture.
For this year’s annual members’ exhibition, the Kelowna Art Gallery asked its members to submit works of art that celebrate “Stories”. As human beings, we are drawn to stories because we see ourselves reflected in them. Sharing our subjective experiences through stories enables us to connect and empathize with one another.

Art can be used as a tool for storytelling and this theme encourages members to consider how sharing stories and experiences can create dialogue, increase awareness, and inspire others. Artists can present stories in many ways; a work of art can share a memory, convey a feeling, or show something from one’s imagination. This exhibition showcases a range of media, including painting, drawing, mixed media, photography, printmaking, sculpture, and video.

Our members play a significant role in the Gallery’s continued success, and it is our pleasure to recognize and celebrate these talented artists in our community.

The Front Project Space
Members’ Exhibition: Stories
Through to February 23, 2020

For this year’s 34th Art in Action student exhibition, the Kelowna Art Gallery invited young artists to explore the vibrant world of colour. Middle and high school students throughout the Central Okanagan Region were encouraged to express themselves in a variety of mediums and explore what colour means to them. Students were asked to consider how powerful colour can be and the associations we have with it—what feelings, emotions or ideas can be conveyed based on a chosen palette. Works submitted may range from monochromatic to technicolour, warm to cool, or muted pastel to bold neon.

This exhibition reflects the creativity of young artists in our local community, showcasing a full spectrum of talent and individuality. Works include drawing, painting, sculpture, mixed media, printmaking, video, and photography.

Exhibition Reception
Thursday, April 30, 6 to 8 pm
This is a free event and open to the public.
Satellite Space at the Kelowna International Airport

Small things left behind

January 22 to June 2020

Small things left behind is an installation of abstract paintings on shaped panels that overlap and intersect one another. The installation uses pattern, colour and the materiality of paint to suggest the fluidity of time.

Katherine Pickering received an MFA from Concordia University in Montreal and has taught both at Concordia and the University of British Columbia. Her abstract paintings addressing the landscape, perception and the medium of painting itself have been exhibited across Canada and internationally. She currently resides in Kelowna.

Artist Lecture Series
Thursday, April 23, 6 to 7 pm

Join us for an evening lecture with artist Katherine Pickering. See details on page 10.

Colour for Artists
Saturday, April 18, 10 am to 3 pm

Join Katherine Pickering for a beginner workshop that will explore colour theory and practice, using oil paints. See details on page 13.

Creative Growth Centre for Spiritual Nourishment

Through to May 2020

Creative Growth Centre for Spiritual Nourishment is a site-specific installation by artists Lucas Glenn and Mat Glenn. It invites visitors to enter a living/working space that is self-contained and aims to sustain human life as an ‘eco-utopian’ space. Visitors are welcome to enter the room, sit, work and play—using the space as they would a scaled-down, shared co-operative workspace. The work references the dreams of start and DIY (do it yourself) culture and questions the actual sustainability of such ideas.

Lucas Glenn and Mat Glenn are BFA graduates from UBC Okanagan and Kelowna-based interdisciplinary artists. Their sculptural, digital, and site-specific works use regional identity, science-fiction, and fantasy to address global crises.

Artist Lecture Series
Thursday, February 6, 6 to 7 pm

Join us for an evening lecture led by Lucas Glenn and Mat Glenn. See details on page 10.
**Artist Lecture Series**

**Select Thursdays from 6 to 7 pm | Free**

Join us for a monthly lecture series featuring local artists and creatives in our community. All lectures are free and open to the public.

**January 23:** Associate Professor and Artistic Director of Living Things International Arts Festival, Neil Cadger will be looking at both visual art and performance. This talk will explore how art reveals our diverse and complex relationships with the non-human world.

**February 6:** Artists Lucas Glenn and Mat Glenn discuss their installation Creative Growth Centre for Spiritual Nourishment, an eco-work-play space in the Gallery’s courtyard. The artists welcome visitor’s responses to the future of work and ecology.

**March 5:** Artist Crystal Przybille will share her process in creating the syilx Chief Charlie swki’cut monument, commissioned by Westbank First Nation. Przybille will discuss the physical process, the meaning embedded in the art, and the value of engaging with work which is part of a reconciliation process.

**April 23:** Artist Katherine Pickering will discuss her installation Small Things Left Behind, on display at the Gallery’s satellite space at Kelowna International Airport. Pickering’s installation of abstract paintings explores the transitory conditions of time and geography by referencing an archive of objects found along the roadside.

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**FREE DROP-IN PROGRAMS**

**Select Thursdays from 6 to 8 pm | Free**

**In the Making: CBC Episode Screenings**

**Thursday, January 30, from 6 to 8 pm**

Join us for an evening of great art and conversation. Starting at 6 pm we will be screening three episodes from the CBC series *In the Making*, which is an immersive journey inside the creative process of some of Canada’s leading artists. The episodes will provide a deeper look at three artists showcased in the current exhibition *Sovereign Acts*, including Rebecca Belmore, Adrian Stimson, and Shelley Niro.

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**Thursday, February 13, from 6 to 9 pm**

Join us on Valentine’s-EVE for a fun night of art making and chocolate. Visitors will be invited to try an art-themed scavenger hunt for a chance to win a prize. All ages are welcome!

**Draw By Night**

**Thursday, March 26, from 6 to 8 pm**

This event will be a COLOUR-themed drawing party, open to everyone! Come armed with your favourite drawing utensils or just bring your creative self. *Draw By Night* is a collaborative experience, where like-minded individuals come together, listen, and converse visually through drawing. Treats will be provided to keep the creative juices flowing.

**There Are No Fakes: Film Screening**

**Thursday, April 2, from 6 to 8:30 pm**

A painting, thought to be the work of an iconic Indigenous artist, leads the rock star who buys it into the tragic and brutal world of an art forgery ring in Canada’s north. This film was directed and produced by Jaimie Kastner. Further information at www.therearenofakes.com.
Youth & Adult Art Classes
Visit www.kelownaartgallery.com for full class descriptions.

**SIX-WEEK ART CLASSES**
Cost: $160 (Members $130) | Supplies not included

**Beginner Watercolour**
Instructor: Kendra Dixson
January 27 to March 9 (no class Feb. 17) | Mondays, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

**Beginner Drawing**
Instructor: Jim Elwood
January 28 to March 10 (no class Feb. 25) | Tuesdays, 6 to 9 pm

**Studio Sampler Pt. 1**
Instructor: Kyle L. Poirier | *Supplies included
January 28 to March 10 (no class Feb. 25) | Tuesdays, 6 to 9 pm

**Drawing for the Absolute Beginner**
Instructor: Rena Warren
January 29 to March 4 | Wednesdays, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

**Block Printing**
Instructor: Rena Warren
January 30 to March 12 (no class Feb. 13) | Thursdays, 6 to 9 pm

**Afterschool Art Program for Youth**
Instructor: Jen Rempel
February 6 to March 12 | Thursdays, 4 to 6 pm

**Advanced Watercolour**
Instructor: Kendra Dixson
March 30 to May 11 (no class Apr. 13) | Mondays, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

**Advanced Drawing**
Instructor: Jim Elwood
March 31 to May 5 | Tuesdays, 6 to 9 pm

**Studio Sampler Pt. 2**
Instructor: Kyle L. Poirier | *Supplies included
March 31 to May 5 | Tuesdays, 6 to 9 pm

**Intermediate Drawing**
Instructor: Rena Warren
April 1 to May 6 | Wednesdays, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

**SATURDAY WORKSHOPS**
Cost: $105 (Members $90) | Supplies included

**Wet Felting**
Instructor: Amy Burkard
Date: February 1, 10 am to 4 pm

**Beginner Acrylics**
Instructor: Aryn Robidoux
Date: February 29, 10 am to 4 pm

**Screen Printing**
Instructor: Sharilyn Kuehnel
Date: March 7, 10 am to 4 pm

**Colour for Artists | Oil painting**
Instructor: Katherine Pickering
Date: April 18, 10 am to 4 pm

**Woodcut Print Making**
Instructor: Aryn Robidoux
Date: April 25, 10 am to 4 pm

To register, please call 250-762-2226
Art Break
Spring Break Art Camps

March 16-20 & March 23-27 | 9 am to 3 pm
$65 per day ($50 for members) | Ages 5-12

This spring break give your child a chance to explore their creative side and make new friends with a fun filled week of art making and purposeful play at the Kelowna Art Gallery. Our experienced education staff will lead young artists through a variety of projects that incorporate a range of artistic practices including drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and mixed media. This is a great opportunity for your child to experiment with new artist-quality materials and techniques. Our camps also include short trips to various public artworks and landmarks around Kelowna’s Downtown Cultural District.

Class sizes are limited and split into two age groups (5-8 and 9-12) to ensure children receive one-on-one instruction in a friendly, fun, and non-competitive environment.

Daily drop-ins are subject to availability.
To register, please call 250-762-2226

Family Sundays
Every Sunday between 12 and 4 pm | $5 per participant

Through hands-on art activities and engaging exhibitions, Family Sundays offers a creative art experience for all ages.

Jan 5 Exploring Stained Glass
Jan 12 Self Watering Planters
Jan 19 Music as Muse
Jan 26 Guest Artist TBA

Feb 2 Sculpting with Canvas
Feb 9 Mini Heart Banners
Feb 16 Painting the Classics
Feb 23 Multi-chromatic Journals

Mar 1 Indigo Wall Hangings
Mar 8 DIY Phonograph
Mar 15 Marbling Madness
Mar 22 Guest Artist TBA
Mar 29 Mannequins and Movement

Apr 5 High Flow Acrylic Selfies
Apr 12 No Sew Sock Bunnies
Apr 19 Printmaking in Motion
Apr 26 Clay Vessels

Family Day: Monday, February 17, 10 am to 4 pm
Celebrate Family Day at the Kelowna Art Gallery. Visitors can explore current exhibitions and get creative with a hands-on printmaking activity.

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Wittle Warhols
Select Saturdays | 10 am to 12 pm | Ages 5 and under | FREE

Come and enjoy art activities with your child that will spark their curiosity, imagination, and journey of self-expression. Once a month, the Gallery offers a drop-in art program for toddlers and their parents or caregivers. “Wittle” ones will learn how to use a variety of art materials through creative play and age-appropriate projects. After the activity, families can explore current exhibitions and the Art Lab studio space.

Please note all activity supplies are first come first serve and stroller parking is limited.

January 18  Winter Birch Tree Painting
February 8  Open Studio: Valentine’s Day Cards
March 14  Assemblage Birds Nests
April 18  Marvelous Monoprint Rainstorms

For full activity descriptions, please see our website www.kelownaartgallery.com

Rental events at the Gallery

Want to make sure your next event is memorable? Consider hosting it at the Kelowna Art Gallery. We offer distinctive spaces that are ideal for small-to-medium sized gatherings. Our floor-to-ceiling windows that face on to Water Street will add some WOW to your client appreciations, AGM, lecture, presentation, or special event.

To find out if this space is suitable for your next event, download our rental package online, or contact the rental coordinator at 250-762-2226 ext. 305.

Children’s Birthday Parties

So your child is celebrating their birthday? Have them round-up, up to 11 of their friends and celebrate with a one-of-a-kind creative party in their very own private art studio. Birthday Parties are two hours long and include a guided tour of the exhibitions, their choice of a hands-on-art activity led by a party host/instructor, and a private space for their imagination to run wild in.

Availability:
Saturdays, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm; and Sundays, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

For more information, visit us online or contact Ryan Trafananko, Public Programming Assistant, at 250-762-2226 ext 310.
THANK YOU to our sponsors, supporters, and everyone who joined us on Friday, November 15, for this scrumptious sold-out event!

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GO Party! 14: Willy Wonka

Appetite for Art Fundraiser
Saturday, June 6, 2020

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for the Kelowna Art Gallery’s annual gala celebration, Appetite for Art Fundraiser.

Appetite for Art takes over the entire Gallery for one night only. Combine a celebration of fresh local cuisine created by some of the region’s finest chefs, with a showcase of visual art for purchase. Add in exciting performances and entertainment, a live auction, a dramatic theme, and voilà! You have the makings of an evening to remember for all attending guests. Proceeds from this fundraising event support ongoing educational and children’s programming at the Gallery.

Tickets are $135 each, or a group of four for $480 (save $60). They will be available for purchase at the Gallery, by calling 250-762-2226, or online at kelownaartgallery.com.
MEMBERSHIP

Be a part of the community that supports the arts and believes in its power to bring us together.

Your membership helps our continuing efforts to bring a diverse selection of artists, exhibitions, and conversations to Kelowna.

Members enjoy free admission all year-round, and free or discounted admissions at many other galleries through reciprocal programs across Canada. Members receive valuable savings on art classes, workshops, and items such as exhibition catalogues, and are able to take part in our annual members’ exhibition.

Become a member today, or consider giving the gift of membership, for year-round access to the visual arts.

Annual Membership Costs: (plus tax)

- Student $25
- Senior $35
- Individual $40
- Family $60

Memberships are available at the Gallery, by calling 250-762-2226, or online at www.kelownaartgallery.com

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