

"That which creates itself cannot be destroyed"

Pandora Arts Collective



Mission- The Pandora Arts Collective is a caring and open community of people whose mission is to join together around the creative arts as a healing process.

Vision- To facilitate and support mental health through the social and educational benefits of a free and welcoming creative arts space.

November/December Holiday Newsletter



Studio News!

Under Construction...

The renovations to the Fernwood Community Association continue ... so the Open Studio is taking a short break.

Once the renovations began in early October, Open Studio time was moved. Artists working with acrylic paints were in the Little Studio while the FCA Board Room was where we drew, used watercolors or tempera paints, sewed, etc. Though we did not have the usual amount of traffic, the Studio was still a hub of activity. With construction now beginning on the Small Studio, we have had to cancel Open Studio time the first week of December. As renovations progress, we will let you know weekly when the Studio will be open. If you

wish to be added to the e-mail list (or make sure you are on it), please e-mail studio@pandoraarts.ca



Events – Past and Present

Mark your calendars!

PACS in the Community PACS artists participated in the Bipolar Babe show and the BCSS Mental Health Fair

Ilyanna did a lot of work arranging things between Andrea and the PACS artists who took part. Ilyanna, Clive and Adam hung the show at the Victoria Event Centre on Friday afternoon. About 50 pieces of art were shown. The fashion show was fun. Over 200 people participated. **** PACS also participated at the BCSS Mental Health Fair at the Eric Martin Pavilion on November 18. Ilyanna, Clive and Brooklea got a chance to tell about PACS to those who attended and show some of our work.



PACS at Movie Mondays – Dec. 7, 6:30 pm. Eric Martin Pavilion

Movie Mondays will be screening the art movie, **THE LIVING MUSEUM**. **PACS will be making a short** presentation about our work and have paintings and other artwork on display.

Living Museum is an art community in a downsized New York mental institution (Creedmoor Psychiatric Center) where every inch of the 40,000 square foot space is treated like a canvas. The Living Museum illuminates the life and work of artists who are patients and graduates of the Creedmoor. Dr. Janos Marton, charismatic director co-founder and seven of his patients/artists illustrate how it works and how art can be so necessary in the lives of many who are "afflicted " with mental illness. By Academy Award winning filmmaker Jessica Yu
<http://nymag.com/nymetro/arts/tv/reviews/228/> **and**
http://www.mentalwellness.com/mentalwellness/mh_index_programs.html

Come join us next *Monday Dec 7 at 6:30 p.m.* in the *Eric Martin Pavilion, 1900 Fort Street.*



Bottle Drive- December 13th – 12:00 -5:30 p.m. at the FCA, 1923 Fernwood

With the holidays approaching, PACS is having a bottle drive to collect funds to keep our organization going. If any of you have any bottles (beer cans, soda cans, alcohol bottles), please bring them to the FCA building parking lot on December 13th after noon.

We also need volunteers! If you have a vehicle and can transport the bottles to the bottle drive we would appreciate your help. Even if you don't we would still love your support and help on the 13th of December with the bottle drive itself. If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions, please feel free to contact Annemieke at chair@pandoraarts.ca to find out more information.

Come help out on December 13th – 12-5:30 p.m. at 1923 Fernwood and have some fun!



Pandora Art show at UVIC

Pandora is planning to show case their art at UVIC tentatively from December 18th till January 4th. This show will give artists an opportunity to showcase their amazing masterpieces and for Pandora to be in the public eye. More details to follow.

Holiday Light Tour – Handy Dart will be providing transportation for PACS



Reserve the date – December 23, 2009 at 5:30 -8:00 pm. PACS Holiday Dinner at the **Fernwood NRG, 1240 Gladstone**. Come share the holiday season with fellow PACS members, volunteers and supporters. Bring your favorite seasonal dish to share.

members interested in viewing holiday light displays around the city. Further details and sign-up information will be provided shortly.

Little Fernwood Gallery - Update from Clive Beal:

The Little Fernwood Gallery is currently otherwise occupied by the renovation crew (which is going well, by the way). The date of **January 16, Saturday**, is being considered for the grand reopening. We hope to have a Pandora Arts group show then, which may be extended well into February. We can't wait to see the new space! Yay !

Booking the gallery for 2010 will commence, shortly. If you are an artist who was already booked and got bumped, or if you want to ask about having a solo show, as a duo, or to take part in our group show, call Clive at 250-383-0936. Half of the LFG monthly bookings are accounted for but dates are not confirmed yet.



WANT TO HELP PACS?

*** Become a member of the Pandora Arts Collective Society.**

A \$10 annual membership goes a long way and demonstrates community support for our mission and vision. Please fill out the attached member form and mail with the fee to #10-1923 Fernwood Rd.

*** Make a donation** Financial contributions of any size are greatly appreciated. No amount is too small!

Contributions of art supplies and other office equipment or supplies are always welcome.

*** Volunteer** – Share your talents or interests to promote, improve, and sustain PACS. Help with awareness-raising events.

*** Need more information?** Visit www.pandoraarts.ca

**So, mark your calendar for the fun Holiday dinner and come join us on
December 23, 2009 at 5:30 at the Fernwood NRG, 1240 Gladstone.**

All the best for the New Year!

The Pandora Arts Collective Society