

## **PACA Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, January 14, 2026

**Time:** 1:00–2:00 PM

**Location:** Semiahmoo Arts Society

**Facilitators:** Elaine Cheung & Michele Partridge

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### **1. Welcome**

Elaine Cheung and Michele Partridge opened the meeting and reaffirmed PACA's mission to encourage collaboration, mutual support, and shared success within the local arts community.

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### **2. Semiahmoo Arts Society (SAS) Membership**

- **Annual Fee:** \$50
  - Includes membership with both Semiahmoo Arts Society and PACA
  - Includes one complimentary PACA meeting per year
- **Registration:** <https://semiahmooarts.com/paca>

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### **3. Member Introductions & Updates**

#### **Nicci Battilana – Artist**

- Live-streams her art practice and engages with an online creative community
- Currently working on art journaling
- Interested in organizing a Vancouver Pen & Paper Show (pen makers, ink creators, journal designers)
  - Vancouver venues are costly; suggested that White Rock could host the event as a trade show with workshops
- Thanked the City of White Rock for the Uptown Gallery opportunity, where she successfully sold clothing

#### **Bruce Petherick – White Rock City Orchestra**

- Hosted a very successful double concert in December with approximately 750 attendees
- Upcoming concert on **March 21**
  - Inviting visual artists to participate in a concurrent art exhibition inspired by the concert ("Echoes of an Exhibition")
- Additional March concert with Peninsula Productions
- Recently featured in *Peace Arch News* as one of the "12 Most Interesting People of 2025" during their *12 Days of Christmas* series

#### **Heidi McCurdy – Singer-Songwriter & Expressive Arts Practitioner**

- Facilitates drum circles; women's, family, and general sessions scheduled for February 2026
- Co-President of the Ontario Expressive Arts Therapy Association (OEATA) and serves as the BC connection
- Participates in FACT BC advocating for competency standards and insurance coverage in music therapy
- Offers private music lessons with a holistic teaching approach (25–30 years experience)
- Launching **Soul of the World Community Choir**
  - No auditions, free trial, weather permitting outdoor rehearsals
  - Website: <https://heidimccurdy.com/choir>

### **Lucille Loose – Artist**

- Recently relocated to White Rock/South Surrey from Burnaby
- Shared challenges with limited wall space locally compared to Burnaby's large open shows
- Noted difficulty selling larger works
- Nicci suggested using mixed-media art journals as an alternative presentation format
- Eager to find more opportunities to display her work

### **Derek – Comics Artist**

- In the process of publishing comic books
- Participating in the Vancouver Comic Book Festival

### **Patti Petrala – Community Advocate**

- **Film Night: *The Spiral***
  - Local film by Syed Zesham Ahmed focusing on addiction and community healing
  - January 30 at White Rock Community Centre
  - Doors open 6:00 PM | Event 6:30–9:00 PM
- **Together for Mental Wellness: Reimagining 2.0**
  - January 22, 4:00–6:00 PM, White Rock Community Centre
  - Registration: 778-369-2476 ext. 3
- Shared history of the **Raging Grannies of White Rock**
  - Participated in Peace Arch events, Sea Festival parade, and community activism
  - Patti holds archives and is exploring succession planning and potential transfer to museum archives

### **Carla Masaka – Illustrator, Muralist & Fine Art Painter**

- Seeking a home for a series of 4x4 sunflower artworks
- Gallery costs are currently prohibitive
- Looking for mural opportunities

### **Michele Partridge – Confidence Coach & Associate Producer, Peninsula Productions**

- Teaches acting and improv at Peninsula Productions
- **Monthly Improv Jam:** Last Monday of each month (19+, pay-what-you-can)
- **Comedy Nights:** Tuesdays by donation; performers test new material (5-minute sets)
- Upcoming productions:
  - **BINGO** – January 22–25 (30-year high school reunion, Class of 1981, 80s music theme)
  - **Love, Loss, and What I Wore** – Stage reading by Nora & Delia Ephron
    - March 5–7 and March 8 (International Women's Day)
    - March 8 includes a fashion show by Edge and refreshments from Laura's Coffee Shop
- Supporting actors with on-camera improv skills

### **Elaine Cheung – White Rock Farmers Market, Semiahmoo Arts Society, City Councillor**

- **White Rock Farmers Market**
  - Vendor applications open January 30, 2026
  - Junior Entrepreneur Program applications now open (ages 6–18)
- Market nominated by BCAFM for:
  - Best Large Farmers Market

- Market Manager of the Year
- Best Contribution to Youth Engagement
- Results announced at the BCAFM Conference in March

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#### **4. Semiahmoo Arts Society Updates (Nina)**

- Volunteers needed; high school students welcome, others encouraged to apply
- SAS Shop accepting small art items for sale
  - Revenue split: 70% artist / 30% Ulee's Fund (supporting families in need)
- Members Show scheduled for April/May (1–2 pieces per artist)
- Event posters and notices: send to [newsletter@semiahmooarts.com](mailto:newsletter@semiahmooarts.com)
  - Printed posters or rack cards can be dropped off at the office
- **SAS AGM & Board Recruitment**
  - Suggestion to reach out to financial institutions for board members as part of community engagement initiatives
  - Elaine Cheung to email Amanda regarding outreach strategy

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#### **5. City of White Rock Updates (Manisha)**

- Art Walk and busking applications now open for 2026
- Cultural facilities needs assessment underway with external consultants
- Working with museums and archives on interpretive signage for the 1925 fire engines (completion expected in April)
- Council considering reducing Sea Festival to a one-day event

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#### **6. New Business**

- None raised

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#### **7. Next Meeting**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026

**Time:** 1:00 PM