

PACA Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Time: 1:00–2:00 PM

Location: Semiahmoo Arts Society

Facilitators: Elaine Cheung & Michele Partridge

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.

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>

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 BCAF M Conference in March

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
 - 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

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

6. New Business

- None raised

7. Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM