

Each salon features an environmental artist who presents their work - discussion around questions such as 'What it means to be an environmental artist?' and 'What is the potential for community engaged environmental arts in Vancouver?' Each evening includes opportunities for dialogue and hands-on community art-making. These are free sessions; membership in CACV and donations are appreciated.

Thank you to the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre for partnering with us on this series. The Eco Arts Salons are on 4th Wednesday of each month from May through November, 2011. Each salon takes place from 7-9pm located at 181 Roundhouse Mews in Vancouver.

Ella Cooper • May 25



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Ella Cooper is a multidisciplinary artist, community art gardener, photographer, arts educator, budding permaculturist and Founding Director of the Emerging Arts Professional Network. She is also currently pursuing a Masters degree at SFU on the cross sections of arts and environmental education.

Oliver Kellhammer • June 22



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Land artist, Oliver Kellhammer will give a talk about some of his projects entitled: Botanical Interventions - Open Source Landscape and Community Repair. Oliver Kellhammer is a Canadian land artist, permaculture teacher, activist and writer. His botanical interventions and public art projects demonstrate nature's surprising ability to recover from damage.

Naomi Steinberg • July 27



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Naomi Steinberg tells stories in order to "walk down a bit of the road together". She has over 13 years experience facilitating creative engagement workshops with diverse communities.

With the Vancouver Society of Storytelling, Naomi has developed ELEMENTAL, using stories about the elements (air, earth, water, fire, metal). A cob storytellers' bench is being built in Robson Park, in support of day-lighting St. George Creek. As part of this salon, we will create a group story.

Nicole Dextras • August 24



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Nicole Dextras will install "A River of Fish" at Railspur Park on Granville Island. The installation will be September 8-18. Plants will be gathered from community and private gardens and regional parks. Attention will focus on plentiful plant species that grow in and around our city such as Cattails, Wild Iris and Yucca. Nicole is she is one of several developing the AILN - Art Is Land Network - for BC environmental artists.

Rita Wong • Sept 28

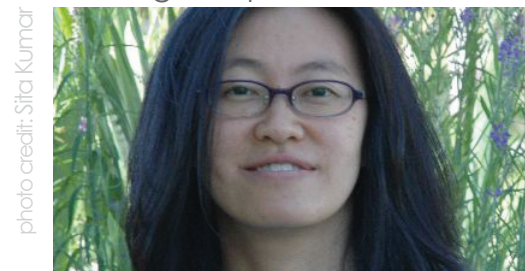


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Rita Wong is the author of Forage, a book of poems which recently won the Canada Reads poetry event. An Associate Professor in Critical + Cultural Studies at the Emily Carr University of Art + Design, Rita has developed a humanities course focused on water.

Sharon Kallis • Oct 26



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Working with organic, shed or unwanted materials such as leaves, hair, garden clippings. Sharon works seasonally with what the landscape produces and provides. Working in several parallel areas, Sharon creates indoor, studio-based work, outdoor site-responsive installations and maintains a community engaged practice.

Yarn Bombers • Nov 23



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Leanne Prain is one of the authors of Yarn Bombing: the Book. This spring, Leanne worked with Executive Director Ann-Marie Metten, and board member, Lenore Rowntree, to engage community members in creating bright pink blossoms from wool for the cherry blossom tree at Historic Kogawa House.

A fire truck and fire fighters from Fire Hall No. 22 assisted so the blossoms could be safely sewn in place. They will discuss the practice of yarn bombing along with do's and don'ts.



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What is the potential for community - engaged environmental art in Vancouver?

There is a growing environmental art movement. Art practices may be called land art, ecological art, environmental art and include a wide range of processes. Our focus is on community-engaged environmental art, where an artist works with a community group to express their common voice.

Community Arts Council of Vancouver has been engaged with community environmental art for over a decade. We worked with the Vancouver Park Board and the Environmental Youth Alliance in the creation of the Means of Production Artists' garden at 6th and St. Catharine's and have provided programming and promotion of events at the garden. As partners with the Vancouver Park Board and Stanley Park Ecology Society in the Stanley Park Environmental Art Project, created as a response to devastating storm in the park, we have continued to help build awareness of this significant project and the six artists selected for the project. We are currently planning several short-term environmental art projects and workshops at a variety of locations around Vancouver, including Kitsilano Neighbourhood House, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden and Granville Island with funding from the City of Vancouver.

More information and links at:
<http://www.cacv.ca/activities/environmental-art>

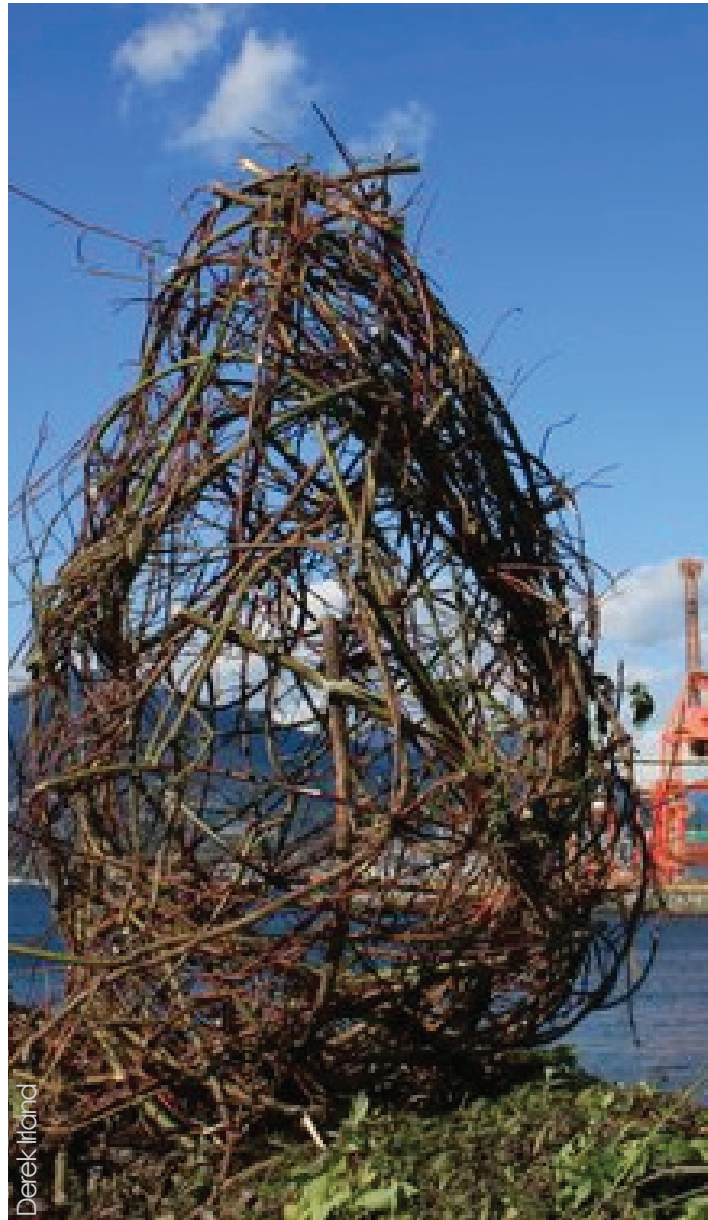


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