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Newsletter for the Arts on the Sunshine Coast



*Kristjana Gunnars
Alternate Light
Opens Wednesday, February 2, 2011*



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The Sunshine Coast Arts Council, a non-profit volunteer-based organization supports the arts in our coast-wide community and operates the Sunshine Coast Arts Centre in Sechelt. The facility includes a community gallery and a performance space, and art and music studios.

Assistance is received from volunteers who contribute their time and energy, working on all our programs. We also benefit from the assistance of the British Columbia Arts Council, the Canada Council for the Arts, the Sunshine Coast Regional District, the District of Sechelt, and we acknowledge the financial assistance of the Government of British Columbia. We are also supported by the generosity of our members and donors, along with those who attend and support our fundraising events and our programs.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello Everyone –

I'm very sorry that this issue of *artistry* is so late. This is partly a product of there being more to be done than there is time in my job for me to do it. And it's also a product of the busy-ness of the Arts Council and the Arts Centre which is a good thing.

We have a wonderful Friends of the Gallery Exhibit up right now, and I hope you'll come to see it before it is over on January 30. Over 60 works are on the walls and plinths.

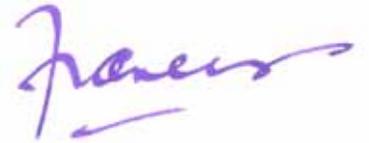
The calendar of exhibitions is now completed for 2011, and will be up on the website in a couple of days from now.

Do you know about the Banner Project? Many of you will have gotten an email from the Arts Council earlier this month. Steve M, the coordinator of the project for many years, needed help to complete the banners on time, and we proved once again that asking for help is a good way to get help. One of the volunteers who came in and painted the banners said to me today that she thought the project was a great example of community development. Two dozen people came in, painted, met people they haven't met before, and had opportunities to visit with people they did know. Several hundred children submitted [with the assistance of their teachers in Coastal elementary schools] their designs for this year's program. Important contributions were made to a project that gives a great deal to children in our communities, and to all the visitors and residents who enjoy the banners every year – from spring to fall – on the streets of Sechelt. Thank you all for helping to make our community stronger, and more diverse through making more art we can all experience.

Happy New Year to you all.

Thanks.

Frances Wasserlein, Executive Director
Sunshine Coast Arts Council & Arts Centre



Artesia Coffeehouse Series

presented monthly by Coast Cultural Alliance

Friday January 28, 2011

SUNSHINE COAST ARTS CENTRE

Featuring: newcomer Hersel Frimer; father/
daughter duo Dale & Rosalee Stavroff, songstress
Deanna Cartea and 'Bits of String' with Mark

Lebbell & Kaia Nielsen.

Doors 7:00, showtime 8:00pm

Tickets \$10 at the door

Friday February 25—

4 terrific acts, watch for details!

DORIS CROWSTON GALLERY EXHIBITIONS & RECEPTIONS JANUARY–FEBRUARY 2011

Gallery hours: Wednesday–Saturday: 11 a.m.–4 p.m. and Sunday 1–4 p.m.

FRIENDS OF THE GALLERY 2011

JANUARY 5–30, 2011 • OPENING RECEPTION WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 7 PM–9 PM.

KRISTJANA GUNNARS

Alternate Light

FEBRUARY 2–27, 2011 • OPENING RECEPTION WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 7 PM–9 PM

BRETT VARNEY

Vivid Distractions

MARCH 2–26, 2011 • OPENING RECEPTION WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 7 PM–9 PM

ALSO GOING ON IN THE GALLERY

Tuesdays—Life Drawing Group [dry media], Drop In,
10 am–1 pm

Thursdays—Life & Limn Life Painting Group,
12 pm–4 pm

First Friday of the Month—Natural History Society,
8–10pm

Last Friday of the Month—Artesia Coffee House, doors
7:30, event 8–10:30pm

Sundays at Seven with Reverend Mark Lemon—Sundays, 7
pm–9 pm

COAST CULTURAL ALLIANCE

Now's the time to join the 2011/2012 Purple Banner Studio & Gallery Guide

This full colour self-directed arts tour guide showcases studios and galleries on the Sunshine Coast. It is a 'must have' brochure for travellers and residents alike or for anyone wanting to view and purchase the work of artists on the Sunshine Coast. Now in its 12th year, the Purple Banner Guide is widely distributed in the display racks on BC Ferries, in local shops, galleries and at the info centres in Gibsons, Sechelt, Pender Harbour Powell River and beyond. People love em!

Deadline: March 1, 2011 (space is limited, join early)
The Guide will be on the shelves for the May 21st long weekend
On-line version @ www.suncoastarts.com

A project of the Coast Cultural Alliance,
a registered nonprofit arts organization since 1998.

For more information
artsinfo@suncoastarts.com or www.suncoastarts.com



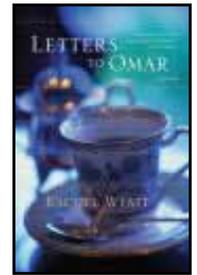
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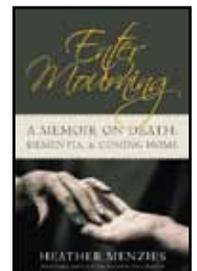
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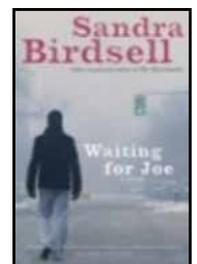
BC writer **Rachel Wyatt** will inaugurate the Sunshine Coast Arts Council's spring literary season on Saturday, **March 12** at 8 p.m. Rachel Wyatt is the author of six novels and four collections of stories. Her most recent novel is *Letters to Omar* published by Coteau Press (September 2010). She has written over a hundred radio dramas for the CBC and the BBC. Her stage plays have been produced across Canada and in the UK and the US. For 10 years she was Director of Writing at the Banff Centre for the Arts. She is a member of the Order of Canada and in 2003 was awarded a Queen's Jubilee Medal. Rachel and her late husband immigrated to Ontario from Britain in 1957 and brought up their four children there. She now lives in sunny Victoria. **The reading, like all the readings in the series, will be held in the Doris Crowston Gallery of the SC Arts Centre. Admission is free, thanks to the generosity of the Canada Council for the Arts,**



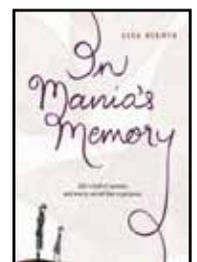
Heather Menzies, an award winning, Ottawa-based writer and scholar, will read on **March 26**. She is the author of seven books, including the 1996 best seller, *Whose Brave New World?*. Her 2005, *No Time: Stress and the Crisis of Modern Life*, was the winner of the 2006 Ottawa Book Award (non-fiction). Menzies most recent book, *Enter Mourning: A Memoir on Death, Dementia, and Coming Home*, was featured in The Globe and Mail's 2009 "Globe 100." The reviewer noted that "constant psychological tension" and "Menzies' exploration of self and language" elevate this book "from a lament to a magnificently memorable memoir." Menzies is a long-time activist in the women's movement, social justice and cultural politics. She has served on the board of the National Council of the Writer's Union on three occasions and is currently co-Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee. She contributes articles to international and North American journals and newspapers and is adjunct professor (School of Canadian Studies and Women's Studies) and lecturer at Carleton University, Ottawa. Admission is free, thanks to the generosity of the Canada Council for the Arts and The Sunshine Coast Arts Council.



On **April 16**, we welcome Regina author, **Sandra Birdsell**. Born in Manitoba Birdsell emerged as a mature talent in her first two books of short stories, *Night Travellers* and *Ladies of the House*, later combined as *Agassiz Stories* (1987). Her Métis and Mennonite heritage has informed her fiction with a sense of the histories of the prairie West. Birdsell's novels and short stories have been short-listed for the Giller Prize and the Governor General's Award and have won numerous other awards including the W.H. Smith/Books in Canada First Novel Award and Saskatchewan and Manitoba best book awards. Her latest novels are *Children of the Day* (2005) and *Waiting for Joe* (2010). Free admission, thanks to the generosity of the Canada Council for the Arts.



Our series concludes with a reading by Vancouver writer **Lisa (Hobbs) Birnie** on Saturday, **May 7**, at 8 pm. English-born Birnie is the author of nine books of non-fiction, of which her best known in Canada is *The Death and Life of Sue Rodriguez* (1994). Her *I Saw Red China* (1966) was a NY Times best seller. She is a recipient of a Professional Journalism Fellowship to Stanford University, a gold medal from the National Magazine Foundation (1992), and the Hubert Evans Award for B.C. non-fiction (1995). She was a writer-in-residence at Monash University, Melbourne (1998). Her latest book, *In Mania's Memory* (August 2010; Red Leaf imprint of Simply Read Books) concerns the stories of two women, one a child in Auschwitz, the other a Nazi guard, whose lives are reconnected decades later. This reading is free, thanks to the generosity of the Canada Council for the Arts.



COMING EVENTS AT THE PENDER HARBOUR SCHOOL OF MUSIC



JOEL FAFARD

Sunday, January 16, 2011 at 2pm

Almost entirely self taught, multi award winning guitarist Joel Fafard has honed an instrumental sound all his own. Using only his fingers and a slide, the Pense Saskatchewan native creates compositions that are intricate, rustic and uniquely human. We are proud that he is now a resident of Pender Harbour. Sponsored in part by The Coast Group.

Tickets \$20, available at John Henry's (Garden Bay), Harbour Insurance (Madeira Park), Visitors Centre (Sechelt), Gaia's Fair Trade (Gibsons)



COMPANY B JAZZ BAND

Sunday, February 20, 2011 at 2 p.m.

A six-piece band of young and incredibly talented musicians, their larger incarnation was the hit of the 2009 PH Jazz Festival. Total Fun! Three part vocal harmony, swinging back up, tight arrangements and clever improvised solos influenced by the Andrews Sisters, the Boswell Sisters, the Mills Brothers, the Sentimentalists, Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, and more. www.myspace.com/companybband. Sponsored in part by H&R Block.

THE BANNER PROJECT IS COMPLETE FOR 2011!

We want to acknowledge the contribution that Steve Murdoch has made to the success of this project by organizing and publicizing it to the schools, and by reproducing, stretching and painting banners. We couldn't have this year's program or many in the past without you.

We also want to thank the following folks for their work painting the banners this year:

Jewett Rae
Joanne Scanlan
Jenny Yeske
Heidi Yeske

Dan Chercover
Jone Pane
Sheila Page
Jessica Gates
Devon Blean

and 12 other undocumented painters. [Let us know who you are.]

If you are interested in helping to coordinate this project for 2012 please let us know by emailing sc_artscouncil@dccnet.com or phoning 604 885 5412.

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Please e-mail information or drop off this form at the Arts Centre so we can update mailing lists for all the organizations listed below:

Name membership is in _____

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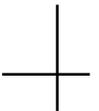
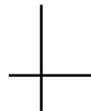
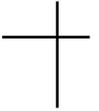
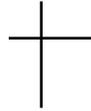
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UPDATE WITH THESE ORGANIZATIONS:

- Sunshine Coast Arts Council
- Coast Recital Society
- Coast Cultural Alliance
- Southcoast Value-Added Co-operative
- Sunshine Coast Festival of the Performing Arts
- Sunshine Coast Music Society
- Other _____

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Shopping at Clayton's Heritage Market in Sechelt? Please save your grocery receipts and bring them to the Arts Centre, to the collection box on the information table in the hallway. These receipts help us keep our garden green!

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