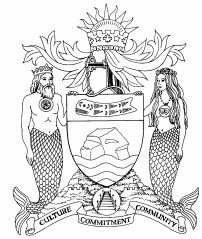


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**City to hold community forum on the arts**

**White Rock**—Calling all lovers of the arts, the City of White Rock Cultural Committee wants you to join them on Saturday, November 7 for a compelling forum on the arts.

Maybe you love looking at art, or hearing poetry, or taking in the great local music scene. Maybe you're a member of the more than 40 active arts groups on the Peninsula engaged in everything from life drawing to Scottish country dancing. Or maybe you're one of the hundreds of professional artists living and working in the White Rock area.

Whatever your connection to the local arts and culture scene — even if you're simply a big fan —the City of White Rock Cultural Committee hopes you'll join them at the White Rock Community Centre in Miramar Village (15154 Russell Ave.) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“A Conversation on the Arts” is a free, day-long event led by an independent local facilitator that will invite participants to be a part of a “solutions playground” with the end result of generating a plan to grow and sustain the local artistic community.

“I believe this initiative has real potential for igniting new ideas and developing a strategy to see White Rock recognized as the city of the arts it really is,” says Mayor Catherine Ferguson.

The forum will use a highly participatory process called Open Space, which has been successfully used worldwide in many situations and respects every idea raised.

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“We’re going to be looking to participants for creative ideas based on their highest aspirations for the local arts scene, and asking what would it take to realize that potential?” says Steven Hughes, vice-chair of the Cultural Committee.

Lunch will be provided, compliments of Choices Market.

Because space is limited, please RSVP no later than Wednesday, November 4 to Wendy Bollard at 604.803.0501 or [wendybollard@gmail.com](mailto:wendybollard@gmail.com).

A final report based on the outcomes of the forum will be presented to City Council.

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