



**township community arts council**

**FEBRUARY 2015**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

February is a month for "heartfelt" expression and a time for us to reflect on the many ways we love. If the Township Community Arts Council were to send Valentines, I suspect the list of recipients would include the Township of Esquimalt, Esquimalt Parks & Recreation, our many sponsors and partners, our members and, of course, our volunteers. We'd also send hearts and hugs to each and every person who attended one of our events to share in the joyful celebration of arts and culture in Esquimalt.

Our membership is the Heart of the Township Community Arts Council; our volunteers are the Soul. Here is a big TCAC Valentine to let you know how much it means that you are part of a family who cares so much about our community.

This month, let's think about the many ways the TCAC spreads love around the Township. Renew your membership and help continue the good work we started in 2014.

*Morlene Tomlinson, Founding President*

The mission of the TCAC is to engage our community and promote Esquimalt as a healthy arts and cultural centre recognized for its excellence by:

- Partnering with artists and groups to stage events and programs in Esquimalt
- Supporting local artists
- Promoting the importance of Arts and Culture



## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2015?**

**June 23- July 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Park Music Fest**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> Esquimalt Arts Festival**

**September 18-20<sup>th</sup> Sculpture Splash 2015**

**Mark your calendar**

**READY! .....SET! ..... VOLUNTEER!**

**More info to follow including calls for artists and volunteers. Stay tuned!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Township Classics – The 2014/15 Season Finale

Alexandria Le - Piano  
Joanna Hood - Viola  
Brian Yoon - Cello  
Gwen Thompson - Violin

This concert is fully reserved. To go on our waiting list, send an e-mail to [townshiparts@gmail.com](mailto:townshiparts@gmail.com)



## TCAC Artist in Residence DIXIE MACUISDIN



23JANUARY - 16MARCH2015

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE | ENGLISH INN | 429 LAMPSON, ESQUIMALT

Opening Reception Thurs Jan29 7-9PM



There's still time to sign up for the Great English Paint-Inn  
FEBRUARY 5, 2015 7 – 9 P.M.  
at the ENGLISH INN  
(\$10 members, \$15 non-members)

Other Enchanted Garden events include:

- March 1<sup>st</sup> Enchanted Garden Café 10:30am-12:00 pm
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Enchanted Garden Café 10:30 am-12:00 pm

\$5 fee includes artist demonstrations and continental breakfast

Reserve now at [www.townshiparts.org](http://www.townshiparts.org)

*Don't forget to submit your ideas, suggestions or articles to our Member's Corner. Just send a note to [Morlene.tomlinson@gmail.com](mailto:Morlene.tomlinson@gmail.com) to be considered for an upcoming TCAC Newsletter. We want to hear from YOU!*

# IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR TCAC MEMBERSHIP

It's been an extremely exciting year for the TCAC, our members and volunteers. It's now time to renew your membership for the coming year. We need your help to keep our society running full throttle as we continue to offer high quality events and programs that help make Esquimalt an even better community.

## WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS

dedicated to promoting and supporting the arts in Esquimalt.  
Our membership fee is by donation (minimum \$20 per annum)

You can renew your membership in two ways:

Complete the TCAC Membership Form at [www.townshiparts.org](http://www.townshiparts.org) and pay by paypal

or

Download, complete and mail our membership form and send with your cheque payable to

### Township Community Arts Council

Address: #4-434 Fraser St., Esquimalt, B.C. V9A6G9

**If you have any questions, please get in touch! E-mail [townshiparts@gmail.com](mailto:townshiparts@gmail.com)**

## MEMBER'S CORNER

### BE THE FIRST TO SEE NEW WORK BY

**RICHARD WONG** Richard Wong has started a preview program for his new, original works of art. You can join a first-see mailing list and have the opportunity to enjoy (or purchase) Richard's newest paintings. Photos will be e-mailed to you along with title, description, creative mood and inspiration story. What a fun, no obligation way to have the first look at new works by one of our best local artists. Or, to see his work in person, you can also get on your bike and pedal over to Government House Tea Room to see his work later this spring! If you'd like to be part of Richard's monthly preview mailing list, please contact [wong2894@telus.net](mailto:wong2894@telus.net).



### Memories of Sculpture Splash, an Art Extravaganza by the Sea



"First Dance" by Mike Rebar

# TCAC BOARD of DIRECTORS 2015

## Meet our new Board Members

### **Morlene Tomlinson, President**

Morlene, who lives in the Saxe Point area, is a founding member of the TCAC with a prior career that includes 17 years in senior levels of government. She brings organizational development and project management experience to our Board.



### **Heather Greenlees, Treasurer**

Heather is the General Manager and Events Co-coordinator at the English Inn. She brings a wealth of business acumen, energy and dedication to our Board. Her creativity and calculated risk taking has helped re-instate the English Inn as a destination venue for Esquimalt. Heather is also a Director on the Township's Chamber of Commerce.

**Ali Byers, Secretary** - Alison has lived in Saxe Point for 30 years with her husband Pat and became active with the TCAC in August 2014. She retired from the Provincial Government after a 30 year career in business and property, construction and project management. These skills will help her in her role as Secretary for the TCAC



**R.J. Senko, Member at Large** - RJ hales from "Lower" Rockheights, which he has been proud to call home for the last five years. Not only is RJ a founding member of the TCAC but he is also the Chair of Esquimalt Council's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee as well as giving his time to a number of other local boards. When not volunteering, RJ works as a communications and government relations consultant. Prior to that he served twenty years in senior roles on Parliament Hill and at the BC Legislature. RJ enjoys spending time in the community with his wife, Monique and their teenage daughter.

**Gwen Thompson-Robinow, Member at Large** - Gwen Thompson-Robinow, CM Violinist, teacher, resident of Esquimalt. Her rich experience in the world of music includes 25 years as a violin coach with the National Youth Orchestra and Head of the String Department at the Vancouver Academy of Music. In recognition of a lifetime achievement in music and music education, Gwen was appointed as a member of the Order of Canada in 2003. She is the creator and creative force behind Township Classics, the TCAC's monthly house concert series that brings world-class classical music to Esquimalt.



**Sean MacUisdin, Member at Large** - Sean MacUisdin lives in Parklands and operates his micro urban farm as a gentlemen Highlander. He is the past present of the Victoria Highland Games Association and the Joint Scottish Council of Victoria. He currently sings in a Gaelic Choir, is a volunteer with TCAC, and thoroughly enjoys his time hiking in the mud of the outdoors. Sean is a published writer of four science fiction novels and is a serving member of the Royal Canadian Navy for 28 years and counting.

**Jay Macdonell, Member at Large** - Jay is a classically trained glass blower and practicing artist, employee of the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria and an Esquimalt resident since 2000. He has sat on several non-profit boards in many capacities and is currently a member of the board of directors for a non-profit public access studio in Berlin. Jay has planned and executed many opening/closing events, auctions, receptions, lectures, demonstrations and tradeshow. He has experience in cost/efficiency evaluation, marketing, research, planning & project implementation.



The Board of Directors extend best wishes and big "thank you's" to founding Board members Pamela Martin, Frances Litman and Louise Ryan for their collective advice, support and dedication during our inaugural year.