



TOWNSHIP COMMUNITYARTS COUNCIL

OCTOBER 2015 Member Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's Thanksgiving weekend and as I write this message, I find myself wondering "where on earth the summer went"?

Our organization has enjoyed a year of solid growth and, in less than two years, we have become an "institution" in our community.

People now look forward to spring and Memorial Park Music Fest; they anticipate the fun and beauty of the Esquimalt Arts Festival in summer and appreciate the adventure of having a major outdoor event like Sculpture Splash in the fall. Now, we're settling into the cozy warmth of Township Classics and the camaraderie of our Artist in Residence at the English Inn.

As I think about Thanksgiving I wonder, "if the TCAC was a person, what he/she would be thankful for?"... I think he/she would be splashing around with joyful thoughts of all the people that have met, come together and worked toward a common purpose... community spirit through the arts. Strangers have become acquainted, neighbours have congregated and volunteers have pulled together while music has filled the air and art has heightened our senses.

So, on behalf of the TCAC Board of Directors, I want to thank each of you and wish you a happy Thanksgiving.

Morlene Tomlinson
Founding President, TCAC

"Making a Splash! In our
Community"

TOWNSHIP CLASSICS



Our 2015/16 concert series started off with a tremendous "splash" last month as Gwen Thompson-Robinow and friends brought music to life once again at the English Inn. Join us **October 25th** for another amazing evening of classical music in our most beautiful heritage house. This month's program features music by the ever unforgettable Ludwig von Beethoven and Bohemian composer Antonin Dvorak.

Beethoven Archduke Piano Trio Opus 97

Dvorak Bagatelles Opus 47

Our Township Classics ensemble, Gwen Thompson, Eric Wilson, Christi Meyers and Robert Holliston are featured later in this Newsletter.

Tickets are just \$15 for TCAC members. Drop by the English Inn (429 Lampson St., Esquimalt) to ensure your seat (advance ticket sales are by cash or cheque only). Doors open at 6:30. Seating is limited.

Proceeds from our Township Classics concerts go the TCAC Youth Mentorship Program being launched in 2016.

Enjoy great music... support kids with a passion for the arts!

Updating our Files

Are you an ARTIST? Are you a VOLUNTEER?

We need your help! We're updating our artist and volunteer lists. Please send us an e-mail (townshiparts@gmail.com) so we can update our files. Artists will be listed on our webpage. Volunteers will receive routine correspondence about upcoming "Purple" opportunities. The more the merrier while making a SPLASH! in our community.



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Meet the Musicians for our October 2015 concert



Gwen Thompson

Founding Board Member
TCAC

Order of Canada
Violinist, educator, visionary

B Mus Performance
(Indiana) 1969

Former concert master
London (ON) Symphony,
NYO 1966 European Tour
and member of UBC Faculty
of Music. Founder of
"Viveza"



Robert Holliston

Head of Keyboard at the
Victoria Conservatory of
Music and Founding Director
of the VCM Opera Studio.

As an accompanist and
chamber player performed
throughout Canada and the
USA, England and New
Zealand, and has been heard
frequently on CBC-Radio

Is having a **big** birthday party
this month at the Victoria
Conservatory.



Eric Wilson

World renowned cellist,
teacher, adjudicator

UBC Associate Professor of
Music, Cello Chair, String
Division

B Mus (Julliard) 1972, M
Mus (Julliard) 1973, D Mus
(Julliard) 1979

Former solo cellist in
residence of the Ensemble
of New York.



Christi Meyers

Assistant Concert Master,
Victoria Symphony

Member, Victoria Baroque
Players, Galiano Ensemble
and Odessey String Quartet.

Former assistant concert
master, Sinfonia Rotterdam
and member of the
European Camerata.

Former member of the
music faculty of the
University of Victoria.

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE ENGLISH INN

FOR THIS AMAZING CONCERT. DON'T DELAY!



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Artist in Residence at the English Inn

“VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF ART”

An amazing eclectic selection of art by

Jim M. Wispinski

Exhibition and sale of work from November 5, 2015 – December 10, 2015



Join Jim at the English Inn - 429 Lampson St, Esquimalt

Thursday, November 5, 2015 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Artist Opening Reception

Meet the Artist, see his work, enjoy snacks, coffee, tea – no host bar

**Sunday November 15, 2015 9:00 am - 10:30 am Demonstration: Gelli
Printmaking**

Your \$5 fee includes continental breakfast and demonstration.

Please register with Jim by Nov 10th

**Thursday November 26, 2015 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Great English Paint –Inn
“Capture the Essence”**

BYO art supplies – WATERCOLOUR CLASS fee is \$10, payable to the artist at the class.

Please register with Jim by Nov 21st

Sunday December 6, 2015 9:00 am – 10:30 am Demonstration: “Zentangle”

Your \$5 fee includes continental breakfast and demonstration.

Please register with Jim by Dec 1st



ENGLISH INN
VICTORIA, BC

Pre-registration is a must! Please e-mail jimandhol@shaw.ca



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What else is going on with the TCAC?

Your community Arts Council is a going concern!

- Volunteers are needed to help decorate our tree for the 2nd annual Christmas Walk at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre. Please contact townshiparts@gmail.com asap if you love the Holiday Season!
- SAVE THE DATE! Our Annual General Meeting and TCAC celebration will take place at the English Inn – Thursday January 21st at 6:30. There will be fun, music, photos of our events, poetry and yes, a little bit of business that needs to be done!
- Are you interested in helping a bit more? The TCAC Board of Directors is looking for a temporary secretary (October – February) while our Ali Byers is off sailing in the Caribbean. If you have this kind of experience, please contact townshiparts@gmail.com. Big big thanks to Ali for all her work this year and for the amazing job helping organize Sculpture Splash
- Do you like to write? Help is also needed to write our newsletter each month. Let us know if you'd like to share your literary genius, communications background or news writing skills with our many members.
- Please welcome new member and volunteer book keeper, Carolyn McIsaac to our Purple Team. Carolyn has over 25 years' experience in this area and brings a wealth of knowledge, expertise and good humour to our organization.
- Many hands make light work... if you have an area of expertise that you'd like to express or expand, please let us know. Our organization will be stronger and better with your help.
- Stay tuned for more information on our winter Artist in Residence at the English Inn. Esquimalt potter Michael Giles will display and sell his work in December and January. Information on Artist Opening Reception, classes and demonstrations will come out in our next newsletter.
- If you, your family or your neighbours loved our events and programs this year, please don't hesitate to write mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca. We'll be going forward with funding requests in the coming months and letters, emails or discussions with council members help a great deal.