

Sneak Peek...

Westminster Abbey at Mission, April 14:

See spectacular stained glass windows and tour a national historic site, the Stave Falls Powerhouse.

Associates Tour to Bellingham, May 11:

Enjoy outdoor sculpture collection, and arts and crafts exhibition in beautiful new Light-catcher Building at Whatcom Museum.

Soirée Magique, June 15:

An evening of surrealist art, entertainment and fine dining at the gallery.

Emily Carr University tour, May 13:

See visual art by the next generation of artists at the annual grad show.

Art in the Morning, March 18, April 15, May 20

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Annick Boisset

Is this early spring at the Vancouver Art Gallery? The evidence is obvious: First, the much anticipated decision by the city to hold the Cambie Street site for the gallery relocation is a major step towards a new gallery. Then the recent openings of three new exhibitions offer powerful contemporary art experiences.

Whether you listen to Ken Lum speak of his art as a mirror for you and your thoughts, or whether you are both shocked and seduced by the works in the Unreal show, you are constantly being challenged. And what a wonderful glimpse at the works from the permanent collection!

Many Associates know that the way to enjoy these exhibits at their fullest is to

join Darlene Forrester on an Art in the Morning tour followed by stimulating discussions (and caffeine). I can hardly wait for the WE tour to guide me through the challenge of 12 sustainable-culture manifestos.

Also, don't miss the colours of the art on display at the Art Rental & Sales showroom, and remember that the Associates enjoy a 10 percent discount on sales at AR&S.

With Unreal as a prelude to the summer blockbuster exhibition on Surrealism, the Associates will explore the Surrealist art movement, culminating in a Soirée Magique on June 15th, organized in collaboration with the gallery.



Paintings by Natalia Vetrova and jewellery by Per Wendel Madsen at their Granville Island studio captured the interest of Associates Lillias Beale, Christine Nicolas and Donna Cohen. (Photo by Judy Lindsay)

SPRING LUNCH

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011
SHAUGHNESSY GOLF CLUB**

**4300 Marine Drive SW
Vancouver**

Fashion Show and Lunch

11:30 am - 2:30 pm

COST: \$50 PER PERSON

Please register with
Anne Watts by April 21

604-600-8403

or email:

associatesvag@gmail.com

*For more details see
Special Events on page 2*

SPRING LUNCH

Join the Associates and friends at a
LUNCHEON TO CELEBRATE SPRING.

A fashion show will highlight the latest in fashions
for the spring and summer seasons.

We are launching this new Associates event at the elegant
Shaughnessy Golf Club in Vancouver, where the beautiful
views and fine cuisine will give you that pampered feeling.

Thursday, April 28, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm
\$50 per person

SHAUGHNESSY GOLF CLUB
4300 Marine Drive SW
Vancouver

Please register with Anne Watts at 604 600 8403
or email: associatesvag@gmail.com
by April 21. No refund after this date.

SOIRÉE MAGIQUE!

**An evening of surrealist art,
entertainment and fine dining**

Join us on **Wednesday, June 15th** for our
Annual Fundraising Soirée at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

The gallery's walls will be glowing with "The Colour of
My Dreams: Surrealism and Revolution in Art".
You'll see the surprising, exhilarating and even magical
work of Dali, Magritte, Ernst and many others.

The evening begins at 6 pm with wine,
continues with private tours of the exhibition guided
by animateurs, followed by dinner.

COST: \$145, payable as \$75 to the Associates and
\$70 to the gallery (with tax receipt) by credit card
or two separate cheques (Associates and gallery).

To register and arrange payment,
please call 604-600-8403,
or email: associatesvag@gmail.com

ASSOCIATES TOUR TO BELLINGHAM

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

**Organized by AVAG member and
independent curator Rachel R. Lafo**

**Western Washington University's
Outdoor Sculpture Collection**

(Wear comfortable shoes!) Led by Western Gallery Director
Sarah Clark-Langager. We will view a collection featuring
major international, national and regional artists representing
sculpture from 1960 to the present. Among the artists
included are Isamu Noguchi, Anthony Caro and Richard Serra.

We will also view the exhibition in the Western Gallery:
**The Washington Art Consortium/Safeco Insurance
Collection of Northwest Art on Paper**

After lunch, we will visit the Whatcom Museum's new
Lightcatcher Building for a docent tour of the exhibition:
The Arts and Crafts Movement in the Pacific Northwest,
a traveling exhibition from Seattle's Museum of History
and Industry that details the rich legacy of Arts and
Crafts in Washington and Oregon during the first
quarter of the 20th Century.

Finally a tour with Curator of Art Barbara Matilsky
of the exhibition:

New Gifts and Acquisitions: Collections, Selections Two

Register by calling the Associates: 604-600-8403,
or email: associatesvag@gmail.com
COST INCLUDING LUNCH: \$140

Payment by cheque or credit card required by **APRIL 27th.**
No refunds available after this date.

This bus tour to Bellingham leaves Vancouver at 9 am,
departing for home at 4:30 pm.

Thank You

Thank you for your generous Christmas 2010 and
other year-end donations to the Gallery.

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| Virginia Alexandor | Audrey Granger | Georgina Reynolds |
| Kathy Armstrong | Olive Kloepfer | Valerie Taggart |
| Annick Boisset | Cynthia Levy | Brigita Weaver |
| Louise Cecil | Grace McInnes | Wendy Wiebe |
| Miryam Filosof | Sheila Mingie | Julia Young |

DARLENE FORRESTER

Art in the Morning

Enjoy the Art at the VAG...

On the third Friday of each month, Associates and their friends can enjoy the art at the VAG.

TIME: 10 am - Meet in the foyer of the Gallery for the tour
11 am - Enjoy coffee & discussion in Room 100

March 18, 2011

WE: Vancouver

Come see our city as activists, architects, artists, designers and planners see it.

The exhibition includes the work of more than 40 Vancouver-based cultural producers, including Althea Thauberger, SHAPE, Red Flag Design, Keith Higgins, MGB Architecture, the Office for Soft Architecture, Michael Turner, Natalie Purschwitz, Robert Kleyn, Office Supplies Incorporated, Christian Kliegel, Sabine Bitter + Helmut Weber, and many others.

Docent: Darlene Forrester

COST: Only \$10 for Associate members; \$15 for your guests

April 15, 2011

Ken Lum

Try NOT to walk into the mirror!

In the most extensive survey of Ken Lum's work to date, the exhibition features a number of works not previously exhibited in North America, including *Mirror Maze with 12 Signs of Depression*, produced for Documenta 11 in 2002, *House of Realization*, produced for the Istanbul Biennale in 2007, and his recent *Rorschach Shopkeeper Signs*.

COST: Only \$10 for Associate members; \$15 for your guests

To register for any of these, call **604-327-4874** or email Darlene Forrester at dforrester@shaw.ca



SONNY ASSU STUDIO TOUR

Wearing a cape that he designed, artist Sonny Assu delighted Louise Martinson and Irene Hoogstra

Photo by: Annick Boisset

More photos on page 4

ELLEN DOISE

Travel for Art

Thursday, April 14, 2011

WESTMINSTER ABBEY AT MISSION

Spectacular stained glass windows are the highlight of this Benedictine abbey set in spacious grounds overlooking the Fraser Valley at Mission.

STAVE FALLS POWERHOUSE

The Powerhouse at Stave Falls, a National Historic Site, showcases the development of electric power in British Columbia. Enjoy a guided tour and gift shop. See generators and turbines from 1912, historic displays and artifacts.

COST INCLUDING LUNCH AND BUS: \$98 per person
To register and arrange payment by credit card, call: 604-600-8403 or email: ellen.doise@shaw.ca

JUDY LINDSAY

Education

ART VIDEO GROUP

The Monday morning video group meets every second Monday in room 403 at the gallery to view dvds/videos on art and artists. Here is the late winter/spring schedule (subject to change):

- March 21: William Blake
- April 4: Pnina Granirer: Virtues of Memory
- April 18: Paul Klee/Marcel Duchamp
- May 2: Rene Magritte
- May 16: Islamic art
- May 30: Robert Motherwell

Join us for coffee, cookies and chitchat at 10:45 am; the show starts at 11 am.

EMILY CARR UNIVERSITY TOUR

Every year in late spring Emily Carr University of Art + Design displays the best work of its graduating students. The talent and virtuosity on exhibit excites the imagination, and must be seen by anyone interested in where the visual arts are headed.

The Associates are offering a guided tour of the visual arts component of this year's exhibition on the morning of Friday, **May 13th**. More details to come. In the meantime, save the date, and plan to be among the first to see work by the next generation of artists.

Art Rental and Sales



Through the simplicity of shape, the harmony of color and the paradox of light and dark, Nurieh Mozzafari translates emotion and perception to her canvas. Her works are featured at Art Rental and Sales until April 15th.

You can see the work of many other artists as well in AR&S, a business operated by the Associates.

ART RENTAL AND SALES has a Facebook page.
FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: Vancouver Art Rental and Sales
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Vancouver-Art-Rental-and-Sales/134344009925862>

www.artrentalandsales.com
604.662.4746

SONNY ASSU STUDIO TOUR

1. Jane Banfield, Sonny Assu
2. Audrey Granger and Donna Cohen

Photos by
Judy Lindsay



The Roundhouse Exhibit 2-day Art Exhibit

Artists in Our Midst is a vibrant community of artists and creators dedicated to promoting visual art in Vancouver. Now in its 19th year, Artists in Our Midst kicks off with the **Roundhouse Exhibit**, a

dynamic two-day group show and sale at the Roundhouse Community Centre, featuring 60 artists.

The Associates will be represented at the hospitality table.

Join us for the opening night reception, April 28th, starting at 7 pm, to meet with the artists and enjoy the live music of

Greg and Louise Solecki Weir with Mark Dowding.

THE ROUNDHOUSE EXHIBIT
Thursday, April 28
Public viewing: 11 am – 10 pm
Opening Reception: 7 pm – 10 pm

Friday April 29
Public viewing: 11 am – 9 pm

COLLECTORS EVENT at Barbara Heller's home

VCAM

Regional Conference

Monday, April 11, 9 am to 5 pm

MEET...

friends, volunteers and associates from British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and more, at an early continental breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks (all included in registration fee) during this one-day conference.

BE INSPIRED...

by speakers on subjects both current and controversial, such as "The Blockbuster Show Effect" and "Art Museum Renewal", and their impact on volunteers and associates.

PARTICIPATE...

in breakout sessions to discuss ways we can better "Learn, Share and Commit".

VISIT...

the newly expanded Museum of Anthropology at UBC. The conference registration package has already been distributed by email.

This event is jointly organized by the Associates of the VAG and the Volunteer Associates of MOA, and will be held at the Museum of Anthropology.

For more information please contact Annick Boisset or Grace Robin.



Tapestry artist Barbara Heller (above) showed Associates members her exquisite hand-woven work and the private art and sculpture collection she shares with her husband Michael Karton. Enjoying the tour are (below) Annick Boisset, Joyce Goodwin, Peter Goodwin, Darlene Hayne, Anne Pearson, Dianne Mierau and Cynthia Levy. (Photos by Judy Lindsay)



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I hope you will consider attending the April 11th regional conference of Volunteer Committees of Art Museums, and welcome sister organizations from BC, Seattle and Portland. Those of us who attended previous Victoria and Seattle "regionals" will remember, and hopefully, want to repeat such an enriching experience. This year's theme is "Learn, Share, Commit". More information above, on this page.

On a final note, I want to personally acknowledge all those who made generous year-end and other recent donations to the gallery via the Associates. Thank You!



Chinese New Year
L to R: Marylou Kepkay,
Helen Boulton, Hugh Lindsay,
Annick Boisset, Grace Robin

Photo by Judy Lindsay

Calendar of Events

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| Monday | Mar. 21 | 11 am | Art Video: William Blake, at the gallery |
| Monday | Apr. 4 | 11 am | Art Video: Pnina Granirer: Virtues of Memory, at the gallery |
| Monday | Apr. 11 | 9 am | VCAM Regional Conference, at MOA |
| Thursday | Apr. 14 | | Westminster Abbey, Mission; Stave Falls Powerhouse |
| Friday | Apr. 15 | 10 am | Ken Lum, at the gallery |
| Monday | Apr. 18 | 11 am | Art Video: Paul Klee/Marcel Duchamp, at the gallery |
| Thursday | Apr. 28 | 11:30 am | Spring Lunch, Shaughnessey Golf Club, Vancouver |
| Thursday/Friday | Apr. 28/29 | 11 am | Artists in Our Midst, Roundhouse Exhibit, Roundhouse, Vancouver |
| Monday | May 2 | 11 am | Art Video: Rene Magritte, at the gallery |
| Wednesday | May 11 | 9 am | Associates Tour to Bellingham |
| Friday | May 13 | | Emily Carr guided tour |
| Monday | May 16 | 11 am | Art Video: Islamic art, at the gallery |
| Monday | May 30 | 11 am | Art Video: Robert Motherwell, at the gallery |
| Wednesday | June 15 | 6 pm | Soirée Magique, at the gallery |

COME TOGETHER...

If you would like to get more involved with the Associates, we would love to hear from you. Whether you are new to the Associates, or have been a member for a while, you can use your skills and make new friends by joining a committee:

- **Studio Tours:** arranges visits to artists' studios
- **Art in The Morning:** offers tours of current art exhibitions
- **Travel:** selects destinations and plans art-centred trips
- **Education:** offers regular art DVD showings and other events
- **Communications:** manages newsletter, website, e-bulletin
- **Hospitality:** organizes three social events annually
- **Special Events:** plans visits to collectors' homes, public art tours and the annual soiree at the gallery

Either send us an email:

associatesvag@gmail.com, or contact the committee chair directly (Please see our Board of Directors' listing below)



Judy Lau and her father Peter organized a fun evening at the Floata Restaurant where Associates welcomed the Chinese New Year. (Photo by Judy Lindsay)

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Submitting photos for the next newsletter? Please do not reduce the size of the photos from your camera. If they are kept high resolution we have the option of using them large for a feature, or small to fit in an article. All photos should be sent to **Judy Lindsay** at jalindsay@telus.net. If you have any questions regarding the photos, or any other submission, please email Judy.

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