



Celebrating Creativity & Community

As summer unfolds, we have much to celebrate at the Blackberry Gift Shop. This issue begins with the exciting announcement of our new Senior Artist Scholarship, a program that will support lifelong learning and creativity in the arts. We also introduce our newest member, weaver Lise Langlois, whose beautiful fibre work is now part of our shop. Finally, we invite you to take one last look at our successful *Beyond Bounds* exhibition before it closes on July 5. Together, these stories reflect the creativity, generosity, and strong sense of community that continue to define Blackberry.



INVESTING IN CREATIVITY: Introducing the Blackberry Artists' Society Senior Artist Scholarship

At Blackberry Artists' Society, we believe that creativity has no age limit. Art inspires us, challenges us, and gives us opportunities to continue learning throughout our lives. That's why we are so pleased to introduce the Blackberry Artists' Society Senior Artist Scholarship.

This new scholarship reflects our commitment to giving back to the community while celebrating the spirit and legacy of our members—past and present. Through this initiative, we hope to encourage senior artists to keep exploring their creative passions and developing new skills.

The scholarship provides \$250 toward Material Arts courses offered through PoMoArts, helping senior artists continue their artistic

journey. Whether someone is returning to art after many years, trying a new medium, or refining existing skills, we hope this award will open doors to fresh opportunities and meaningful creative experiences.

As artists and artisans ourselves, we know that learning never truly ends. Every class, workshop, and artistic experiment brings new ideas and connections. By supporting senior artists in their creative pursuits, we also strengthen our broader arts community and celebrate the joy that comes from lifelong learning.

The Senior Artist Scholarship is more than financial assistance—it is an invitation to stay curious, to keep creating, and to recognize that artistic growth can happen at every stage of life.

We are proud to launch this scholarship and look forward to seeing the inspiration and creativity it helps foster in our community for years to come.

Senior Artist Scholarship at a Glance

AWARD: Up to \$250 toward Material Arts (ceramics and visual arts) courses at PoMoArts.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Lower Mainland residents aged 60 and older
- Artists of all experience levels are welcome to apply.
- BAS members, their families, and PoMoArts staff and families are not eligible.

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a letter outlining the courses you wish to take, why art is important to you, and how the classes will support your health, well being, and creative journey.

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted to blackberrygiftshop@live.ca by 11:59 pm on August 1.

Go to www.blackberrygiftshop.ca for more details.

Know a senior artist who would benefit from this opportunity? Please help us spread the word and encourage them to apply!

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MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER: LISE LANGLOIS

We are pleased to welcome Lise Langlois, who joined the Blackberry Artists' Society in May 2026.

Lise's passion is weaving, an art form that beautifully combines creativity, fibre, colour, and texture. She currently enjoys creating a variety of scarves and shawls and hopes to expand her work to include baby blankets and lap blankets. Silk is her favourite fibre because of its softness and beautiful drape, although she also enjoys experimenting with linen, cotton, and tencel. Exploring different fibres and techniques keeps her weaving practice both challenging and inspiring.

Lise's weaving journey began at Place des Arts, where she first learned the craft. Since then, she has continued to develop her skills through instructional videos and online courses, always eager to learn new techniques and refine her



artistry. Beyond weaving, she also enjoys knitting and cross-stitching.

Although new to exhibiting her work, Lise says that being part of Blackberry has given her the encouragement to continue expanding and experimenting with weaving. She is especially looking forward to learning from fellow artists and growing within our creative community.

Please join us in giving her a warm welcome and be sure to come by to see her beautiful woven creations!

LAST CHANCE TO SEE BEYOND BOUNDS

Our *Beyond Bounds* exhibition has been a tremendous success, and we are delighted by the wonderful response from visitors. The show sparked conversations, inspired creativity, and generated countless compliments about the quality and diversity of the artwork on display.

If you haven't had an opportunity to visit yet—or if you'd like one more look—there's still time! The exhibition runs until July 5, after which the artwork will come down.

Beyond Bounds truly showcases the talent, imagination, and artistic spirit of our members. From stunning visual pieces to unique interpretations of the theme, the exhibition demonstrates what can happen when artists are encouraged to explore beyond their usual boundaries.

We invite everyone to stop by the Ann Kitching Gallery in PoMoArts and experience this exceptional show before it closes. Bring a friend, take your time browsing, and



Works by Greta Smith, Yolanda Cheung and Del Holbrook



celebrate the incredible creativity of our artistic community.

Don't miss your last chance to see *Beyond Bounds* before it comes down on July 5!

OUT & ABOUT...

Some things our members are up to:

Blackberry Artists' Society:
GROUP DISPLAY | *Members showcase their works*
Ongoing
Port Moody City Hall
100 Newport Dr, Port Moody

July 2 -31
Coquitlam Public Library,
Poirier Branch
575 Poirier St, Coquitlam

CAR FREE DAY | *Demos/Sales*
Aug 16, 12-5 pm
St. Johns St, in front of PoMoArts
Port Moody

Dorothy Doherty:
EXHIBITION | *Abstracts*
Until August 1
CityScape Gallery
335 Lonsdale Ave, North Vancouver

MARKET
July 11, 10am-3pm
Civic Plaza, 14th & Lonsdale,
North Vancouver

COME BY AND SAY HI...

GIFT SHOP HOURS:
Noon–4 pm daily
Closed statutory holidays

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