

News



from the Nest

COMING UP!

Monthly Drop ins at the studio:

Music Jam - 1st Sunday of the month 6pm

Slow Stitch - 1st and 3rd Wednesday 10 - 2pm

A \$5 donation, or pay what you can, is suggested for each drop in to help us keep the lights on.

Thank you for supporting the OCAC!!

Book your table today!!

Members only may book tables.

Quail's Nest Open House

May 24th 10am - 3pm

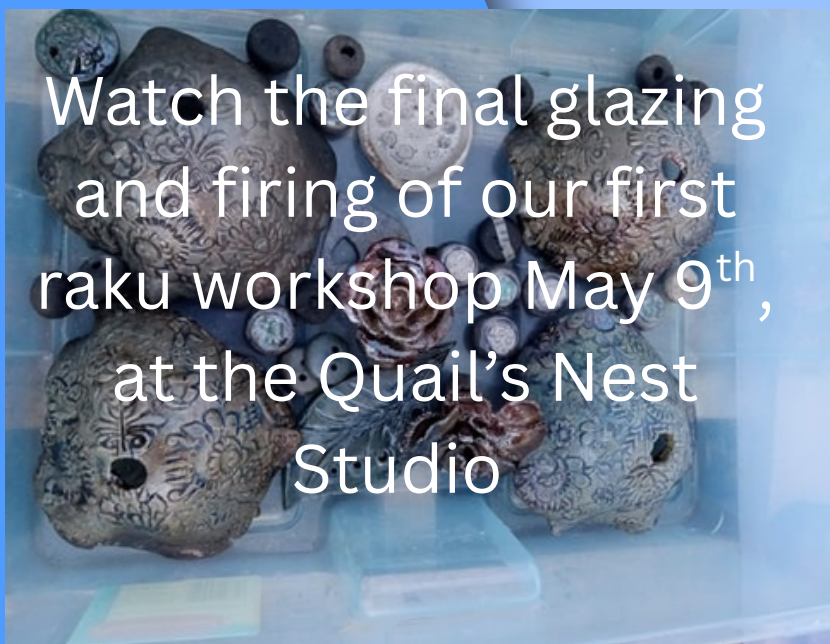
Plan to visit to check out our member artists!

Listen to the music of Lewis Cardinal!

5840 Airport St., Oliver

To book or for more information: olivercac@gmail.com
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Watch the final glazing and firing of our first raku workshop May 9th, at the Quail's Nest Studio



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



April showers bring May flowers. While the showers may be minimal, the flowers are definitely bountiful. As I write this, I'm smelling my lilacs. This is one of my favorite smells!! Do smells energize or influence you in your studios??? Tell us your stories...

May also brings our open house. It will be held May 24th. Take this as your opportunity to book your table. We have talked to a few people, but don't want to rely on our memories to book the tables. If we have talked about a table, please send us a confirmation of your participation. If we haven't talked about a table, please send us your intention to have a table. Tables are one of the perks you get as a member as only members can book into our Open House. The tent has been booked. Music has been booked. Now we need you!!! olivercac@gmail.com

We have so much happening right now at the studio. Our pottery guild is moving forward at an amazing speed. I'm just trying to stay out of their way! I did sign up for our very first Raku workshop. We now know that there's a thirst for this in the area as our first workshop filled in a couple of days. We will be offering another class in the fall and certainly hope to see Raku at our art show this fall. We had our 'building' session in April. The people that signed up came to the studio to make a couple of pieces of our choice. These have been bisque fired and will be ready to glaze and fire on May 9th. The firing will be in the parking lot at the studio. Come and check us out! The volunteers for the guild have been very busy making pieces that will act as a fundraiser for this project. They did the final glazing and firing of the fundraising pieces this past weekend.

Drop ins: Our drop in classes continue to grow as word of mouth helps promote them. These are \$5/session or pay what you can.

Slow Stitch is still a happening thing on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday (10-2) of each month. Lots of interesting things happening there. Drop by for inspiration!

Music Jam is filling the studio with music. This happens the first Sunday (6pm) of every month. Martin has created an inviting environment, with monthly themes, to help you embrace your inner musician!

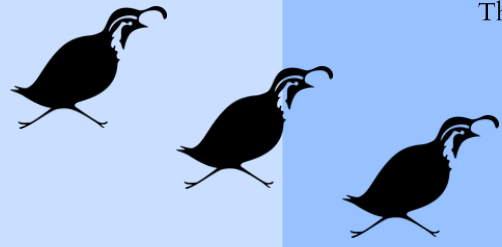
Oliver Creates art show and sale next committee meeting is May 11th at the studio. Any and all are welcome to join this committee to bring us another exciting art show and sale during the Wine Capital Weekend this fall. We are looking at including demos, lectures and an artisan market.

Sunshine Festival June 12th to 21st. We will be participating in this festival and hope to close the event with our own puppet parade through the Station Street Market on June 21st. We will have puppet making classes the first couple of weekends in June. We hope to do fabric, paper mache and cardboard puppets. Watch our website and social media for more information.

Lastly, let me thank Nadia for her herculean effort to get our newsletter back into publication. She has done such a good job in getting us up and running. Please welcome Swati and Natasha as our new editors. I know they will pick this up seamlessly and help it to grow and continue to evolve.

Cheers!

Bertie Barends
President



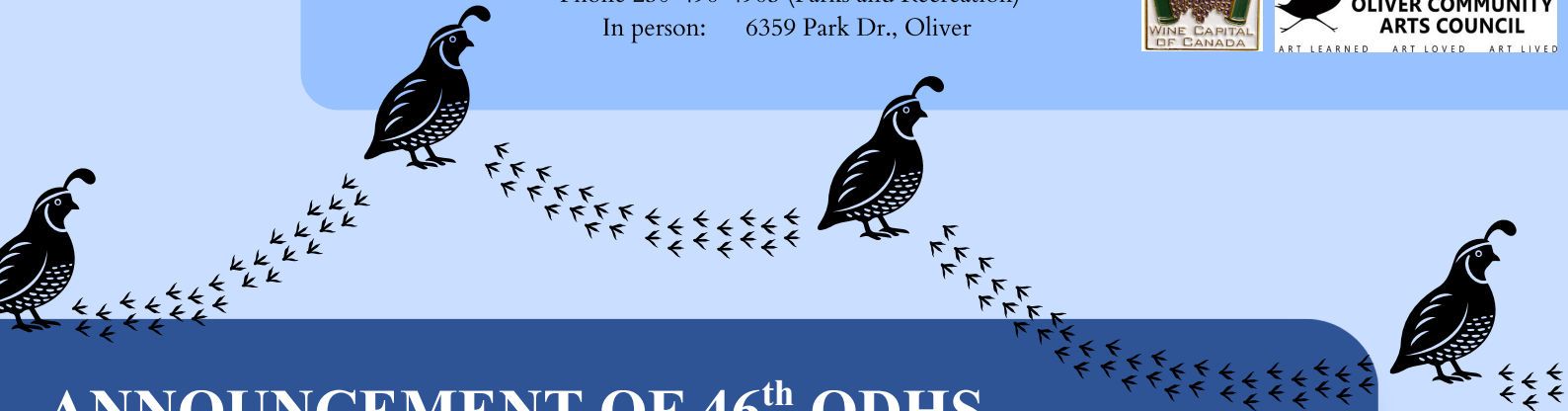
The summer childrens art classes are open for registration
New this year, register through Oliver Parks and Recreation.

Week of July 20th Week of Aug 10th
5 to 8yrs 9am - 11am
9 to 12yrs 1pm - 3pm

We are now planning our art classes.
This includes a call out for instructors. If you are interested in teaching a class, we would love to hear from you. (All instructors must complete a criminal record check.)
Questions email: artadventureoliver@gmail.com
Registration Link <http://bit.ly/4bxRmT2>
Phone 250-498-4985 (Parks and Recreation)
In person: 6359 Park Dr., Oliver

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF 46th ODHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - May 6, 2026 - 7PM



Oliver and District Heritage Society will hold its 46th Annual General Meeting on Wednesday May 6th, 2026 at Quails Nest Arts Centre, 5840 Airport Road, Oliver, V0H1T0, from 7pm.

All persons interested are warmly invited to attend, and all members in attendance may vote. Memberships will be available on the night. Anyone wishing to stand for election to our Board may do so, and may contact us in advance for details.

Hard copies of the Agenda, previous AGM Minutes, Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2025 will be available at the AGM, or can be obtained free of charge by calling at the ODHS Archives Building, 430 Fairview Road, Oliver, V0H1T0, writing to us, calling us on 250-212-3435 or emailingusatinfo@oliverheritage.ca.

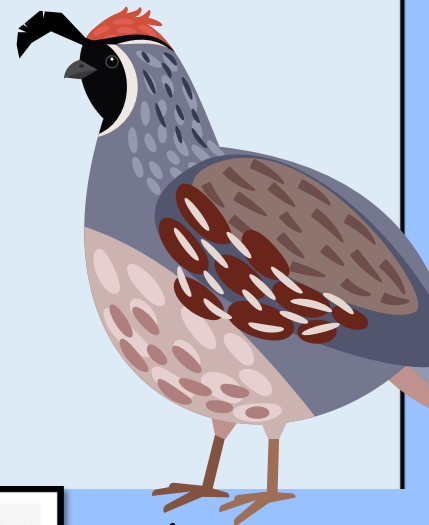
We are excited to announce that attendees at the AGM will hear a fascinating address from our guest speaker Jenna Bower of the Osoyoos Indian Band, and the inspirational Executive Director of the fabulous Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre, in Osoyoos.

The Fabricators, a group of fabric artists based in the South Okanagan, are exhibiting their rendition of 'Stitching the Blues' at the Summerland Art Gallery from May 14 – June 5. Everyone is invited to the show opening, May 14 (Thurs) from 1-3pm to meet some of the 11 artists, including Oliver members: Darlene Chapman, Linda Lebert and Marianne Parsons.



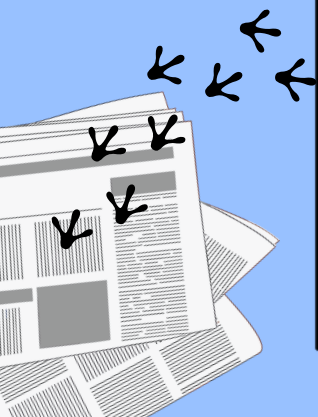
Artwork inspired by Marianne's hand painted fabric is the focal point of the show, along with other pieces featuring that awesome color blue in all of its iterations.

The gallery is located at 9525 Wharton St., Summerland, BC.




The Summerland Arts Council
presents
'Stitching the Blues'
by The Fabricators
May 14 – June 5


Summerland Art Gallery
9525 Wharton St.
250-494-4494
Wed. – Fri. 10 – 4pm
Open Reception:
May 14 – 1-3 pm



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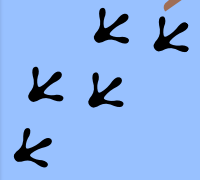
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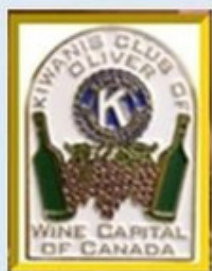


The **Double O Quilters Guild**

meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the community hall in Oliver. Visitors are welcomed. Every Wednesday is drop-in (8:30 am-2:30 pm) where members come to visit and to work on group and individual projects. For more information, check out our website at:

<https://www.doubleoquilters.org>

or email us at doubleoquilters@gmail.com



Oliver Kiwanis Market Public Sales

Saturdays only from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.
Donations accepted Wed, Fri, Sat 8:30 am-noon.
Call 250-485-0242 for pickups, leave a message

oliverkiwanis@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW?? We NEED YOU!

**Join one of the committees at OCAC.....
and be a part of the excitement!
email: olivercac@gmail.com**

Or stop by the studio any Wednesday 9 - 12

South Okanagan Slow Stitch Network

What is Slow Stitch??? Slow stitch encourages sewers to forget about perfection and not worry about the finished piece. Instead, it nurtures the idea of enjoying the process of stitching for stitching's sake. Slow stitch includes, embroidery, crochet, knitting, and..... anything that includes a needle, fiber, thread, and.....It's about enjoying the process rather than worrying about the product.

Slow Stitch Drop In is up and running!! We meet at the Quails' Nest Art Center on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month starting in January and running until the end of June, we take a break over the summer and then start up again in October and continue through the fall. January dates we meet on the 21st and for February we meet on the 4th and 18th.

Drop in costs are \$5.00 and we meet from 10:00-2:00.

This is a Drop In session so bring your projects to work on and share your progress, ask for input and inspire someone else!! This is a dynamic, creative group!!

If you're new to Slow Stitch, just come and check us out. We have a starter kit packaged for you if you want to give it a try and see what this community of creatives is all about!!



Oliver Community Arts Council

We now have office hours!!
There will be a board member in the office on Wednesdays from 9am to noon. Drop by to say hi and find out more about what we're doing, or looking to do at the Quails' Nest.

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Canada's Warmest Welcome

CREATEABILITY ART PROGRAM
For Adults with Disabilities

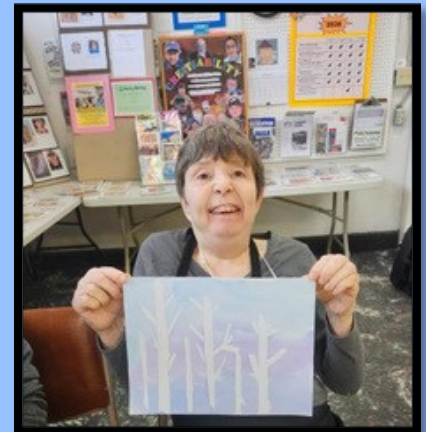
CALL FOR INSTRUCTORS 2026

- Instructors are invited to join the CreateAbility art therapy team
- You can make a difference in the lives of adults with disabilities**
- making art uses a different part of your brain
- art therapy programs are offered once/month
- no special experience is required
- be willing to learn and have a sense of humour
- work 3 hours per month with a partner
- choose which month you work
- get paid an honorarium for 3 hours of work/session
- receive guidance and mentorship
- A free criminal record check is required

If this sounds right for you please contact: OliverCAC@gmail.com



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CreateAbility

Art Cards and 2026 Calendars

Art cards are \$5.00 each or 5 cards for \$20.00.

Calendars are \$20.00 each, featuring the art work of 12 artists.

This art is for sale every Wednesday morning at the Quails' Nest studio on Airport St., Oliver, from 9:00 am until noon.

This program for Adults with Disabilities is sponsored by the OCAC. It promotes creativity through art making to foster joy and self-worth. You may have seen some of this art work at the Oliver Creates Art Show and Sale in September 2025. This group of talented artists kindly gave us permission to reproduce their art so that we can help fund this program, which started in 2017. For further inquiries or information contact:

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Let us introduce you to our CreateAbility artists of the month!!

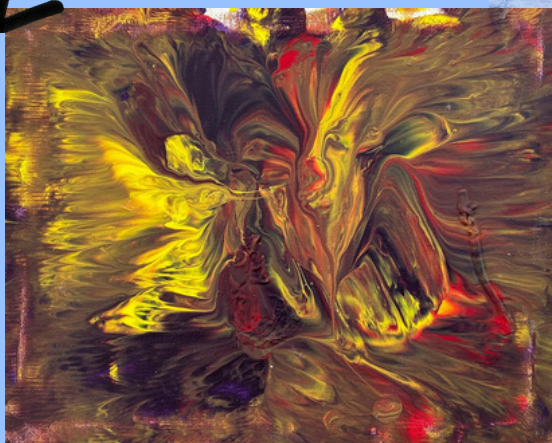
CreateAbility is an inclusive art program for adults with disabilities living in the South Okanagan. It is free and happens on the second Wednesday of each month from September until June. The purpose of the program is to provide a safe and happy space where artists can explore and express themselves through art without any limitations.

This month we would like to introduce you to two new participants to the program: Alexandra and Yvonne. Alexandra attends programs at SOCIS and Yvonne at the Bateman house. They are both very clear about their passion and joy when making art and sharing it with their friends and family.



Yvonne

Alexandra



OMG! Okanagan Musicians Group Jam Night at Quails' Nest



Sunday, May 3 jam nite at 6:00 pm bring an instrument.

This drop in event suggests a \$5 donation, or pay what you can, to help offset the cost of the space and for the coffee and tea that are there for the networking break.

There is an email group to which you can subscribe.

To be added to the group, send an email to omg@legacyinterview.ca be sure to include your name and type of instrument in your message.



Trivia:

Q: Do you know why the jam is on the first Sunday?

A: There are jams on the second and third Sunday afternoons (2PM) at the Elks Hall in Osoyoos.

Quails' Nest Studio 2026 New Rental Rates

Single use: \$40

8am - 1pm, 1pm - 6pm, **OR** 6pm - 11pm

Full Day: \$70, \$50 for each consecutive day

July and August: \$100 per week

This is effective immediately. Please contact olivercac@gmail.com with any questions.



We would like to invite you to **Renew your Membership** to the Arts Council for the 2026 year.

Membership entitles you to a platform for promoting and advocating for the arts in the wider community, invitations to special events, studio rental for private or public events and participation at the annual AGM.

For business and group members, there are advertising and promotional opportunities. Please review the levels of membership located on our website.

Thank you for your support!

Your valued membership helps the Oliver Community Arts Council achieve its goals of increasing the public's appreciation of the arts through a wide range of artistic activities, performances, and educational opportunities.

<https://oliverartscouncil.org/membership>



33rd Annual Trade Show was held on March 28, 2026, from 10 – 3, at the Oliver Recreation Centre. There were 51 vendors for a total of 63 tables.

The 232 Bighorn Squadron Air Cadets assisted with the tables and chairs. Oliver Eats provided food for the event.

There were approximately 425 people who put their names in for 21 assorted door prizes. The door donations were advertised to be split between SOS Medical Foundation & Desert Sun Counselling. The actual donations were topped up to \$1000 each thanks to the generosity of our supporters. The remaining funds will be used to support other organizations.

Thanks to all the WOW ladies who worked tirelessly on the organization and running of the Trade Show. A special thank you to the vendors who participated and the public who supported us.

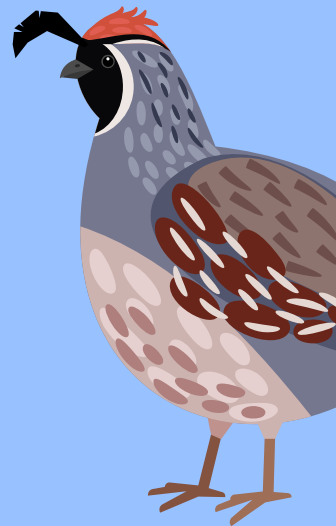
- Music in the Park
- CreateAbility
- Art AdVentures
- Oliver Creates Art Show and Sale
- South Okanagan Stitchers (SOS)
- Creative Discovery
- Music Jam
- Pottery Guild

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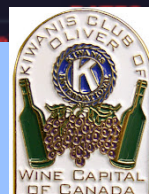
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EXHIBITS & EVENTS...

- CURRENT EXHIBIT - "Beautiful Together" & "Echoes of Places" - Runs April 11 - May 10th

WORKSHOPS...

"LIFE DRAWING WORKSHOP" - Draw from Life with Confidence With Jim Elwood

"LEANING INTO ABSTRACTION" - Painting Expressively Workshop With Kathy Hale

"ACRYLIC PAINTING" With Wally

"THE LAYERED SELF" - Bridging Inner Expression and Outer Realism With Sandra Van Den Ham

"PALETTE KNIFE LANDSCAPING" With Linda Lovisa

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- South Okanagan Stitchers
- Firehall Brewery
- Friends of the Oliver Library
- GN'R Alpaca Boutique
- Infinity Acres Flowers
- Kreutopia Arts
- Okanagan Moon Apothecary
- Oliver & District Heritage Society
- Oliver Community Garden Society
- Oliver Community Theatre Society
(Venables Theatre)
- Oliver Handbell Ringers Society
- Oliver Sagebrushers
- Oliver Senior Centre Society
- Oliver Tourism Association
- RipOff Artists
- Riverside Garden Centre
- Sage Valley Voices Community
Choir
- South Okanagan Community
Inclusion Society (SOICS)
- South Okanagan Rockhounds
- Wine Country Racing Association
- Women of Oliver for Women

Memberships:

Join the creativity in Oliver, BC!

We'd love to have you!

Benefits include:

-  Reduced fees for the Oliver Creates Art Show & Sale
-  Invitations to special events
-  A forum for arts promotion and networking
-  Advertising and promotional opportunities
-  Ability to rent the studio
-  And a vote for the AGM!

Fees: Click here for current pricing:

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Watch for new workshops and other programming throughout the year.

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2026 Arts Council

NEW Board:

President: Roberta Barens

Vice-President: Vacant

Treasurer: Jan Kreut

Secretary: Cheryl Andrews

Directors: Colleen McCombe, Doris Kuehn, Bernice Myllyniemi, Robert Rougeau, Martin Anthony, New Director Helena, New Director Swati, New Director Natasha.

The OCAC board meets monthly at the Quails' Nest Studio. We welcome input from our members.

Email OliverCAC@gmail.com with any questions.



We acknowledge that we are situated on the unceded, ancestral homeland of the Osoyoos Indian Band within the Okanagan (Syilx) Nation.

We give honour and pay respect to the Osoyoos Indian Band and its people.

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Oliver Community Arts Council is the advocate for promoting Arts in the community.

Vision Statement

The Oliver Community Arts Council promotes artistic development, fosters community engagement in the arts, and increases access to cultural experiences for all.



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