

North Shore Artists' Guild

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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, Sept. 19th, 2006 7:00PM

St. Stephen's Church Hall,

885 - 22nd Street West, West Vancouver, BC

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My major duty this past year was representing the Guild on the Arts & Culture Strategy Committee appointed by Council. One of the main priorities was to develop a strategy to implement a cultural and heritage precinct along the Argyle waterfront.

The first stage was a series of workshops held at the offices of Aldrich Pears Associates in downtown Vancouver beginning on Saturday, October 22, 2005. There were representatives from the Ferry Building, Silk Purse, Heritage, Theatre, Kay Meek and individual artists to brainstorm to develop a concept for the Arts and Heritage on Argyle. The focus question was what can be done on Argyle that will enhance the arts and culture in the Community and inspire artistic excellence?

As a result of the workshops and input from everyone, the consultants prepared a draft proposal which was presented at three open houses where feedback from the public was received. The Committee meets at least once a month at the Municipal Hall and the District is represented by Mayor Pam Goldsmith-Jones, Councilor John Clark and Chaired by Councilor Jean Ferguson. The staff consists of Kevin Pike, Josie Chuback and Steve Nichol. The community representatives were from the Ferry Building, Silk Purse, Library, Arts Council, Museum & Archives, Community Services and the Guild.

It was determined that it was necessary to expand the Ferry Building and the Silk Purse and provide new facilities for artists in residence, studio space, workshop space, display space for all of the arts, but to keep the architecture in the form of a cottage style not a big box style.

It would be done in stages beginning with the 1500 Block expansion of the Silk Purse and adding to the Ferry Building. Phase 2 would be in the 1400 Block where there are still 7 properties in private ownership.

It is the intention to retain the present cottage-style architecture with easy access to the waterfront by the public. The intention is to create a vibrant arts community on Argyle that will be an exciting venue for the community.

The Final Concept Plan will be presented to Council in July, 2006.

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At the end of a year it is appropriate to take some stock and comment on the year past. In prior years we have not had a newsletter for July, but as we have just learned that the Guild will once again participate in the Harmony Arts Festival we needed to inform members of this, share the details and logistics and of course, let members know if they will have paintings in the event. For those of you who were not able to attend the Annual General Meeting on June 20, this newsletter will also allow us to share some of the information discussed there.

I hope that you will conclude as I have that our Guild has been making steady progress and improvement in several areas and at several levels. Much of this credit goes to our excellent executive and to our many volunteers.