



June 2016 Newsletter

the little fernwood gallery
and the Pandora Arts Collective Society present

METAMORPHOSIS

Transformation Through Art



June 3 to June 29, 2016 hours: Tues/Thurs 12 to 4
1923 Fernwood Rd

a Group Show from Pandora Arts
opening reception 11 am. to 4 pm.

June 11 & 12

during the Fernwood Art Stroll

PACS invites you to our community art making event
make a mandala with us! all ages welcome!

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Metamorphosis: transforming life into art.

PACS is having a show for the Fernwood Art Stroll. As a collective we were asked to think of a title that would reflect all the changes we were going through. We chose Metamorphosis.

Pandora Arts Collective Society had lots of administrative changes in 2016. Our new facilitator is Geri. With her came more collaborative art works especially mandalas, and now for the first time, in our decade long history, we will be at the Moss Street Paint in!

Annuska van der Pol, an artist, picked the title Metamorphosis because she was reminded of the short story called Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka. Franz Kafka was an artist. Throughout his life he felt discrimination, marginalization and injustice. The work Metamorphosis was about a man who transforms into an insect and is rejected by his family. In a sense, Metamorphosis is about stigma that an artist experiences, however Kafka's writing is so powerful that it supersedes stigma.

Many of the members of Pandora have a different take— a caterpillar becomes a butterfly, a tadpole turns into a frog, dinosaur evolves into a chicken, and the raven obtains supernatural powers. Here in our exhibit there are gods, goddesses, mythological creatures, super heroes, along with flowers, bridges and more. Life is always in flux and we record the small and large changes through art.

At the Pandora Arts Collective Society it is key to honor each artist as unique. It needs to be emphasized that everyone has their own unique ways of expressing Metamorphosis and the word has unique meaning to each. With that in mind, each art piece in this exhibition has its own story. Viewers are invited to look at each art piece, read the title cards underneath and try to come up with their own ideas as to what is being expressed by the artist.

Join us for our annual Summer Group show:
Metamorphosis: transforming life into art
as part of the Fernwood Art Stroll!
June 11-12 11:00- 4:00

Every year we have a group show in conjunction with the Fernwood Art Stroll. This year the Fernwood Art Stroll won't be part of Fernfest but instead will shine on its own. An event independent from any other on a less event crowded weekend.

The Fernwood Art Stroll is a treasure hunt of art with Pandora at the hub, complete with a map. Artists display art in their homes, backyards and in our case the little Fernwood gallery and our studio. This year there will be 18 venues peppered all over Fernwood. You can get the brochure with map at Pandora or go here for more information <http://www.fernwoodartstroll.ca/>. The Stroll's motto is Culture, Creativity and Community.

Pandora Arts Collective will have our open house, group show and public participant art project on the theme of metamorphosis - transformation and growth.

We invite everyone from ages 3 to 93 to participate in an art project. This year it's mandalas; the unending always changing circle. We will have larger collaborations along with individual ones. It will also be like a normal studio day with various art supplies and lots of circles to work on.

There will also be cards for sale and refreshments.

Please consider helping out by signing up for a couple of hours and bring finger food.

We are asking for volunteers to sit for the show in the *little fernwood gallery* and to help out in the studio.

In addition the gallery, though not the studio, will be open during Fernfest June 18th from 11- 4. We will be doing chalk drawings on the sidewalk.

PACS studio participant's in May



Tuesday



Thursday



Jaime Sarvie's birthday

Moss Street Paint In

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Moss-Street-Paint-In/255904287757783>

<http://www.aggv.ca/events/29th-annual-td-art-gallery-paint-2016>

This year for the first time, we are bringing Pandora Arts Collective to the Moss Street Paint In!

The Moss Street Paint In, sponsored by the Victoria Art Gallery, is the largest arts event in Victoria. Annually an estimated 35, 000 to 40,000 people attend it. It covers all of Moss Street from Fort to Dallas Road. This is its 29th year and will feature 165 artists. In addition to art there is also music and food. This year it's on July 16 a Saturday from 11:00 to 4:00, during that time all those streets are car free and pedestrians walk on the roads. It's an exciting, lively event!

This is an opportunity for us to tell Victoria who we are, what we are about and what we do. We will display our art for sale, and be a hands on art station inviting everyone to participate in both collaborative and individual mandalas using a variety of mediums. Engaging the public in a larger manner than we have ever done before. All this under a tent, with tables and chairs, at a designated place probably on the sidewalk.

This is a huge project and there will be meetings to explain how you can participate. We will need volunteers to help set up take down and man the tables around 20 of them to do 2 hour shifts. It's important that all our volunteers see as much of the other displays and take part in the various activities.

There will be a Paint In meeting at 3:00 June 9th at PAC for anyone interested in knowing more about it.

Poetry Corner

Polite hysteria
Is assisting us
In our journey
To transcend
This terrible
Tepid
Ho hum

Connie Irvine

Connie wisdom: "Chaos is in the ears of the listener"

Music

I like music,
You can dance.
I like country music,
You can sing and strum.
I like folk music,
You can sing and share.
I like my father's guitar,
You can connect.
Music is a lot of things to me.

Jaime Sarvi

As I was slowly walking along down the roadway
Which happened to be in the middle of the day
I met an elderly lady called Jean
I said to her
"Jean how have you been?"
She smiled with a big grin
"Just fine"
& that just made my day that time.

Nora Smith

Hierarchy

Spring opens up
like a flower on glue
Screams of design
Line up like fire
on a morning day.

Written by **Annuska**