



**New exhibition From BARN to Table opens at The ACT Art Gallery on Saturday, February 15, 2020**

*Three artists evoke both historical and contemporary visions of barns*

<b>Exhibition Dates:</b>	Saturday, February 15 – Saturday, April 4, 2020
<b>Opening Reception:</b>	Saturday, February 15, 2 – 4 pm (free)
<b>Artist Talk: Kristin Krimmel</b>	Saturday, February 29, 1 – 2 pm (free)
<b>Guest Speaker: Donald Luxton</b>	Saturday, March 7, 1 – 2 pm (free)
<b>Gallery hours:</b>	Tuesday – Saturday, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm and selected evenings
<b>Location:</b>	The ACT Art Gallery, 11944 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 6G1

**Maple Ridge, BC, Monday, January 27, 2020** – Opening on Saturday, Feb 15, 2020, **From BARN to TABLE** is a new exhibition at The ACT Art Gallery that celebrates the barn as an enduring and highly evocative architectural structure. The three artists featured in the exhibition, **Kristin Krimmel, Sarah Pike** and **Fredi Rahn**, will show work that offers both historical and contemporary context to the barn theme which was inspired by the many farm buildings that continue to populate the more rural patches of the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley.

A collection of paintings by Maple Ridge artist Kristin Krimmel features barns of varying vintage, most of which appear starkly elegant even as some of their timber frames are showing signs of wear and deterioration. Additional paintings of flowers, all the more charming for their loose, casual arrangement, add a relaxed home-like sense to the gallery interiors.

While Krimmel's paintings set the tone for the perimeter of the gallery, ceramic artists Sarah Pike and Fredi Rahn have each contributed a considerable range of ceramic pieces to the exhibition. Sarah Pike, who is well known in the ceramics world and is currently based in Fernie, BC, will exhibit largely tableware pieces such as mugs, tea pots and storage vessels. These warm and rustic pieces definitely add to the atmosphere and help to locate within the space the sense of an ongoing domestic presence. Fredi Rahn, also a familiar name to those who inhabit the ceramic world in the Lower Mainland and beyond, will show similarly rustic work, but its wood-fired surfaces are more organic and varied in form and additionally include some small sculptural pieces.

In addition to the public reception on **Saturday February 15**, from 2-4pm, local painter Kristin Krimmel will offer a free talk and tour of her paintings in the exhibition on **Saturday, February 29** from 1 – 2 pm. Also, on **Saturday, March 7**, the public is invited to join heritage consultant Donald Luxton for an illustrated discussion of the agricultural origins of the region, the development of early farming settlements and the surviving historical legacy that recalls our agricultural roots.

All of these events are free to the public.

#### **About The ACT Art Gallery**

*The ACT Art Gallery is located inside The ACT Art Centre, and operated by the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council. In fulfilling its mission to broaden and enrich the public's appreciation and understanding of visual culture, it presents stimulating and diverse displays of artwork by local, regional and national artists and artisans. The public are also invited to participate in talks, workshops and other presentations that are held in the gallery on a regular basis. Visitors are welcome to visit the gallery at no charge from Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 11am to 4pm, as well as on selected evenings to coincide with theatre performances. Please visit us at [www.theactmapleridge.org/gallery](http://www.theactmapleridge.org/gallery).*

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PHOTO CAPTION: Kristin Krimmel, *Below the Dike*, 24 x 36", acrylic, 2018

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