



BLUES OF EVERY HUE ON DISPLAY AT THE ACT ART GALLERY

New themed artwork from Federation of Canadian Artists: Fraser Valley Chapter

Exhibition Dates:	Saturday, January 11 – Saturday, February 8, 2020
Opening Reception:	Saturday, January 11, 2–4 pm (free)
Gallery hours:	Tuesday – Saturday, 11am-4pm and selected evenings
Location:	The ACT Art Gallery, 11944 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 6G1

Maple Ridge, BC, December 12, 2019 – The ACT Art Gallery is delighted to be welcoming back the local chapter of the **Federation of Canadian Artists** for their latest exhibition, *Shades of Blue*. The theme of the exhibition will be the colour blue, so each of the artists in this juried exhibition must demonstrate the effective use of at least one of the myriad shades of blue in the painting(s) accepted for exhibition.

Of all the primary colours, blue is said to evoke the greatest sense of depth and mystery. Perhaps this is because it is the colour of the sea and the sky, which appeal to our sense of the infinite while always in a state of flux. As a subject for meditation these subjects provide endless inspiration for west coast artists, either in a real or abstract format. And, any viewer who strolls by to see the exhibition at this time of year, will be able to enjoy the added enhancement of the shifting winter light and its effects on the artwork throughout the winter months.

The **Federation of Canadian Artists** describes itself as Canada’s largest art service organization. Its mission is to “*advance the knowledge and appreciation of art and culture to all Canadians, offering education, exhibition and communication in the Visual Arts, and to support and promote emerging to professional member artists.*” Founded in 1941, its early membership included such Canadian luminaries as Lawren Harris, Arther Lismer, A.Y. Jackson and Emily Carr, who was in fact a founding member.

The ACT Art Gallery is honoured to shine a light of some of the community’s most accomplished artists throughout the run of this vibrant and illuminating exhibition. The public is encouraged to come out and discover the artists in their midst at the public opening on January 11 at 2pm.

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.

*The Gallery will be closed from December 20 and will re-open for **Shades of Blue** on January 11, 2020 at 2:00 pm.*

The ACT Arts Centre gratefully acknowledges the generous support of **Morningstar Homes** in supporting the 2019/20 season.

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PHOTO CAPTION: *On the Road*, Gina Rubin, 24x24” acrylic on canvas

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