



Historical Timeline

North Vancouver Community Arts Council - 1969-2019

The First Decade - 1969-1979

1969 - NVCAC was established, located in North Vancouver Recreation Centre, Anne MacDonald was the first Executive Director

1972 - Picture Loan Programme established (now Art Rental)

1973 - 1st Annual Heritage Ball fundraiser held to celebrate Heritage Day

1974 - 2nd Annual Heritage Ball fundraiser held at the Armories on 15 Feb to celebrate Heritage Day

1975 - NVCAC requested that the Presentation House be given to the community for use as an arts centre (when it was decided that a new City Hall would be built)

1976 - Presentation House Cultural Society founded, gallery and museum space officially opened 12 Sep

- operated Presentation House Gallery as a general art gallery serving the residents of the North Shore and the theatre
- Council produces monthly a news calendar of events
- NVCAC adjudicates applicants to the B.C. Cultural Fund, Ella Parkinson, Chair

1977 - Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau and wife Margaret visit the studio opening

- St. Johns Anglican Church (built 1899) moved to 3rd Ave. site and became Anne MacDonald Studio

1978 - Official opening of Presentation House following restoration through volunteer Building Committee and the Young Canada Works Program, opened 11 December

- Held a book festival in October

The Second Decade – 1979-1989

1986 - 'Cathedral', unveiling ceremony at Waterfront Park – public art, may

- Heritage Seminar featuring Pierre Burton in February

1987 - Masked auction to raise funds for NS students, oct

1988 - Creation of North Shore Arts Commission, Judy Dennis, chair

The Third Decade – 1989-1999

1993 - Established the NVCAC Youth Cultural Development Fund

1997 - After School Art programme established

1998 - Communities in Bloom youth banner contest

- Wildlights Lantern Festival launched, continued until 2009

1999 - Art in the Garden tour launched, celebrating 20th edition in 2019

The Fourth Decade – 1999-2009

2000 - Visions of the North Shore millennium project

- Children's outdoor art activities began (in conjunction with local community events)
- Partnership with Canadian Millennium Partnership Program and the British Columbia Community Spirit Program

2001 - CityScape Community ArtSpace opens, NVCAC office moves to this space with the North Vancouver Arts Commission

- CityScape Community ArtSpace exhibitions and interactive outreach programme begin

2002 - Rhythm & Word Music Therapy programme begins at North Vancouver Alternate School, Keith Lynn Secondary School

2003 - extended fine arts programme for children begins, offering classes through Christie House Sep-June, began offering professional development for artists

2008 - North Vancouver Arts Commission vacated the office space, NVCAC took over entire space and undertook renovations to expand Art Rental programme

The Fifth Decade – 2009-2019

2009 – Arts Education moves to Maplewood House

2010 – art rental salon is open, making the art rental collection available for public viewing during all operating hours

- New website launched including full art rental collection and offering online registration and purchase of event tickets and member profiles

2011 – Campfires Spirit Festival in February including exhibition at CityScape, Philosophers' Café and large-scale celebration at Shipbuilders' Square including centennial celebration for North Shore Scouts

- Pushing Boundaries biennale contemporary First Nations exhibition launched

2012 – Trolley Dances launched, featuring site specific dance performances at 4 surprise sites throughout the North Shore, continues to 2016

- Rhythm & Word moved to Mountainside Secondary School where it continues to thrive

2013 – Tag You're Knit! Community Public Art project involved community in yarn-bombing

2014 – North Shore Art Crawl, established in 2011 by two local artists turned over to NVCAC

2016 – begin partnering with Maplewood Farm to offer Art on the Farm camps in spring and summer

2017 – North Shore Cultural Mapping project launched, with a target date of March 2020 to build an online mapping tool to serve as a cultural hub for the North Shore region

- You Are Here calendar launched, to promote cultural mapping and a sense of place
- ART+PLACE included exhibition at CityScape, contemporary dance performance at Waterfront Park within Cathedral public art sculpture, community dance workshops

2018 – Brand name changed to North Van Arts

- Art & Mycology programme launched at Mountainside Secondary School
- Jazz Sundays launched in partnership with Club 45

2019 – partnership with Crafted Vancouver