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As you'll see in these pages, on this gorgeous swath of coastline, we're spoiled with creatives.

From spirits to mushrooms, painting to dance, Coasters know how to grasp life's intangible experiences and interpret them, express them and share them.

We're not an island, but we are a community bound by two too-often-late ferries and the creative culture that's caringly cultivated in our isolation.

Our artists and creatives have sustained us through the trials of the past couple years and will continue to do so as the world grapples with existential questions. Let's be sure to support them and each other in turn.

Thank you to the Coast's creative community for all you do enriching our lives.

— Bronwyn Bearisto, Editor

LIQUID ARTS

Small yet vibrant, Bruinwood Estate Distillery, a Sunshine Coast spirits producer, will come to life at around 4 a.m. on a production day with the arrival of the distiller. Within that first hour, he'll fill and fire up the stills and get the day's mash cooking. The "mash" is a classic mixture of wheat, barley and water that is heated slowly over many hours with the goal of converting the starch in the wheat into fermentable sugars. This natural process has been repeated untold numbers of times by distillers all over the world in the never-ending quest for great spirits!



PHOTO: Rolf Vermeulen

Modern spirits as we know them today originated in the Middle East and migrated into Europe thousands of years ago. The desire for medicine led to infusions of herbs and juniper berries into those first spirits and the concept of liqueurs began to develop. Agriculture, war and pestilence shaped our modern view of gin and many world governments' efforts to control alcohol for centuries has led to taxes, smuggling, incredible social change, the development of rich complex cultures and societies and, of course, ultimately to the great American prohibition on alcohol – a great stroke of luck for Canadian distillers.



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Handcrafted Art
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British Columbia is one of the best craft alcohol jurisdictions in North America. With 350 wineries, 160 breweries and 60 distilleries, there is something for everybody. Even non-alcoholic options! In B.C., “craft” distilleries claim that special designation by following two main rules. The first is that any alcohol they sell must be made from scratch on the premises. Secondly, any fermentable ingredients they use must come from B.C. farmers. At Bruinwood they strive, not only to use B.C. products but to use as many Sunshine Coast-based ingredients as they can find – from quince to blackberries to excellent local rhubarb. They all find a way into their flavourful beverages.

Bruinwood proprietors Jeff Barringer and Danise Lofstrom have had a long relationship with Canada’s culinary scene. Beginning in the early ‘90s, Jeff and Danise travelled from coast to coast, exploring, documenting and presenting their love of the country’s foods and beverages through their five food and wine-oriented television series. Through those many adventures, they became well acquainted with an incredible bounty of foods, flavours, and potential.

As a result of these culinary-based experiences, Bruinwood is noted for being one of B.C.’s most innovative spirits producers with over 40 registered vodkas, gins and liqueurs, many unique to their distillery. By extension, that makes the Sunshine Coast one of the more interesting places to discover B.C. craft alcohol. Not only do we have the distilleries – three of them – but we also have some excellent breweries and cider companies worth checking out.

As the skies darken and the day comes to a close, the distiller at Bruinwood will work late into the evening, transferring the finished mash into stainless steel tanks and ultimately adding the yeast that will cause the magical fermentation. Four or five days later, distilling off the alcohol begins and the process starts anew. An endless, timeless craft forged from culture, conflict and history.

- Submitted by Bruinwood Estate Distillery



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Now in it's 12th year, the 2022 Sunshine Coast Art Crawl has become a signature event for travellers, locals, artists and art lovers. As the Crawl is in the fall, our unique B&B's and other accommodators have more space available for an artful retreat.

The Coast transforms into one large interactive art show Oct. 21 to 23

from Earls Cove to Langdale. It is a chance to meet the artists and discover where they live, work and play. Some of the artists offer live demos and others will be holding Friday evening receptions – note the red wine glass icon on the brochure and on the website coastculture.com/art-crawl.

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The Art Crawl is an event where residents invite their families from 'afar' to come and join them for the weekend to take a self-directed and free tour and discover new areas and hidden treasures on the Coast by following the Art Crawl map, the distinctive Art Crawl road signs and recommendations from other Crawlers.

Unique to this year's 2022 Crawl are some interesting venues like the Sunshine Coast Spinners and Weavers showing at the GM dealership in Wilson Creek or the Check it Out group showing at the Roberts Creek Library. Then there is the group of five remarkable artists showing at Sarah Wray Hall in Garden Bay. The Hall is the historic and restored original school in Irvines Landing and is wheelchair accessible with a large parking lot. The whole Madeira Park to Earls Cove area this year has more venues than ever and the stunning scenery makes the drive well worth it.

Each year new 'clusters' of artists appear in a neighbourhood, like the Henderson Hot Spot in Roberts Creek or in Sechelt at the Rockwood Centre, where two separate groups are showing with five artists upstairs and two on the ground level art space. Then there is the Bonniebrook area, which had only two venues in the past and this year has eight with over 15 artists.

There are 30 new venues this year and after two years of COVID restrictions, past artists are returning, while others take a break to do the Crawl themselves for the first time and enjoy the experience. All this everchanging activity is what keeps the Sunshine Coast Art Crawl fresh with something new and exciting happening each and every year.

Visit sunshinecoastartcrawl.com to get an in-depth look at each artist participant and to help plan your trip. Remember to join the highly active Instagram and Facebook pages @coastculturalalliance to get the latest hot tips and a visual peek online at what the artists are offering. Government health guidelines will be followed, if they arise, to continue to create a safe and special event for everyone.

— Linda Barlin, Coast Cultural Alliance

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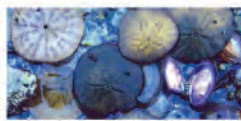
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Acrylics on various surfaces including canvas, driftwood, ceramic.
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62 Jeff Barringer – Bruinwood Estate Distillery

Eclectic abstract expressionist paintings and works with wood inlay.
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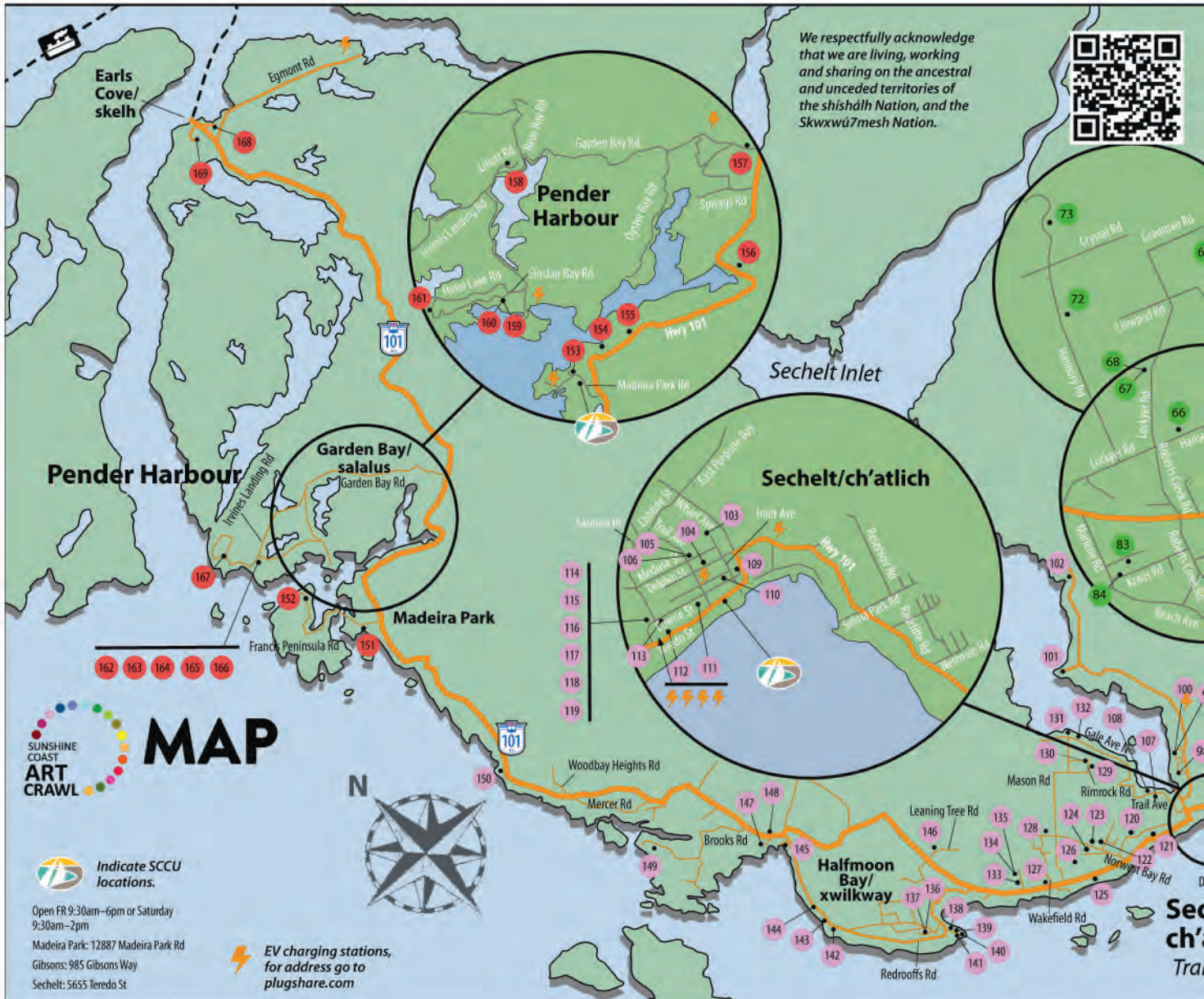


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121 Elle Bee Art Studio – Laura Barron

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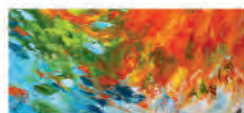
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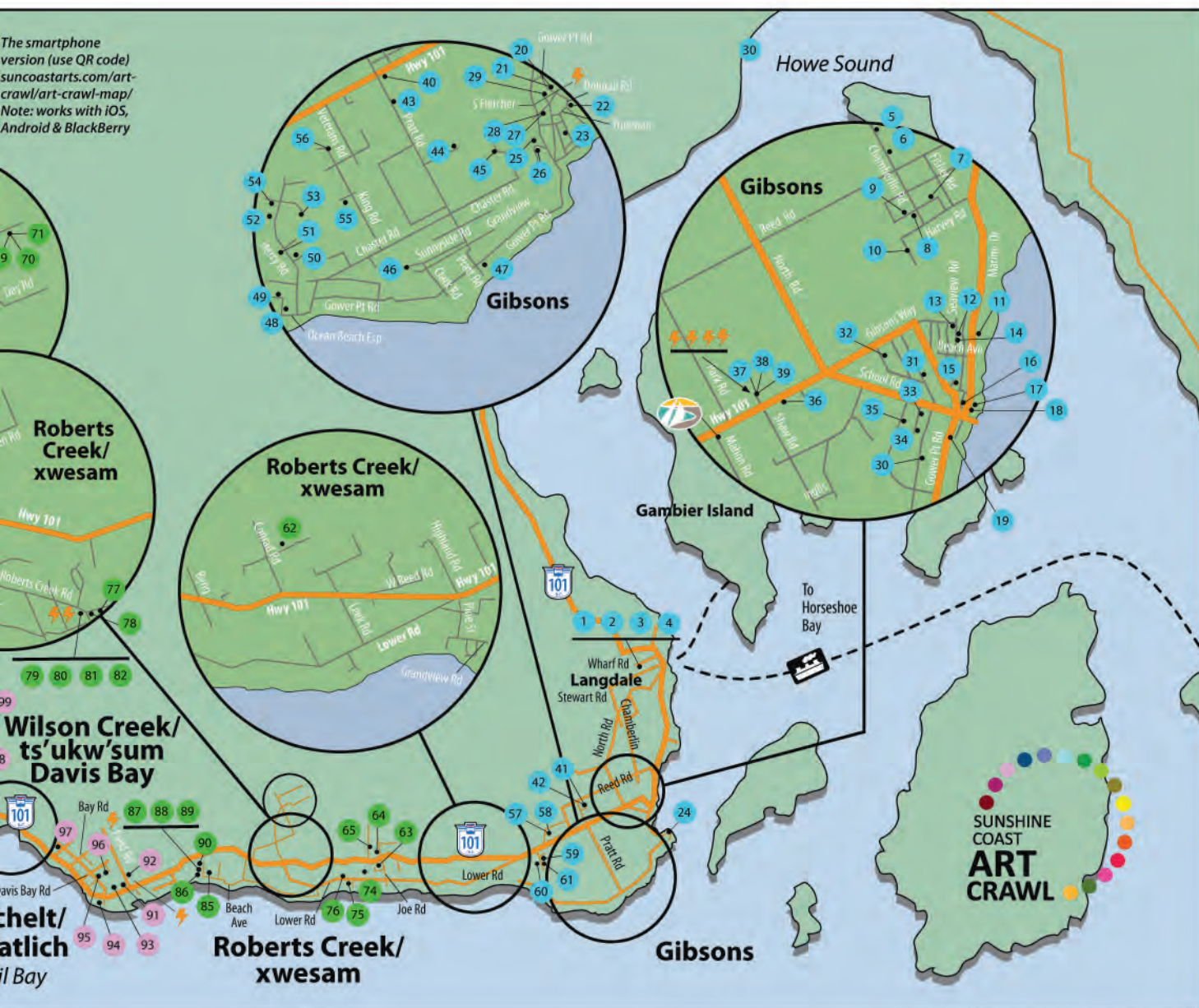
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PLEIN AIR PAINTING

the joy of the challenge

JAN POYNTER



This week, as I pack my paints, panels and equipment for another work trip, I thought I should let you know – I won't be participating in the Art Crawl this year. Instead, I will be paying homage to our own Group of Seven with a painting journey through Quebec and Ontario. Plenty of red and orange paint involved this time – chasing the leaves – following my passion for en plein air painting. It means “in the open air.” Out of the studio, down the road, to the forest, the rivers, trees, rocks and lakes. Oh, the joy.

Plein Air is the act of painting on location – observing and quickly capturing the light and essence of a scene. Beginning in Europe with the familiar big names, the French Impressionists, Constable and Turner in the U.K., and later the Hudson and California schools of painting in the U.S. Our Canadian Group of Seven and similar Australian Heidelberg School.

The pandemic restricted my overseas travel, so this summer was ex-

ploring B.C., to small towns and some of our most dramatic landscapes. Through Hedley, Nelson and Wilmer to the glacial ridges of the Bugaboos Spires. Then off to the rugged coastal crags of Ucluelet and Bamfield on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Years of inspiration, thousands of photos later... back to the studio. My small en plein air studies inspire and inform my larger works (filmed on location).

We are a hardy group – working in isolation or sharing our obsession in paint outs, regional events and online forums. Plein Air is a “movement” where art groups, travellers and whole towns get in on the action, painters and art lovers gathering from near and far.

Check out the Facebook Group for the Sunshine Coast, attend an event to participate or simply observe. I am a member of Plein Air BC that lists



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events and activities, and the Federation of Canadian Artists that offers great workshops and classes. I will be teaching again in 2023.

It has taken me years to customize equipment and refine my technique. It is not for everyone: hauling gear, slathering on bug spray and sunscreen, racing with drying paint in rain and wind.

Maybe just start with sketching. I encourage everyone to slow down, observe and draw your surroundings. In your garden. At your desk. At the park or the beach. Take a simple spiral bound sketchbook and pencil. No masterpieces, you don't have to "share" it with anyone, and it's not a journal. It's a practice... like exercise or meditation. Take and make the time to see.

With all these new paintings piling up it's time for a sale before Christmas! Visit my studio Nov. 25 to Dec. 4, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at 558 Woodland Avenue in Gibsons or online at janpoynter.com.

— Submitted by Jan Poynter

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MUSHROOMANIA FESTIVAL

After a successful inaugural event in 2021, the the Mushroomania Festival is back in Gibsons this year on the Oct. 28 to 30 weekend, with the Gibsons Public Market returning as the key festival venue. Featuring educational speakers, workshops and demos, a film screening, mushroom-themed food vendors and menus, forest walks, a mushroom marketplace, activities for children and more, “MushroomMania is an expression of the Sunshine Coast’s zeal for all things mushroom!” enthused festival organizer Andrea Coates.

“Public awareness of the culinary, medicinal, therapeutic and environmental benefits of various species of mushroom has been exploding in recent years,” said festival organizer Joy Dutcher of Mycelium, who will be giving a special talk on how neurodivergent conditions such as ADHD can be positively empowered by the use of functional mushroom supplements. Other speakers hosting presentations in the Gibsons Public Market Coastal Room include Jennifer Dou of Forij Mushrooms on mushroom cultivation, Shannon Hobson of Natural Know How on medicinal mushrooms of the Sunshine Coast, Stephanie Dacre of Vancouver Mushroom Co. on making kombucha from mushrooms, Dr. Landon McLean ND on the medical history and use of psilocybin, and Stephanie Bulman on a mushroom substrate research project she is undertaking at Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

“With an estimated 500 unique species growing in this region, the Sunshine Coast is well-placed to become a hub for mushroom lovers from all over,” said festival organizer Jody “Shaggy Jack” Franklin, who will be returning this year to host his popular Wild Mushroom Foraging For Beginners class and forest walk, an immersive educational experience.



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This year's film feature at the Heritage Playhouse on Saturday night will be a special 10-year anniversary screening of the critically-heralded, award-winning *Now, Forager*, a charming and downbeat indie movie about a young forager/chef couple trying to make a living selling wildforaged mushrooms to restaurants in *New York City*. "*Now, Forager, beautifully* depicts the connection between nature and our plates," wrote one reviewer. "You'll never look at mushrooms quite the same way."

Shaggy Jack said, "We hope to see MushroomMania and our local community of mushroom enthusiasts continue to grow like fungal mycelium for years to come!" *Tickets available online at mushroomania.ca.*

— Submitted by Jody Franklin, Shaggy Jacks



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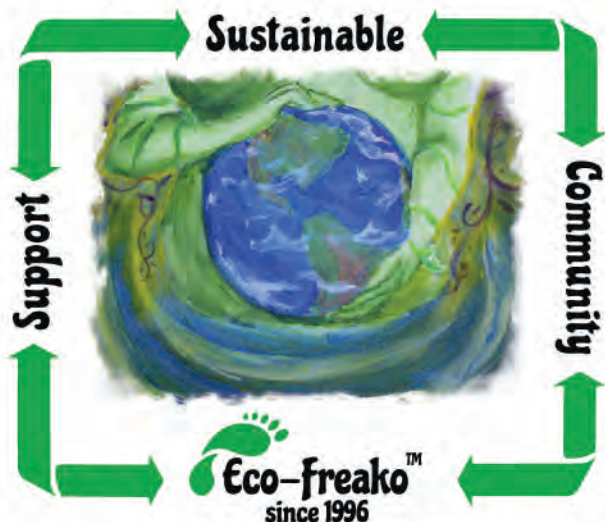
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