

FCA-COC Vice President 1 2025 Report

Submitted by Vanessa Ali, to be presented at the 2025 AGM, December 8

The main duty in my role is to arrange/schedule guest artists to present at our monthly general meetings. Guest presenters are paid a \$150 honorarium – an extra \$50 is given to guests who have to travel from out of town for in-person demos.

- 2025 Jan – Yvonne Reddick demo (via Zoom)
- 2025 Feb – Heather Pant demo (via Zoom)
- 2025 Mar – Laurie Koss & Kit Bell critiques
- 2025 Apr – Linda Lovisa demo
- 2025 May – Jan Crawford demo (extra honorarium given)
- 2025 June – (Spring Social)
- 2025 Sept – Sandra Hogarth, talk & critiques
- 2025 Oct – Alex Fong demo
- 2025 Nov – James Postill, demo (extra honorarium given)
- 2025 Dec – (Xmas Social)

I created a Google spreadsheet stored in the cloud on the FCA-COC shared Google Drive that contains info about our monthly guests: past/present/future (planned and potential) in order to facilitate a better flow of information for whomever is performing this role. It includes when the artist has been a guest in the past to aid scheduling and their contact info for approaching them in the future.

Throughout the year, I participated in committee meetings for planning the 2025 Kelowna Artscape, a four day fall show at the Rotary Centre over the Thanksgiving weekend, October 2025. I wrote and submitted an application to the city Arts for a matching grant in late November 2024 and it was approved and awarded in February 2025. I wrote and submitted the financial report for the 2025 grant to the city and wrote an application for a 2026 grant, both submitted before the Dec. 1/25 deadline. We hope to get a positive response back from the city early in the new year.