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Welcome to the monthly newsletter for the Vancouver Art Gallery's family programs. Every weekend the Gallery offers unique activities geared towards 5 to 12 year-old visitors and their families. This newsletter highlights each month's activities.



Every Saturday, 12-4pm

Grown-ups and children can explore the galleries with our team of bold, whimsical, funny and informed Art Agents. Every Saturday agents engage in the exhibitions with new activities and conversations related to the works on display. Free with regular admission.



Every Saturday, 12:30pm & 2pm in the Galleries

Art Tracks are tours for families offering new and interdisciplinary ways of looking at and thinking about art. Free with regular admission.

Forthcoming Art Tracks:

Saturday, January 2

Explore the many vertical lines, the size and shape of the various works in the exhibits and imagine how they might speak to one another.

Saturday, January 9

Take a special look at First Nations art of British Columbia and discover how the many animals inspire and are transformed.

Saturday, January 16

Delve into the exhibit *Visions of British Columbia: A Landscape Manual* and discover how BC artists create and break down ideas about this province and its history.

Saturday, January 23

Explore the materials, size and shape of the sculptures, paintings, masks and drawings in *Visions of British Columbia: A Landscape Manual* and discover where conversations occur.

Saturday, January 30

Come and explore the many animals as described by Robert Davidson, Brian Jungen, Willie Seaweed and other artists in the exhibit *Visions of British Columbia: A Landscape Manual*.



2nd and 4th Sunday, 12 - 4pm

The Making Place offers explorative, hands-on workshops for all kinds of making-related activities. Free with regular admission.

Forthcoming Making Places:

Sunday, January 10

1. *Sketch a Landscape* – Explore new ways of looking at the Group of Seven through pastel drawing.
2. *Explore Shapes* – Through wire sculpture, investigate the different forms, shapes, lines and skeletons of the sculptures present in the Gallery.
3. *Build Stanley Park* – Add your own distinct tree, animal or imaginary creature to the collaborative Vancouver forest.

Sunday, January 25

1. *Create a Portrait* – Finding inspiration from Jin-me Yoon's *Group of Sixty-Seven* create your own portrait and landscape.
2. *Invent a textured Forest* – Search the Making Place for different textures and images and create your own bold visual statement.
3. *Make a Neon Mural* – Using different kinds and colours of paint form a collaborative mural inspired by the works of Lawrence Paul Yuxweluptun.

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Family FUSE Weekend



Each year the Vancouver Art Gallery hosts three family-friendly weekends that explore contemporary art and culture through participatory and interdisciplinary activities, including performances and workshops. Family FUSE Weekends are geared towards 5 to 12 year olds, and will be engaging for the whole family.

Saturday and Sunday, March 13 & 14

Inside Out

The Vancouver Art Gallery's Family FUSE Weekend will explore *Inside Out*. Together, families will investigate inside and outside spaces from the real to the imaginary, from our bodies to our minds. This weekend will include special tours and activities designed for children and their families, who can participate in animation and drawing workshops, take in film, hear live music, and rediscover the Gallery space in a whole new way.

Gallery Members and children aged 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. For more information about Family FUSE Weekend, call **604-662-4700** or visit the Gallery's website at www.vanartgallery.bc.ca.