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PUBLISHED BY THE BRITISH COLUMBIA CRAFTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

A BRITISH COLUMBIA CRAFT ASSOCIATION has been formed. At the founding meeting in May an interim executive was elected, to serve until the first annual meeting in September.

Acting president is Jean Marie Weakland; Vice-President, Linda Powell; Secretary, Mary Bowerman; Treasurer, Midge Behnke; Editor of Craft Contacts, Dierdre Spencer; and Publicity, Eric Green.

Nominations are being received at: B.C. Craft Association, 315 West Cordova Street, Vancouver 3, B.C.

You may request a copy of the proposed constitution and bylaws of the association when applying for membership. Types of membership are listed at the end of this article.

In discussion about the formation of an all-crafts association for B.C., Jean Weakland emphasized that the organization has been formed primarily to help professionals in the crafts, but pointed out as well that a strong organization will be able to provide information and assistance to amateur groups.

The association is asking for nominations for the board of directors and executive positions from all over the province. Nominations will close July 15th.. IF YOU WANT TO SUGGEST SOMEONE FOR ONE OF THESE POSITIONS, please respond as quickly as possible.

The craft association has been formed as a response to a growing need for an organized body to lobby with municipal, provincial and federal governments for recognition of the crafts as an essential element of Canadian cultural life.

It has been noted that craftsmen tend to be left out of the picture when cultural grants are distributed. The craft association will act as a source of information and, when the finances permit, take a much more active part in developing all-craft or single-craft exhibitions, and helping artists working in the field participate in exhibitions in other parts of Canada and United States, as well as overseas.

Every craftsman should take out a membership and take an active part in the life of this organization--in time we may be effective in getting inequitable laws altered to permit craftsmen to move their art across the border as freely as painters do. The larger our membership, the greater our voice will be.

The organization will approach provincial and federal governments, philanthropic organizations and businesses for assistance in the future.

The need for this organization is made evident by increasing requests from government agencies for information about professional or semi-professional craftsmen. The Canadian Crafts Survey and Membership Plebiscite sent out by Statistics Canada in 1971 is one example. The Craft Liaison Committee of the Community Arts Council receives requests frequently for information about B.C. craftsmen, and one service the association expects to provide is a directory of craftsmen.

The association will, after the September meeting, be incorporated under the B.C. Societies Act as a non-profit organization functioning in the interests of the craftsmen of B.C. Its broad objectives are to stimulate interest in B.C. crafts.

The board of directors for the association will be made up of the officers, the past president and one representative from the following areas of B.C.:

EAST KOOTENAY	NORTH-WESTERN
WEST KOOTENAY	PEACE RIVER
NORTH KOOTENAY	CENTRAL INTERIOR
NORTH OKANAGAN	LOWER COAST
CENTRAL OKANAGAN	SALMON ARM- CHILCOTIN
SOUTH OKANAGAN	HOPE FRASER CANYON
VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH	SOUTH FRASER VALLEY
VANCOUVER ISLAND SOUTH	NORTH FRASER VALLEY
VANCOUVER ISLAND CENTRAL	GREATER VANCOUVER

The problems of representation outlined in this list will be one of the topics up for discussion at the September meeting. When nominations are received, requests will be sent to the nominees for a brief biography. These biographies will be collected and sent out to members for voting information.

MEMBERSHIPS

The several kinds of memberships are as follows:

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| A. Participating member - individual | \$5.00 |
| B. Contributing member - individual plus contribution | \$15.00 * |
| C. Participating group member -
Membership under 25 | \$15.00 |
| " " over 25 | \$30.00 |
| D. Sponsoring member - individual or group wishing to make a significant contribution to the association | \$25.00 ** |
| E. Student - full-time student under 25 years of age | \$ 2.00 |
| * Contribution beyond \$5.00 membership is deductible | |
| ** Minimum contribution for this category. | |

MEMBERSHIP FORM-- Cut off and mail to B.C. Craft Association, 315 West Cordova Street, Vancouver 3, B.C.

I (We) wish to take out the following kind of membership in the B.C. Craft Association _____
Please find enclosed a cheque/ money order covering a membership from September 1972 to September 1973 _____

INDIVIDUAL NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

For our information would you specify your craft (if an individual-- please provide membership list with craft or crafts described if an organization.

CERAMICS - clay () glass () sculpture ()
TEXTILE CRAFTS - batik () crocheting () knitting ()
rug making () textile printing () macrame ()
tapestry () weaving ()
WOOD CRAFTS - carving () sculpture () turning ()
furniture making () inlay including marquetry ()
METAL - holloware () jewellery () sculpture ()
wrought iron ()
OTHER - enamel () lapidary () leather () plastics ()
(JOIN TODAY!) (JOIN TODAY!)

ADVERTISEMENTS continued..... THE CLAMSHELL.

-bases & Batik. Please call the store for an appointment: 685-3364.
RED MOUNTAIN HANDCRAFTS: Open July 1st. Write, Audrey L. Mann, Box 146, Rossland, B.C.

GUILD NEWS....

B.C. POTTER'S GUILD: NEW OFFICERS: Chairman, Ruth Meecham; Sec, Lona Senior; Tres, Iris Smith; Editor, Stan Clarke; Hycroft, Gary Kozel; Librarian, Hiro Urakani; Programs, Marjory Johnson..... POTTER'S NOTE, POTTERS NOTICE, POTTERS NOTED... Annual Picnic at Iris Smith's, 12993 Harris Rd. Pitt Meadows, Sat June 24th. Bring Bisque pots. There will be Raku or pit firing. At 3pm. Craft Factory Brief discussion. Bring lunch. Coffe & weiners provided..... PUBLICATION; The Western Potter.

B.C. SPINNER'S & WEAVER'S GUILD: NEW OFFICERS: President, Ruth Read; Corr. Sec. Doris Patko; Tres, Florence Barham, 13357 Cres. Rd Surrey, 536-7582. Editor, Ernestine Allen Publication; Guild Newsletter... Fees. Active Members, \$7.50, Associate; \$3.00.

FABRIC ARTS GUILD: No meetings until September. Publication: Guild Newsletter. The Creative Fabric Arts Studio received an extension of the L.I.P. Grant to continue craft instruction to handicapped & homebound persons.

CANADIAN GUILD OF CRAFTS OFFICE: Now situated, with the Craft Gallery, at 29 Prince Arthur St. Toronto 5, Ont. Crafts for their shop still go c/o Mrs Fogarty 140 Cumberland St Toronto 5. Ont.

SUMMER SCHOOLS * WORKSHOPS * SUMMER COURSES*

CRAFT COURSES AT WEST VANCOUVER'S ARTS FESTIVAL: Batik, candlemaking & hand pottery. Pre-registration, apply; West Vancouver Community Art Centre, 2185 Fulton, W.V. 982-2862.

CERAMIC TEACHING STUDIO: Write, Shirley Freding, Box 488, Princeton, B.C.

NORCENTRE SUMMER SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS: June, July, August. Instruction in Band, chorus Folk guitar, Ballet, piano, creative arts, clay modeling & art. Write, M.S.S.F.A. c/o Mr W.E. Wiens, 1891-Sixth Ave, Prince George, B.C.

BURNABY ART GALLERY, SUMMER SCHOOL OF THE ARTS: Call, 291-8658 for information.

HAL RIEGGER WORKSHOPS: 5835 Bowness Rd, N.W., Calgary, 45, Alta.

NELSON 3.C., NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY: July 3rd-28th, Primitive pottery with George Cummings & spinning, dyeing, weaving & macrame with Judith Bradford.

KAMLOOPS SUMMER SCHOOL OF THE ARTS: Pottery for adults & children, July 3rd-14th. If local interest is shown, a Fabric Arts course will be included; call Don Menzies

THE NEW EMBROIDERY GUILD-IN CONJUNCTION WITH CAMUSUN COLLEGE: Workshop in Creative Stitchery. July 24th. for five days. The teachers Del Field & Marie McGill will introduce 2 themes. \$25.00 for 5 days of 4 hrs per day. Enquire; 592-2411.

HUYGHE SCHOOL OF POTTERY: 4430 W 10th. Vancouver, 8. Call 224-5194 or 736-8854.

Courses #1 & #2, Handbuilding with Donna McLaren, July 3rd-14th, 10 lessons.

Course #1 3pm-5pm. Course #2 7pm-9pm. 10 lessons.

Course #3, Advanced Throwing, July 17th-28th. 7. 30pm-9. 30pm.

Course #4, Introductory Throwing for Beginners, July 31st-Aug 11th, 7. 30pm-9. 30pm.

Both courses of 10 lessons will be given by Mary Bowerman, B.F.A.... \$35.00 each. Childrens Clay School; Aug 14th-25th. Age 5-9 at 10am-noon, Age 9-12 at 1. 30pm-3. 30pm. The teacher will be Gillian McMillen. Fee \$20.00.

CREATIVE FABRIC ARTS STUDIO: 2nd floor, Community Music School, 557 W. 12th. Vanc.

SUMMER SCHOOLS ETC. continued.....CREATIVE FABRIC ARTS STUDIO:873-2333.

Weaving Jewellery, June 27th-28th. with Hilde Gerson.\$6.00 for 2 days.Call for info.
Craft Seminar for people working with the handicapped, on Thursdays thru July & August, 10am-3pm. at the Studio.

HANDCRAFT HOUSE SUMMER SCHOOL:110 W. Esplanade, North Vancouver.988-6912.

Register now, all new staff for the summer. Dave Toresdahl will teach beginners & advanced Clay for July & August. Dorothy Field, loom & non loom weaving thru July. Jan Wagstaff will be teaching loom & non loom weaving & an exciting new course in soft sculpture & fabric collage. Lack of space prevents further details so call for class brochure.

CRAFTLIGHTS*

WANTED:Information about overhead beater looms utilizing joinery & the development of functional tapestry looms.If you have an unusual loom or early books about looms, please contact Steve Lones, 10460 Ladner Trunk Rd. Delta, 946-9756.

He is doing research into traditional loom design.

CRAFT DIMENSIONS the publication of the Canadian Guild of Crafts will feature one of the winning exhibits from the recent B.C.Craft Exhibition on the front cover this next issue, also write-up of the show.

J.W.FELTER OF SFU, who was responsible for inviting the B.C.Craft Exhibition to the SFU Gallery in April, had his own successful showing of drawings in Quito; VANCOUVER ART GALLERY: subscribe to Van Guard to find out what is on there.

POTTER'S JAPAN VISIT: 20 potters visit Japan, Aug 24th-24th. Efforts to raise money for the journey include a sale at Oakridge Shopping Centre, Van. July 6th, 7th & 8th B.C.TEACHER'S FEDERATION-LESSON AIDS:2235 Burrard St Vancouver, 731-8121.

Write for their pamphlets on supplies: Nature dyeing, tapestry weaving, centrifugal casting, weaving & a textile series. Supply sources are listed.

GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING LABELLING: Marking precious metals, labelling textiles & the regulations regarding the sale, advertising & importation of glazed ceramics: information from; Canada Dept. Consumer & Corporate Affairs, Ottawa 9 Ont. Try saying "lead glazed" to a potter or Cadmiun....or....or....

VICTORIA CRAFT SHOWCASE: Awards: 1st in the show; Mel Munsen, 6 glass pieces.

Michael Richardson, Raku pottery; Frances Hunter, 2 weavings. Convener; Kathy van Dyk & 172FT POLE: soon to be erected at Alert Bay B.C. will be the tallest Tot. pole ever erected, its carved & painted figures represent 12 tribes of the Kwakiutl nation. Their greatest treasures are at the Museum of Man, Montreal.

BASKETRY: An increasing interest in the use of basket weaves is forecast by Carol Beadle who was recently teaching at Handcraft House, North Van. Much can be done with the traditional basket techniques to produce exciting new forms. The coiled weave in particular has exceptional structural strength & there is no limit to its possibilities. Textile craftsmen will be greatly aided by its use in their dimensional creations.

TWO NOTICES: GALLIANO ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW: Sat. Aug 5th, at 1pm-8.30pm, Galliano Island HANDCRAFT HOUSE, NORTH VANCOUVER: June, Display of pit fired feathered sculpture, by David Toresdahl. Wall hangings & sculpture by prominent Vancouver craftsmen for the months of July & August.

STATISTICS CANADA: If you have not yet returned your Stat-Can form please do so now. A reminder has been sent out to all who haven't. The information gathered will finally help all craftspeople across Canada.

CRAFT CONTACTS, EDITORS COMMENT....

I have been asked to define the Craft Liaison Committee.

Some years ago the Community Arts Council of Vancouver, Craft Co-ordinator, Miss Margaret Lewis, invited a group of craftspeople, headed by Ms Jean Marie Weakland, to form a Craft Liaison Committee. Its aims were to establish a Provincial Craftsmen's Association. This has now been achieved. They helped to co-ordinate existing craft activities, gave out a constant stream of information on all craft situations, published Craft Contacts & promoted the 1972 British Columbia Craft Exhibition at Simon Fraser University.

With the formation of the B.C. Craftsmen's Association the Liaison Committee will remain only as a working adjunct of the Community Arts Council, concerning itself with Vancouver affairs.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS AUGUST 15th. Please write.
Office; 683-4358. Deirdre Spencer. Editor.

JEWELLERY SUPPLEMENT: Craft Contacts-Jewellery suppliment which may be helpful to those interested in obtaining supplies for enamelling, silver& Goldsmithing. Send 75¢ to cover costs, to Ms D.Spencer, #18-3750 Edgemont Blvd, North Vancouver. Available from July 1st.

W.C.C. Picnic Sunday, July 16th - 11:00 a.m. at 15238 Columbia Avenue,
White Rock - 536-8196.

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