

Art Curator's Report to the Annual General Meeting – April 29, 2010

2009 was an exciting year for the Langham galleries. We paid artists' fees at CARFAC rates for Main Gallery exhibits and were very pleased to be able to do so. The BC Arts Council indicated they were happy with our lineup for 2010 and had criticisms only with our lack of diversity, particularly our lack of aboriginal artists.. As we can only show those artists who send us submissions, it was difficult to know how to change this. Eventually, I sent a call for artists to some websites specifically directed at aboriginal artists and curators and received 2 submissions. One of these artists will be exhibiting in 2010, the other possibly in 2011.

As most of you probably know, we did not receive the expected level of funding from BCAC and the Gaming Commission but hope to be able to continue with the same level of quality programming in the Main Gallery. We are very fortunate with both the level of community support we receive and the fact that we have neither a mortgage nor rent to pay.

The Community Gallery continues to bring in new artists and their friends and families as viewers and as volunteers. Many people have indicated that they feel more connected to the Langham due to the consistent showing of local artists in both group and solo shows. The new curator has some exciting ideas for this gallery that should only serve to increase the sense of community involvement.

I have enjoyed my 2 years as curator and am pleased (and relieved) to pass the torch on to Kiara Lynch! I know she is sure to keep improving the level of professionalism that we are striving for in our art galleries. We are very lucky to have her as a member of the Langham team.