



MEDIA RELEASE: Nicola Valley Community Arts Council collaborates with local fashion enthusiasts and artists for Art of Clothing Exhibition

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Merritt, British Columbia ~ The NVCAC new community art exhibit, ART OF CLOTHING: Creative Fashion opens on Wednesday, August 4, 2021. The community show will display work of over a dozen artists and fashion enthusiasts at the Nicola Valley Arts Centre, with an opening reception to be held Friday, August 6, from 4-7pm. The reception will include the artists and live music by Richard Lepinsky, with original songs accompanied by his ukulele.

Local artists Jean Kiegerl and Nancy Ellingsen are submitting paintings related to fashion. NVCAC artisans Tracy Coombes, Angela Ho, Sharon Pawliuk, Susan Parkinson have created pieces to display. Cindy Trent, Joel Reid and Kelly Reid who often create wearable art for our shop, are using their talents to upcycle clothing especially for the exhibition.

Joining them are several community members, busy getting creative clothing ready for display. There will be painted, embroidered, and blinged up t-shirts, jackets, jeans, bags, hats, and umbrellas.

What NVCAC gallery curator Jano Howarth has to say about the exhibition, "We are happy people are bringing some creativity to ordinary articles of clothing and having fun with their wardrobes."

What artist Joel Reid has to say about the show, "I think you are going to like it!"

Students Karianne Kroeker and Olivia Nendick will have pieces of clothing for the show and also will be working to set up the show and help with the Reception.

- The show runs from August 4, 2021 to September 5, 2021.
- The Nicola Valley Arts Centre is open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 11am to 6pm, and on Sundays from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. Covid Protocols.

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