

Yukon Recycling Summit

November 1-2, 2022

Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, Whitehorse

Artists

Heidi Marion

Visual Artist and Sewing Workshop Host

Heidi Marion's work considers our current extinction event from several points of inquiry. Through her installation work, Heidi is trying to find out why her sense of eco-panic is calmed when thinking of our climate change situation in relation to the other extinction events the world has gone through. In the current segment, Mantle of Endowment, she is asking the public to create a physical symbol of their recycling practice, showing how the activity is itself a mandate for politicians. Heidi will assemble their work into a cloak to be worn as regalia for elected politicians and behind-the-scenes civil servants who can make the needed systemic changes.

Helen O'Connor

Visual Artist and Paper Making Workshop Host

Helen O'Connor is a Yukon visual artist who makes paper by hand from local plant fibre, recycled paper, and Asian traditional fibres in combination with other media to create artist books, sculpture, assemblage, and installation. Her works are inspired by myth and symbolism as well as the unique atmosphere, plant life and geography of the north. O'Connor's works evolve out of connection with place and process. The raw materials she works with speak their own language adding content, beauty, and depth to the work.

Originally from Ontario, O'Connor studied visual art with concentrations in printmaking, photography, and painting at the University of Western and the Ontario College of Art. Most recently, O'Connor completed a Master of Visual Art Education at the University of Victoria. Her master's project focused on exploring invasive plant species for hand papermaking and concepts of materiality through the lens of practice-led research.



Working with the little-known art medium of handmade paper has led O'Connor around the world exploring residencies and exhibition opportunities.

O'Connor's works and more about her process and exhibitions can be found at www.helenoconnor.com.

Janet Patterson

Visual Artist and Clothes Mending Workshop Host

Janet is a Whitehorse artist and curator who creates sculptural pieces using natural, recycled, and found objects. She has had several solo shows in Whitehorse over the last few years, and her work has been included in a number of juried group shows.

Janet was one of the artists selected for a residency this past summer at the Raven Recycling Centre in Whitehorse. She worked with some of the donated textiles found in the centre's red bins, dressing mannequins in 70 articles of clothing each (the number of clothes each Canadian buys on average every year). Two of her mannequins will be on display at this summit.

Janet also works as a curator. She programmed art exhibits for the Yukon Art Centre's Yukon Energy Community Gallery from February to May of this year. One of those shows featured artworks made with recycled materials.

When Janet is not making/curating art, you may find her in her garden, searching out a new hiking trail, on the yoga mat, or enjoying time with her grandchildren.

Leslie Leong

Leslie Leong Ent. Ltd. Visual Artist, and the reDesign Fair with Daren Holcombe

The annual reDesign Fair, held in late November, will resume in 2023, with skilled Artisans embracing creative reuse by working with discarded and salvaged materials to make new products for sustainability and ethical purposes.

Leslie Leong & Darren Holcombe will have a small sampling of products from past fairs, and maybe a few new items.

Nicole Bauberger

Visual Artist



Nicole Bauberger has made her home in the territories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council since 2003. She was one of the artists in residence in the Diversions Residency at Raven Recycling the summer of 2022. See more at www.nicolebauberger.com

Vendors

Adam Minter

Adam Minter is a columnist with Bloomberg Opinion, and an author of books about re-use and recycling.

BC Used Oil Management Association

The BC Used Oil Management Association (BCUOMA) is a collaborative, not-for-profit group assisted by oil and antifreeze manufacturers and first sellers of those same automotive products and parts. We collect and recycle used lubricating oil, oil filters, oil containers, used antifreeze and antifreeze containers.

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Climate Reality Project

Sarah Newton (they/them) is the Regional Organizer for Climate Reality Project and a Research Assistant at Yukon University in Northern Energy Innovation. Sarah is passionate about supporting a sustainable future through decolonizing our current systems and focusing on reconnecting with each other, the land, and the resources that we consume. They will be at the Recycling Summit to share information about the climate related impacts of waste and provide a place of contact to get involved in local climate action.

ColdAcre

ColdAcre is a year round, containerized farm, operating out of Whitehorse, Yukon. We produce leafy greens, microgreens and herbs. Our products are distributed to restaurants, grocery stores, and mining operations. We also operate the Winter Harvest subscription program, delivering ColdAcre greens and a variety of local products to customer's doorsteps in Whitehorse and Dawson City.



Crocus Botanicals

Pam Godin of Crocus Botanicals blends science & herbology to create unique formulations using organic & Yukon harvested ingredients. Each product is carefully handcrafted in small batches using pure, toxic free ingredients that keep the earth in mind. From labels to tins, each plays an important role in reducing our waste and footprint. Hand crafted in Mount Lorne, Yukon Territory.

Friends of McIntyre Creek Society

The Friends of McIntyre Creek was created to work with the City of Whitehorse and the Government of Yukon to preserve the McIntyre Creek wildlife corridor for the wild animals that use it and the enjoyment of the people of The City of Whitehorse as well as tourists.

Government of Yukon

Department of Environment staff will be on hand to talk about upcoming ban on single use paper bags. There will also be an opportunity to talk about and provide input on the proposed Extended Producer Responsibility or EPR. EPR is a “producer pay” system in which companies that produce certain products and packaging are responsible for the cost to recycle or dispose of it.

Mt. Lorne Transfer Station

Mt. Lorne Transfer Station is a waste management facility that serves the Hamlet of Mt. Lorne. We prioritize reuse, recycling and waste diversion as a means to deal with waste in a responsible manner.

Raven Recycling Society

Raven Recycling Society is a non-profit social enterprise processing 90%+ of recyclables collected in Yukon. Zero Waste Yukon is Raven's education and advocacy arm.

The Yukon Refillery

The Yukon Refillery is a small shop located in Horwood's Mall, Whitehorse that is designed to help you reduce your single-use plastic consumption by offering the option to reuse and refill your own containers again and again with household and personal



care products. We also carry other zero waste products to start you on your journey to zero waste.

Whitehorse Blue Bin Recycling

We are Yukon's Collection Services that come to you for all your recycling needs.

Whitehorse Community Thrift Store Society

The Whitehorse Community Thrift Store Society was incorporated in June 2018 with the purpose of facilitating the re-use and re-purposing of used goods while diverting waste from landfill, in addition to making affordable donated used household goods and clothing available to Yukoners. Our others goals include educating the public about consumption and waste, and promoting volunteerism and community involvement.

Whitehorse Tool Library

The Whitehorse Tool Library (WTL) is a not for profit society in Whitehorse, Yukon with a goal to provide low-barrier access to tools and build capacity among Whitehorse residents to tackle projects themselves. On top of providing low barrier access to tools, the WTL is supporting a circular economy and addressing environmental issues associated with individual consumption of tools and equipment. Production and consumption of these products has a significant environmental impact and many of these items are used infrequently, resulting in underutilization of valuable resources. WTL prioritizes access over ownership, which is inherently more sustainable as it distributes resources and keeps items at their highest and best use, reducing their overall impact. Finally, the WTL encourages resilient communities by increasing skills and local self-reliance within communities.

Yukon Public Libraries

Library cards are free for Yukoners and provide access to materials such as books, comics, DVDs, magazines and more from 15 public libraries throughout the Territory. Stream or download eBooks, audiobooks, music, TV, and more using your library card and free library apps. We liaise with community partners and boards to provide a variety of in-person and virtual programs for all ages.

