

The Blackberry Gallery

At the **Port Moody Arts Centre**

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About the gallery

The Blackberry Gallery is a public art gallery, operated by the Port Moody Arts Centre Society. The Society, registered as a non-profit organization, is funded through the help of the City of Port Moody, The BC Gaming Commission and by donations received from individuals and Corporations.

The Gallery consists of three different Gallery spaces; the Main Gallery which serves as the foyer of the Port Moody Arts Centre and the central core of the building. The 3D Gallery, located off the Main Gallery, the Plum Gallery, also adjacent to the Main Gallery, with a display case for 3D work.

The Gallery hosts shows ranging from works by international and regional to local artists. In 2007 we will be hosting 37 different shows.

Gallery Hours

Monday to Thursday, 10am to 8pm

Friday & Saturday, 10am to 5pm

Sundays noon to 4pm, closed Holidays

The best time for tours is between the hours of 10:30am to 2pm. Although it is not necessary, it is best to call ahead even for self-guided tours to avoid conflicts with other large groups.

Visiting the gallery:

The Blackberry Gallery would be pleased to have your school group visit us for a self guided tour. The staff here at the gallery would appreciate having some advance notice before your group arrives. This way we can also let you know if there are any special events booked at the Arts Centre that might impede your group's visit, or confirm that the exhibits are age appropriate.

If you plan on having your students visit the gallery on their own time, please let us know with a quick email at info@pomoartscentre.ca. That way we can make sure all of the staff is aware of any special instructions, such as if you would like the Gallery Assistants to sign a piece of paper to "prove" your students attended the exhibition.

Behavior when visiting the gallery:

- Please remember that this is an Arts Centre so there may be music lessons, meetings, classes, or other visitors in the gallery the same time as your class. The noise level will probably be much louder than other museums or galleries. Silence is not something that happens often here at the Port Moody Arts Centre!

- That being said, there are still staff working at the gallery, people trying to concentrate in their classes, and so on. Please keep your group's noise levels to a respectable level. This isn't a library so we don't request silence or whispers, but inside voices are appreciated.
- To avoid accidental damage to the artwork, we ask students to remove their backpacks before coming into the gallery. Unfortunately we do not have a coatroom, but please ask the Gallery Assistant upon arrival about storing coats and large bags during your visit.
- Students are welcome to sit on the gallery floor while taking notes or drawing, but must remain clear of exits, stairwells, and doorways. The Gallery does not supply extra pencils, pens, or drawing supplies, so don't forget to bring your own!
- Students are free to look at the work in any of the galleries currently showing exhibits, but please ensure your group does not overcrowd the galleries. Special care should be taken in the 3D gallery as this work can be fragile.
- Please no food or drink in the gallery.
- Cell phones are not appreciated in the gallery.

Tours & Information about the shows:

- If your group would like a short talk from the gallery staff, we will be happy to accommodate you. One week notification is necessary.
- Formal tours of the building and a guided art activity can be booked through the Gallery Assistant at the Port Moody Arts Centre main desk. A fee will be charged based on the number of participants in this type of tour.
- The Gallery produces a brochure for each gallery show. We will be happy to email you a digital copy of these brochures, just ask!
- Information about the gallery's exhibits can also be found online at www.pomoartscentre.ca, this is usually updated a week after a new exhibit opens. An archive of past exhibits can also be found online here.

Contact information for the gallery:

Tour booking

Gallery Assistant

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Inquiries about the gallery

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