

BURNABY ART GALLERY

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RAPIDLY DWINDLING FOOD VARIETIES RAISE CAUTION FLAG Moveable Feast Brings Global Food Issues to Burnaby as Artist Holly Schmidt Creates Local Grown Container Garden with Rare Heritage Seeds

BURNABY, BC – This summer the Burnaby Art Gallery presents *The Moveable Feast*, a public project by Vancouver artist Holly Schmidt. A vegetable garden beside Ceperley House in Deer Lake Park hosting a series of workshops, edible events, and free youth programs, *The Moveable Feast* responds to the current global mobility of food in the context of rapidly dwindling food varieties. Interested in issues surrounding urban farming, food production and consumption, Schmidt has constructed a series of planters complete with seating areas and work tables, planting various vegetable that she will be cultivating throughout the summer. The garden space is free and open to the public every day. Holly Schmidt is on-site from 1-3 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons. Volunteers are welcome to drop in to lend a hand, ask questions or propose a project. The site is also open for groups or individuals to host their own meetings, workshops or gatherings. Follow Holly's project blog and check out more information regarding upcoming programs at www.moveablefeastburnaby.ca

"*The Moveable Feast* project is an innovative and stimulating approach to socially engaged contemporary artist practices," says Darren Martins, Director/Curator of the Burnaby Art Gallery, "We at the Burnaby Art Gallery are energized by Holly Schmidt's approach to food sustainability as art and excited by our ability to move beyond our traditional gallery walls to take contemporary art into the community. Through the British Columbia Arts Council's Innovations grant program we are proud to develop this important project for the local community and look forward to engaging youth, adults and community members of all ages at upcoming events associated with this ever-changing public art program."

Moveable Feast builds upon the success of Schmidt's recent project, *Grow* presented by Other Sights for Artist's Projects in 2011. This seven-month project was a public forum, teaching tool and creative laboratory for ecological and social sustainability practices. This project explored Vancouver's expanding identity as a sustainable city through the site of South East False Creek. Planned as a "model sustainable development", the Olympic Village promotes green building practices, environmental responsibility, and alternative transportation choices. Consistent with this imperative, *Grow* brought together different interest groups and the public to address the notion of sustainability from multiple viewpoints through walking dialogues with disciplinary experts, workshops guided by master gardeners and designers. Schmidt development of an urban agriculture lab along the seawall walkway, adjacent to the Olympic Village. *The Moveable Feast* brings these issues to the forefront in Burnaby.

Holly Schmidt is a Vancouver artist with a research-based practice that engages processes of collaborative research and informal pedagogy. Moving across disciplinary boundaries, she explores the relationships between practices of making, knowledge creation and the formation of temporary communities. Schmidt is a recent graduate of the Master's program at Emily Carr University of Art + Design and a Governor General's Gold Medal recipient. Her recent exhibitions and projects include: *Grow*, Other Sights for Artists' Projects, Vancouver, Laboratory for Living, Moveable City, Cineworks, Vancouver, Bio Circuit, TEI: Tangible, Embedded Computing Conference, MIT, Boston and Inside Outside at the Visningrommet, Bergen, Norway. She teaches sessionally at Emily Carr University and maintains a studio in Vancouver.

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The Burnaby Art Gallery is dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting a contemporary and historical visual art programs by local, national and internationally recognized artists. As the stewards of the third largest public art museum collection within the Province of British Columbia, the Burnaby Art Gallery cares for and manages of 4,000 works of art. The Burnaby Art Gallery is a nationally recognized leader in print culture dedicated to showcasing original hand pulled prints and ephemera related to printmaking in Canada.

For more information about the gallery's exhibitions, programs, tours, call 604-297-4422 or visit www.burnabyartgallery.ca.

Located in beautiful surroundings of Deer Lake Park, the Burnaby Art Gallery is open Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 am-4:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday, 12:00-5:00 pm. Admission is by donation; parking is free.

The Burnaby Art Gallery acknowledges the generous support provided by: the City of Burnaby; the British Columbia Arts Council; the Province of British Columbia, its patrons and visitors.

Photographs and interviews with the artist are available on request.

For more info on *The Moveable Feast*, visit the website at moveablefeastburnaby.ca or contact shaun.dacey@burnaby.ca

MOVEABLE FEAST SPECIAL EVENTS RUNNING JULY TO OCTOBER

Free Youth Workshops

4-5 years | Saturday, July 7, 2-3 p.m. | *Monoprints in the Garden*

6-8 years | Saturday, August 11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | *Making Seed Paper*

9-13 years | Saturday, August 18, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | *Mason Jar Terrariums*

Space is limited so please register today to avoid disappointment.

TO REGISTER: Call 604-297-4415 or e-mail shaun.dacey@burnaby.ca

Adult Workshops

These unique workshops relate to growing, preparing and consuming sustainable food.

Saturday, July 14, 2-4 p.m. | \$20 | *Planting for Pollinators*

Saturday, July 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | \$20 | *What's the Buzz with Bees?*

Saturday, July 28, 2-4 p.m. | \$20 | *Making Mason Bee Homes*

Saturday, August 18, 2-4 p.m. | \$20 | *Food Swap & Pickling Demo*

Sunday, August 19, 1-4 p.m. | \$30 | *Simple Cheese & Yogurt Making*

Saturday, August 25, 2-4 p.m. | \$55 | *Fermented Beverages*

Call 604-297-4422 to register.

Edible Events

Explore global and local food issues through the sensation of taste; savoury, sweet and sour.

Thursday, July 19, 6-9 p.m. | \$15 | *Savoury*

Thursday, August 9, 6-9 p.m. | \$15 | *Sweet*

Saturday, September 15, 4-7 p.m. | \$15 | *Sour*

TO REGISTER: Call Burnaby Art Gallery at 604-297-4422



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