

**Art Shuffle Event description:**

The Art Shuffle is a free, self-guided neighbourhood art walk that celebrates the vibrant arts, culture and heritage of Port Moody. This annual event will mark its fifth anniversary on Friday, June 20, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The art walk spans the historic Town Centre, Rocky Point, and Brewery Row areas, offering a dynamic cultural experience for the community.

It will feature more than 24 indoor and outdoor venues hosting a diverse range of visual and performing artists, artisans, and community groups. Participants will engage with art in various forms, from artist studios, galleries, museums and small businesses, to lively outdoor spaces such as Kyle Lawn and Queen Street Plaza. The event will also include art activities and demonstrations, ensuring active participation and learning opportunities for attendees of all ages.

Since its inception in 2018, and 2019, and after its successful return in 2023 and 2024 following a pandemic hiatus, the event has become an integral part of Port Moody's community identity and arts culture. In 2025, the Art Shuffle will continue to highlight the city's designation as the City of the Arts and cultivate a greater sense of connection within the community.

The objectives of the Art Shuffle include celebrating and promoting Port Moody's thriving arts community and the creative talent of local artists, while offering accessible and interactive cultural experiences, and strengthening collaborations with local non-profits, businesses, and community groups. The event also helps boost the local economy by drawing visitors to neighbourhood businesses and accentuating the city's artistic offerings.

The Art Shuffle fosters a greater appreciation for arts and culture while enhancing the social fabric of Port Moody. By bringing together artists, community members, and local businesses, the event serves as an important vehicle for community-building. It allows local artists to showcase their work, gain visibility, and connect directly with their audience. For the broader community, the Art Shuffle provides low-barrier, approachable platforms for interacting with art and supporting local culture.

The event also underscores the importance of collaboration between various stakeholders in the arts, culture, heritage, and business sectors. Through these partnerships, the Art Shuffle helps sustain Port Moody's reputation as a cultural hub in the region, enriching the overall neighbourhood experience.

The Art Shuffle has established itself as a key event in Port Moody's cultural calendar, with a proven track record of success in previous years. The event directly aligns with goals to support local artists, enhance public access to the arts, and foster community engagement in this rapidly changing neighbourhood. Funding for the 2025 Art Shuffle will help ensure its continued success and expand its positive impact on the community.