Connecting Artists

The TNSC promotes inclusivity and is continuously striving for a connected and supported collective of artists. Education -Support - Connection - Artist Growth. Are you ready to take your talent to the next level? The TNSC is where you want to be!

There are approximately 2,800 members from across Canada and around the world in this National Organization. There are 14 Chapters throughout British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario.



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A Special Invitation

Be a welcomed quest at a Demonstration and Information Sharing Session to see what the TNSC is all about! Email president@tnsc.ca to find out when and where the next session takes place.



WENDY HART PENNER

Join Now!

Visit the website @ tnsc.ca/membership **Ouestions?** Email: president@tnsc.ca or membershipchair@tnsc.ca It's quick and easy to join!

Do you know someone who would benefit from membership in the TNSC? Please pass this brochure on to them. Thank You!

The TNSC is a registered non-profit organization serving Kamloops, Merritt, Sun Peaks, Sorrento, Blind Bay, Salmon Arm, Williams Lake, Westwold, Clearwater, and all points in between.



COLLEEN DYSON, AFCA







- Opportunity
- Education
- Exhibitions
- Mentorship



KATE TOOKE, AFCA

PATRICIA

HOUSE

For visual fine artists in every stage of their careers: aspiring, emerging, established







Since 2004, the TNSC has provided ongoing mentorship, education, and exhibition opportunities for artists seeking to develop fine art skills in the Thompson Nicola Shuswap region.

The TNSC is one of fourteen chapters of a larger organization, the Federation of Canadian Artists (FCA), which is based in Vancouver, B.C. The FCA was founded by Group of Seven luminaries Lawren Harris, Arthur Lismer and A.Y. Jackson in 1941.

The purpose of membership is development toward high standards and quality artwork while receiving benefits and opportunities to excel. There are four levels of membership -Supporting, Active, AFCA, and SFCA.



PATRICIA SMITH

Supporting Members:

This is the entry level. Supporting members have access to artists with higher technical skills who are interested in providing professional support. They receive discounts on local and regional workshops and mentorships in various mediums and genres which are offered continuously within the FCA and TNSC calendars. They can attend Artist Demonstration Days, Information Sharing and Critique Sessions. They also receive the complimentary FCA Art Avenue Magazine and bi-weekly e-newsletter and the monthly TNSC Newsletter. Active Members: The next level of membership is for emerging artists who feel they are ready for Active Status. A member may apply for Active Status by submitting ten artworks to the FCA. Six of the artworks must be juried as suitable for FCA Exhibition. Members with Active Status enjoy all the same benefits as Supporting Members. In addition, they have the opportunity to showcase their art in exhibitions, gaining exposure locally, regionally and nationally. Acceptance into these juried, qualifying exhibitions earns the artist points toward applying for Signature Status. Active Members receive an FCA Membership Badge as a symbol of the level of quality achieved.

Signature Members: The highest level of membership is Signature Status. It has two levels -Associate (AFCA) and Senior (SFCA). To achieve this level of membership, the artist must demonstrate advanced technical skill, the ability to compose images, work creatively, have a sophisticated approach and high competency in the medium used. The quality of the work must be judged as excellent or outstanding and in the case of the SFCA, the artist must have found their artistic voice.



DEBBIE LIVELY, AFCA

Under 25 Membership: Are you a young aspiring visual artist seeking to build your portfolio of work? The U25 Membership is an opportunity for you to become involved in the FCA. The membership fee with the FCA and TNSC is complimentary and applies to all levels of membership. No strings attached! The FCA is hoping to create more opportunities for more artists, regardless of age! **Looking for More?** The FCA and TNSC provide opportunities to be a juror, instructor or a member of the Board of Directors. As a member, you decide where you want to go, and the TNSC offers the opportunities for you to get there!



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Exhibitions

The TNSC hosts juried art shows with cash awards each year. Accepted artworks gain exposure and recognition for the artist, locally and beyond. Each successful entry adds to your portfolio.

During the shows, artists from the TNSC do on-site demonstrations. This is a valuable opportunity for the artist to meet people who love and collect art, talk about the artistic process, perhaps sell a piece of art or make a connection for a commission.

The TNSC hosts Passion for Painting where show jurors (Signature Members) share aspects of their expertise through demonstration and Q&A. It's fun and informative! Both members and the public are welcome to attend.





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