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artist-run centre

Dear friends, members and colleagues,

After 15 years of operation providing the city of Kamloops with stimulating exhibition programming, we are writing to announce that Arnica Artist-Run Centre is transitioning out of our public gallery space at the Old Courthouse at the end of 2018. Our current exhibitions, Z'otz* Collective: *Mulling over the Scenery* and Carlos Colín: *Embroideries*, run until Nov 17, after which we will conclude our exhibition year with an Arnica Members' Show and Sale Nov 23 through Dec 22.

2003

Arnica was incorporated as a society in 2003 by students from the BFA program at the University College of the Cariboo. From that humble start, Arnica has transformed several times to accommodate the changing challenges of bringing contemporary art to Kamloops and the surrounding community. In 2008, Arnica became a charitable organization, and has provided artists with fair payment in the form of professional CARFAC fees since 2013. Arnica has operated on limited resources and extensive volunteerism for most of its existence, however, we must recognize that without a significant change to the structure and funding of Canadian artist-run centres in general and sufficient funding of professional arts organizations, the current model is not sustainable. Our transition in 2018 to a mentorship structure is another timely iteration in Arnica's evolution.

2008

Arnica is very proud of the many exhibitions, events and public outreach it has offered over the years. We would like to acknowledge the founding members – Sandra Scheller, Bill Doggart, Stephanie Farrell, Kelly Perry, Judith Smith and Jack Bayette – as well as many other members who have supported Arnica and helped it to grow into an organization that has served the community well. To the many artists who have worked with us during these years, we are most grateful. We are also deeply appreciative of the financial support from our many funding bodies and the practical support of our community of artists, curators, writers and volunteers.

2013

Although our physical gallery doors will be closing, we will continue to be a vibrant presence in the Kamloops art scene. We will keep you up to date on our new ventures, and hope that you will continue to support us in our exciting future.

2018

We look forward to our innovative mentorship activities and the exploration of other new approaches to bringing contemporary art and art education to our community in a more virtual, inventive and de-centred configuration.

We are open Tuesday through Friday from 10 until 5, and 10 until 4 on Saturdays until Dec 22, 2018. ArnicaArtistRunCentre.ca, our website, continues to be available as an archive of past shows, publications and talks with artists. ArnicaARC@gmail.com, our email, will be monitored until January 31, 2019. After that, it will be new territory!



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Let's stay in touch!