

## The Craft of Spirit BC Liturgical Textile

through to March 31, 2024 at the Italian Cultural Centre's Il Museo Gallery

by Angela Clarke



From a popular culture perspective, the world of textile art is synonymous with the realm of rock star designers who reign supreme at the helm of major fashion houses. These institutions with their massive advertising budgets and commercial infrastructures thrive off of shock value and ostentatious display. The current exhibition at the Italian cultural centre (*Il Museo Gallery*), in contrast, seeks to remove our current notions of textile art as residing in the zone of celebrity culture and aims to return it to its rightful place as an art form intended for spiritual practice and ritual.

Historically, textile art has always been a metaphor for the human desire to connect with the Divine. The innate qualities of textile being malleable, diaphanous, opaque, enveloping the body, as well as its capacity to be lifted by the wind, like a curtain, make it a perfect symbol for human encounters with the mystical world. In fact, the veil, a word which innately conjures up references to fabric and textile, is a common expression for the liminal; that momentary space between two worlds (heaven and earth, life and death, the known and unknown).

Even before recorded time, textile was a constant presence in ritual. Whether it was an animal skin worn in a traditional dance preparing for the hunt or Jesus healing the lepers from the hem of his garment, textile had had a significant role to play, serving as a catalyst for acts of spiritual and physical transformations. The exhibition at the Italian Cultural Gallery entitled *The Craft of Spirit: BC Liturgical Textiles* focuses on ritual textiles worn and created in Vancouver. To represent the history of liturgical textile in this city, the gallery is

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separated into two rooms.

Room one

Room one is devoted to textile vestments from Anglican and Catholic religious traditions (1924 to 2024). This space reveals how the city's immigrant culture consistently looked back to the old country for its spiritual reference points.

There are also contemporary vestments made by active BC textile artists such as Thomas Roach, Judy Villett and Jean Kares. These pieces are also marvels of artistic achievement, revealing how far contemporary spirituality has removed itself from impersonal traditional symbology.

Room two

Room two is devoted to the category of textile corresponding to the often-invoked category of "spiritual but not religious." This space includes textile art with references to Eastern philosophies such as the Tao te Ching, maps of sacred territories such as Iona, Scotland; the home of the 6th century Celtic monks, and images of birds in flight.

In this exhibition one can witness how history conspired to honour these high achievements. Carefully preserving these immaculate patches of embroidery, they were lovingly transferred many times over onto newer vestments.

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# Call for Community Performers: No Experience Required

By Clea Moray

Every autumn for over twenty years, Still Moon Arts Society has presented the Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival which honours the harvest moon, the Still Creek watershed, community, art, and the diverse cultural traditions of the Renfrew-Collingwood neighbourhood. The Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival invites local residents to experience enchanting live music, giant lanterns, and illuminated art set against a backdrop of towering trees and the flowing waters of Still Creek.

The festival's climax is a finale performance that features many participants from the Renfrew-Collingwood community. This year's finale will be the third installment of 'Consciousness of Streams', a three-year multi-disciplinary performance project directed by renowned local choreographer Isabelle Kirouac. Consciousness of Streams is a meditation on the lost streams buried beneath the Renfrew-Collingwood neighbourhood, and the theme for the 2024 finale performance is 'Reflections and The Moon'.

Still Moon Arts Society invites community members to apply to join the 2024 community performers' group for Consciousness of Streams. Apply for one of the three streams:

- Movement
- Stilt Walking
- Children's Movement (ages 4-8)

Selected applicants will attend free skills development workshops in the spring to develop the techniques needed to embrace their inner performer and to deepen their connection with the concept of the performance. Rehearsals will commence in late summer, and the finale performance will take place on Saturday, September 21, 2024.

No experience is required, and this is a multigenerational accessible performance group that integrates people of many different levels of skill and fitness. Being part of a community performance can be a fantastic way to connect with others who share your interests, develop your skills, and contribute to the arts in your



Artists and community performers rehearsing on stilts for the 2023 festival finale performance. Photos by Chao Cheng

community. We encourage you to apply by yourself or with a friend, and to share this opportunity with folks in your circle. If you have any questions, email the Moon Festival Production Manager, Amanda Blake at [Amanda@StillMoonArts.ca](mailto:Amanda@StillMoonArts.ca).

The application deadline is March 13, 2024. To learn more



Children practising their movement dance piece for the 2023 festival finale performance.

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## Collingwood Corner: 5104 Joyce Street

A PORTION OF THE RAPIDLY GROWING BUSINESS SECTION OF COLLINGWOOD



Several new business blocks have been erected in the Collingwood district during the past year. In the above engraving, which was taken from the B. C. E. R. tracks of the interurban line, at East Collingwood, looking along Joyce Street to Westminister Road, the two corner blocks were built during the past summer, and have only recently been occupied. The growth of the Collingwood district has been one of the outstanding features of the development of South Vancouver.

Looking South up Joyce to Westminister Rd (now Kingsway). Photo taken in 1912. The Community Credit Union was recently on the left. Photo from UBC Library, the Chinook newspaper.

By Loretta Houben

Unless you are a hermit, you must admit that the area at Joyce and Vanness is changing dramatically. In December 2023, the Community Savings Credit Union closed, after 22 years. (they merged with the branch on Commercial Drive)

This has always been a thriving corner because of the BCER interurban track, built in 1891 to connect downtown Vancouver to New Westminister. Today the Skytrain runs along the same route, built in 1985. The Joyce Collingwood station was enlarged recently on the east side of Joyce, and it's a very busy corner.

Back in the early 1900s, two large office buildings were built on the SE corner of Joyce and Vanness and across Joyce on the SW corner. Recently I discovered photos from 1974 in the Vancouver archives, which show the two buildings 60 years later. I realized that I would have passed by them frequently as a young girl, but I have no recollection of them at all. Do you remember these two buildings?



5104 Joyce and Vanness, on the SE corner. Photo taken in 1974. Vancouver Archives, CVA 1095-04418



5103 Joyce and Vanness, on the SW corner. Photo taken in 1974. Vancouver Archives, CVA 786-98.13



# Renfrew Park Community Community Centre

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- After registering online, a registration package will be sent to you via email to complete.
- Forms are then to be completed along with a photocopy of your child's birth certificate and immunization shots.
- We will also require 2 passport size pictures of the child's face.
- Forms must be returned to the Preschool Staff (and verified) by the deadline given to you or else your child's registration will be cancelled and the spot offered to another waitlisted family.
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- Session 1 – 1:30pm-1:45pm #485924
- Session 2 – 2:00pm-2:15pm #485925
- Session 3 – 2:30pm-2:45pm #485926



## New to You Sale

Saturday, June 29th from 10am - 3pm  
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## Announcing Renfrew Park Community Centre's 60th Anniversary September 2024!

Our Board of Directors is currently planning the festivities for Renfrew Park Community Centre's upcoming 60th anniversary, slated for September.

We warmly invite the community to contribute their thoughts and suggestions on how we can unite in celebration of this significant milestone. In addition, we are curating a collection of stories, historical artifacts, and photographs from Renfrew Park CC's past.

If you would like to participate or have something to share, please reach out to Angela Lee at [angela.lee@renfrewcc.com](mailto:angela.lee@renfrewcc.com).

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A new exhibition from Il Museo Gallery

### The Craft of Spirit: BC Liturgical textiles



Close up of Jean Kares textile piece: The Veil of Goddess Isis, (2004)

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A news section for Renfrew-Collingwood learners

## Vancouver Weather

by Kristy Kassie

Everyone knows it rains a lot in Vancouver. There are many different words for rain like drizzle, showers and storms. A drizzle is a small amount of rain. Some people like walking in a drizzle because the air smells so clean. A shower is a medium amount of rain. Flowers in the spring love showers to grow. A storm is a lot of rain. A lot of snow is also called a storm. No one likes driving in storms because the roads are slippery, which means it is hard to drive in a straight line because the roads feel smooth.

During the fall, winter and spring, it is helpful to check the weather forecast online or on the radio. A weather forecast gives you information about the weather for one day or the whole week. That way, you will know if you need an umbrella to stay dry if you have to wait for a bus. Vancouver usually gets drizzle or showers but, in the last few years, storms happen more often. Homes and streets get flooded during storms because rivers overflow. It is important to clear any drains or gutters around your home so that water doesn't get trapped and cause floods or leaks.

Weather patterns are changing worldwide. Vancouver is getting more atmospheric rivers, which are long periods of heavy rain or snow. Atmospheric rivers don't only cause flooding but they disrupt travel, ruin roads and result in serious car accidents. It is a good idea to pack an emergency kit in your car with blankets, flashlights and battery-operated chargers for your phone.



### Questions

#### Level 1

- What are three different words for rain?
- Which is bigger: a shower or a storm?
- Why don't people like driving in storms?

#### Level 2

- Why is it good to check the weather forecast?
- What type of rain does Vancouver usually get?
- What can you do to make sure a flood doesn't happen?

#### Level 3

- What is an atmospheric river?
- What problems can happen because of an atmospheric river?
- What would you do if your car was stuck on a flooded road?

### Crossword Words and Definitions

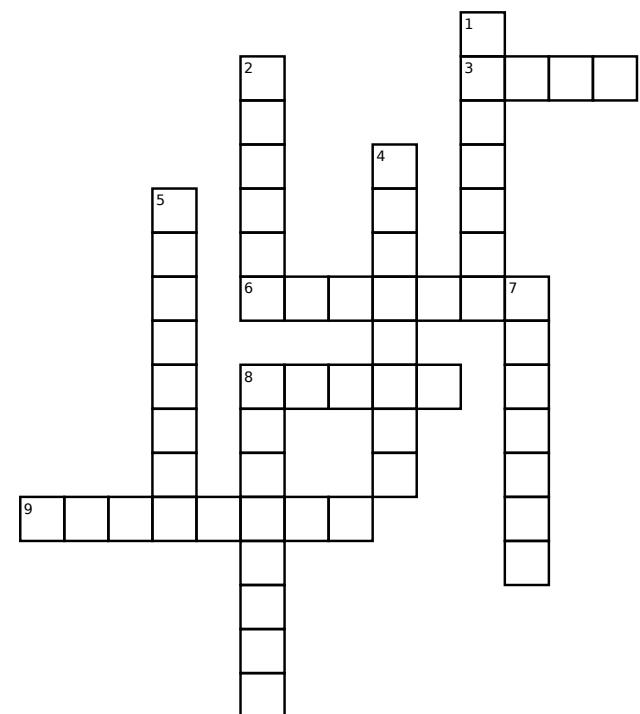
1. drizzle, a little rain
2. amount, size
3. slippery, smooth
4. forecast, information about tomorrow or the next week
5. overflow, spill
6. often, usually
7. trapped, stuck
8. patterns, things that repeat
9. disrupt, get in the way of
10. ruin, damage

### Reading levels on this page

Level 1 ★    Level 2 ★★    Level 3 ★★★



## Crossword Puzzle







## What's happening at our libraries in March 2024

**Renfrew Branch Library: 2969 E 22nd Ave. Contact: 604.257.8705**



### School Aged Children

#### STEAM Makers: KiwiCo Draw-bot

Thursday, March 14, 3:30pm–4:30pm. Call or visit Renfrew branch to register. Come experiment, craft and get creative with fun activities as we explore science, technology, art, engineering and math (S.T.E.A.M.).

#### Rubik's Cube Rumble Tuesday, March 19, 2:00pm–3:00pm. Drop-in.

Challenge yourself or other kids to a cube-tacular showdown! Twist your way into solving these brain-challenging puzzles in ways you never thought possible. For Grades K – 7.

#### KidsZone: ZoZoplay

Thursday, March 28, 3:30pm–4:30pm. Drop-in. Meet other kids and share books, crafts, and fun activities at the library. This week we will be playing with ZoZoplay building toys. For Grades K-7.

### Children & Families

#### Babytime

Weekly Mondays, March 4 - 25, 11:00am and 1:30pm. Drop-in. Rhymes, songs, bounces, fingerplays and stories for parents and caregivers with their babies. Recommended for newborns to approximately 18 months.

#### Family Storytime

Weekly Mondays, March 4 – 25, 10:00am. Drop-in. A program for parents and caregivers with young children. Songs, rhymes and stories are shared. Suitable for children of all ages and abilities to enjoy and learn together.

#### Lego Block Party

Thursday, March 7 and 21, 3:30-4:30pm. Drop in for some LEGO® building fun at this block party! Connect with other kids and break out the bricks for a building bonanza at the library. Grades K-7. For children and their accompanying caregivers.

### Family Movies

Fridays at 3:30pm. Drop-in. Visit the library and enjoy free, kid-friendly movies. For children and their accompanying caregivers.

### Teens

#### Teen Advisory Group

Thursday, March 7, 4:00pm – 5:00pm. Visit [www.vpl.ca/teens](http://www.vpl.ca/teens) to register. TAG stands for Teen Advisory Group – a place where you can share your ideas about the library's teen programs, services and collections!

### Adults

#### ESL Conversation Club

Thursday, Mar 7 and Mar 21 10:00-11:00am. Drop-in. Meet new friends and practice your English conversation skills with other English language learners. This is a supportive and casual meet-up. For intermediate speakers.

**Collingwood Branch Library: 2985 Kingsway Contact: 604.665.3953**

### EARLY YEARS PROGRAMS

#### Babytime (0-18 months)

Weekly on Thursdays until March 14 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Drop-in. Rhymes, songs, bounces, fingerplays and stories for parents and caregivers with their babies. Recommended for newborns to approximately 18 months.

#### Family Storytime (All ages)

Weekly on Fridays until March 15 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Drop-in. A program for parents and caregivers with young children. Songs, rhymes and stories are shared. Suitable for children of all ages and abilities to enjoy and learn together.

#### Baby Stay and Play (0-18 months)

Thursday, March 21 & 28 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Drop-in. Drop in for independent playtime with your baby and a chance to connect with other families.

Explore library books, blocks and other toys in this casual, self-led session.

#### Family Stay and Play (0-5 years)

Friday, March 22 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Drop-in. Drop in for independent playtime with your children aged 5 and under and a chance to connect with other families. Explore library books, blocks and other toys in this casual self-led session.

### SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

#### LEGO® Block Party (Grades K-7)

Weekly on Saturdays 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Drop-in. Come to the library for some LEGO® building fun at this block party! Connect with other kids and break out the bricks for a building bonanza at the library.

### SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS

#### Zoom In (Grades K-7)

Wednesday, March 20 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Drop-in. Discover the extraordinary in everyday things! Come see how amazing the world is through magnification, and you'll be seeing everything in a whole new way.

#### Dog Man Character Party (Grades K-7)

Friday, March 22 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Drop-in. Don't you wish that you could party with your favourite book characters? We have crafts and games all inspired by the characters from this series! Have fun and celebrate the characters you know and love.



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*Application period: March 7- April 18*

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To see if screening is right for you, please call 1 (877) 717-5864 or visit [www.screeningbc.ca/lung](http://www.screeningbc.ca/lung)

As always, my community office, at 5022 Joyce St. Vancouver, is open to provide services for constituents in person with appointments and via phone and email. Please give us a call at 604-660-0314 or email us at [adrian.dix.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:adrian.dix.mla@leg.bc.ca), and we will get in touch with you as soon as we can. 聯絡本辦事處請電郵 [adrian.dix.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:adrian.dix.mla@leg.bc.ca) 或致電 604-660-0314. 如欲親臨敬請預約。

Thank you very much for all that you're doing and take care.

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# Collingwood Neighbourhood House HIGHLIGHTS



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## Thomas Wong: 25 years of ‘extraordinary compassion’ at CNH

by Collingwood Neighbourhood House

Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) proudly recognizes its long-serving staff members. At this year’s Annual General Meeting (AGM), CNH staff and contractors who have reached the milestones of 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of service to the neighbourhood house were thanked by the Board of Directors.

This year, we recognize and celebrate Renuka Bhardwaj, Julie Cheng, Walda Gorn and Thomas Wong for 25 years of service.

Here’s what Jenny Shen, Navigation & Peer Support, Walking Club & Tech Support Program Manager, had to say about Thomas:

A remarkable individual, Thomas Wong, also known as Master Thomas, has been an integral part of CNH for more than 25 years.



Thomas Wong

Thomas is a master in many areas. From Qi Gong to Tai Chi, Tai Chi Sword to Chinese calligraphy, he’s a seasoned instructor. Did you know he was already a black belt in karate in his early twenties? But what sets Thomas apart is his extraordinary compassion towards his students. He knows each of them and always takes care of those who are vulnerable or have special needs. His classes are so popular that, to this day, at the age of 75, he holds the record for running the most classes at CNH.

If you stroll outside of the main CNH building, you will come across a bench with four elegant Chinese characters: Spring, summer, autumn and winter, painted by Thomas. It conveys a profound pearl of wisdom: Our lives, like the changing seasons, have their own unique beauty.

Thank you, Thomas, for sharing your talents, wisdom, and beautiful spirit with us for 25 incredible years. We look forward to many more seasons of inspiration and growth with you.

To learn about current career opportunities at CNH, visit [www.cnh.bc.ca/about/careers](http://www.cnh.bc.ca/about/careers).



## INCOME TAX CLINIC

**Tax Clinic season: Feb 24 to April 30, 2024**

Files dropped off after this date will still be processed, but there are no guarantees that it will be filed by Friday, April 30th, 2024 (only impacts clients that expect to owe taxes).

Link to make an appointment for Tax Clinic 15 days before the appointment date:

<https://reportal.cnh.bc.ca/> or Call 604-428-9142 to make an appointment.

We have two locations:

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**Monday; Wednesday and Friday:** 1-3pm at 3690 Vanness Ave. Vancouver (Drop off & in person)

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**March 2024**

**Lunar New Year – Year of the Dragon February 17, 2024**

Thank you to everyone for coming out to watch the Lion Dance Celebration along Kingsway and Joyce Street on Saturday, February 17th.

Over 25 businesses and organization participated in the annual Lion Dance. We are grateful to partner with the Hon Sing Athletic Club once again. The Hon Sing Athletic Club has been part of the lunar new year festivities for over 15 years. Many of the team members are residents of the Renfrew-Collingwood area.

Happy New Year wishing everyone good fortune, good health, and prosperity.

**Who’s Who in Collingwood**

The first few Who’s Who will be featured on our social media platforms. Meet and learn more about the businesses, their services and staff.

The CBIA will be launching a new social media feature called, “Who’s Who in Collingwood. Some may remember the print form of Who’s Who in this newspaper years ago. We have many small and medium businesses who we would like everyone to get to know. Our staff will come and interview, take photos and videos to share on our social media platforms. There is no cost to the businesses. Our goal is to bring the local businesses closer to the community. You can also contact our office at 604.639.4403 or email [info@shopcollingwood.ca](mailto:info@shopcollingwood.ca)

**Collingwood BIA will be going through Renewal**

The Collingwood BIA is in the final year of a seven-year mandate. Renewal Surveys have been distributed to all CBIA members. Please fill it out and email it back to [info@shopcollingwood.ca](mailto:info@shopcollingwood.ca). If you need a copy of the survey, contact our office.

We would like to hear from you on how we are doing and to plan for the next seven years. Let’s work on some strategic planning for some small and large projects.

**Board of Directors News**

**We want you!** We are looking for new board members and committee members to sit on the Safety, Marketing and Street Beautification and Expansion committees. We meet once a month.

If you interesting in helping create the future of Collingwood please contact, Angela at [angela@shopcollingwood.ca](mailto:angela@shopcollingwood.ca)

**Social Media Contests**

The CBIA has monthly contests with great prizes. Follow to stay informed. Sign up for the e-newsletter for all the current news.

**Calendar of Events**

**March 10**

Daylight Savings Time  
(Spring ahead 1 hour)



**March 17**

St. Patrick’s Day






**March 29 – April 1**

Easter Weekend



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ferences to Eastern philosophies such as the of the ancient text the Tao te Ching, maps of sacred territories such as Iona, Scotland; the home of the 6th century Celtic monks, and images of birds in flight. Birds, being symbols in both Christian and pagan spiritualities, which convey the body being shed and the soul taking flight.

The exhibition culminates with the most recent liturgical textile practices, knitting and quilting prayer circles. Knitted shawls are created as an act of meditation and spiritual practice. Each piece is infused with silent prayers offered by the maker to the recipient with the express hope that it will give comfort to a patient with a terminal illness. Each piece is a gift, a bestowal of blessings, with the intent of giving comfort to the wearer on their healing journey.

Curator: Angela Clarke Ph.D.  
Spiritual Textile Consultant: Thomas Roach

The exhibit runs through to March 31.

The museum hours of operation: 10 to 6, Tuesday to Saturday. Entry is free.

## St. Mary's Elementary School

# We are now Accepting Applications for the Kindergarten 2024 - 2025 School Year.

Children must be born in 2019 and turn 5 by December 31st.

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