

1978-79

In January 1979 Edward R. Schreyer was installed as Canada's 22nd governor-general. In February the Ayatollah Khomeini returned to Iran after 15 years in exile; his followers ousted the prime minister and set off a period of summary executions. On March 26 the Egypt-Israel peace treaty was signed at the White House in Washington. In May Joe Clark replaced Pierre Trudeau as prime minister of Canada and Margaret Thatcher became the first female prime minister in British history.

And in our painting club -

President	- Louise Kilby
Vice-president	- Eva Morris
Recording Secretary	- Elaine Goddyn
Corresponding Secretary	- Dorothy Brown
Treasurer	- Ann Breaks
Public Relations Chair	- Mary Boyle
Juried Art Show Chair	- Sheila Symington

1979-80

Iranian militants seized the U. S. embassy in Teheran and made hostages of its occupants; six staff members escaped via a back door, took refuge in the Canadian embassy and were later smuggled out of the country. In Canada, Joe Clark's government was defeated and in December Pierre Trudeau again became prime minister. On March 27 Mount St. Helens erupted for the first time since 1857, killing 34 people and scattering volcanic ash over a wide area. President Tito of Yugoslavia and the deposed Shah of Iran died, and Queen Juliana of The Netherlands abdicated in favor of her daughter Beatrix. In May Quebec rejected a referendum calling for separation from Canada. In July the 22nd Olympic Games of the modern era opened in Moscow, boycotted by many nations to protest the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

And in our painting club -

1980-81

Ronald Reagan became president of the United States; two months after being sworn in he and several others were wounded when shot by John W. Hinckley Jr. The U. S. space program made news with spectacular data on the planet Saturn from an unmanned spacecraft, followed by the launching of the first space shuttle. After 444 days in captivity in Iran, 52 U. S. citizens were released and returned home. In May, Pope John Paul II was wounded by a gunman in Vatican City. In France, Francois Mitterand became president and in

Canada, Prime Minister Trudeau was at odds with provincial premiers over provisions of the Canadian Constitution.

And in our painting club -

President	- Ethel Cooper
Vice-president	- Sheila Symington
Recording Secretary	- Phyllis Clark
Corresponding Secretary	- Rita Bashaw
Treasurer	- Myrle Phillips
Publicity Officer	- Phyllis Cowan
Public Relations	- Linda Patzold
Juried Art Show Chair	- Nel Langston
Committee Head	- Mary Boyle

Elizabeth Hollick was instructor for the fall art classes.

The Valentine tea, show and sale of paintings was held at the Station Arts Centre on Saturday and Sunday, February 14 and 15.

Club member Linda Patzold donated a watercolor of sweet peas to be raffled off for the Terry Fox fund.

The 13th juried art show was held on May 1, 2 and 3 on WRPSC premises in the Station, but, for the first time, the 12 paintings awarded Honorable Mention plus some 30 more works were exhibited for the next three weeks in the Station's main gallery. Honorable Mentions went to Linda Patzold, Elizabeth Hollick, Monique Genton, Richard Locke, Judith Dodington, Madge Farmer, Lenore Tkachuk and Erma Ewert, with two painters - Kaye Carswell Simpson and Pearl Maas - taking home two each of the coveted ribbons.

WRPSC member Anne Breaks had a solo show in White Rock library in June.

1981-82

Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer July 29 1981 at St. Paul's Cathedral; the world watched on television. In September Sandra Day O'Connor became the first woman justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. On 6 October Egyptian president Anwar as-Sadat was assassinated in Cairo. In April 1982 Argentina invaded the British-held Falkland Islands and surrendered two months later. Canada's constitution was repatriated, with Queen Elizabeth II presiding at formalities on Parliament Hill. In May, John Hinckley Jr. went on trial for the 1981 shooting of President Ronald Reagan and two aides; he was eventually found not guilty by reason of insanity. Prince William, second in line to the British throne, was born June 21.

And in our painting club -

Past President	- Ethel Cooper
President	- Myrle Phillips
Vice-president	- Elaine Godden
Recording Secretary	- Alice Low
Corresponding Secretary	- Alice Fisher
Treasurer	- Connie Lellis
Public Relations	- Sheila Symington
Publicity	- Phyllis Cowan
Chair, Juried Art Show	- Linda Patzold

Three classes got under way in the autumn - portraits, with Elizabeth Smiley, watercolors with Judy Dodington and oils with Phil Alexander.

Members' paintings were shown in the White Rock library during the month of October and, as it always did, the WRPSC participated in the three-day Arts By The Sea annual exhibition of arts and crafts sponsored by the White Rock Community Arts Council.

In the spring, members' work was shown at Newton Library and a Marine Drive gallery, and the annual juried show was held at the Station Arts Centre April 30, May 1 and 2. Again, the best paintings went into the Station's main gallery for a three-week exhibition following the juried show. Jurors Fred Owen, Josanne Stensby and Brent Heighton gave two Honorable Mention ribbons each to Ena Falkenberg, Barbara Pratezina and Connie Lellis. Other winners were Sheila Symington, Lionel Desilets, Richard Locke, Rita Kitching, Stanley Olenik and R. Zander.

On June 19 and 20, the club celebrated its 20th birthday with a tea and exhibition of paintings in its Station premises. Three founding members - Edith Figg, Ruby Maloney and Ann Thirsk - were presented with special membership scrolls.

1982-83

After eight years of work, United Nations delegates adopted a final version of the Law Of The Sea treaty to govern use of the world's oceans. It was signed in December 1982 by representatives of 117 nations. USSR head of state Leonid I. Brezhnev died in November and was succeeded by Yury V. Andropov. In April 1983 the West German magazine Stern claimed it had acquired Hitler's diaries, but they turned out to be fakes. In June, Margaret Thatcher won re-election as Britain's Prime Minister, and Pope John Paul II made a second visit to his Polish homeland.

And in our painting club -

Past President	- Ethel Cooper
President	- Myrle Phillips
Vice-president	- Phyllis Cowan
Recording Secretary	- Alice Low
Corresponding Secretary	- Etta Trendell
Treasurer	- Connie Lellis
Public Relations	- Madge Farmer
Publicity	- Gail McLeod
Chair Juried Art Show	- Ed Fenton
Membership	- Laura Cameron

WRPSC participated in the local Arts Council festival, Arts By The Sea, in Semiahmoo School November 26-28.

It held its own Christmas show at the Station Arts Centre early in December - tea served, of course. The Spring Show, billed as a "St. Patrick's Exhibition," took place on March 12 and 13.

In the White Rock library, Sheila Symington was the featured artist in October, there was a joint show in December by Rita Kitching and Nel Langston and in April, Ann Breaks showed her latest work.

Noted corresponding secretary Etta Trudell on 11 November: "The advanced water color class is lucky to still have a teacher, as Lance King, on a painting expedition near Princeton two weeks ago, was chased by bears. He said he was never so frightened, even in his two years in Vietnam."

1983-84

An unarmed Korean airliner was shot down by USSR military aircraft on September 1 1983 after straying into Soviet air space. Later that autumn, the U. S. led seven nations in a brief and controversial invasion of the island of Grenada, claiming it was about to become a "Soviet-Cuban colony." Early in the new year, Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau announced resignation; he was succeeded by John Turner.

And in our painting club -

Club members donated 39 paintings for an auction on October 30 to help raise money for the Station building fund.

Other shows went on as usual - participation in Arts-by-the-Sea, Christmas show and sale, spring show in March, juried exhibition in May.

1984-85

The Progressive Conservatives defeated the Liberals in a Canadian election, and Brian Mulroney became prime minister. Ronald Reagan was re-elected in the U. S. Prince Harry was born in London. Konstantin Chernenko died in Moscow at the age of 73 and was replaced by Mikhail Gorbachev as head of the Soviet Union. A gas leak at the Union Carbide plant in Bhopal, India, killed some 1700 people and injured many more. Marc Garneau became Canada's first astronaut. In April, the anti-discrimination section of Canada's constitution became law, forbidding discrimination on grounds of sex, color, race, religion or mental or physical disability, the first time anywhere that the disabled have been given such protection.

And in our painting club -

President	- Gladys Green
Vice-president	- Sheila Symington
Recording Secretary	- Jan Holmes
Corresponding Secretary	- Barbara McCauley
Public Relations	- Linda Patzold
Publicity	- Phyllis Cowan
Membership	- Dorothy Walker
Chair, Juried Art Show	- Margaret Stewart

The club provided a bursary of \$100 to a local student, Kirsten Jensen, who was in her freshman year of an arts program at Kwantlen College.

There were the usual shows - pre-Christmas (December 8 and 9), spring (March 9 and 10) and juried exhibition (May 3-5).

The club held a raffle, with works of Yvonne Maximchuk and Deborah Putman as prizes, to raise funds to help those two artists with their study trip to France - a six-week workshop sponsored by the Institute for American Universities.

1985-86

A team of U. S. and French marine explorers found the wreck of the Titanic. In December a plane crash in Gander killed 256 people, most of them U. S. service personnel returning from peacekeeping duty in the Middle East. In January the U. S. space shuttle exploded 73 seconds after takeoff from Cape Canaveral. Spain and Portugal joined the European Common Market. Haiti ousted dictator "Papa Doc" Duvalier, and Olaf Palme, prime minister of Sweden, was murdered. That spring saw Corazon Aquino elected president of the Philippines and, in the Soviet Union, nuclear disaster at Chernobyl.

It was not the best of times for the world at large, but in our painting club -

The WRPSC started the season with an exhibition of members' work at the Surrey Arts Centre September 1-24.

The Club staged an autumn show and tea in late October at the Station Arts Centre.

Club members' work was hung in the Surrey Municipal Hall cafeteria in January.

The 18th annual juried exhibition was held May 2, 3 and 4.

1986-87

In November, U. S. President Ronald Reagan went on national television to confirm the news that the U. S. had secretly supplied Iran with military equipment while urging its allies not to do so. Ivan Boesky was fined \$100 million for insider trading. In December, imprisoned U.S.S.R. physicist Andrey Sakharov was granted freedom by Mikhail Gorbachev, and aviation history was made when Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager landed in California after a nine-day nonstop flight around the world. On March 19, 1987, evangelist Jim Bakker resigned his ministry over a sex and blackmail scandal. That summer, Canada decided to expand and upgrade its armed forces. In Britain, Margaret Thatcher won a third term as Prime Minister.

And in our painting club --

Past President	- Gladys Green
President	- Sheila Symington
Vice-president	- Pearl Stewart
Recording Secretary	- Barbara McCaulay
Corresponding Secretary	- Kate Docharty
Treasurer	- Georgi Bull
Membership	- Laura Cameron
Publicity	- Jackie Wallace
Public Relations	- Linda Patzold
Chair Juried Art Show	- Lora Armbruster

1987-88

In mid-September 24 nations signed a pact to restrict use of chemicals believed to be damaging the earth's protective ozone layer. Later that fall the U. S. senate and house committee investigating the Iran-contra scandal released a report critical of the Reagan administration and a few months later U. S. Marines Lieut.-Col. Oliver North was indicted on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government. The U. S. and U.S.S.R. signed a treaty agreeing to reduce nuclear arsenals. A Soviet cosmonaut set an endurance

record - 326 days in space and the Soviet Union withdrew its troops from Afghanistan after fighting there for over eight years. The Canada-U. S. free trade agreement was signed early in 1988. Australia celebrated its bicentennial. That summer, a U. S. navy ship in the Persian Gulf shot down an Iranian passenger plane, killing all 290 people aboard.

1988-89

In December a bomb caused the crash of a Pan-Am plane over Lockerbie, Scotland. In November, George Bush was elected 41st president of the United States, Brian Mulroney was re-elected Prime Minister of Canada and Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan became the first woman president of a modern Islamic nation. In February Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini issued a death sentence against author Salman Rushdie over his book *The Satanic Verses*. The Ayatollah died four months later but the sentence remained. In spring the Exxon Valdez ran aground in Alaska's Prince William Sound and the Chinese government sent troops against pro-democracy forces in Beijing's Tiananmen Square; hundreds died. In July the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution was celebrated with a new opera house and a world economic conference.

And in our painting club -

The original membership of eight had grown to over 100, and its season had settled down to a steady routine of monthly meetings, classes in several media and exhibitions, with the juried show in May as the highlight.

The WRPSC got some bad news when the Community Arts Council decided to use its space for a museum and it became necessary to find new quarters, pending the completion of the arts centre proposed for the uptown area.

exhibitions - a Christmas show, a spring show and the juried show

1989-90

San Francisco was hit by an earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale. In Europe the Berlin Wall came down. Lithuania proclaimed its independence. The U. S. sent troops into Panama in an attempt to capture General Manuel Noriega, the country's de facto ruler, and bring him to trial on drug charges. Nelson Mandela was released from a South African jail after 27 years of imprisonment. Some 200 million people around the world celebrated Earth Day on April 22. Boris Yeltsin became president of Russia, the largest republic of the U.S.S.R. In Canada the Meech Lake constitutional package was rejected, setting the stage for a

prolonged period of wrangling and renewed threats by Quebec to opt for independence.

1990-91

In August Iraq invaded Kuwait; in January Canada joined the U. S., Britain and others under the United Nations to expel the Iraqi forces. Iraq surrendered in March, leaving hundreds of Kuwaiti oil wells burning. In Pakistan, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was ousted. In Canada, Mohawk natives barricaded Quebec highways to protest provincial plans for lands they claimed as theirs. East and West Germany were reunited. Akihito was enthroned in Japan. Prime Minister Thatcher resigned in Britain and was succeeded by John Major.

And in our art club -

Past president	- Joyce Holtz
President	- Jean Newbury
Vice-president	- Joan Parker
Recording secretary	- Heidi Dobirstien
Corresponding secretary	- Eunice Melton
Treasurer	- Kay Morton
Assistant	- Esme Gillies
Membership	- Lora Armbruster
Publicity	- Harold Newbury
Public Relations	- Kathy MacDonald
Assistant	- Linda Patzold
Assistant	- Lisa McCue
Chairpersons, Juried Exhibitions	- Laura Cameron, Phyllis Cowan

1991-92

During the summer right-wing forces in the Soviet Union attempted a coup, the effect of which was to weaken Mikhail Gorbachev's power and strengthen Boris Yeltsin's. Just before Christmas the republics of Russia, Bylorus and the Ukraine united to form a new commonwealth, soon joined by most of the other former Soviet republics. In Canada, former Prime Minister and External Affairs Minister Joe Clark was given a new job overseeing the rocky process of constitutional change. Late in January Canada's first woman astronaut, Roberta Bondar, orbited the earth as a payload specialist working 12-hour shifts in a laboratory containing some of the most important space experiments to date.

And in our painting club -

Past President	- Jean Newbury
President	- Joan Parker
Vice-President	- Dave Wood
Recording Secretary	- Pearl Piekarski
Corresponding Secretary	- Eunice Melton
Treasurer	- Kay Jenkins
Publicity	- Joy McHugh
Public Relations	- Kathy MacDonald

Chairperson of Juried Exhibitions - Linda Patzold, Kay Simpson

The White Rock Painting and Sketch Club changed its name to the White Rock and South Surrey Art Club.

New, light-filled quarters had been found in Crescent Beach, and a show of members' paintings was held there early in the season. The club also participated in the annual pre-Christmas Arts By The Sea at Star Of The Sea Centre.

A retrospective showing of paintings by Kay Carswell Simpson was held in late February and early March at White Rock's Genesis Gallery, in tribute to her years as a painter and years as a member of the club.

The springtime juried show was held at Pacific Terrace. From 230 entries submitted by artists from Tsawwassen to Abbotsford, 130 were chosen for display, and five of the 11 prizewinners came from the White Rock and South Surrey Art Club.

[There is a copy of the club's constitution in the blue looseleaf scrapbook.]