

# West Vancouver Museum Calendar

## EXHIBITIONS



**Joan Balzar, Silver Scope**  
1962-1965  
Chrome aluminium and acrylic on canvas  
231.6 x 138.7 cm  
Courtesy of the artist

**Joan Balzar 1960+**  
**September 9 to October 31, 2009**  
**Artist Talk: September 19 at 1:30pm**

Since the 1960s Joan Balzar has experimented with neon light and vibrant colours testing the limits of the canvas in her large-scale abstract works. Balzar, a long-term resident of West Vancouver, is recognised as an important figure in the development of abstract painting on the West Coast. Produced during a period of enthusiasm and innovation 1960-1972, the majority of the works in *Joan Balzar 1960+* will be on display for the first time. This includes *Electra* (1967-2009), a piece with neon-tubing completed by the artist for this exhibition.

**Greetings from Friends**  
**Artist Cards 1945-2009**  
**November 10 to December 24, 2009**  
**Opening reception November 9, 7:00 pm**

*Greetings from Friends: Artist Cards 1945-2009* showcases a collection of greeting cards, paintings, drawings and prints designed by prominent artists and architects, including B.C. Binning, Gordon Smith, Alistair Bell, Don Jarvis, Jack Shadbolt, Arthur Erickson and others. The cards reveal an interconnected social network among artists and architects who were the vanguard of the region's art and design scene.



**B.C. Binning, A Summer Seascape for Christmas Time from Jessie & B.C. Binning, 1951**  
14 x 21.6 cm, Serigraphy, Gift of the Estate of Jessie Binning, Collection of the West Vancouver Museum

## NEW PROGRAM THIS FALL!

### YOUTH GEARING UP INTERESTED IN ARCHITECTURE?



The Vancouver Convention Center  
DA Architects & Planners, Musson Cattell Mackey Partnership,  
LMN Architects.  
Jessica Gnyph photo, 2009

Are you 15 to 18 years old and interested in architecture? This unique 6 session program, taught in collaboration with professional architects Nan Legate and Jennifer Marshall provides insight and knowledge of the art and practice of architecture. Participants develop an understanding of the design process and wide spectrum of inquiry and endeavour that is architecture.

6 sessions at the Museum Studio,  
\$ 275, 1-4pm on the following  
Saturdays: September 26,  
October 10, October 24, November 7,  
November 21, December 5.

Register in advance with program code  
662423, as the class size is limited.

## PUBLIC PROGRAMS

**Joan Balzar 1960+**  
*September 19 at 1:30pm, by donation*  
In a career spanning over five decades, Joan Balzar produced a legacy of illustrations, abstract paintings and unique experimentation in visual arts. Join artist Joan Balzar for discussion on her work and an exciting period in the Vancouver art scene.

**Howl-O-Ween**  
*October 31, 9-12pm, 6-8 yrs, \$ 25*  
*Course # 662928*  
Howl-O-Ween at the Museum! Make boo-goo and other potions in our mad wizard laboratory. Other activities include ghost paintings, trick or treat bags, pasta skeletons, and pumpkin crafts. Spooky Stories (but not too spooky) topped off with a treasure hunt through our very own Sleepy Hollow.

**Greeting Cards-  
Introduction to Block Printing**  
*November 14, 1-4pm, \$ 45, Course # 662318*  
*November 28, 1-4pm, \$ 45, Course # 662319*  
Explore the art of printmaking and create your own holiday greeting cards! This introductory workshop will take you through the process of relief block printmaking. Participants take home a set of original holiday greeting cards with envelopes printed using their own lino-block design.

**Greeting Cards -  
Printmaking Workshop for Children**  
*November 14, 9am-12pm, \$ 35*  
*Course # 662267 (materials included)*  
*November 28, 9am-12pm, \$ 35*  
*Course # 662317 (materials included)*  
Explore colour, texture, shape and form through the art of printmaking! Museum Educator Issac Vanderhorst will introduce children the work of B.C.'s well-known printmakers and a wide variety of simple printmaking techniques. Participants will experiment relief block printmaking and create their own unique cards with envelopes ready to mail for this holiday season.

**Please call 604-925-7270 to register in advance for these programs.**

**In Memoriam**  
Sadly, Abraham Jedidiah Rogatnick passed away on August 30, 2009 at the age of 85. He was an architect, artist, teacher, historian and philanthropist. Rogatnick and the late Alvin Balkind co-founded the New Design Gallery in West Vancouver devoted to showcase works by emerging Vancouver artists and architects. Our condolences to his family, friends and those whose lives he touched.

Top image: Joan Balzar and Herbert Gilbert at the artist's studio. c. 1969. Photographer unknown.

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