

CENTRAL VISUAL ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

ROUND UP



September 7 - 30, 2007

Opening: September 7th, 7 to 9pm

Oceanside Art Gallery

153 Macmillan Street

Parksville, BC, Canada

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CVAA ROUND UP

The Central Visual Artists Association began in 1977 as an organization devoted to artists' advocacy and information dissemination. Initially, it produced a series of contracts for artists and galleries (predating CARFAC's contracts) and it produced a periodic newsletter. In 1977, the CVAA also produced the **BC Artists Show**, a large juried provincial show, sponsored by and held at the BC Central Credit Union, which predated the **October Show** in 1983, the **Warehouse Show** in 1984, and the first **Artropolis Show** in 1987.

There were originally over 100 members and the members continued to meet on a monthly basis. After CARFAC took over the political and advocacy needs of artists, the CVAA continued to put out a newsletter which eventually morphed into a Mail Art publication titled *Mixed Bag*. Old members left and new members joined. CVAA artists produced several artistamp sheets of members' work, a limited edition collaborative book titled *Unsung Landmarks of Vancouver* in 1988, and a limited edition miniature book titled *Fetish* in 1995.

In 1998, the group produced a series of collaborative mixed media collage/paintings which were shown at **A Walk Is Gallery** on Denman Street in Vancouver.

The CVAA now includes 12 artists who continue the thirty year tradition of meeting once a month to exchange art info, plan new projects, and talk. Three of the original 1977 CVAA - Peter Small, Barbara Seamon, and Ed Varney - are still members and other members have osmosed into the group over time. Shirley Lum is the only current member not participating in this exhibition.

The CVAA chose to present circular works for the **Round Up** exhibition at the Oceanside Gallery because it was the only theme they could all agree on. Along with individual circular works by the members, the CVAA will also be displaying some of the collaborative works created over the decades.

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