

So you want to host at West Coast Creatives Salon?

What is an art salon?

It's really an informal discussion! First the host presents something they find thought provoking in order to lead a discussion. Afterwards other visitors will present whatever they wish in a more informal manner. We recommend attending a few before signing up to host.

What does hosting at WCCS look like?

Our salons are intended to spark discussion, and they all have the same rhythm: first the host presents for about 45 minutes, then other members can present. Typically the presentation by the host is more structured and planned in advance to ensure it fills enough time.

Presentations do not have to follow any set structure. Some presenters bring slides and props, and some just bring a list of questions for the group. As long as the material you wish to share is thought provoking and you have a lot to say about it, we welcome you!

What art do I bring?

You do not have to present your own art! You can talk about any art you find compelling. Whether you are an artist with something of your own to share or a fan of a particular artist, piece, or artistic movement, you are more than welcome to introduce it to the group.

Guidelines

We want to create a safe and welcoming environment for artists of all disciplines and backgrounds. In order to maintain that atmosphere here is a list of guidelines. If you are unsure if your subject fits within these guidelines, just consult us by sending the material to westcoastcreativessalon@gmail.com



Do

- Artistic nudity, violence, and foul language are acceptable within limits.
- Do preface discussion of extreme content with a trigger warning.
- Do bring art of any discipline you wish. Music, dance, digital and analog art, sculpture, all manner of art from all disciplines are welcome.
- Do invite opportunities for comments and questions from participants.

Don't

- Don't bring props of a gross/violent nature (e.g. fake vomit, dildos, guns, etc.)
- Don't bring material that is vulgar for the sake of vulgarity. If the entire goal is to evoke disgust, it is not acceptable.
- Don't present AI art that has been trained on generalized search results. AI trained on you/your subject's art is acceptable. AI art that has been altered for the sake of artistic expression by you/your subject is also acceptable.



How do I lead a conversation?

- When the meetup starts, introduce yourself and your artistic areas of interest.
- If there are people new to WCCS, welcome them and invite them to introduce themselves.
- If you aren't much of a public speaker, bringing a slideshow can be a great way to organize your thoughts and share them with the group.
- Ask questions that might spark discussion pertaining to the piece you are presenting. "What does this piece make you think/feel?" is always a great conversation starter.
- Be aware of jargon very specific to one artistic field for an extended period. You don't want to leave participants out of the discussion.

How to write an event announcement

At least 2 weeks before the time of your salon we will send out an email to our members with the subject "Event Announcement".

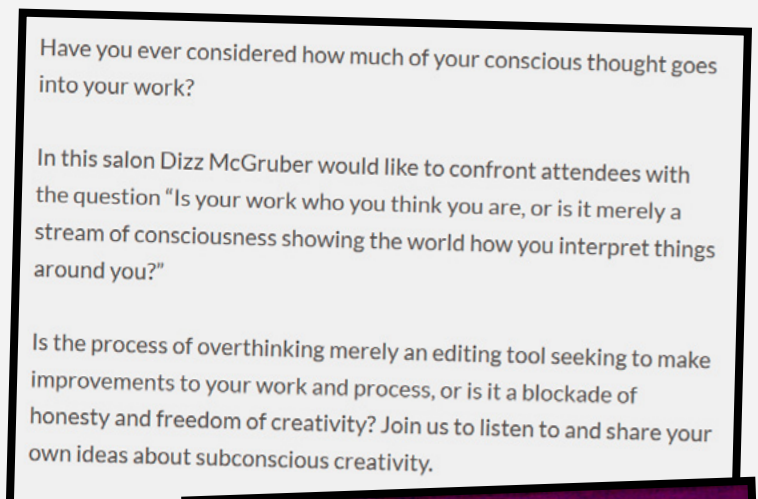
All we need from you is:

- A paragraph or two about the theme of the salon (if any)
- A large, high-resolution photo for promotional purposes (should be public domain or your work)

Following this message, our promotional team will add the announcement to our website, email list and social media sites.

Cancellations

If you change your mind, let us know at westcoastcreativessalon@gmail.com over 1 month before the meetup in question so we can re-organize.





Equipment

Be sure bring any necessary hardware (audio equipment, projector if required, TV, etc.), or discuss with Dizz McGruber at darianvncnt@gmail.com so we can acquire it for you.

Snacks/ Beverages

Salon guests have consistently appreciated snacks and beverages, if you would like to bring them. Chips/crackers, tea, vegetable trays, home-baked goods etc. Many of these may be available for free in support of WCCS if you introduce us as a Non-Profit Organization for the Arts who hosts community events (Save-on Foods, Starbucks, etc.) We will ensure the chosen venue allows food/drink. Keep all receipts for purchased items and send to westcoastcreativessalon@gmail.com for up to \$25 reimbursement.

Media

It is very helpful to WCCS to have candid photos/video recordings of our events. We always want to record and take photos of our salons, so allow for 10 minutes at the end of salons for photos. If you have any special circumstances and wish us not to, please let us know in advance.

Thank you all SO MUCH for keeping our salon alive and making it a supportive and inspiring experience for the greater Vancouver creative scene!

**Sincerely,
WCCS Directors**

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