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Wanderlust for Vancouver Island celebrated through the eyes of artists at the Comox Valley Airport

Nineteen talented local artists will have their work unveiled tomorrow at the Comox Valley Airport when YQQ opens its 2014/15 Public Art and Culture Exhibition in the terminal building.

This year's theme, *Wanderlust Vancouver Island* features 23 stunning pieces of artwork that are representative of the strong desire to travel to Vancouver Island. Tofino, the Salish Shore, Strathcona, Campbell River, the Comox Valley and other island locations are featured in the exhibit. Work is on display for passengers and the public until May 1, 2015.

"All work presented in this year's exhibit celebrates the desire to travel to the many special places on Vancouver Island that are accessible through the Comox Valley Airport," said Dallas Stevenson, Executive Director of the Comox Valley Community Arts Council. "We are really pleased to display such a unique and diverse selection of artwork to enjoy in the terminal building."

The exhibition will feature photography, sculpture, painting and textiles by Heather Alton, Brian Argyle, Bert Badey, Anna May Bennett, Leslie Bennett, Ron Bridge, Brian Buckrell, Jean Cockburn, April Dyck, Bill Kerr, Marsha Mackinnon, Ron Moffat, David Netterville, Marilyn Peeters, Susan Schaefer, Andrew Talbot, Althea White, Paul Wullum and Katie Wylie.

"The Comox Valley Art and Culture Program exhibition provides a passenger with a very strong sense of place upon arriving to Vancouver Island," said YQQ CEO, Fred Bigelow. "This is an excellent way to support the local art community, while providing a truly unique west coast experience for all of those who enter the terminal."

The Comox Valley Airport Art and Culture Program, a partnership between YQQ and the Comox Valley Community Arts Council, is intended to showcase the rich artistic tradition of northern Vancouver Island by presenting an annual public art exhibition for YQQ passengers and the community. A call for submissions is issued each spring and artwork is selected by a jury made up of representatives from the airport and the Arts Council.

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More information about this program, the featured artists and their work on display at the Comox Valley Airport can be found on www.comoxairport.com under *Airport Services/Art and Culture Program*. For information about how to get involved in YQQ's Art and Culture program and other community arts projects, visit www.comoxvalleyarts.com.

Attention Assignment Editors:

The Comox Valley Community Arts Council will provide a tour of the 2014/2015 YQQ Art and Culture Program exhibition for media at 3:00 p.m. on November 20, 2014. Several artists, along with representatives of YQQ and the Arts Council, will be available for interviews and photos in the terminal building.

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