



CIRCLE CRAFT

CIRCLE CRAFT COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION



February News & Updates

IN THE STORE

Circle Craft had a stellar year in sales in 2022!

2022	2021	DIFF \$	DIFF %
\$1,013,887.66	\$690,536.82	\$323,350.84	46.83%

STORE UPDATES

Thank you for all your contributions with your wonderful work. We enjoyed engaging with customers and selling your art to them. We hope to have a repeat year in 2023, we are off to a good start! Please make sure to book an appointment with **Lucy (Inventory)** to drop off your work.

We are going to be working on phasing out packaging in the upcoming year. If members have additional options for packaging their pieces when they are sold, please discuss it with Judy or bring it in when dropping off your pieces. Thank-you.

INVENTORY

You should have received an email from Lucy (Inventory) about some minor changes with the Drop Off forms, they are now easier to fill out! Please contact her at inventory@circlecraft.net if you have any questions.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

We said Good-Bye to long term employee Melinda Harrison. We thank her for her time with Circle Craft and wish her all the best!!

MEMBER IN-STORE EVENTS

Circle Craft wants to feature YOU in store. We are currently putting together our 2023 events schedule and want as many of our members as possible to participate.

Do you have a special collection in the works? Are you an out of town member? Then an **in-store Featured Artist** exhibit would be perfect for you! New products are displayed in a special space in the store for added exposure and typically set up over a period of 2 to 4 weeks.

If you are local to the area, or would like to come to town we are collecting advance interest for our popular in-store **Spring Pop Up events**. These events run Thursday through Sunday with a minimum of a two day engagement. Pop Up events are a fantastic opportunity for our members to actively sell new products and engage onsite with staff and customers. If you haven't taken the opportunity yet to participate, now is the time to come spend the day with us on Granville Island and have some fun! Please reach out to **Nicole** to confirm your interest and hear more.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Elen Danielle

Member Since: 2019
Medium: Textile

Were you 'crafty' as a kid?

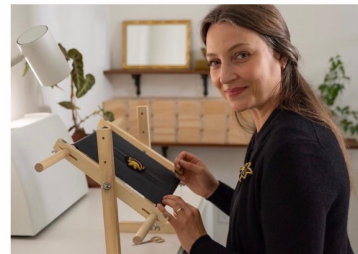
Yes! Being a kid back in the day you had to be creative! Boredom was your best friend — from problem solving to sourcing materials. Engineering forts and bridges to goalie posts and hockey sticks.

What's been the most interesting piece of work or your biggest accomplishment in your career to date?

Being acknowledged for your commitment to your craft — being awarded the BC achievement award.

What's been the hardest challenges that come with running your own business?

Always coming up with new inventions. It's hard to be unique. And there's a lot of pressure to keep your work fresh and new.



What brings you joy?

Watching my daughter grow. She is only five months old and seeing her develop into every new stage of life is the most beautiful thing.

If you were granted a 'superpower' what would you choose?

To heal the earth!

What phrase or cliché do you most live by?

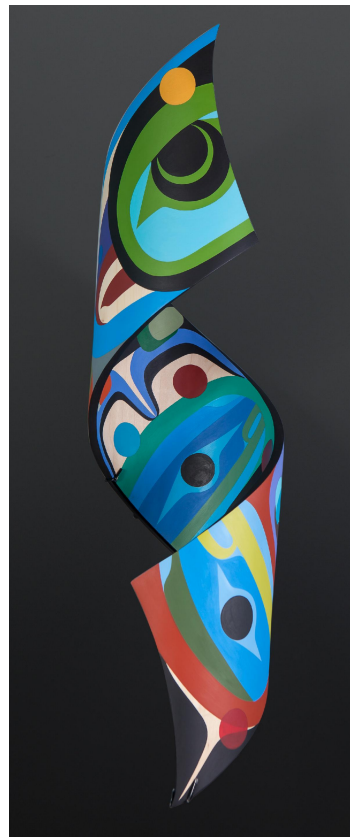
Born to blossom, bloom to perish

Let the cooperative learn more about you. **Click here** to fill out the member questionnaire if you haven't done so already.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Member artist Ed Pretty says “*he’ll never make the cover of Rolling Stone Magazine*” but he did make the back cover of American Woodturner in April 2017 along with an article inside the journal titled 'Twisted: A Collaboration of Talents.' The article explained the process involved for turning a particularly unique piece (pictured) in collaboration with Steve Smith (indigenous artist) of Vancouver who is behind the gorgeous painting on this 44 inch tall piece.

Since this time Ed has written a number of articles for American Woodturner, his latest being ‘A Journey Through Time’ and will be published this month on his thoughts while working with a several thousand year old red cedar.



MEMBER UPDATES

Anyuta Gusakova has made the decision to leave the co-op. We wish her well.

Kaija Rautiainen has not renewed her membership as she will be returning to Finland at some point this year. She shared these parting words "*I have had many good and successful years in Circle Craft. Thank you for that.*" We wish her all the best on her next adventure.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Market 2023 Exhibitors application is now open. Dates for the show are November 8-12, 2023

SELECTIONS COMMITTEE

A very warm welcome to Jeremy Dane Morris and Minori Takagi, the newest members to join the Selections Committee.

Our first round of Selections kicked off February 1, 2023. Circle Craft is accepting applications for the entire month, if you know any artists that would be a good fit for our cooperative please invite them to apply through the application link on our website.

Message from the Board

The Circle Craft board still needs help. Do you have 5-6 hours per month to help further the cooperative? If you, or someone you know would like to learn more about sitting on the board of directors please reach out to **Cameron Dougherty**, Board President. Thank you for your consideration and support.



If there is any news you would like to share, please send it to nicole@circlecraft.net



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