



Mount
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National Park

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ART IN THE PARK 2012 MOUNT REVELSTOKE NATIONAL PARK

“Art in the Park is about creating that sense of place and sharing an emotional response to that place through art.”

Jackie Pendergast, Revelstoke Visual Arts Society and Art in the Park artist

Since 2008, the *Art in the Park* program based out of Revelstoke B.C. provides visual artists with special access to explore one of Canada’s national parks and then to share the experience through art. Artwork is created to inspire an emotional connection and deeper understanding of Canada’s national parks.

For the 2012/13 year, the *Art in the Park* program was held for the first time in Mount Revelstoke National Park. Artists focused on the flora and fauna found in the park, exploring wild flowers, rocks, tree bark, leaves, insects, birds and lichen. Together, using a variety of media, they created original artwork to be part of the exhibition entitled “Up Close.”

Day trips into the park were organised with park staff guiding the artists through a variety of landscapes including the Skunk Cabbage Trail, Giant Cedars Trail and the summit of Mount Revelstoke. Artists also had the option to join staff to learn more about the Coeur d’Alene salamander or enjoy a meteor shower and throughout the summer were given special access to the park.

While *Art in the Park* has been hosted several times by neighbouring Glacier National Park, this is the first year Mount Revelstoke National Park has hosted the program and plans are already underway for an *Art in the Park* program for the park’s centennial celebration in 2014. This year’s exhibition will be shared with the public at various venues in the province and samples of the work displayed on-line.

Parks Canada’s goal is to connect Canadians to Canada’s national parks. By creating artwork from their experiences in the park, artists reveal meanings and relationships that complement the scientific and educational perspectives presented by park staff. Through artists’ participation, Parks Canada hopes to expand the way the park is seen by local residents, staff, visitors and audiences beyond park boundaries.

The *Art in the Park* program is a partnership between Parks Canada and the Revelstoke Visual Arts Society (RVAS) and the Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier. More information on the *Art in the Park* program is available at: revelstokevisualarts.com or friendsrevglacier.com or parksCanada.gc.ca/revelstoke-art



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