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A WEEKEND FOR LOVERS OF ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

During the Columbia Basin Culture Tour, fascinating venues open their doors

(FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — Columbia Basin) – Artists, museums, art galleries, heritage sites and more will open their doors to the public—for free—during the [Columbia Basin Culture Tour](#). A total of 85 venues, located in communities and rural areas throughout the Columbia Basin, are featured in the 18th annual tour, taking place on Saturday and Sunday, August 8 and 9, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"It's so exciting that year after year the public is able to enjoy arts, culture and heritage in such a significant way through the Culture Tour," said Kallee Lins, Executive Director of the Kootenay Regional Arts Council. "There's a huge range of options—something to appeal to everyone—throughout the event. We invite people to take a look at the venues and start planning a fabulous weekend!"

A project of the Kootenay Regional Arts Council, the Columbia Basin Culture Tour is supported by [Columbia Basin Trust](#), with additional support provided by [Nelson and Kootenay Lake Tourism](#).

Through exhibitions, artwork displays, creative-process demonstrations and performances, each venue offers a new experience. The tour is self-guided and suitable for all ages.

One 2025 participant commented, "How there are so many talented people in our area? I thought the Columbia Basin Culture Tour was great—never been to one before. I would go next year. Thank you for having this event."

Another 2025 participant said, "I very much enjoyed seeing the artists in their home environments and having the chance to chat with the various artists. I also liked the demos!"

To learn more about the Culture Tour, discover the venues and view a map of locations, visit [cbculturetour.com](#). Printed copies of the Columbia Basin Culture Tour directory are also available around the region in locations like art galleries, visitors' centres, chambers of commerce, hotels and cafés.

To keep up to date with tour happenings, follow @wkartscouncil on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#).

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Photos of each venue may be downloaded through the regional pages listed on [cbculturetour.com](#). If you need higher-resolution images, please connect with the media contact listed below.

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