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Who: Vernon Public Art Gallery
What: Midsummer's Eve of the Arts
When: Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 6:30 pm – 11:00 pm
Where: Turtle Mountain Winery, 3111 Agnew Rd. Vernon BC

Gallery Ready for 32nd Annual Art Auction Fundraiser

Midsummer's Eve of the Arts returns to Turtle Mountain Winery for the annual art auction and garden party benefit event of the Vernon Public Art Gallery. Staff and volunteers are working hard behind the scenes to help make this a magical evening for all who attend.

"The support for the Vernon Public Art Gallery continues to grow and as a result we have been able to offer quality of exhibitions to the population we serve. We have attracted artists of international stature such as our current featured Canadian artist Derek Besant. Midsummer's Eve of the Arts provides us with the funding required to bring those quality exhibitions which in turn direct the educational tours we provide to thousands of kids in our school program and the general public." – Dauna Kennedy, Executive Director.

The event this year will feature gourmet appetizers provided by local caterers, wine and beer, and a specialty welcome cocktail for guests to enjoy. Kailee McGuire will share musical talents live outdoors in the beautiful vineyard setting. Guests can purchase a \$10 raffle ticket in hopes of winning the "Gift of Culture" prize valued at nearly \$1400. Jason Armstrong of Beach Radio will Emcee the event alongside auctioneers Don and Brody Raffan. Although cowboy hats are not generally the chosen attire at Midsummer's Eve of the Arts, the Raffan's live auction is an art form in itself and is entertainment for all. Following the live auction, guests can peruse the silent auction items, enjoy more food and drinks, and dance into the night. Guests are treated to a complimentary shuttle service to and from Kal Tire Place provided by Midsummer's Eve of the Arts Presenting Sponsor Bannister Honda.

"The Vernon Public Art Gallery wishes to thank our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and guests for attending this event. We are gearing up for a very exciting referendum this fall in hopes that future events like this will one day soon be held in a brand new cultural facility. Vernon had grown and become a cultural hub. A new facility for the museum, art gallery, and similar user groups, would be immensely beneficial for the community. I invite you to attend Midsummer's Eve of the Arts as a means to show your support."

MEA tickets are available to purchase online at www.vernonpublicartgallery.com, in person at the Gallery at 3228 31st Ave Vernon, or by phone at 250-545-3173 (advance only). Ticket price for VPAG members is \$50 or regular ticket price is \$65, and a VIP table of 4 is \$300.

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