

Kelowna's newest co-operative workspace opens in unlikely location

Creative Growth Centre for Spiritual Nourishment

Lucas Glenn and Mat Glenn
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November 25, 2019 – Kelowna, BC: The newest co-operative workspace to open in Kelowna has done so at an unlikely location—an open-air courtyard in the heart of the Kelowna Art Gallery.

Local artists Lucas Glenn and Mat Glenn have created a site-specific installation entitled *Creative Growth Centre for Spiritual Nourishment*. It invites visitors to enter a living/working space that is self-contained and aims to sustain human life as an 'eco-utopian' space.

Visitors are welcome to enter the room, sit, work and play—using the space as they would a scaled-down, shared co-operative workspace. The “centre” comes equipped with heat, power outlets, a charging station, and a working area that features variable lighting. Also sharing the space are peace lilies, which are self-watering and controlled through a coded device.

The centre is first-come, first-serve and the public are invited to come and use the space.

The installation references the dreams of startup and DIY (do it yourself) culture and raises the question about the actual sustainability of such ideas.

Lucas and Mat Glenn are BFA graduates from UBC Okanagan and Kelowna-based interdisciplinary artists. Their sculptural, digital, and site-specific works use regional identity, science-fiction, and fantasy to address global crises.

Creative Growth Centre for Spiritual Nourishment runs until May of 2020.

A reception to celebrate the exhibition will be held on Friday, November 29, 2019, from 6 to 8 pm. This is a free event, open to Gallery members and guests, by invitation.

The Kelowna Art Gallery is located at 1315 Water Street in downtown Kelowna. For more information about current exhibitions, public programming or special events, please visit the Kelowna Art Gallery online at www.kelownaartgallery.com or call 250-762-2226.

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