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Works by seven BC artists renew hope amidst an extinction crisis

Take a sensory journey from loss to hope at **Precipice**, an art exhibit and gathering space where conversations about solutions to biodiversity loss will thrive. *Precipice: Changing the course of the Extinction Crisis in BC* runs at the Alternatives Gallery in Vancouver from September 15-23, 2023.

Unceded Coast Salish Territory/Vancouver, BC – *Precipice: Changing the Course of the Extinction Crisis in BC* is an art exhibition that tells stories of loss and hope for lands, animals, waters and people in British Columbia, Canada’s most biodiverse province. At Alternatives Gallery in Vancouver, seven BC-based artists will express how deeply biodiversity in nature affects the human experience.

Presented by Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - British Columbia, *Precipice* is more than an art exhibit. It’s a gathering place where artists, biologists and activists will teach, play and host community conversations about biodiversity.

“*Precipice* is a convening space for critical conversations about what people living in BC can do to protect our children's futures,” says Tori Ball, Terrestrial Conservation Manager at CPAWS-BC. “We’re living through an extinction crisis – forest fires, floods and droughts. But we can’t lose hope.”

Right now, Indigenous Nations are working to protect their traditional territories and the province has an unparalleled opportunity to support their vision and ensure that lands and waters are healthy and protected, says Ball. “This is how we can mitigate the effects of climate change and support communities in BC. *Precipice* is an open, community space for people to gather, learn and take action.”

Works featured at *Precipice* show that when we do better for Nature, people thrive too: a textile sculpture embodies the life experience of a tree; a ceramic tile installation depicts the family history of our Southern Resident killer whales; and textural cut-outs explore wildlife relocation caused by habitat loss.

Precipice’s community programs welcome guest speakers including Chief Rebecca David of Pauquachin Nation, Councillor Archie Little, Nuchatlaht First Nation, Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal

Council artists workshops and storytelling events. [Tickets are free or by donation](#) and the schedule of events is listed below.

Precipice is curated by Rachael Ashe and features work by Cherry Archer, Nell Burns, Adea Chung, Grace Lee, Jessie Recalma, Sarah Ronald and Clare Wilkening. The gallery is always free to enter and is open Monday to Thursday from 4 PM to 6 PM for public viewing. All are welcome to join workshops and guest speaker nights during extended weekend and evening hours. Tand ticketed events.

Precipice art exhibition is presented by Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - British Columbia (CPAWS-BC). A portion of the proceeds will support the non-profit's work to advocate for the protection of lands, waters and wildlife in BC.

[Precipice: Changing the Course of the Extinction Crisis in BC](#)

When: September 15-23, 2023

Time: 4 PM to 6 PM, plus special evening and weekend events.

Where: Alternatives Gallery and Studio, 1659 Venables Street, Vancouver, BC.

Tickets: Always free to visit the gallery. Donations welcomed for special workshops, speakers night and more [online](#)

Special events include:

- Opening night: September 15, from 6-9 PM
- Ocean Pollution panel: September 19 from 6-7:30 PM
- The Future of Conservation panel: September 21 from 6-8 PM
- In addition to Family Fun day, Beginner-friendly artist workshops and more!

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For photos and press kit: www.ontheprecipice.ca/toolkit

About CPAWS-BC:

The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - British Columbia (CPAWS-BC) is part of one of Canada's oldest non-profit conservation groups. We protect wilderness in every corner of BC and deep into the ocean. We have been defending BC since 1978, and are dedicated to keeping BC's natural environment thriving forever. Nature is BC's best hope.

The world is facing a biodiversity crisis. Decades of climate change and unchecked industrial development are putting nature under more pressure than ever. British Columbia is on the frontlines of the fight to protect our last remaining large, intact natural land and seascapes, and the plants and animals that depend on them.

CPAWS-BC has a plan to stem the nature emergency and ensure resilient ecosystems that can weather the storms of a changing climate. When nature thrives, so do we.

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