



IN THE LIBRARY:



1. Claire Brown—**Still a Daisy at Heart**
I've been really inspired by daisies recently, incorporating them into films and songs that I write. Daisies are such sweet flowers representing innocence, childhood and maybe even young love. In the midst of my grade 12 year, I'm feeling nervous about leaving my youth and entering adulthood. I'm grasping tiny bits of my childhood that I don't want to let go of.



2. Elsa & Kata—**Reality vs Expectations**
Sometimes you expect to get one thing but it turns into something else. Flowers in the winter are unexpected.



3. Helen Spaxman—**Seaweed & Coral**
Blooming under the sea. Repurposed banners are my specialty. When there are pale banners that aren't sold at Artful Sunday (August events in Napier Greenway) re-painting/adding to them seem the logical response and the result is less waste and more beauty.



4. Helen Spaxman—**Bees & Flowers**
Another repurposed banner. Bringing some more pattern and bright texture to this one that was part of a "Friend" themed workshop 10 years ago.



5. Helen Spaxman & Claire Brown
Galaxies (Fall 2018 theme Intergalactic)

6. Helen Spaxman & Patricia Darling
Nebula (Fall 2018 theme Intergalactic)



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to be added to the e-update list.

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Most especially to our neighbourhood artists that paint the banners with their passion and creativity each fall and spring. What a team!



Fall 2019 Banner Program

"Flowers"



**"Where flowers bloom so
does hope."**

~ Lady Bird Johnson

Walk around and enjoy
the creations from the
Fall Banner Workshop on Oct 19-20, 2019

Opening celebration & walkabout tour
Saturday December 14th at 3pm.

Fall banners will be up until the next set of
Banners are created at the
Spring Banner Workshop



1. Anna Vicente and Penny Beggs
Flowers of Hope

T'was the night before banner painting.
The computer lit up the house.
Looking for info for what I like most.
For "flowers and hope" a theme we would host.

We woke the next morning ready to paint.
When team collaboration had me in like a saint.
With details of nature brushed onto the cloth.
We met a goal for our community cause.

I thought of hope and colour and winter and fog.
All high up, filling space in the sky.
Of texture, of line, of shape and of light.
Or of neon when it's dark at night.

Our Banners are up now
To remind us, all who walk by.
Always look up, but remember say hi.



2. Joel Klassen
Sunflowers

We have sunflowers in our backyard every year,
Mammoth Russians, sometimes 12 feet tall.
This was my first time painting a banner.
I would go again. I sang the Beatles song "Come Together" to Helen at lunch while I ate honey on barley bread and almonds.

3. Sandra Cheng
Spring

Although flowers can bloom all year round in Vancouver, Spring comes to mind. On my way to work, I usually walk for about an hour each morning. It is hard not to notice things coming alive. New shoots from the trees come alive and the flowers on the street bloom with spectacular colours. I painted the flowers with bright red, yellow, orange and red with green as the background to represent what Spring means to me.



4. Sasha & Kathy Whittam and Friends
Flower Unity

We like to make Unity Art with friends. The idea is to take a picture, cut it up into pieces and then everyone colours various parts with their unique flair. When the puzzle of pieces is put together it makes beautiful community art! For this banner season we used a favourite collaborative piece called *Earth Goddess* as inspiration and were grateful to have our banner artist friends Helen, Claire, Joel & Esther for painting some squares with us!



5. Penny Lim
Saving Mammals: Marine & Land: Whale/Caribou

Angiosperms successful so far. Whereas our fellow mammals need saving immediately, far too many reports of whales dying or injured (human causes). So, what can you do to help save these fragile animals? Promote their plight in the public light. My images tell stories! Take care to share the planet, habitat of wildlife. Quote David Suzuki that the last remaining caribou in Canada may be that on our quarter. Take up the challenge to save our wildlife!

6. Rudi Leibik
Flowers

A burst of colour from blossoming flowers to keep the memory of summer alive through the dark, rainy winter.
To life! To sunshine!

