

Call For Artists June 2021 Art for Ancient Trees, BC Copyright©2021

Welcome to Art for Ancient Trees!

Mission

Our mission is to raise funds and awareness for the [Ancient Forest Alliance](#), to help in the preservation of BC's ancient trees and endangered old-growth forests that are also home to many species of plants, insects and animals.

This website was created by a community of British Columbia artists who feel and know that even the efforts of a small group can make a big difference in this world!

The Ancient Forest Alliance "is a registered non-profit organization that is working to protect B.C.'s endangered old-growth forests, and to ensure a sustainable, value-added, second growth forest industry within our province."

B.C.'s ancient trees are common heritage for our province, our country and for the world. People travel from all over the globe to see our old growth forests, walk in our river valleys, and mountains –enjoying their beauty, health and spiritual benefits, and the many species supported by them.

What we do

We create art and donate a portion (up to 50%) of the proceeds of sale to the Ancient Forest Alliance which is a non-profit organization established to protect our ancient forests and trees in British Columbia. We are peacefully contributing to this cause in the best way we can, through our love of trees and art. We feel that AFA is working in smart and lawful ways to protect our trees and keep the public informed of the facts. We believe that this cause is far bigger than ourselves, one that is both heart-centred and planet-centred. It is about not living "small" but making a positive difference in any way that we can.

Why is this important?

We need to pressure our government for immediate change since these trees are our natural and cultural icons, and they belong to all of us. We need to protect our forests not only for our resource needs, but also for preservation of biodiversity and collective spiritual health. These are our forests, and the forests of our future generations. Currently the Ancient Forest Alliance is calling for the provincial government to establish a B.C. Old-Growth Protection Strategy that would ensure comprehensive, legislated protection for B.C.'s ancient forests on public/Crown lands.

Legislation in BC is outdated, and in the process of new bills coming forward for the protection of trees weighing the economic cost of logging versus the tourist value of ancient groves, roughly 60 000 hectares of old growth is being logged each year, with 3.6 million hectares of old growth "available" to log according to the province. An independent panel of scientists stated in a June 2020 report that many older trees are on the brink of extinction. Suzanne Simard, Diane Beresford-Kroeger and Peter Wohlleben, world renown scientists studying tree biodiversity and ecosystems of ancient trees, advocate for their protection. In 2020 there was 4% of our ancient forest remaining on Vancouver Island. In one year, that became 3%. The need is urgent, the time to act is now!

In May 2019 there was the presentation at the United Nations committee on the environment acknowledging that we are living in a time of the 6th Great Extinction in Earth's history. There should be no ancient ecosystems on the planet being destroyed. Instead, in the words of David Attenborough of BBC's Blue Planet and National Geographic fame, we need to increase Earth's diversity and implement reversals of the environmental destruction, as well as to learn to live 100% sustainably. These two things alone have the potential to turn things around from sure Mass Extinction to sustainable living of species including humanity in as little as 30 years and so what we do to restore our environment in the next 10 years is crucial.

We need a "bio-plan" and Dr Diana Beresford -Kroeger has just that- see **Call of the Forest** with an app indicating the appropriate trees to plant in each climate zone in North America. Each person is being asked to plant one tree a year for 6 years- 48 billion trees which will go a long way to restore balance.

What we need

We are a group of local artists in British Columbia; however, we would welcome contributions from artists from all over Canada, US, and the rest of the world! In addition, if you know anyone who is interested in collecting artwork, please direct them to our site.

We are also looking for public and commercial art galleries that would be willing to share our message on their social media and some of our selected artwork on their online gallery.

We are offering a large range of art styles, pricing, and sizes. There will be something for everyone! We welcome as many artists as possible to join us in supporting the AFA. Please follow us, spread this important message, and purchase art if you feel you want to support the cause and the artists who are

involved in the project. If you know of an artist who might be interested in supporting this cause, please share this site with them. Or if you are an artist and would like to be a part of our website please contact us now!

We are asking artists to donate art works AND grow awareness of our mission on their social media please. We are bringing together artists and buyers through an important cause that impacts all humanity and, in fact, all life.

For more information about us, please see our website artforancienttrees.com "About Us"

Contributing Artist Application (please print)

As a contributing artist who HONOURS our cause, we ask that you fill out and submit this form, so we have some artist information to share on our website giving you the opportunity for more exposure and buyers / bidders, and more appreciation for your statement and your work.

We ask that you expect your art to be available for auction and or sale for approximately 3 months/ 3 month intervals, but artists can withdraw their work/ sell it at any time.

Name: _____ Art Experience _____

Website url:

Email*:

Phone*:

Social media links: Fb, IG, Pinterest, Other

Artist Statement/ Style _____

Donation : Title:

Dimensions:

Media used:

Techniques or special comments:

Fair Market Value:

Brief Bio:

*Required

If the art is not sold in approx. 3 months there are 3 options we suggest:

Option A: return it for the next auction

Option B return to artist

Option C withdraw (in writing) from auction and retain on the Art for Ancient Trees website for sale all for as long as the Art for Ancient Trees, BC exists with the support of administrators or such time as the art is sold. (Expect this withdraw process to take up to 7 days as all work with Art for Ancient Trees is voluntary)

Art for Ancient Trees, BC

Waiver and Release of Liability

Please check the following boxes to indicate you ("Artist") agree:

Artists (you) retain art until contacted by buyer/ bidder, and artists are solely and completely responsible for all of the following: submitting images of work, sales, shipping, insurance, tracking, loss, damage, communications, **honouring associated donations to the Ancient Forest Alliance**, notifying Art for Ancient Trees, BC of the sale/s of their work/s .

agree

I hereby give permission to the admin of "Art for Ancient Trees" to post on the internet/ website/ their social media platforms any and all the above information I willingly offer here including images.

agree

I understand that administrators/ organizers/ founders of Art For Ancient Trees, BC is simply a platform for connecting artists with buyers/ bidders and facilitating all levels of artists to offer their work for the protection of ancients trees and forests of BC through the non-profit **Ancient Forest Alliance** located in Victoria, BC, and neither they nor their affiliates are responsible for potential miscommunication, misinterpretation, mistiming, nor finances, shipping, tracking, loss, damage, digital services including payments, incorrect information, quality of photos or copyrights associated with the art or photos of the art.

agree

Images of the art available will be on the auction and website for the purposes of marketing and promotion until the art is sold or the art asks for its removal (may take up to 7 days).

agree

Art for Ancient Trees, BC operates on an honour system and exists purely through the heart-centered work of volunteers for the purpose of raising funds and awareness to protect BC's ancient trees and forests. If you have suggestions of how to reach potential buyers, please share so we can all benefit. Thank you for your support!

Signed:

Date:

Print Name:

Email

Phone:

For more about AFA, please visit: www.ancientforestalliance.org.

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