

# VANL BROADSIDE

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## The VANL E-Bulletin

By Robyn Anderson

When I am talking to other artists about Visual Artists Newfoundland Labrador and the reasons they should join, they always ask what benefits there are for members. There is a great list of opportunities including, but not limited to: eligibility to apply to the Colin MacNee Emergency Fund which assists artists in times of need; the ability to be featured as member of the month; and discounts on various artist resources. But throughout my time as a VANL member, I have found the most valuable resource provided has been the e-bulletin.

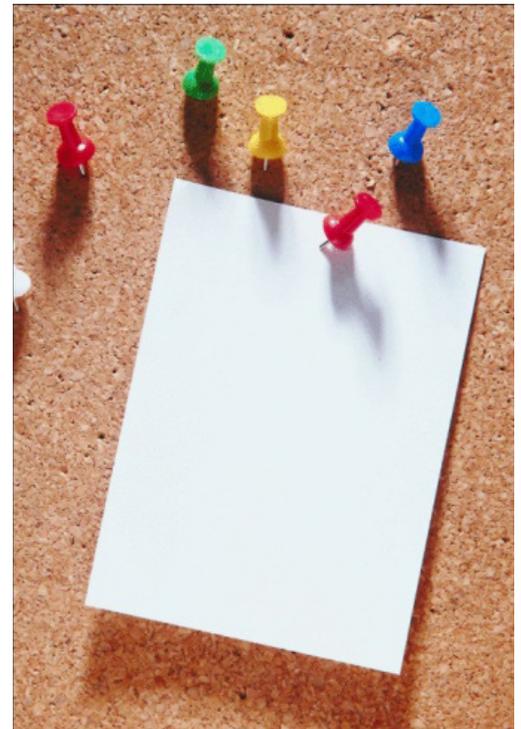
For those of you who may be considering a VANL membership and have not had the chance to see the e-bulletin, it's a collection of goings-on throughout the province emailed out to members on a weekly basis. It features sections on upcoming exhibitions, workshops, call for proposals, jobs and more.

Personally I have been receiving the e-bulletin since I was a visual art student at Grenfell. It has given me insight into what it means to be an artist in Newfoundland Labrador by letting me know what other artists are doing. It was a private entrance into the often intimidating world of visual art for a timid art student.

Now, a little later in my career, I find it a great resource when I'm working on a project. It allows me to reach out to those outside my usual artistic bubble, since anyone can submit their event, call for proposals, and announce other art news. I'm also a rather scattered person - I'm sure I'm not the only artist who can claim that personality trait. The VANL e-bulletin provides a consistent, organised and timely source of the events in the province. It has provided me with reminders and introduced me to opportunities that I never would have known about otherwise. I have taken part in exhibitions, attended great shows and found arts-related employment all through this invaluable resource.

The VANL e-bulletin uses technology to its fullest for the artists of Newfoundland Labrador, especially those of us who live outside the urban centres. It connects us as a community, let's us know what others are doing in the creative sphere, and allows us to support one another even if we are unable to be there in person.

If you would like to receive the VANL e-bulletin, please become a member by visiting [www.vanl-carfac.com/membership](http://www.vanl-carfac.com/membership), or if you have an announcement that you want posted in the e-bulletin please email it to [vanlcarfac@gmail.com](mailto:vanlcarfac@gmail.com).



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