



Issue Area: Arts & Culture

Digging a little deeper

On our website and in the summary report for Vital Signs, we have provided a number of statistics for each of our areas. Following is much more detailed data and sources for each statistic.

Overview

Cultural capital can be defined as the myriad of relationships, activities, artistic expressions and social/ cultural events that contribute to the diversity and richness of community life. This could include different traditions and values the people share as well as the different beliefs and attitudes that people identify as 'part of their culture'. Cultural capital can also refer to the community activities that help to build an increased sense of awareness and understanding of the differences that we share as well as a sense of inclusion and cohesion as people from diverse backgrounds come together to participate in, and add to their community (SPARC, 2011).

Community health, bringing people together, raising cultural awareness and opportunities for youth are benefits of arts and culture.

Over the past three years our community has supported the development of arts and culture, recognizing its importance in crafting our identity, bringing revenue into the community and providing employment and related income.

Grade assigned by researcher: 5

Citizens' grade: 5

Celebrations

Over the past three years our community has raised funds and invested substantial volunteer time and community dollars in support and development of arts & culture. A few of the accomplishments that the Community and not for profit societies can be proud of include;

- 2 new annual festivals have started in Golden.
 - A two part summer and winter music Block Party focusing on up and coming artist.
 - A festival focusing on the lifestyle and mountain culture in Golden.
- Canada Day celebrations have grown and provide the community an opportunity to share our heritage and pride in who we are.
- Whether it's concerts, conferences, weddings, our Civic Centre is now a hub for the community and something we can all be very proud of.
- A number of local artists and contributors have been recognized for their talents and skills outside of our community

Through the indicators that follow it is clear to say that Arts & Culture make a significant contribution to the lifestyle and well-being of the Golden area in a wide variety of ways.

Performances, exhibits and festivals - the data below is for the most current past year, for year to year comparison of data refer to the excel spreadsheets

- Kicking Horse Culture
 - 23 - Public performances (Live Kicks & Summer Kicks)
 - 93 - Artists exhibited
 - 8 - Exhibitions curated and presented
 - 6 - Film / video / media screenings
 - 23 - Community arts project
- Golden Mountain Festival
 - 11 different venues over 2 days

- Golden Sound fest
 - 2 times a year - each over 1 weekend
 - 50 musicians at each festival

Experiencing Arts & Culture - the data below is for the most current past year, for year to year comparison of data refer to the excel spreadsheets

- Kicking Horse Culture
 - 5235 experiences - Public performances (Live Kicks & Summer Kicks)
 - 12,200 viewers - Exhibitions at AGOG
 - 410 experiences - Film / video / media screenings
 - 1000 experiences - Ice kicks
- Golden & District Museum
 - 325 participants - Canada day celebrations
 - 674 visitors
- Golden Mountain Festival
 - 1737 experiences - 2 day festival
- Golden Sound Fest
 - 400 experiences - Winter Block party
 - 400 experiences - Summer Block party

Membership / Volunteers - the data below is for the most current past year, for year to year comparison of data refer to the excel spreadsheets

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kicking Horse Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 688 members ○ 96 volunteers • Golden & District Museum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 74 members • Golden Sound fest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25 volunteers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metis Nation Columbia River Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 185 - current numbers from Donald to Canal Flats ○ 93 - current numbers for Golden and Area-A |
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Non-Profits and organized groups focusing on Arts & Culture - the data below is for the most current past year, for year to year comparison of data refer to the excel spreadsheets

A-Muse Troop
Golden Community Choir
Golden District Historical Society
Golden Festival Society
Golden Players Drama Club
Golden Sikh Cultural Society
Kicking Horse Culture (Golden District Arts Council)
Kicking Horse Movies Performing Arts Society
Kinbasket Nation
Ktunaxa Nation
Metis Nation Columbia River Society
Music Illuminata

Purcell Mountain Orchestra
Royal Canadian Legion
Shuswap Nation
The Canadian Society for the Recording Arts
Golden Rock & Fossil Club
Mountain Magic Quilters Guild
High Country Hand Spinners of Golden
Canadian Parents for French
CirKidz & CirTeenz
Golden Farmer's Market

Opportunities for improvement

The time has come for organizations to communicate, collaborate and co-operate in order to build on our successes and grab the opportunities that are in front of us. A change that is happening around us is the embracing of culture tourism. Not only for the economic benefits associated with tourism but also the social benefits of bringing our heritage, character, arts, and natural beauty into the spotlight for the community to experience. My hope would be that by the next Vital Signs, in 2017, the leaders of our community have come together to explore, expand and implement these opportunities.

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