CAMPBELL RIVER

ART GALLERY

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OPENING RECEPTION FOR TWO NEW EXHIBITIONS THURSDAY, MAY 3 FROM 6 pm to 8 pm

The Art Gallery team is excited to invite you to the opening of two new exhibition projects: *Alaska Variations* and *Coal, Gold & War* on **Thursday, May 3 from 6 pm to 8 pm.** The exhibition runs from May 3 to July 3, 2018 and the Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday 12 pm to 5 pm.

The Campbell River Art Gallery welcomes Paul Walde and his video installation, *Alaska Variations*. Paul Walde is an inter-media artist, composer, and curator. Walde's body of work suggests unexpected interconnections between landscape, identity, and technology. *Alaska Variations*, is an album of 11 scores performed in the landscape and, presented as a series of video installations. The videos document the creation of original compositions and performances situated around Anchorage, Alaska. Within the multi-dimensional portrait are breathtaking landscape views and original sound pieces that combine to reflect on time, place, and the environmental impact people have on the areas they inhabit.

Marlene Yuen is a Vancouver based multi-disciplinary artist whose current focus is on handmade books using printmaking processes. *Coal, Gold & War* explores the history of labor and Chinese immigration in the Fraser Canyon during the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Marlene weaves a rich tapestry of history in beautifully handmade and detailed books that offer unique perspectives and fresh designs. The artist acknowledges the support of the Banff Centre for the Arts & Creativity.

Come for the visual and literary experience, refreshments, light *hors d'oeuvres* provided by Save On Foods, and family friendly activity! Educator, Amy Louise, will provide free craft activities for children and youth at the Campbell River Art Gallery's Kids' Table Hangout.

The artists will be present for the exhibition opening on Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 6 pm to 8 pm. Marlene Yuen will conduct a bookmaking workshop on Friday, May 4 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. During this workshop participants will learn how to fold, manipulate paper using bookbinding tools and will learn three versatile book structures: the accordion, pamphlet stitch and perfect bound book.

We gratefully acknowledge the Province of British Columbia, The British Columbia Arts Council and the City of Campbell River fro their generous support of our programming.

For more information, contact the Campbell River Art Gallery at 250-287-2261, or email at contact@crartgallery.ca or visit www.crartgallery.ca.

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Figure 1: Paul Walde, "Alaska Variations", Video, 2016

Figure 2: Marlene Yuen, "Coal, Gold & War", 2018.