



# THE THISTLER

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Please visit our website for  
up-to-date information on our  
schedule

[www.purplethistle.ca](http://www.purplethistle.ca)

## ★MONDAYS★

open for drop-in

4 - 10pm

Collective Meeting: 7:00-8:30pm

## ★TUESDAYS★

open for drop-in

4 - 10pm

Darkroom support 4:00-7:00pm

## ★WEDNESDAYS★

open for drop-in

4 - 10pm

Alternative Processes - 6:00-8:00pm\*

\*check under this schedule for details.

## ★THURSDAYS★

open for drop-in

4 - 10pm

Life Drawing - 7:30-9:30pm\* \*\*

\*every last thursday of the month

\*\*closed to drop-in

## ★FRIDAYS★

open for drop-in

3 - 6pm

RAIN - zine making, etc- 3:00pm

## ★SUNDAY★

closed to drop in

Purple Thistle Institute

Discussion Group - 3:00-5:00pm \* \*\*

\*About every second Sunday.

\*\*Check column on the opposite side of the page  
for details.

### NEW WEEKLY CLASS:

Web Design drop-in sessions

TUESDAYS 6-9 PM

This FREE drop-in will be a combination of Q&A  
and ongoing lessons on web design every Tues-  
day from 6 to 9 pm.

Using HTML and CSS you can learn to construct  
web pages, starting from the basics (plain text,  
links etc), and progressing up to a multi-page  
website with a modern layout and design.  
You can also learn how to analyze and modify  
existing designs, as well as some broader web  
design tips and strategies.

Technical prerequisites-

You are not totally new to computers

You have some experience browsing the web

You can do basic file management on a PC or

Mac (save and move files, create folders, etc)

Bring your laptop if you want.

This class will mainly be targeted at beginners  
but feel free to come by even if you are at an  
advanced level- maybe you will still learn a bit,  
or perhaps you can help teach others

email [webdesign@purplethistle.ca](mailto:webdesign@purplethistle.ca) for more  
info (or just drop by to the class)

also, TELL YOUR FRIENDS.

The Thistle is a youth-run  
community centre  
for arts and activism

We are a free place  
(both free-of-charge, and we are  
Interested in freedom) where youth can engage with  
each other and their  
community.

The Centre is a physical space to root ourselves, a  
place to work together, and a site to learn new ways  
for

radical organizing for social change.

We have plenty of resources, so do come on down!

All Welcome!

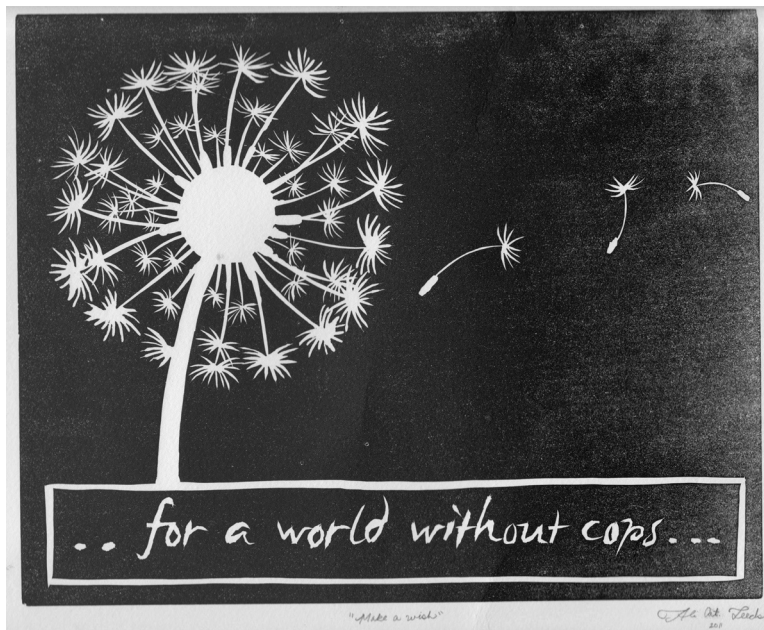


image: "make a wish"

image by: Ali Cat Leeds

"If you think being a heavyweight boxer or an NFL wide-receiver is an  
invitation to brain damage, try being an anti-capitalist." mike davis

## taking care of each other

by carla bergman

community is one of those words that is so easily thrown around and no  
doubt it can mean so many things these days that one could argue that it  
has almost lost any relevant meaning. And when I hear stuff like "my on-  
line community" I lose my shit! How is that community? I mean I get it, sort  
of, but I don't know most of the people on my Twitter or facebook, and I  
certainly don't have them over to my house...

but, according to Wikipedia, "[t]here were ninety-four discrete definitions  
of the term by the mid-1950s." So, it's really nothing new that there are  
many ways to use the word community and clearly this is an indication of  
how important the concept of community is to people everywhere. And  
so, I think that like the word democracy, community is a great word and  
we should do all we can to keep it radical and connected to really taking  
care of each other, especially in the face of state and police oppression.

Radical communities are ones where you live close to each other, share  
your resources outside of the almighty dollar, and truly take care of one  
another and have a true solidarity - that is what I mean when I say "my  
community".



art by Sarah Lum

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## THIS AND THAT

### Eastside Culture Crawl

The Thistle will be participating in the Crawl

Friday November 18th from 5:00 - 10:00pm

Saturday the 19th from 11:00 - 6:00

Sunday the 20th from 11:00 - 6:00

This is an opportunity for us to sell our art! - screen  
prints, paintings etc. Many Thistlers and friends will  
have their stuff out and up for sale.

### GOOD TOUCH!

GOOD TOUCH! is a new series of sexuality-focused  
events organized through the Purple Thistle Centre.  
GOOD TOUCH! aims to provide a focused space  
through which to discuss topics and share resources  
related to sex, health, gender, pleasure, and politics.  
GOOD TOUCH! approaches sexuality from a collective,  
community-based perspective, and believes that the  
reclamation of our bodies and our good feelings is an  
essential component of radical social change.

November 26th at 6:30pm will be our

second workshop and discussion:

Negotiating Consent

Facilitated by YouthCO

YouthCO is a youth-run social profit agency with a  
mandate of a mandate of anti-oppression, harm  
reduction, and sex positivity which provides education,  
support and advocacy for youth between the ages of  
15 and 29 on issues associated with HIV & AIDS.

All ages, all genders welcome.

### Spinning, Knitting, Smocking, Tatting and other textiles workshops

You don't have to be experienced or know about stuff  
to come - come if you're interested!

It would be great if you could let me know if you are

coming or thinking of coming so we know how much stuff

to get/gather for the workshops.

To RSVP or if you have any questions or anything else

that you want to say about these workshops, email me

at:

[mayamotoi@gmail.com](mailto:mayamotoi@gmail.com)

Thanks.

Maya

November 24th (Thursday) at 6:00pm

Basic spinning with Nicola

Spinning wool with spindals.

November 25th (Friday) at 6:00pm

Stich'in bitch - knitting support by Sylvia

Learn to knit or bring a knitting project that you are  
working on - maybe it's something you'd like help with  
or maybe you just want to knit socially?

December 1st (Thursday) at 6:00pm

Smocking with Merina

It's a form of embroidery that pulls the fabric into  
bunches as you stitch - think peasant shirts.

December 5th (Monday) at 4:00pm

Something (still to be decided) with Caitlin

December 15th (Thursday) at 6:00pm

Tatting with Merina

Old fashioned lace making.



# Radical Art In Nature: Guerrilla Art Group and ZINE

Excitement is in the air with the RAIN collective! We are almost ready to start issue 5 of RAIN Zine, with another SLUG in the works for the spring. We made a bunch of personal projects for the Canzine symposium and are rushing zines (diy style) to show/sell/give-a-way at the EastSide Culture Crawl on November 18th, 19th and 20th.

coming up:  
We will be running some writing sessions soon... check the website and facebook for details. and we are also organizing radical media and publishing workshops throughout the winter. Look out!...

we meet weekly on Fridays at 3 pml

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## The Thistle Film Field Trip!

Hey Friends!  
wanna support a crew of thistlers to go visit Unitierra in Oaxaca!?

here's some details:  
In the winter of 2012, a small group of us from the thistle are heading down to Oaxaca to spend time with another radical organization called, Unitierra\*.

We are going for a few reasons  
1. to engage in skill sharing and to build a solidarity that will hopefully include many forms of exchanges.  
2.to learn further about radical organizing, especially horizontalism  
3.to film

all of us volunteer at the thistle and most of us are low-income youth, so any help would be super appreciated.  
Much of the money raised will go to the folks at Unitierra.

here's how you can donate:  
via paypal! (credit cards, pigeons...use donation button on the webpage)or by cheque, contact us!

thank you for your generous support!  
\*UNIVERSIDAD DE LA TIERRA IN OAXACA IS AN ORGANIZATION (Unitierra)  
is dedicated to learning, study, reflection and action. Our efforts are focused on actions of social transformation aimed at rooting, strengthening and expanding the convivial way of life and radical democracy.

"To change the world is very difficult, perhaps impossible; what is feasible is to create a new world". Subcomandante Marcos



**Crafts  
for a  
Cause**

4<sup>th</sup> annual craft fair to support social justice struggles

**Sat. Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011, 6 -10pm**



**Rhizome Cafe**  
317 E Broadway, Vancouver

Food & drink  
available for purchase.

Fully licenced.

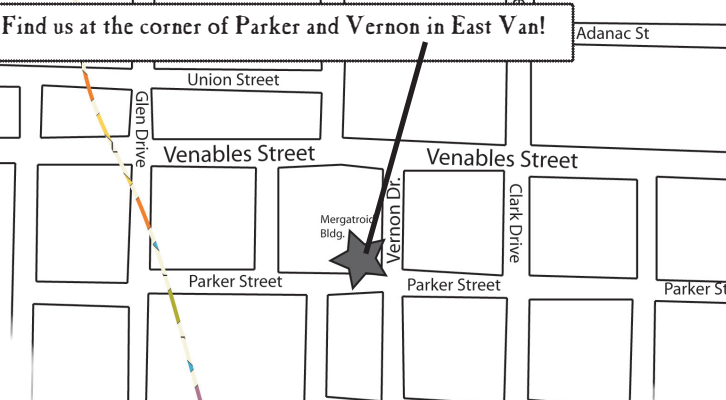
Shop for socially  
conscious art and  
crafts - and support  
many organizations  
working for change.

\$2 entrance fee

[www.crafts4acause.wordpress.com](http://www.crafts4acause.wordpress.com)



Sweet dreams, all.



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