



**APPLICATION FORM FOR PERMISSIVE  
EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY  
TAXATION FOR 2024 - 2025**

(Section 224 of the Community Charter)

**1. IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICANT:**

Organization name: Anglican Church of St Barnabas

Are you registered under the *Societies Act*? Yes  No

Are you a registered charity? Yes  No

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 5252, Stn. B, Victoria BC V8R 6N4

Contact Person: David Scott Email Address: dscott@stbarnab

Telephone Number: 250-595-4234 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of application reminder: Email  Mail

**2. PROPERTY (complete a separate form for each property)**

Folio Number: 72428001 Address: 1633 Belmont Ave

Legal Description: Place of Worship (Church)

Registered Owner (if different than above): Anglican Synod of Diocese of BC

**3. ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION:** Please provide a brief description of the goals and objectives of the organization.

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**4. PRINCIPAL USE OF THIS PROPERTY:** Please provide a brief description of the principal use of the property and how this use benefits the community.

Principal use of this part of the church property is for worship services, which are normally offered six days/week.

The parking lot on this portion of property provides drop-off and parking space for community members participating in regular worship services on Sundays & during the week, & in the events and programs—both regular and seasonal—over the year. The parking lot portion of this property is an essential component of the life of St Barnabas. The many and various uses of this parking lot are listed in the attached document. ("ParkingLotUsesForStBarnabasPrograms").



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5. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY: Please provide a brief description of any commercial activities that your organization conducts on this property.

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Social Service [ ]

Arts & Cultural Facility [ ]

Place of Worship [x]

Athletic/Recreational Facility [ ]

Rail/Track Property [ ]

Educational Facility: Independent School Classification: Group 1 [ ] 2 [ ] 3 [ ] 4 [ ]

Supportive Housing

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8. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: All recipients of City of Victoria permissive tax exemptions are required to publicly acknowledge the exemption. How does your organization plan on publicly acknowledging the exemption?

We publicly acknowledge the exemption through our AGM report & on our website.



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9. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**: Attach your most recent financial statements.

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Yes

No

11. **DECLARATION**:

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- The property use will be in compliance with all applicable municipal policies and bylaws.
- The organization will publicly acknowledge the permissive tax exemption granted by the City.

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Signature

Peoples Warden

Position

David Scott

Name (please print)

29 May 2023

Date

**Anglican Church of St. Barnabas**

**Permissive Tax Exemption Application – 1633 Belmont Ave, Folio 07428001**

**Application Part 3 – About Your Organization**

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2. PROPERTY (complete a separate form for each property)

Folio Number: 72428002 Address: 1525 Begbie St.

Legal Description: Church parking lot

Registered Owner (if different than above): Anglican Synod of Diocese of BC

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The principal but by no means exclusive use of this part of the church property is for limited parking & drop-off (incl. by HandyDart) to Sunday & other weekly services & programs. Parking and drop-off services are vital for the aging and disabled members of our congregation, for whom pedestrian access to the church is difficult because of the steeply inclined entrances to our property. The parking lot is also used extensively for the non-parking related events & programs—both regular & seasonal—over the year. The parking lot is an essential component of the life of St Barnabas. The many and various uses of this parking lot are listed in the attached document ("ParkingLotUsesForStBarnabasPrograms").



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*David Scott*

Signature

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Name (please print)

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### Use of Parking Lots for programs at St. Barnabas

Weekly programs:

Functions:

Sunday lunch	In good weather lunch is on parking lot; tables, chairs set up.
Sunday School/children's program	Weather permitting children will do activities & crafts on parking lot during 10:30 service
The River Playgroup	During the pandemic half of the play group time spent outside in parking lot & garden area.
Friday Communion/outreach	Weather permitting serve coffee, tea & baked goods served in parking lot to street-involved people & people in need after Friday worship.
Youth group	We use the parking lot to play catch, hide & seek, play Frisbee, & other games.

#### Special events and programs

Star Sunday Christmas Community event	Parking lot used for crafting stations, food, for about 500 people in this annual event
St. Martin festival (November)	Lot is used for a camp fire for families in this annual event held with the German community in Victoria, approx. 300 attendees.
All Saints Halloween program	Craft stations on the parking lot, lots of families attend from the church & neighborhood.
Easter	Lot used for Procession of the Cross on Good Friday, for Easter Fire on Saturday, Easter egg hunt on Sunday.
Stations of the Cross	Lot used for Stations of the Cross walk during February, March, April. Many from the church & wider neighborhood use this installation as a space for meditation & prayer walk.
Fundraising events	Many fundraisers for the food ministry, Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan, PWRF, etc., take place on parking lot & church hall.

Special note: The church & halls offices are in different buildings, and the parking lot as the junction between the buildings must be traversed several times to run the programs that take place on site.



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1. IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICANT:

Organization name: Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Group Society

Are you registered under the Societies Act? Yes [checked] No [ ]

Are you a registered charity? Yes [checked] No [ ]

Mailing Address: 1240 Gladstone Ave

Contact Person: Chantille Viaud Email Address: executivedirector@fernwoodnrg.ca

Telephone Number: 604-753-8397 Fax Number: 250-381-1509

Preferred method of application reminder: Email [checked] Mail [ ]

2. PROPERTY (complete a separate form for each property)

Folio Number: 07-460-055 Address: 1222 Yukon St.

Legal Description: Lot A, Spring Ridge, Victoria, VIP85395

Registered Owner (if different than above):

3. ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION: Please provide a brief description of the goals and objectives of the organization.

Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Group (Fernwood NRG) is a vibrant and inclusive neighbourhood house located in Victoria, BC. As a neighbourhood house, our organization focuses on fostering a strong sense of community, connection, and support within the Fernwood neighborhood. Our key objectives:

To be a Community Hub: We serve as a hub for residents of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities, providing a welcoming space where people can

4. PRINCIPAL USE OF THIS PROPERTY: Please provide a brief description of the principal use of the property and how this use benefits the community.

Park Place Apartments at 1222 Yukon Street serves as a vital resource in addressing the urgent need for affordable housing in Victoria, BC. It offers six three-bedroom below market affordable housing units for families with children in Victoria, BC. These units are specifically allocated to individuals and families referred through our Family Support Programs, which cater to refugees, immigrants, single-parent families, and those living on low incomes. The scarcity of affordable rental units, particularly three-bedroom units, in this area of the city highlights the pressing need for such housing options. The principal use of Park Place Apartments is to address the housing affordability issue in Victoria. By providing affordable housing options, the property directly benefits the community by offering secure and stable housing to families in need. The availability of three-bedroom units is especially significant as it caters to the specific requirements of larger families, ensuring they have adequate living space.



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- Social Service [checked], Place of Worship, Rail/Track Property, Arts & Cultural Facility, Athletic/Recreational Facility, Educational Facility: Independent School Classification: Group 1-4

- Supportive Housing: Temporary or transitional housing, Treatment program, Permanent facility, Supportive staff, Group home, Special needs/disability housing

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Signature

**Chantille Viaud**

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Name (please print)

**Executive Director**

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Position

**May 31, 2023**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Group**  
**Permissive Tax Exemption Application – 1222 Yukon Street, Folio 07460055**

**Application Part 3 – About Your Organization:**

Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Group (Fernwood NRG) is a vibrant and inclusive neighbourhood house located in Victoria, BC. As a neighbourhood house, our organization focuses on fostering a strong sense of community, connection, and support within the Fernwood neighborhood. Our key objectives:

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**Community Engagement:** We actively engage community members through workshops, events, and collaborative initiatives, encouraging active participation, empowerment, and civic involvement.

**Affordable Housing:** In addition to our community-focused programs, we are committed to providing affordable housing options and related facilities for individuals with low income, contributing to the overall stability and sustainability of our community.

Through our neighborhood house approach, Fernwood NRG strives to create a strong and resilient community, where everyone feels valued, connected, and supported. We are dedicated to promoting a sense of belonging and empowering individuals to actively contribute to the well-being and vibrancy of the Fernwood neighborhood.

**Application Part 4 – Principal Use of This Property:**

Park Place Apartments at 1222 Yukon Street serves as a vital resource in addressing the urgent need for affordable housing in Victoria, BC. It offers six three-bedroom below market affordable housing units for families with children in Victoria, BC. These units are specifically allocated to individuals and families referred through our Family Support Programs, which cater to refugees, immigrants, single-parent families, and those living on low incomes. The scarcity of affordable rental units, particularly three-bedroom units, in this area of the city highlights the pressing need for such housing options.

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Park Place Apartments also contributes to socioeconomic diversity within the community. By offering affordable housing to individuals from diverse backgrounds, the property fosters inclusivity and social integration. This diversity enriches the community by promoting cultural exchange and building social connections.



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Preferred method of application reminder: Email [checked] Mail [ ]

2. PROPERTY (complete a separate form for each property)

Folio Number: 07-447-001 Address: 1301 Gladstone Ave

Legal Description: Lot 23, Section 75, Victoria, Plan 951

Registered Owner (if different than above):

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4. PRINCIPAL USE OF THIS PROPERTY: Please provide a brief description of the principal use of the property and how this use benefits the community.

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5. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY: Please provide a brief description of any commercial activities that your organization conducts on this property.

In addition to the residential units, the building also includes four commercial units. One of these commercial units is utilized by our charity to operate a social enterprise, while the remaining three units generate rental income for the organization. All revenue generated from the commercial units is reinvested to subsidize the housing units and support the upkeep of the building.

Despite the mixed-use nature of the property, it is crucial to highlight the significant social benefits it brings to the community. By providing affordable

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Name (please print)

**Executive Director**

Position

**May 31, 2023**

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Organization name: The Gorge View Society

Are you registered under the *Societies Act*? Yes  No

Are you a registered charity? Yes  No

Mailing Address: 11 Chown Place, Victoria, BC V9A 1H5

Contact Person: Corinne Saad Email Address: corinne.saad@gorgeviewsociety.ca

Telephone Number: 250 940 5289 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of application reminder: Email  Mail

**2. PROPERTY (complete a separate form for each property)**

Folio Number: 11-757-029 Address: 11 Chown Place

Legal Description: LOT A, PLAN VIP11749, SECTION 10/11

Registered Owner (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

**3. ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION:** Please provide a brief description of the goals and objectives of the organization.

The Gorge View Society provides, and facilitates, supports that address the social determinants of health necessary for low-income seniors to age independently and in place:

1. Affordable housing
2. Social inclusion
3. Food security
4. System navigation (health, mental health, income)

**4. PRINCIPAL USE OF THIS PROPERTY:** Please provide a brief description of the principal use of the property and how this use benefits the community.

Affordable housing: 108 units for low-income seniors.

Social inclusion: volunteer-driven programs to foster social connectivity, volunteerism and peer supports. Access to free internet and computers in the community hall.

Food security: Community gardens, in partnership with the "Get Growing, Victoria!" program, providing seniors with year round fresh vegetables.

Volunteers deliver harvest to house-bound seniors.

Systems navigation: Onsite, one-on-one in person supports for  
- Health and mental health systems, tackling, for example, chronic disease management exacerbated by difficulty accessing primary care; poor mental wellbeing manifesting in issues such as hoarding disorder; early stages of dementia.

- Income: help navigating provincial and federal departments, ensuring that seniors access the financial supports they are entitled to.



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**Executive Director**

Position

**Corinne Saad**

Name (please print)

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5. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY: Please provide a brief description of any commercial activities that your organization conducts on this property.

Same as above. RED operates as a registered, non-profit day care facility. It delivers care via a nominal, long-term lease from the Province of British Columbia.

6. LEASED SPACE: Please attach any and all lease agreements for any portion of the identified property that your organization rents or leases to another organization or individual.

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- Social Service [checked], Place of Worship, Rail/Track Property, Arts & Cultural Facility, Athletic/Recreational Facility, Educational Facility: Independent School Classification: Group 1-4

- Supportive Housing: Temporary or transitional housing, Treatment program, Permanent facility, Supportive staff, Group home, Special needs/disability housing

8. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: All recipients of City of Victoria permissive tax exemptions are required to publicly acknowledge the exemption. How does your organization plan on publicly acknowledging the exemption?

This can be publically acknowledged through the RED website at https://rainbowexpressdaycare.net/. Additionally, RED can post a notice in the front, public-facing entry of the facility. Further, RED is willing to discuss with the City how else adequate public acknowledgment may occur.



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9. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**: Attach your most recent financial statements.

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Yes

No

11. **DECLARATION**:

I am an authorized signing officer of the organization and I certify that the information given in this application is correct. Should a permissive tax exemption be granted on the above listed property, I agree to the following terms:

- If the property is sold prior to the exemption expiration, the organization will remit to the City an amount equal to the taxes that would have otherwise been payable to the City by a non-exempt owner.
- The property use will be in compliance with all applicable municipal policies and bylaws.
- The organization will publicly acknowledge the permissive tax exemption granted by the City.

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Signature

**Matthew Andrews**

Name (please print)

**Volunteer**

Position

**May 26, 2023**

Date



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1. IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICANT:

Organization name: Vancouver Island Visual Arts Society

Are you registered under the Societies Act? Yes [checked] No [ ]

Are you a registered charity? Yes [ ] No [checked]

Mailing Address: 780 Blanshard St, Victoria BC V8W 2H1

Contact Person: Logan Ford Email Address: logan@loganford.ca

Telephone Number: 250-415-6372 Fax Number: [ ]

Preferred method of application reminder: Email [checked] Mail [ ]

2. PROPERTY (complete a separate form for each property)

Folio Number: 01-027-001 Address: 780 Blanshard St

Legal Description: LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 28 & 29 OF SECTION 88 AND OF LOT 1627, CHRIST CHURCH TRUST ESTATE, VICTORIA, PLAN 35B.

Registered Owner (if different than above): Reliance Properties

3. ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION: Please provide a brief description of the goals and objectives of the organization.

The Vancouver Island Visual Arts Society was established in 2022 to support the delivery of Create Victoria – the City’s Arts and Culture master plan – through the provision of low-cost community arts and cultural creation space in downtown Victoria.

A key 2018-2020 action item from Create Victoria was to “Work in partnership with other levels of government towards completing needs assessment and

4. PRINCIPAL USE OF THIS PROPERTY: Please provide a brief description of the principal use of the property and how this use benefits the community.

The principal use of 780 Blanshard is to provide affordable space to artists and arts-related community organizations and free or low-cost community arts programming and arts-related non-profit services to the public. The building is home to visual artists, musicians, leather workers, sculptors, multi-media artists, photographers, filmmakers, music producers, fashion designers, and more.

Arts organizations that also benefit from affordable community arts space at 780 Blanshard include Supply Victoria, a zero-waste art supply organization, the Victoria Tool Library, which lends out tools of all sorts to community members, Rockslide Studio, which has provided affordable studio and exhibition space in Victoria for over 10 years, the Ministry of Casual Living, which supports and nurtures artists from equity seeking groups, The Vault Gallery, which provides an immersive exhibition space for early-career artists,





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VIVAS does not conduct any commercial activities as evidenced by the attached financial statement. The artists and arts organizations sell their art and provide services.

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Form with checkboxes for Social Service, Place of Worship, Rail/Track Property, Arts & Cultural Facility, Athletic/Recreational Facility, and Educational Facility: Independent School Classification: Group 1-4.

Supportive Housing section with a list of options and checkboxes: Temporary or transitional housing, Treatment program, Permanent facility, Supportive staff, Group home, Special needs/disability housing.

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We will do the standard things like a plaque acknowledging the City's support in the building lobby, the City's logo on our website and on all our promotional materials, event notices, etc. However, VIVAS is also happy to partner with the City to determine the best way to publicly acknowledge this exemption including the potential of having City-led arts events hosted at the building and developing working relationships and potentially shared programming with the City's Artist in Residence and Indigenous Artist in Residence.



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Signature

**Board Chair**

Position

**Logan Ford**

Name (please print)

**May 29 2023**

Date

## **Vancouver Island Visual Arts Society Permissive Tax Exemption Application – 780 Blanshard Street, Folio 01027001**

### **Application Part 3 – About Your Organization**

The Vancouver Island Visual Arts Society was established in 2022 to support the delivery of Create Victoria – the City's Arts and Culture master plan – through the provision of low-cost community arts and cultural creation space in downtown Victoria. A key 2018-2020 action item from Create Victoria was to "Work in partnership with other levels of government towards completing needs assessment and feasibility studies, and secure funding for a purpose-built multi-use cultural venue." In 2019, a business case for an Arts Hub at 28 Bastion Square was presented to Council but due to several circumstances, the project went no further than business case development. Yet the need for a multi-use cultural centre at rates affordable to artists and cultural creators became even more important as rents and cost of living continued to increase, as so many of the letters from VIVAS artists attest. (Please take the time to read the attached letters.) In 2021, yet another eviction of Rockslide Gallery – which has provided affordable space for artists for ten years – from a building that was being redeveloped, sparked a discussion with Reliance Properties about leasing their then vacant building at 780 Blanshard Street. A lease was soon signed and within a year, the 40,000 square foot building was full, with over 80 artists, four art galleries, and five arts and culture non-profits and social enterprises. We created VIVAS in the summer of 2022 as an umbrella non-profit to manage and curate the building to ensure it helped to deliver on the Create Victoria's first key goal: "Everyone feels welcome and able to access affordable spaces for creative participation, production and enjoyment." Providing a permissive tax exemption is an opportunity for the City to support the goals and objectives of VIVAS – which align directly with the City's goals – and continue to advance Bold Move #1 in Create Victoria: "Invest in and advance real solutions for cultural spaces" by creating "tools to incentivize developers to contribute to cultural spaces through mechanisms such as amenity bonus contributions, tax incentives, or subsidies."

### **Application Part 4 – Principal Use of This Property**

The principal use of 780 Blanshard is to provide affordable space to artists and arts-related community organizations and free or low-cost community arts programming and arts-related non-profit services to the public. The building is home to visual artists, musicians, leather workers, sculptors, multi-media artists, photographers, filmmakers, music producers, fashion designers, and more. Arts organizations that also benefit from affordable community arts space at 780 Blanshard include Supply Victoria, a zero-waste art supply organization, the Victoria Tool Library, which lends out tools of all sorts to community members, Rockslide Studio, which has provided affordable studio and exhibition space in Victoria for over 10 years, the Ministry of Casual Living, which supports and nurtures artists from equity seeking groups, The Vault Gallery, which provides an immersive exhibition space for early-career artists, Sweetpea Gallery, which facilitates exhibitions and provides a sales platform for many local emerging artists, and Haus of Owl, a co-working space that supports the creative spirit, hunger, and the process of artists in the world of music, film, fashion, photography and dance. Private studios rent for as low as \$250 per month, and the building provides free studio spaces for rotating artists in residence who benefit from being embedded within the creative community that VIVAS offers. The Ministry of Casual Living hosts residencies for young BIPOC artists. VIVAS provides a free space for local Indigenous artists through their Indigenous Artist in Residence program. Sweetpea Gallery and The Vault Gallery offer artist residencies and exhibition opportunities for emerging and early-career artists. There are regular community events including music and poetry nights, performances, arts and crafts classes for kids, painting classes for adults, workshops, artist talks and more. A key element of VIVAS programming that benefits the whole community are regular open houses where the community is invited in to interact with artists at work and to participate in arts-oriented activities, including activities for families with young kids. The benefits to the community go far beyond the walls of the building as the VIVAS artists letters of support and the statements of support from the community attached to this application attest. The benefits include: • A rich arts, culture, and creative community in Victoria despite it being one of the least affordable places to live in Canada. • A sense of belonging, connection, and shared sense of purpose among those who work out of the building and those who attend workshops and events. • A 40,000 square foot building in the heart of downtown that would otherwise be vacant filled with artists and community members in the daytime and the evening. • A central location from which creativity, culture, and vibrancy can flourish and radiate into the community. To understand the community benefit more deeply, please see attached comments and statement of support signed by over 750 community members who have experienced the community benefit that VIVAS is providing at 780 Blanshard Street. For inspiration, here are a few sample quotes of support from the hundreds submitted by the wider community: "In 30 years living in this beautiful city, this is the most inspiring art project I have seen." "This is a much-needed resource in Victoria - not just for local artists, but also for the cultural value of the city and all who reside and visit it." "So impressive, inclusive and such an amazing showcase demonstrating what is possible to make this city even more vibrant!" "This space is not only crucial for the artists but for the community as well. The artists have made such a welcoming and creative space into which they invite the public. I and many people I know have had inspiring and fun experiences roaming the building during the open houses. It is crucial to the well-being of Victoria that VIVAS live on in this space." "With a mental health crisis all around us, art making and creativity have never been more important. With the cost of living and rentals rising everywhere in the city, studios are sadly almost impossible to find." "Our family loves coming to the open houses at 780 Blanshard. It is a vibrant cultural event that offers inspiration to many. Our 14-year-old is passionate about art, and I know how inspiring it is for him to be able to see inside the studios of professional artists." "This space makes Victoria an infinitely better city. The life force pumping through this space can generate in ways we may never be able to quantify but which are nevertheless essential to what's next."