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### **DAWN: SKETCHES BY THE GROUP OF SEVEN SUMMER EXHIBITION AT EVERGREEN SIZZLES**

COQUITLAM, BC – The Art Gallery at the Evergreen Cultural Centre is very pleased to announce its summer exhibition *Dawn: Sketches by the Group of Seven*, part of a provincial touring program organized and circulated by the Vancouver Art Gallery. Comprised of 30 oil sketches from the Vancouver Art Gallery's permanent collection, the exhibition opens July 11 and will remain on display through October 4, 2008.

"This exhibition marks an important achievement for the Tri City area", says Ellen van Eijnsbergen, Evergreen's Visual Arts Manager. "We are very excited about the opportunity to provide such a significant example of Canadian culture to the local audience."

*Dawn: Sketches by the Group of Seven* includes oil sketches by all seven original members of the Group of Seven: Lawren Harris, A.Y. Jackson, Franklin Carmichael, Francis Johnston, Arthur Lismer, J.E.H. MacDonald and Frederick Varley.

The exhibition explores how all seven landscape painters used the *sketch* as a fundamental tool in their artistic process; how they used Canada's backcountry as their studio, taking paints, brushes and small panels into the wilderness. Painting directly from the dramatic scenery they explored, the Group not only gained material for later elaboration on larger canvases, but also captured the landscape with an extraordinary sense of immediacy.

The month of July will take on the quintessential landscape theme at Evergreen with numerous art programs scheduled around *Dawn*. Space is still available in our adult courses, *Painting en Plein Air* and *Westcoast Landscapes*, as well as our youth workshop fittingly called, *Paint Like the Group of Seven*. Visit our website for more information on these programs and other special events. Go to [www.evergreenculturalcentre.ca](http://www.evergreenculturalcentre.ca).

***Dawn's* official opening reception takes place on Sunday, July 13 from 4pm to 6pm.** The afternoon will include a tour by the curator Ian Thom, Senior Curator, Historical, Vancouver Art Gallery, and a special screening of *The Group of Seven: A Northern Shore* in the Studio Theatre. Everyone is welcome! Free tours of the exhibit are available all summer long. Call Susan to book your group, 604.927.6546

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