



THE THISTLER

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THISTLE SCHEDULE

Please visit our website for up-to-date information on our schedule
★ ★ ★ www.purplethistle.ca ★ ★ ★

★ MONDAYS ★

open for drop-in

4 - 10pm

Yoga: 4:15pm

Collective Meeting: 7pm

★ TUESDAYS ★

open for drop-in

4 - 10pm

Radical Gardeners: Garden Work & Meeting 4pm

Animation 6-8pm

NYAC Screen Printing drop in 6-9pm

6-9pm

★ WEDNESDAYS ★

open for drop-in

4 - 10pm

handmade funk. haircuts. facepainting.

silk screening support. 4-7pm

alternative processes 5:30-8:30pm

Mystical Distribution Co. 8-10pm

★ THURSDAYS ★

open for drop-in

4 - 7:30pm

RAIN: zine making, etc 4:30-7pm

Darkroom Photography 4-6pm

Life Drawing 7:30-9:30pm*

*(closed to drop in)

★ FRIDAYS ★

open for drop-in

12 - 10pm

Radical Gardeners: Garden Work & Meeting 2pm

Making Art With Indigo: 4pm

Open Performance Fridays! 7:30pm...

★ SATURDAY intensives ★

Screenprinting 11am-2pm

2nd, 3rd & 4th Saturday of the month

Contact Sarah:

screenprint@purplethistle.ca

★ SUNDAY ★

closed to drop in

Squirtgunz 12:30 - 2pm

Youngunz 3 - 5pm

Eastvan Discussion Group

2nd & 4th Sunday, contact institute@purplethistle.ca

6 - 8pm

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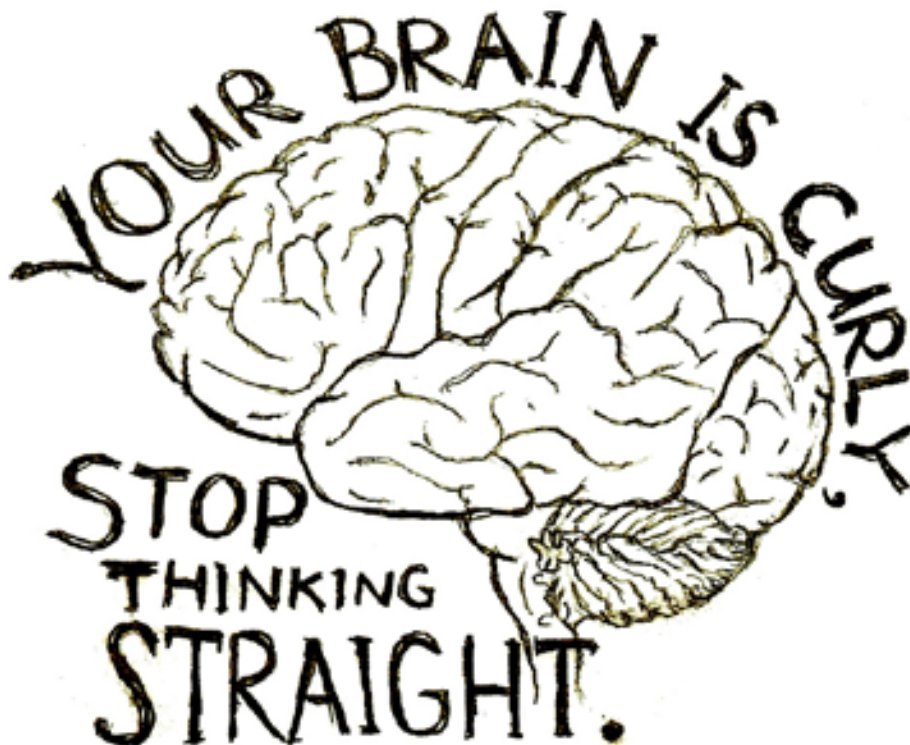
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and coupe l'etat

Thistle Flower: Sarah Lum



art by Kevin Matheson

ANNOUNCING THE LAUNCH OF THE PURPLE THISTLE INSTITUTE!

RADICAL SOCIAL CHANGE FROM BELOW

The Purple Thistle in East Vancouver, Coast Salish Territory is super-pleased to announce that in JULY 2011 we will be running a three-week summer institute. We'd be thrilled if you would consider attending.

WHAT IS IT? The PTI will be something like an alternative university, or maybe better: an alternative-to university. The idea is to bring together a bunch of engaged, interested people to talk about theory, ideas and practise for radical social change. We'll have a great time, meet good people, get our praxis challenged and with luck refine and renew our ideas, politics and energies. Importantly, the conversations will very deliberately cut across radical orientations – anarchists, socialists, lefties, progressives, anti-colonialists, anti-authoritarians, ecologists of all stripes are welcome. The idea is to work, think and talk together – to articulate and comprehend differences sure – but to find common ground, get beyond factionalized pettiness and stimulate radical ecological and egalitarian social change. We want to get good people with good ideas together to talk and listen to each other.

WHEN IS IT BEING HELD? July 4th – 23rd, 2011

WHAT WILL THE SCHEDULE LOOK LIKE? Essentially all three weeks will follow the same pattern. We will be running 6 days a week with Sundays off. We will be offering 8 morning classes of which participants will be able to choose up to four to attend. Then we will all have lunch together, then every afternoon community work placements will be offered. Evenings will be a mix of open-space activities, shows, speakers, films and free time.

WHAT WILL THE CLASSES BE LIKE? We have put together an awesome roster of instructors and speakers including Astra Taylor, Cecily Nicholson, Carla Bergman, Am Johal, Matt Hern, Geoff Mann, Glen Coulthard and lots more. The classes will be fairly rigorous (loosely at an upper-year university level) and include a certain amount of reading and some writing. Attendance is not mandatory and you can engage with as much or as little as you like. The classes include: Decolonization, Activist Art, Urban Studies, Deschooling, Understanding Economics, Contemporary Social Philosophy and Critical Theory.

WHO IS THIS FOR? The PTI is for anyone, of any age, but we will be giving priority to youth, racialized and low-income folks. As mentioned the classes will be pretty rigorous intellectually, but please don't let that scare you off. The language will not be overly academicized and as long as you like to read, think, talk and listen you'll probably be OK. The one real requirement is that you are keenly interested in radical social transformation and come with a generous spirit ready to listen and collaborate.

WHAT WILL IT COST? The three weeks are priced on a sliding scale: \$350 - \$500. This includes lunch six days a week. If you are coming from out of town, need a place to stay and want to kick down an extra \$100 we will find you a good billet who will give you a bed and feed you. There will be a few bursaries available, but we are going to need most people to pay at least the minimum.

HOW DO I APPLY? Hit us with an email at institute@purplethistle.ca and we'll send you a formal application and instructions.

THIS AND THAT

Friday, Jan 14th: **FREAKSWEEP: 7:30**

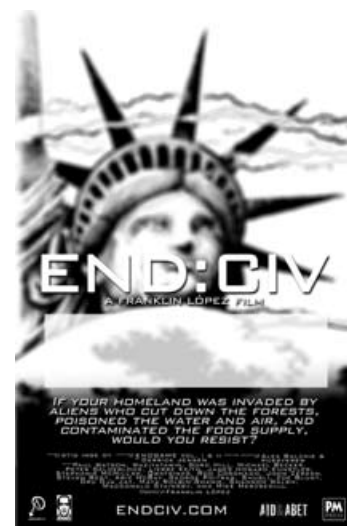
All welcome to come, share, perform, join in, everyone from inexperienced to professional! But you must perform!

Friday, Jan 21st: **DANCE - 9pm**

this is: **blues contact clown dance!** come learn and dance!

Friday, Jan 28th: **Film Night** : END:CIV a film by Frank Lopez 8 PM! Introduction by Gord Hill. *ps there will be popcorn.*

END:CIV illustrates the brutality of a civilization addicted to systematic violence and environmental destruction, and the heroism of those who confront it head-on. Rapid-fire video-game graphics, interviews, war footage and satire mock the excesses of the global economic system, even as it implodes around us.



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New Weekly Class: Figurative Art with Indigo!

An exploration of figurative artwork in multiple mediums, including stencils, acrylics, watercolors and charcoal (and possibly some other stuff too). Classes will run weekly on **Fridays from 4-6**, with a new project introduced every two weeks. Participants will explore taking their own reference photos in studio and outdoors, as well as life drawing/painting. starts: **January 21st - March 18th, 2011.**



art by Indigo

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!

