

Pollinator and Screen Printing Project

XPEY ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

with Manny Strain and SF Ho

PROJECT FOCUS

Students will connect with local artists and the land around them by learning about pollinator plants and pollinators, culminating in:

- A silk-screened banner to be displayed at:
- Vancouver School Board office
- xpey Elementary
- Individual small screen prints for each student to take home



Artist: Manny Strain (they/he/she)



Artist: SF Ho (they/them)

LEARNING AND DRAWING

Date: **Thursday, April 30, 2026**

Location: xpey Elementary

Format: Two one-hour sessions

1:00–2:00 pm – Divisions 1 & 2

- Welcome and introductions to Manny and S F.
- Mini-lesson on pollinators and pollinator plants.
- Guided drawing session with Manny and S F, focusing on pollinator-related imagery.
- Students create drawings that will contribute to a collaborative artwork.

2:00–3:00 pm – Divisions 3 & 4

- Repeat of the same structure and activities with Divisions 3 and 4.

After Session 1 (Artist Work Time)

- S F will digitally assemble student drawings into one cohesive design.
- The final design will be taken to BLIM to create a silkscreen stencil.

SCREEN PRINTING DAY

Date: **Thursday May 14, 2026**

Location: xpey Elementary

Format: Screen Printing Workshop

**Important Note: No whole-group gathering. Students are called in small groups (2-3 at a time).

1:00–2:00 pm – Divisions 1 & 2

- Each group of 2-3 students participates in screen printing and takes a print home.

2:00–3:00 pm – Divisions 3 & 4

- Repeat of the same structure and activities with Divisions 3 and 4.

Display & Celebration

- Finished banner will be displayed at xpey elementary
- Another finished banner will be displayed at VSB Education Centre
- Students keep their individual print as a reminder of participation in this community work

Artists:

- Manny Strain – Museum process artist and co-artistic director of Vines Art Society, whose work is grounded in land, community, and relational practices.
<https://www.vinesartsociety.com/people>
- S F Ho – Artist, photographer, writer, and facilitator with a background in performance art, often incorporating language, sound, and installation in her work.
<https://www.embassyculturalhouse.ca/sf-ho.html>

