

Keeping it Green, 2016

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Guildford is surrounded by beautiful nature, old growth trees and a world of green life.

Keeping it Green means to protect our world while we make our place in it. As an artist, I take responsibility for my work and how 'green' I am with my materials. I endeavour to recycle and reuse where and whenever possible and to use safe and nontoxic materials.

With a sense of humour and the 'keeping it green' concept, I created an art piece that aligns with Vancity's values and currency services. Since we have stopped using pennies, what to do with all those pennies? Go one-step further, what about the damaged bills and/or those taken out of circulation? Why not use the pennies and the shredded damaged currency in my art for a credit union? My art piece is keeping it green in so many ways – a money tree made of recycled money!

In viewing my art piece, it's as if you're looking up at a tall tree in an old forest, through the canopy of branches to the sky beyond. The central community of Guildford is like this tree or hub, where its branches and spokes reach out to the neighbouring cities, townships and municipalities.