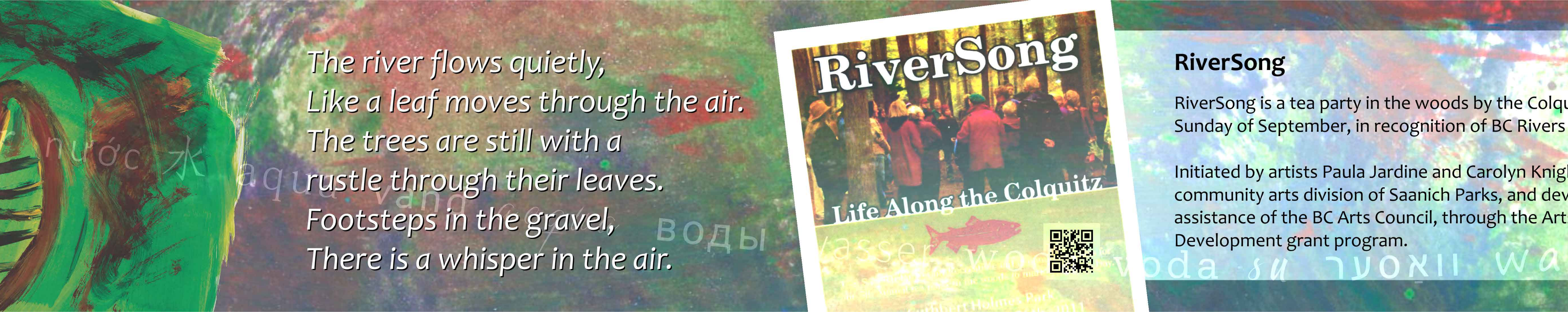


Splash

Whoosh, splitter, splash
Water runs across rocks as it
Splashes, splitters and whooshes
Like a wild animal it remains and its
Whooshing, spluttering, splashing
It runs past trees, runs past bushes, runs forever
Whoosh, splitter, splash.



Colquitz Creek is approximately 9.5 kilometres in length.



*The river flows quietly,
Like a leaf moves through the air.
The trees are still with a
rustle through their leaves.
Footsteps in the gravel,
There is a whisper in the air.*



RiverSong

RiverSong is a tea party in the woods by the Colquitz River, held on the last Sunday of September, in recognition of BC Rivers Day.

Initiated by artists Paula Jardine and Carolyn Knight, it was supported by the community arts division of Saanich Parks, and developed with the generous assistance of the BC Arts Council, through the Arts Based Community Development grant program.

We began with the idea of Singing the Salmon Home, and Carolyn wrote a cycle of songs evocative of the natural systems that support the salmon, and celebrating the heroism and mystery of their life's journey.

With RiverSong, we wanted to create new traditions that support connectedness with the land through song, poetry, dance, visual arts, and simply being together in the landscape.