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FORT ST. JOHN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
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JANUARY '87

\$1,241,000 In HAND

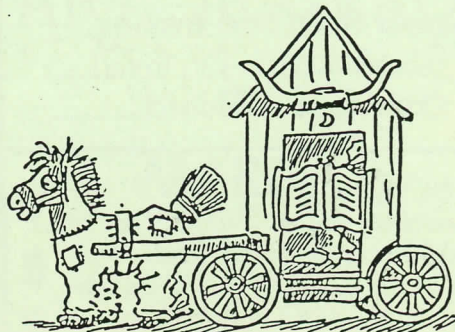
The Expo Legacy Committee was happy with the vote to "Go with the Project" at a recent meeting attended by the Honorable Tony Brummet. The commitment to proceed with the renovation of the Bay Building in the centre of town into a Public Library, Artspace, Theatre and Art Gallery was awarded by Mr. Brummet when he handed the committee a cheque for \$1,000,000 from the Province of British Columbia. The funds had been granted as an Expo Legacy to the Peace River-Liard Regional District, the Village of Taylor and the City of Fort St. John for the North Peace Arts Centre.

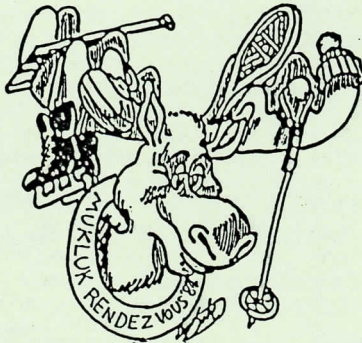
The committee will now proceed to purchase the Bay Building and engage an architect to complete design plans for the centre. The committee under the direction of the newly-elected Chairman Joe D'Attilio has been working on design, promotion, finance, and fundraising more intensively since Christmas in an effort to heighten the profile of the project within the area.

Now that the community can see real progress in the fundraising aspect of the project, the pledges and funds should be contributed as soon as possible so the entire project can be completed. Receipts and forms are at the Public Library, Artspace, Regional District, and the Village of Taylor.

ARTSPACE MOVING

The Artspace will be moving to smaller premises downstairs as of February 1. The new location in the lower level of the Pioneer Plaza is temporary while the Expo Legacy Project is renovated to accommodate the Artspace and other major tenants of the North Peace Arts Centre. The phone number remains at 785-1986 and the Artspace Classes will continue uninterrupted. The Community Ticket and Information Centre will be available at the downstairs location. Come in and see us. The coffee is on.





In our last newsletter we put out a plea for people to get out and get involved in the planning of Mukluk '87. Well, we are pleased to say some of you heard and responded and Mukluk will go on Jan. 30, 31, and Feb. 1. More details will be given in the near future.

It's For You!

PHONE CALL

Date Feb 12/87 Time 5:00 pm

To All Residents

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M. Expo Legacy Committee

of St. John

Phone 785-1986

Telephoned Please call

Called to see you Will call again

Wants to see you Returned your call

MESSAGE At the next meeting.

Feb. 12/87 5:00 pm City Council

Chambers: Get involved!

FROM THE EDITOR:

Comments and articles for the newsletter are welcome. The deadline for the next issue March 20, 1987. *J. Armstrong*
Brown

Dear Blabette,
I am an intelligent, average looking guy of 25. I know a female at work I think I want to take out. Problem is, I don't know where to take her that will impress her and be a good time even if she turns out to be a dud of a date. Can you help me?

Afraid to Ask

Dear Afraid,

There is one place you can take her that will not only impress her with your class and style, but where you will be sure to have a good time. Micheal Mitchell on Jan. 28 at the Legion Hall is the ticket. If she is a dud date-wise, you will find out for only \$6 each.

Dear Blabette,

Help! Am I a bad mother? I have 3 small children, ages 3, 4 and 5 and I find that after a few days of kids I tend to become a screaming me-me and nagster. I love my kids, but a break would be wonderful. Any ideas you have would be great.

Murderous Mom

Dear Murderous,

Relax, you are a normal Mom, and I do have a solution. Why not look into the classes at the Artspace? For a small fee you can give your children some fun and education and yourself some time on your own, or time to make new friends right there at the Artspace. Try it!

DEAR BLABETTE

JOIN THE ARTS!!

Arts Council Memberships Groups - \$25.00
Single - \$ 5.00

Benefits

Voting Privileges Liability Insurance
Newsletters Photocopying
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Artspace Non-Profit Groups - \$50.00
Memberships Arts Council Groups - \$25.00
Family - \$25.00
Individual - \$25.00

Benefits

Priority Class Registration
Newsletter Reduced Class Fees
Lower Ticket Prices On Artspace Sponsored Events
Free Meeting Place For Groups



APRIL IS FESTIVAL MONTH



Stage North Presents . . .

Stage North did it before, now they want to do it better. Host the Peace River Zone Theatre Festival that is. Four years ago, Stage North played host for the festival and found that wonder of wonders! The theatre groups in the area from Dawson Creek to Chetwynd to Hudson Hope and Ft. Nelson were not only great people, but that everyone has joys and problems in common. What started then as a very friendly competition has grown to an open line among the groups for resources and advice.

This April Stage North will once again host the festival in the hopes that this will be a good experience with the winner going to the B.C. Finals, and everyone coming away with a feeling of togetherness.

All it will take, besides a huge amount of planning, which is competently undertaken by Dennis Szalai, is you- as an actor, a stage manager or audience. Casting announcements and pleas for help will be heard soon, please listen and respond. Together this can be the best Zone Festival we have ever had.

SEEKING SPACE

Will there be a Peace River North Festival of the Arts? After an absence of six years there is a committee trying to produce the festival that includes dance, choral, piano and variations on all of them, April 6- 10 1987. The problem seems to be finding the place to stage the festival. Can it be we will lose this chance for our own regional performers to meet and compete because we have no place suitable or available? Will the festival end up in Dawson Creek? Will we have to wait another six years for the festival to be here in Ft. St. John? Stay tuned for further results.

4th ANNUAL ART AUCTION in MARCH

North Peace Art Society 785-5343

IT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARTS

1987 1987 JANUARY

SUN	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
18 No Music Teachers Recital 2:30 pm Memorial Church free	19 Community Arts Council Meeting 7:30 pm Artspace Library Workshop Business, Poets, Bags 7 pm Library	20	21 MICHAEL MITCHELL 8 pm "Devotion" Luncheon Poetry Reading, Library 12 noon	22 Holly Arntzen 8 pm Pioneer Inn Northern Days Soc. Mtg. 7:30 Artspace	23 Bobbie Burns Night	24 Co-op Talent Night 7:30 pm Central School Children's Film 10 am Library
25 Recital 2:30 pm Memorial Church free	26 Arts Festival Mtg. 7:30 Artspace Cristman's Assoc Mtg. Artspace Silkoon 6 pm Artspace	27	28 Jan 26 - Feb 1 - Art Gallery "Celebration of Mintac" Show	29	MOJUK RENDEZVOUS January 30, 31, Febru	
					30	31

FEBRUARY

SUN	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
1 MOJUK RENDEZVOUS	2 No Hist. Soc. Mtg. 7:30 Artspace Library Workshop Ss. Annual First Aid 7 pm Library	3 Guitar Mtg. 7:30 Artspace	4	5 Library AGH 7 pm Library	6	7
8	9 Community Arts Council Mtg. 7:30 pm Artspace	10 February 15 - 21 Multi-Cultural Week	11 Devotion Duo 8 pm N.C.	12 Expo Legacy Mtg. 5 pm City Hall Historical Soc. Mtg. 7:30 pm Museum	13 COC Talent Night "Lost Mirror" Childrens Production 7 pm N.C.	14 "Lost Mirror" Childrens Prod. 6:30 pm N.C. Children's Film
15	16 Library Workshop Intro to X City Skilling 7 pm Library February 15 - 21 NATIONAL HERITAGE DAY					

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CALL INFORMATION

FOR MORE INFO

2 pm NLC NP Music Teachers Recital 2:30 pm Memorial Church Free	23	24	25	26	27	28
			AGW/Dinner Sr. Citizen Hall \$10 member \$12 non member		"Lost Mirror" Childrens Production 7 pm NLC	"Lost Mirror" Childrens Prod. 6:30 pm NLC Pancakes Bake Sale Craft Sale by Care Home 8am to 2 pm Massachusetts Hall

MARCH

sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
1 "Lost Mirror" Childrens Prod. 2 pm NLC	2 NP Arts Society Aug. 7:30 Artspace	3	4	5	6 Northern Dance Theatre Review	7
8	9	10	11	12 Historical Soc. Aug. 7:30 pm Museum	13 NORTHERN DANCE THEATRE REVIEW	14
15	16	17 SPRING BREAK 14 - 22	18	19	20	21

ENTRY DEADLINE MARCH 13/87
REGIONAL JURIED ART SHOW
 April 4-11

1987

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SHOW

The 1987 Peace River/Liard Regional Juried Art Show is April 6-10 here in Ft. St. John B.C. This show is open to artists residing in Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Ft. Nelson, Ft. St. John, Hudson Hope, Pouce Coupe, Taylor, Tumbler Ridge and rural area of the regional district.

The entry deadline is March 13/87 and the mail application form and entry fee must be sent to: The Arts Council, Box 6474 FSJ. B.C.

Work must have been completed after Jan. 1986 and not entered previously in a regional juried show. A maximum of 2 works per artist in each category listed here: 1) Oil or Acrylic framed painting. 2) Pastel, watercolor, Oil Pastel, glazed and framed or clipped. 3) Drawing: Pen, Pencil, Conté, Charcoal or mixed media; glazed, framed or clipped.

ON THE TOP TEN

Shauna Strate of FSJ recently did what many of us only dream of. She auditioned in Los Angeles at the Debbie Reynolds Studio. Shauna had 2 auditions last week, one for dance and one for voice, in the hopes of being hired onto the cruise ship lines as an entertainer with the ships troupe. After finding out she had placed in the top 10, Shauna returned home to await word on the position and to prepare for another audition Feb. 27, in Provo Utah at Brigham Young University for yet a second position entertaining at Disney World. Congratulations and good luck Shauna!

NEW PROJECT

Together at last! The FSJ Arts Council and the Chamber of Commerce have joined together in a project that will benefit both tourism and the arts in our city. Three people have been hired as a project manager, on a Jobs Development Program grant through Canada Employment and Immigration. The new employees will be working out of the Artspace office for the most part, but they will also be training outside the home office in such places as the Northern Lights College, the Chamber of Commerce, and CKNL Radio.

The project to be tackled after all the training is completed will be a fully complete guide of our city and surrounding area for tourists, local residents or anyone wanting to know anything from where the Bennett Dam is, to where one can buy tickets to the latest show.

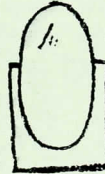
Good luck to the new kids on the block, we're sure they will enjoy the opportunity that the grant has given them.

DON'T FORGET

The next time you're faced with the problem of finding just the right gift for someone, why not try the Artspace? Toys, Tickets, Cookbooks and Records are just a few of the items always on display. Great prices too! Give it a try, you may be surprised.

The Lost Mirror

Stage North director Daniel Vecchio has some very talented friends. So talented in fact that one of them, Edith Koeng the 'Elizabeth Taylor' of post war Germany, wrote "The Lost Mirror" Stage North's next production. It's a serious fairy tale with a message that holds up even today. The play was written in 1972, and to our knowledge, this is the first time it's ever been performed. Production dates are set for the last 2 weekends of January at Northern Lights College.



MORE...

If you missed out on Heritage Days hats, pins or any of the souvenirs, then this is your chance to pick some of them up at low prices.

Sweatshirts:	\$8.00
Pins:	\$1.50
Aprons:	\$6.00
Beer Mugs:	\$6.00
Coloring Books	\$.25
Postcards:	5/\$1.00
Hats:	\$4.00
Caps:	\$4.50
Posters:	Donation

Everything listed is available at the Art Space. 785-1986.

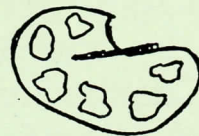
Rules for Being Human

1. You will receive a body.
You may like it or hate it, but it will be yours for the entire period this time around.
2. You will learn lessons.
You are enrolled in a full-time informal school called life. Each day in this school you will have the opportunity to learn lessons. You may like the lessons or think them irrelevant and stupid.
3. There are no mistakes, only lessons.
Growth is a process of trial and error, experimentation. The "failed" experiments are as much a part of the process as the experiment that ultimately "works".
4. A lesson is repeated until learned.
A lesson will be presented to you in various forms until you have learned it. When you have learned it, you can then go on to the next lesson.
5. Learning lessons does not end.
There is no part of life that does not contain its lessons. If you are alive, there are lessons to be learned.
6. "There" is no better than "here".
When your "there" has become a "here" you will simply obtain another "there" that will, again, look better than "here".
7. Others are merely mirrors of you.
You cannot love or hate something about another person unless it reflects to you something you love or hate about yourself.
8. What you make of your life is up to you.
You have all the tools and resources you need. What you do with them is up to you. The choice is yours.
9. Your answers lie inside you.
The answers to life's questions lie inside you. All you need to do is look, listen, and trust.
10. You will forget all this.

- Anonymous -

If you saw the photo and water color exhibit at the Artspace last November, you know that the artist who painted the North Peace performers at Expo '86 this summer is a very talented artist. His name is Peter Vogelaar, and the show called "Double EXPO-sure" was not the first or last successful show for this local artist. In the past he has had other popular shows of his work like the depiction of the rodeo scene titled "Cowboys and Indians". The talent does not stop there though. Peter was also the force behind the Mural Project here in our city, with involvement reaching all the way from conceiving the idea to co-sponsoring with the Arts Council, to designing some of the murals themselves.

FEATURED ARTIST



"PARTLY ARTS"

MICHEAL MITCHELL PUB NIGHT
 January 28, 1987
 The Legion Hall
 \$6.00 Adults 8:00 PM.

DEVONION DUO
 February 11, 1987
 More info T.B.A.

LIFE AFTER HOCKEY
 April 21 1987
 N.P.S.S. 8:00 PM.
 \$10.00 Adult
 \$6.00 Student/Seniors

Born in Victoria B.C. Peter knew from a very early age that his would be the life of an artist and he was already training with Victoria artist Jack Wilkinson at age 10. With that training and the 4 years at the Kootney School of Art specializing in sculpture and print making, Peter has the background to use his talent to our advantage; as we will have a chance to discover when his new project is ready to show. The subjects this time are musicians. Peter plans to do a series of water color paintings depicting jazz musicians at work and so to that end will be attending several jazz festivals in search of subjects. We would like to take this time to thank Peter for his time and support given time and time again to us here at the Artspace as well as to the arts community in general. Good luck in the future!



SESSION III ARTSPACE CLASSES
 COMING SOON! WATCH FOR YOUR
 CHANCE TO ENROLL.

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MARCH 1987



Artspace Turns Luck Around

The Artspace has moved to the lower level of the same building it has occupied for the past four years. The staff and user groups are settled in to the newly renovated space and would like to invite everyone to an Open House on March 13, Friday.

Friday, March 13 had traditionally been known for bad luck. However, the Artspace has had a turn of good luck lately with all the help of the community. The staff of the Artspace feels that they would like to share that good luck on an appropriate day. On Friday, March 13, the Artspace sends out a special invitation to all those people who have helped in the recent move, helped with the Christmas Legacy of Cheer, helped with the Partly Arts Concert Series and helped to fund the operation of the Artspace. Between 4 and 7 P.M., the Artspace will open the doors to "Appreciate You" and to show the general public what the new space looks like. The new owners, J.B. Holdings has used plenty of paint and new lighting to make the space attractive and inviting. The office space is much more spacious than upstairs and the meeting rooms for community groups are more convenient. The Artspace classes and meeting availability have continued uninterrupted through the move.

The Artspace is the Ticket and Information centre for community activities. A large calendar on the office wall helps community groups to plan ahead for major events without conflicting with other organizations who are trying to draw the same audience or participants. Bring your information of up-coming events to the Open House or phone anytime to 785-1988 to check on other events before your group plan their special occasions.

Regional Juried Art Show



April 4 to 10
Public Viewing
North Peace Art Gallery
Totem Mall

Arts Conference For Fall

The Ft. St. John Community Arts Council will host the Peace Region Arts Conference on October 23, 24, & 25 1987 designed to discuss and develop the focus for the arts and tourism in Northern B.C. and Alberta. The conference is expected to attract 150 people from Northern B.C. and Alberta. The Honorable Bill Reid, Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Culture has been invited to be the Guest Speaker and Honored Guest.

The Conference theme is "Eliminating the Boundaries," referring to the gaps between culture and tourism and the boundary between B.C. and Alberta. The Tourism Ministry which has recently included Culture, is currently restructuring the arts regions in the province and relating culture and events to tourism. The conference will explore the relationship of the new structure and the potential for focusing provincial tourism and arts development in the North for 1992-94. The fiftieth anniversary of the building of the Alaska Hwy is 1992; the 200th anniversary of MacKenzie's Exploration through the Peace Country is in 1993; The 100th Anniversary of Ft. St. John (the oldest white settlement in B.C.) is in 1994.

The first day of the conference will feature tourism with workshops and exploration sessions in tourism development within the arts. The Saturday sessions will include the Artgrowth III program of planning. Artgrowth III is the third in a series of educational workshops for arts volunteers established by the B.C. Cultural Services.

The conference will be held at the Pioneer Inn and registrations will be available in May. The Regional Arts Advisory Board of the Peace River Liard Regional District is assisting with conference costs.

FROM THE EDITORS:
COMMENTS AND ARTICLES
FOR THE NEWSLETTER
ARE WELCOME. WE THANK
LORI AND LANA FOR THE
HELP ON THIS ONE.
NEXT DEADLINE: MAY 1/87



Historical Society

Six new directors joined the Historical Society executive at the recent Annual General Meeting held at the Senior Citizen Hall in February. Newly elected directors are Ivan Strome, Short Thompkins, Penny Stewart, Winnefride Johnston, Mel Clarke, Bill Wallace. The remaining directors are Jean Duncan, Joan Patterson, Rose Dutka, Millie Hazlett, Margret Davies, Johnny Cox, and Tony Wagner.

The members of the society reviewed the numerous activities of the past year. Significant operation funding was provided by the Regional District, City of Ft. St. John and School District #60. B.C. Cultural Services funding will be added to those sources for the coming year.

The Society is responsible for the operation of the Ft. St. John-North Peace Museum and has added some new exhibits to the already interesting displays. Over 100 people attended the dinner and meeting where they heard Pioneer Cecil Pickell speak after dinner. The Society welcomes all volunteers to offer their services to the museum.

Call For Entries

British Columbia Young Artists '87

FIFTH BIENNIAL EXHIBITION

Deadline March 20 1987

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OFF TO SEA

Shauna Strate who recently auditioned in Los Angeles, has been accepted by the NORWEGIAN CARIBBEAN CRUISE LINE as one of their entertainers. Shauna leaves on March 31.

Congratulations Shauna! We are very proud to see such talent come from our community. You worked very hard and you deserve such recognition.

PRINCE GEORGE

STUDIO FAIR

For Craftmen everywhere.

For applications call:

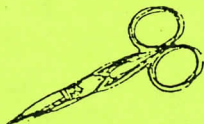
562-4526 or write:

2880 15th Ave

Prince George B.C.

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DEADLINE MAY 2/87



Raising the Roof



Stage North is "Raising the Roof" and needs their supports. Everyone who enjoys the fine theatre productions Stage North has come to be known for, will be happy to hear that the theatre group will be hosting a Legacy Project fundraiser at the Pioneer Inn this May 8th. Included in the evening will be cocktails, dinner, a dinner show and a dance with several chances to win or bid on some unusual gifts and prizes.

The evening will cost only \$45.00 a couple and \$25.00 a single and all proceeds will be donated to the Expo Legacy building fund. An interesting part of the evening is the second half of the dinner show which is not only performed by Stage North, but was also written by various members of the group and there will be some special guests involved with the show as well. Tickets will be available at the Artspace as of April 15.

* * Successful * *

The Peace area Multi-Cultural Week was a complete success when it was celebrated in conjunction with the National Multi-Cultural Week. Artist Pat Logie's paintings of B.C. natives were featured at the Art Gallery in the Totem Mall during the week. The continuous crowd of people viewing the exhibit were able to learn something about each subject through the accompanying plaque on each picture. Ms. Logie fascinated the school children with stories about the people when she led the tour of the show.

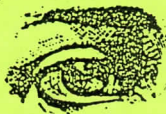
The Multi-Cultural Potluck and Ethnic Performance drew a capacity crowd on Saturday night. Phillipine dancers, Scottish dancers and Ukrainian dancers were just a few of the exciting performances that held the interest of the multi-cultured crowd. Canadian Native and Heritage Cultures were represented by the Native dancers and the Cannettes.

Organizers would like to see Multi-Cultural Week instituted as an annual event in the North Peace. The Multi-Cultural Group will be planning other events throughout the year to help bridge the gap for new Canadians and break down the racist barrier.

North Peace Arts Festival

Peace River North Festival Association is taking place April 6-10, after a six year lapse. The last festival held in Fort St. John was in 1981. Thanks to an enthusiastic group we will again be able to see some good competition. The festival committee is working towards a larger festival in 1988.

The competitions will be held at various places in Fort St. John. Performers Honours Night will be at the North Peace Secondary School on April 10 at 8 P.M.



THE ARTSPACE

Keeping an Eye on
the Arts for You.

Children

Public Library Activities

crafts

MARCH:

17-Andy Larstone Adult Workshop on Hydroponics



APRIL:

TUES.-Story Hour for 2 yr. olds every week

17-Origami Workshop (oriental paper folding) for children grades 3 and up.

6-Photography Workshop pre-registration required

25-National Book Festival to May 2.



18-Puppet Show at 7 P.M.

26-Opening Celebration puppet show 2 P.M.

Story Hour every Tues. and Thurs. for 3-5 yr. olds.

EDUCATION

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IT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARTS

MARCH

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sun.	mon.	tue.	wed.	thur.	fri.	sat.
1	2 Boyscouts at Artspace at 8:00pm	3	4	5	6	7 Figure Skating Carnival 7:30pm Book for Millions Big Brothers and Big Sisters
8	9 North Peace Arts Society Mtg. 7:30	10	11	12	13 Open House at Artspace 4 to 7 pm	14
15 Miss Fort St. John	16	17 Andy Larstone Adult workshop on Hydroponics	18	19	20	21

22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Quilters Mtg 7:00 - 9:00pm		Story hour for 3 - 5 yr. olds every Tues & Thur. at Library	Northern Dance Theatre Show at NPSS	Oilwives Funspiel at Curling_Rink Northern Dance Theatre Show
29	30	31				
N.L. Chamber Ensemble and Choir Concert Mennonite Church						

APRIL

sun.	mon.	tue.	wed.	thur.	fri.	sat.
		Story Hour for 2 yr. olds every Tues. at Library	Miss Fort St. John Fashion Show		Northern dance Theatre Show at NPSS	^{North-Western District} 4 Theatre Show at NPSS Regional Juried Art Show at North Peace Art Gallery Totem Mall Apr. 4-10
5	6 Juried Art Show at Library Photography Work Shop Performing arts Festival North Peace Arts Society Mtg.	7 Juried Art Show Photography work shop Peace River North Festival of the Arts Apr. 6 - 10	8 Juried Art Show Peace River North Festival of the Arts Apr. 6-10	9 Peace River North Festival of the Arts Apr. 6 - 10 Juried Art Show	10 Peace River Theatre Fest Juried Art Show Peace River North Festival of the Arts - Honours Night at NPSS at 8:00pm	11 Margarite Knuts author of "Fire Weed" (Juvenile picture b/v will give a reading & ill at Library 10:30-12 noon Peace River Zone Theatre Festival)
12 Peace River Zone Theatre Festival	13	14	15	16	17	18 Lena's Fashion Show at MacKenzie Inn at 8:00pm
19	20	21 Life After Hockey Performance at Curling Rink	22	23	24	25 National Book Festival Apr. 25- May 2
26 Opening Celebration Puppet Show at 2pm	27	28 Amnesty Mtg. 7:30pm Alwin Holland School	29	30		

Cable 10 Gets Grant

Fort St. John Cable 10 Society has a new energy with a Job Development Grant through Employment and Immigration to establish community programming in Fort St. John. Employees Cecile Cameron, Bettine MacIntosh, and Sheila Cohen have been seen around town gathering information and dates for future video filming opportunities. Videos will be aired on Channel 10 starting in March.

This video opportunity is a chance for community groups to "get their message across to the community". The ladies are visiting as many groups as possible in the next three weeks. They have interviewed over forty people so far and are still looking for more. Phone 785-3039 to let the Channel 10 Society know about your group and discuss the possibility of media coverage. The Channel 10 Society is a non-profit organization and does not charge for their services.

Northern Dance Theatre Society

Musical Dance Revues



March 27 & 28
April 3 & 4

Tickets at Artspace
and Jellisons
Studios/Performers
Wear

North Peace Secondary School

Dear Blabette,

I don't have a problem, but I think everyone else does. I am a triple threat performer who not only sings, dances and acts, but does them incredibly well. Thing is, I can't seem to find anyplace good enough for me to show off my huge talent for all the poor untalented slob out there. What do you suggest? Perfect

Dear Perfect,

There is one place where you can do your thing and be assured of an audience. Try entering the N.P.Arts festival April 6-10th (location to be announced) there will be all kinds of performances, and you will have the chance to have professional adjudicators to assess your work. Be sure to tell all your friends (if you have any) as I'm sure they will want to be there when you find out that the poor untalented slob have very high standards.

write to: Box 6584
Fort St. John B.C.
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Events.
Free Meeting Place For Groups

Four to Go

The Arts Council, The Artspace, Stage North and School District #60 will be represented at the Pacific Contact conference in Vancouver on April 1-4. The conference is an annual showcase of performers available to tour. B.C. Workshops and Seminars at Pacific Contact help sponsors to deal with concert series and touring productions.

Jan Armstrong, Judi Bryson and Bob Bennetts will be attending the conference as community representatives. Sue Popesku is a board member from the North East Region of B.C. Touring Council which organizes the conference. She will be handing over the board position to another regional representative at this Annual General Meeting of the B.C.T.C. on April 5. One of the two candidates, Pauline Huska from Chetwynd or Rene Woronuk from Dawson Creek, will be representing this region for the next two years. Every community in the region has a member of the B.C.T.C. through its Arts Council or Concert Series.

Pacific Contact will feature, at least, 35 live performances, and hundreds of displays by other performers in the Contact Room. The Conference is the largest of its kind on the Pacific Coast.

North Peace Arts Society

**4th ANNUAL
ART AUCTION**

May 8 1987

HÄGAR

HAMLET SAID
I'M TOO
AGGRESSIVE



TODAY I'M
WORKING
ON MY
RESTRAINT



HE SAID A
LADY SHOULD
BE MORE
RESTRAINED



TOMORROW
I'LL
PUNCH HIM



Cultural Tourism Project

The Cultural Tourism Development project is well underway at the Artspace with the employment of Margaret Drapeau who is learning video production with Chinoek Cable and media skills with CKNL and Alaska Hwy News; Lilynette Pagdilao who is training in computer use and research skills; and Liz Nurnberger who is discovering management and administration with the Artspace and the Chamber of Commerce.

The Cultural Tourism Project is a ten month job development training program offered through the Employment and Immigration Branch of the Federal Government. The program is designed to employ and train people for future permanent employment.

The project conducted by the Artspace will allow further development of tourism and arts through documentation of arts, interviewing of tourists and their needs, and videoing of area attractions to entice tourists to stay longer. management of tourist counsellors and publication of an attraction booklet are only two of the long term objectives for the program.



Congratulations to Director Danial Vecchio and his talented cast and crew on their successful run of the show "The Lost Mirror." Your time and effort on this production has once again proved the great contribution live theatre makes in this community.



Theatre Zone Festival

Stage North cordially invites any and all theatre groups in the N.P. Region to take part in the Peace River Zone Theatre Festival April 10-12 1987. This festival promises to be very interesting with workshops, greenrooms, and plenty of social time planned. Two professional adjudicators from the coast will be on hand to critique the productions and send one of them to the Zone Finals. If anyone would like more information, they can call Dennis Szalai (Sly) at 785-9186 evenings, or Judi Bryson at 785-1988 days.



LIFE AFTER HOCKEY

Meet Kenny 'RinkRat' Brown. He's a 30 yr. old (or over) hockey player who has played for Team Canada, Montreal Canadians, and the Strathcona Metaphysicals. He's known for his tenacious fore-checking, his playmaking, and his ability to make the other guy believe he's been scored on. The 'RinkRat' prides himself on his mental toughness. Banned from play for falling asleep during the National Anthem, he still imagines himself a successful hockey player.



You can meet this dynamo of the ice rink on April 21st when Kenny performs his One Man Show. The Location will be announced at a later date.

This is a one time opportunity to get the hockey players and the theatre goes in one place at the same time, and like it!

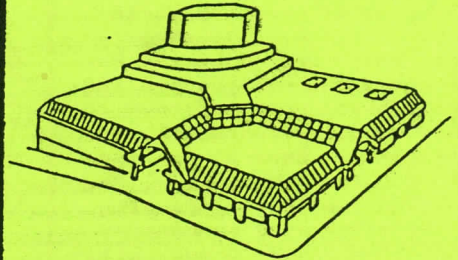
Tickets will be on sale at the Artspace, and for you Stage North people from a few years ago, it's an extra treat to note that the director of this Fringe Festival winner, is our own Micheal Puttonen!



KENNY "RINK RAT" BROWN

NORTH PEACE EXPO

LEGACY PROJECT



How You Can Help

Donations or Pledges can be made by . . .

Cash Donations and Pledges at:	The Art Gallery
Fort St. John City Hall	The Library
Taylor Municipal Hall	The Artspace
Regional District office in F.S.J.	Jettison Studios

Pre-Authorized Monthly Donations through your Bank
Visa - Donations at Regional District Office.



SESSION III ARTSPACE CLASSES
COMING SOON! WATCH FOR YOUR
CHANCE TO ENROLL.

SPECIAL EDITION: FORT ST. JOHN FESTIVAL WEEK APRIL 3 TO APRIL 12, 1987

ARTSPACE: 10003-100 STREET
FORT ST JOHN, BC V1J 3Y5

FESTIVAL HOTLINE: 785-1988

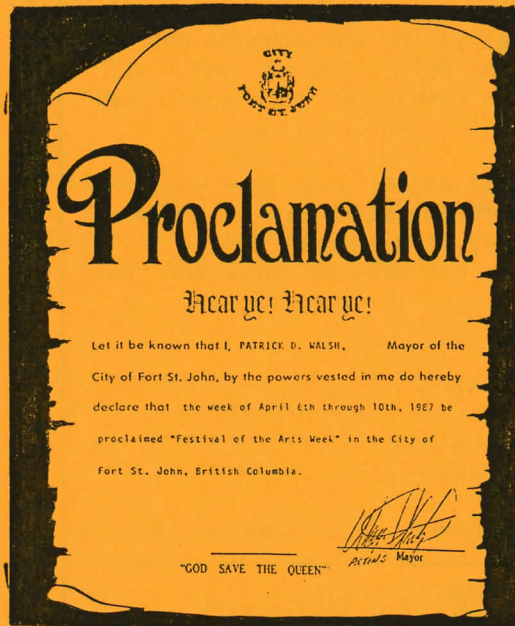
FESTIVAL MEANS PERFORMANCE

The Peace River North Festival Association took on the challenge of reviving the Performing Arts Festival in Fort St. John after a six year lapse. The Festival is an annual regional competition that attracts hundreds of participants. Dawson Creek has hosted the Festival for the past six years.


The Fort St. John Festival Committee agreed to limit the mediums to dance, piano, and choral in 1987. Over 700 entries have been submitted for the April 6 to 10 Festival. When the Festival gains momentum again in years to come, creative writing, drama, photography and speech arts may be added. The last festival in Fort St. John in 1981 drew over 3,000 participants.

PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE

Coordinators: Noelle Jellison
Marilyn Hemsley
Secretaries: Gerry Anema
Shari Campbell
Treasurer: Elward Jellison
Directors:
Liz Nurnberger Teresa Ruddel
Betty Smith Jeanelle Kurchat
Nancy Lam Veda Brown
Jana Jordan Shannon Ross
Leslie Lindsay



WELCOME TO FORT ST. JOHN
A MESSAGE FROM THE RETAIL COMMITTEE OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



A DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA
APRIL 4 & 5 Matinee on April 5 at 2 p.m.

ADJUDICATORS

DANCE: Cindy Leigh Kerr from Edmonton has a degree in Elementary Ballet-RAD, Elementary and Intermed. Jazz-ISTD and Gold Star and Senior Bronze Tap -ISTD. Cindy has instructed in Edmonton, New York, San Francisco, L.A. and Winnipeg from 1973 to 1985. She has performed in many dance theatre productions.

MUSIC: Linda Stobbe from Prince George has degrees in Associates of the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto (ARCT), Licentiate of Trinity College, London England (FTCL) and Voice and Choral, Toronto Conservatory. Linda taught piano from 1966-87 and has performed solos as well as group concerts with choirs and orchestras.

HIGHLAND DANCE: Arlene Pederson is from Red Deer and has extensive training in Highland, Jazz and Tap. She has taught for many years in Alberta and adjudicated dance in the U.S. and Canada. She has also choreographed musical comedy.

PERFORMING SCHEDULE

DANCE	Senior Citizens Hall	Mon.-Fri. 9AM-5PM (evening 7PM-10PM Tues Only)
HIGHLAND DANCE		Mon. Only
BATTON	Church of Latter Day	Wed. Only 5PM-9PM
PIANO	NP Mennonite Brethren	Mon.-Fri. 9AM -5PM (evenings 7PM-9PM Mon./Thurs.)
	Calvary Baptist	Wed. Only 7PM-9PM
CONCERTO	Northern Lights Col.	Wed. Only 2PM-3PM
CHORAL	NP Mennonite Brethren	Wed. Only 1PM - 4PM

TICKETS

\$7 Week Pass or \$1 Per session (each morning afternoon or evening of the week)

HONOURS PERFORMANCE

Friday, April 10 NP Sec. School 8 PM
Tickets \$2 Adults \$1 Child/Student/Sen.

SPECIAL EDITION:

FESTIVAL MEANS THEATRE

The Peace River Zone Theatre Festival is hosted this year by Stage North here in Fort St. John. Each year, the Festival is hosted by a different group in the North Peace Region, and in that way, each of us has the chance to see the other towns in their own area and to have the chance to show off their city.

The Zone Festival is a function of Theatre B.C., an organization based in Victoria, whose main aim is to help amateur theatre groups in British Columbia. This Festival is the only chance that groups like Stage North, Mile O Players and T.R.A.C.T. have to compete with each other and travel to Victoria to perform for professionals.

Theatre B.C. provides an adjudicator each year to each Festival in B.C. The adjudicators duties are to view the productions, give helpful advice for improvement, and choose one play to enter the Final Festival with the chosen plays from the other 10 regions in the Province.

In the past, the Festivals have always provided a way for amateur theatre groups to compare notes, make contacts, and give a boost to neighboring drama groups to keep working toward their goals.

We welcome everyone to come to see the best theatre the North region has to offer on April 10 and 11 at Northern Lights College.

ZONE THEATRE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Dennis Szalai

Committee Members:

Judi Bryson	Tom Kirschner
Marion Truscott	Joanne Kirschner
Norm Bryson	Doug Xenis
Daniel Vecchio	June Ainsworth
Carol Edwards	Kevin Truscott

ZONE THEATRE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 :

"Little Fears"	Stage North Fort St. John	7:30 P.M.
"Still Stands the House"	Stage North Fort St. John	8:30 P.M.
"The Private Years"	Mile O Players Dawson Creek	9:45 P.M.

PUBLIC ADJUDICATION AND RECEPTION
10:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 :

Workshop: Improvisational Theatre #1 by Robert Loucks		10 A.M.
Workshop: Performance by Bonnie Worthington		1 P.M.
Workshop: Improvisational Theatre #2 by Robert Loucks		2:30 P.M.
"Chester, You Owe My Bird an Apology"	Stage North Fort St. John	7:30 P.M.
"Visitor From Mawaronek"	T.R.A.C.T. Tumbler Ridge	8:30 P.M.
"Laundry and Bourbon"	T.R.A.C.T. Tumbler Ridge	9:30 P.M.

PUBLIC ADJUDICATION 10:30 P.M.

TICKETS

\$4.00 each evening \$6.00 All Plays Pass
Workshops: No Charge

LIFE AFTER HOCKEY

APRIL 21 CURLING RINK



ADJUDICATOR

Bonnie Worthington has a Master of Arts degree in Theatre and is a busy performer, director, teacher, and playwright from Vancouver. She was a founding member of Theatre Sports and is an instructor at Spiritsong, a theatre school for Native Indian Adults.

Bonnie is the artistic director of her own theatre school, Theatre Works! and has adjudicated for Theatre BC at many other Zone Festivals. Stage North, host of the 1987 Zone Theatre Festival is happy to welcome her and looks forward to her comments and advice.



KENNY "RINK RAT" BROWN

SPECIAL EDITION:

FESTIVAL MEANS ART



THE KEEPER

Laine Dahlen, Dawson Creek artist, entered "The Keeper" in the 1986 Regional Juried Art Show. The work was chosen to go to the B.C. Festival of the Arts in Prince George and selected again for "Images and Objects" where it won the "B.C. Pavilion Choice". Photograph by Ted Phillips of Dawson Creek.

JURIED SHOW SCHEDULE

April 3 : Jurors Adjudication 1PM-5PM
Artists Group Critique 6PM-7PM
RECEPTION 7PM-9PM

April 4-10: Show Open to Public Mall hours
Workshop "Art As A Career" Mia Johnson
Northern Lights College 9AM-noon

ADMISSION TO ART SHOW IS FREE
Workshop fee is \$1.00

The Peace River-Liard Regional Juried Art is an annual event in the Peace Country. The Assembly of British Columbia Arts Councils directs each region in the Province to conduct the Juried Art Show in order to select twenty works for the "Images and Objects" Show usually held with the B.C. Festival of Arts.

The Peace River Liard Regional District Arts Advisory Board supports the Juried Show with some funds which were used this year for the invitations for submissions. The Assembly of Arts Councils pays the travel and honorarium for the adjudicators who come from outside the region.

The Fort St. John Arts Council is hosting the 1987 Regional Juried Show at the Fort St. John Art Gallery in the Totem Mall. Over 125 works from regional artists will be open to Public Viewing from April 4 to April 10 during Mall Hours.

JURIED SHOW COMMITTEE

Coordinator: Linda Scarfo
Committee Members:
Sue Popesku Sue Maloney
Terry Koshurba Audrey Gaddy
Ella Fraser Audrey Skoreyko
Mildred Whitford Heather Palmer

ADJUDICATORS

Michael Cullin is an artist and curator from Victoria. He runs the North Park Studio of Original Canadian Art in Victoria where the Victoria Regional Juried Show was recently held. Michael adjudicated Prince George's Juried Show three weeks ago where 110 entries were on view.

Mia Johnson is an art teacher and an artist. She taught at Bert Bowes Secondary School from 1971 to 1975 before she went on to exhibit her work and teach at California State University and the University of British Columbia. Mia's work can often be seen in the Bau-XI Gallery in Vancouver. Mia will conduct a Workshop on Art As A Career at the NLC from 9 A.M. to noon on April 4.

FESTIVAL WEEK EXTRAS

WORKSHOP

SHOW AND SALE

INTRODUCTORY TO PHOTOGRAPHY

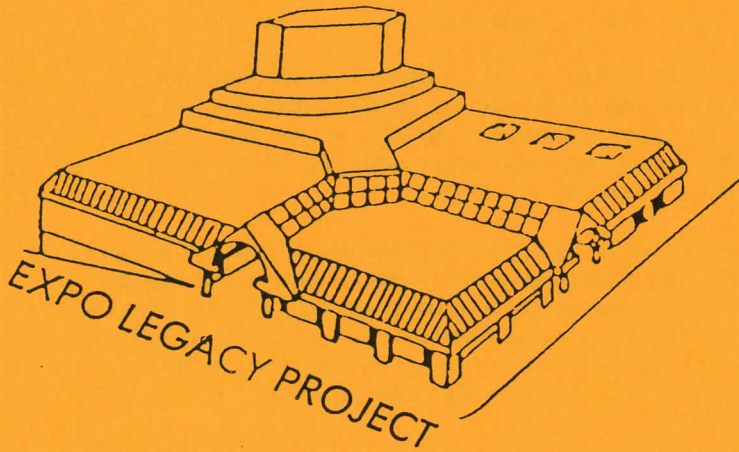
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PUBLIC LIBRARY APRIL 6 & 7
7 P.M. Limit to 20

COOP MALL APRIL 9,10,11
during Mall Hours

SPECIAL EDITION:

FESTIVAL MEANS FACILITIES



Donations Gratefully Accepted

Artspace N.P. Art Gallery
Public Library Regional District

The schools are in session and the gymnasiums are needed for scheduled gym classes. The Northern Lights College multipurpose room is booked for regular classes. The vacant Bay building is not available and the hotels are not suitable.

What do the committees of the Performing Arts Festival and the Theatre Zone Festival do for venues for the week-long Festival of Arts in Fort St. John? Thank you to the churches that can provide adequate, though not ideal, spaces for the piano and choral competitions. The Theatre Zone Festival was able to book the College on the weekend and the Dance went into the Senior Citizens Hall. The Regional Juried Art Show takes place in the Art Gallery in the Totem Mall, thanks to the Totem Mall management that allows the Gallery the space.

The Festival of Arts in Fort St. John could have had a central focus with a permanent theatre, gallery and Artspace if the Expo Legacy Project had been completed. Maybe next time?

SPECIAL FESTIVAL THANKS TO

Peace River Photocopy
Wrixon and Vennes
Stage North
Mennonite Brethren Church
Senior Citizens Hall
North Peace Secondary School
Artspace
Fort St. John Rotary Club
Westcoast Transmission, Ltd.
North Peace Music Teachers
Dr. Christopher Lam
South Peace Music Teachers
Order of the Royal Purple
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Dave's Appliances
and Refrigeration
Fort St. John and District
Chamber of Commerce
Northern Lights College
Peter Priebe and Company
North Peace Art Society
Church of the Latter Day Saints
Falkenberg Agencies
Fort St. John Coop
J. Nurnberger Ranch
Northern Dance Theatre Society
Esteem Carpet Cleaning
Alaska Highway News
CKNL Radio

Timberline Tree Service
Trio Travel
Totem Mall
North Peace Art Society
Calvary Baptist Church
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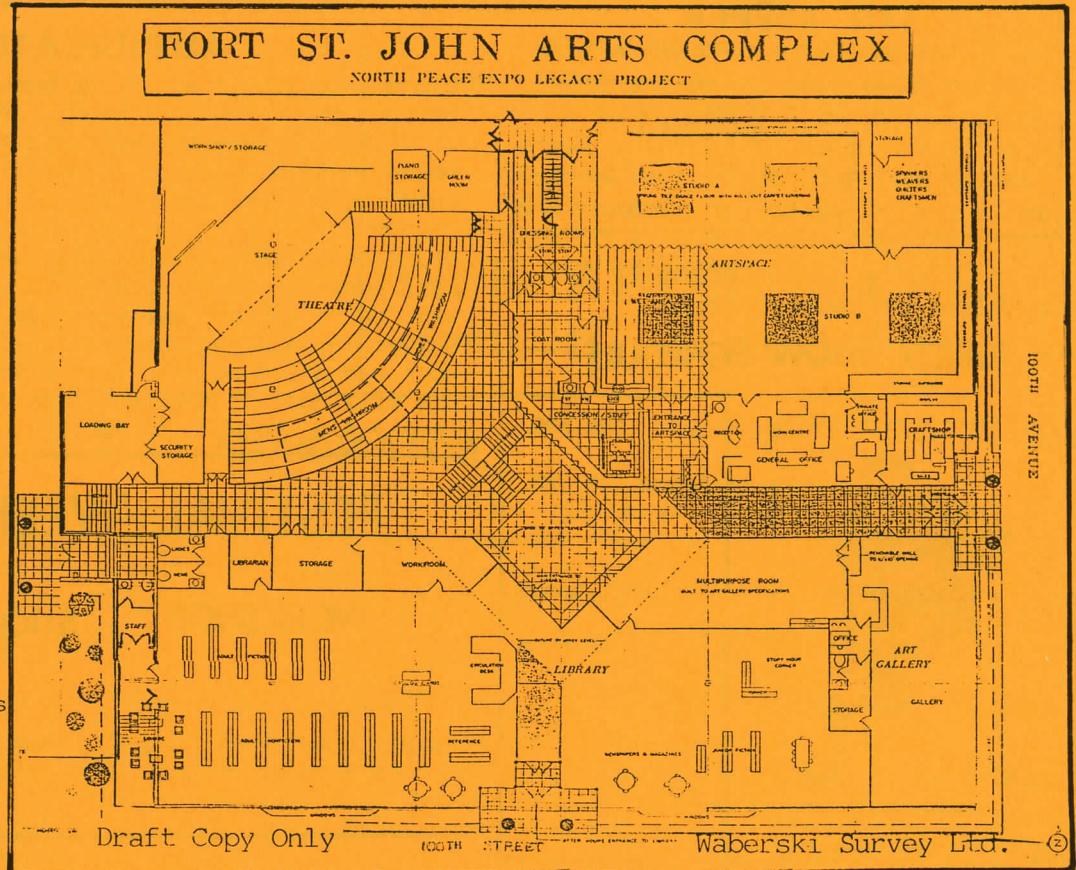
Literary extra

Author Tour of Children's Books

Margrite Ruurs "Fireweed"

11 A.M. Saturday- Public Library

APRIL 11, 1987



INSIGHT

into the

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FORT ST. JOHN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

BOX 6474 FORT ST. JOHN, B.C. VIJ 4K5 785-1988

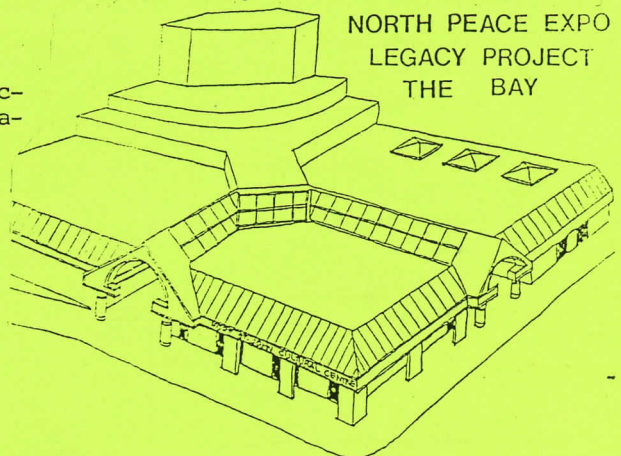
\$500,000 CLOSER

Exciting news was received in Fort St. John on Friday, May 15. Hon. Frank Oberle, MP for Prince George/Peace River and Minister of State for Science and Technology announced a \$500,000.00 grant towards the North Peace Expo Legacy Project under the Cultural Initiatives Program of the Federal Ministry of Communications. Hon. Flora Macdonald requested Mr. Oberle to make the announcement during his visit to our area.

The news was welcomed with cheers of approval by over 30 Committee members and supporters. The funds are provided under Component II of the Cultural Initiatives Program, for capital expenditures through construction and renovation of cultural infrastructures. The program is designed to strengthen the viability of Canadian cultural organizations and to improve access by Canadians to their cultural heritage. The funds will not be available until April 1, 1988 but contracts are presently being prepared for signature.

The members of the Fund Raising Committee were enthusiastic about the timing of the announcement, as concentrated canvassing efforts were begun during the last week of May.

What was once just a dream in the minds of the Arts groups of the North Peace area is fast approaching reality. The Bay has been in touch to explain the delay in responding to the proposal regarding the purchase price of the building, and assures those involved that there will be an answer soon. With this final hurdle overcome, it should be 'full steam ahead' towards the final realization of the Committee's dreams. They have many people to thank and many more in the coming months.



NORTH PEACE EXPO
LEGACY PROJECT
THE BAY

CONCEPT DRAWING

PROJECT PRIDE



Project Pride is a task force whose aim is 'taking care of British Columbia's past for generations to come.' The Project Pride task force will be hosted by the North Peace Historical Society when they hold public meetings on June 1st at the Pioneer Inn, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., and again from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Culture is revising the 10 year old Conservation Act, and the Task Force is touring the province to search out suggestions for revisions to the Conservation Act.

Project Pride will also be present at 6:00 p.m. May 31, when the Historical Society will be unveiling a new archeological exhibit at the Museum. The public is invited to this unveiling. At 7:00 p.m. that same Sunday evening, there will be a reception held for the Task Force. The Historical Society plans to take 6 members of the Task Force on a riverboat ride to an active archaeological site, on June 1st.

Communities from all over this region have been invited to submit proposals for Project Pride to consider. Our Historical Society has 4 proposals to submit; one on each of the following topics: Museums & Artifacts, Archaeology, Trails & Routes, and Erosion of Heritage sites.



HANDS ACROSS THE NORTH

Peace Region Arts Conference
10003 - 100 st. 785-1988
Fort St. John, B.C. V1J 3Y5



"HANDS ACROSS THE NORTH"

Arts & Tourism Conference to be hosted by Arts Council

On October 23, 24, & 25, 1987 Fort St. John will be the site of the first Peace Region Arts Conference held in British Columbia.

Cultural and Tourism organizations from the Peace Region of B.C. and Alberta have already been invited to attend and participate in a variety of workshops focussing on Cultural Tourism and Marketing.

Topics to be presented include Festival Planning, Cultural Events for 1992, Artgrowth III-Planning & Research, and Marketing Tips for a limited budget.

Plenty of opportunities will be provided for "getting to know" the representatives from other areas with a reception planned for Friday evening, October 23rd. Stage North is planning an evening of entertainment for Saturday, October 24th.

This Conference is shaping up to be a very enjoyable and valuable weekend for anyone involved in Arts, Events, and Tourism. If you wish to receive further information, please call the Artspace at 785-1988.

STAGE NORTH is

'RAISING THE ROOF'

Cocktails: 6:30 pm Show: 8:30 pm

Dinner: 7:00 pm Dance: 9:30 pm

PIONEER INN JUNE 20 1987

For The Expo Legacy Project

COUPLES: \$45.00 SINGLES \$25.00

artvark!

The Artvark is back in '87 with a special focus for young visitors to Fort St. John, along with the local Artvarks here in the community. The Artspace is busy preparing for 9 one-week camps under various themes designed for children. This year visitors to Fort St. John can join the Artvark gang in the activities and be welcomed by the Artvark himself.

This is the fourth summer for the Artvark program and it is going to be full of fun and excitement with arts and crafts and field trips galore.

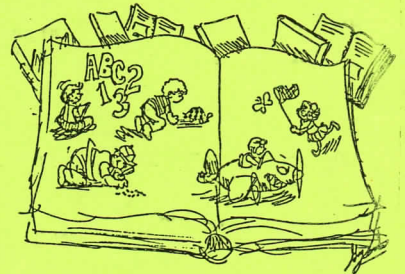


Through the Challenge '87 Program, Sandy Cousins, a 2nd year Parks and Recreation major student at Lakeland College in Vermilion, Alberta, has been hired as Artvark Program Co-ordinator. Tracy Lewis, a graduate from Northern Lights College here in town, has been hired as an Artvark Instructor, as is Wendy Rintoul, a 2nd year student in psychology at U.B.C., and Cindy Hamm, a 3rd year student in Religious Education at C.B.C. in Regina, Saskatchewan.

The nine weekly camps run from June 29 to August 28 at the Artspace, and children aged 3 to 10 can join in the fun. The maximum number of children for each day during the camps is 25. The fees for 5 day camps are, for members - \$23.00, and for non-members, - \$28.00. For 4 day camps, the fees for members are \$18.40, and non-members \$22.40. For one day visits the fee will be \$8.00 per day. Registration is at the Artspace from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. The location of the Artspace is 10003 - 100 Street. For more information call Sandy at 785-1988.

The Fort St. John Public Library has received oral confirmation of their Challenge '87 Program, which will allow them two students to work over the summer months. They plan to have two weekdays for children's programs, and as well the students will be helping with inventory. The Library is also planning to produced several 'big' books, to make reading aloud easier, with the large picture books easily seen by all of the children. The Library will have its summer schedule available soon. Call them at 785-3731 for further details.

Library News

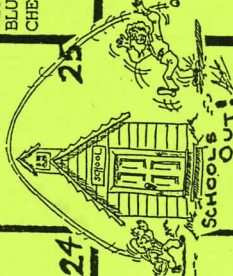


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EVENTS

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JUNE

sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
	N.P. ART SOCIETY ARTSPACE 7:30 PROJECT PRIDE PIONEER INN 1 - 4, 7 - 10	POETRY ASSOC. 7PM 9120-101 AVE. QUILTERS CLUB 7:30 ARTSPACE BRIDGE CLUB ARTSPACE 7:30	KENNEL CLUB ARENA 7:30	PC USERS GROUP 7:30 ARTSPACE SINGALONG 1:30 CARE HOME		OILMEN'S GOLF TOURNEY B-B.O/ DANCE CURLING RINK SINGLE'S CLUB DANCE 9-2 SR. CIT. HALL SPINNERS & WEAVERS PICNIC 789-3598
	N.P. POTTERS GUILD AGM POTTERS ROOM NLC 7:30 N.P. FEST. ASSOC. 8PM ARTSPACE	POETRY ASSOC 7PM 9120-101 AVE SR. CIT MTG 6:30 SR CIT HALL BRIDGE CLUB ARTSPACE 7:30	10	EXPO LEGACY 5:00 CITY HALL WRITERS CLUB 785-7869 8PM HIST. SOC. 7:30 ARTSPACE	4	5
7	LEGION LADIES TURKEY DINNER 5:00 - 7:00PM	8	9	11	12	13
14		POETRY ASSOC. 7PM 9120-101 AVE. BRIDGE CLUB ARTSPACE 7:30	17	18	19	20
21	LEGION LADIES PANCAKE BKFS 9 AM	22	24	25	26	27
28		POETRY ASSOC. 7PM 9120-101 AVE. BRIDGE CLUB ARTSPACE 7:30	29			

SUMMER HOURS:

MUSEUM & TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE
8 a.m. to 8 p.m. 7 days a week until
September 6th.

ARTSPACE

9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JULY AND AUGUST, 1987.

- July 9 - Historical Society Mtg
Artspace 7:30
- 10, 11, 12 - Rodeo
- 14 - "Legends of Rock'n'Roll"
Cabaret/Concert/Dance
Curling Rink
- 16, 17, 18 - Gospel Music Festival
787-7705
- 18 - Poetry Assoc. Yard &
Bake Sale 9120 - 101 Ave.
- 25 - 4th. Annual Oilmen's
Trapshoot 10AM Rod & Gun
Club Range

- August 1, 2 - Goldpanning Championship
Peace Island Park, Taylor
- 9 - North Peace Fall Fair
- 14, 15- Country Music Festival
785-2655

HOW TO BE A SENSITIVE LISTENER

HOW TO TELL IF YOU ARE THE SENSITIVE-LISTENER TYPE

- YES NO
- DOES WATCHING TV PUT YOU TO SLEEP?
- DO YOU HAVE EXCESSIVE EAR WAX?
- DO YOU ENJOY EMBROIDERING?
- ARE YOU COMPASSIONATE? YOUR ANSWERS REALLY DON'T MATTER. JUST REMEMBER: THERE IS A POETIC SENSE EVERYONE HAS. NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE.

BEGINNING EXERCISES FOR SENSITIVE LISTENERS

- PRINTED BELOW IS A WORKOUT FOR SENSITIVE LISTENERS. EXERCISE THEM. BEGIN WITH A SENSE OF LOSS... RESEARCH PENNSYLVANIA... READ A PIECE TO SOFTEN YOUR EAR... RESEARCH WORDS LIKE A SPONGE... MIMIC WHAT IS SAID WITH WHAT HE SAID... BE SURE TO ASSESS THIS CARTOON! WHEN YOUR EAR GETS RECOGNITION!



DO YOU HAVE THE SPINNA TO BE A SENSITIVE LISTENER?

- NO? YES
- CAN YOU SIT FOR HALF AN HOUR WITHOUT TWITCHING, SHUFFLING, SNEEZING, BURPING, COUGHING, CRYING, LEAVING?
- AND REMEMBER: WE ARE ON CONSTANT LOOKOUT FOR PAPER AIRPLANES AND ANY OTHER PFD'S (Foreign Flying Objects)

ADVANCED EXERCISES FOR SENSITIVE LISTENERS

- YOU NEED: EAR
1. LISTEN TO THE POEM FROM THE POINT OF THE POET. (Hint: I am a poet, poeming, poeming)
 2. LISTEN TO THE SILENCE AND THE SILENCE'S SILENCES. (THESE ARE INTENTIONAL)
 3. DIVINE A CONTEXT AND FORMULATE A SYSTEM OF SYMBOLS THAT ENHANCES YOUR UNIQUE MEMORY, EMOTION AND IMAGINATION TO MERGE WITH THOSE OF THE READER.

HOW TO BE A PROFESSIONAL SENSITIVE LISTENER

- "APPLAUD!"
- DEMAND AN ENCORE!
- (Even if it means sitting through an entire repeat performance)
- CULTIVATE A STRONG OPINION FOR ALL OTHER SENSITIVE LISTENERS
- HATE MAIL

Three members of the Poetry Association gave a delightful reading at the Community Arts Council's Annual General Meeting on May 25th. Gail Whitter, K. Ballinger, and Diane Culling read selections of their own works, and handed out copies of "How To Be A Sensitive Listener" (right). The Poetry Association was formed in 1986, and at the present time has 6 members. They meet once a week, on Tuesdays, at 9120 - 101 Ave. The group published their first anthology last November which is titled Opus I. They have donated copies of the book to the Fort St. John Public Library, and to the Creative Writing Department of Northern Lights College. The Poetry Association is always open for new members, and it is not necessary that you be a professional poet to join! The group is available for poetry readings, if you are looking for a new sort of entertainment for your next meeting or event, and the Arts Council will attest to the fact that they do a wonderful job of it. They do not charge for poetry readings. They meet once a month at the Library for public readings, so if you would like to check them out, call Gail at 785-0926 for more information. The Poetry group would also like to remind everyone that they will be holding their 2nd Annual Yard and

This booklet was inspired by Matt Greening's

AWARDS

Three cheers to Stage North on their outstanding performance of 'Chester, You Owe My Bird An



Apology'. This one-act play won the 'Best Play' award, and was chosen to go to the Theatre B.C. Zone Festival, Mainstage '87, in Victoria during the last week in May.

From the same performance, Dennis Szalai won 'Best Actor' award. Daniel Vecchio won the 'Best Director' award for 'Little Fears', and from the same play, Esther Oosterban won 'Best Actress'.

The Peace River Zone Theatre Festival was generally considered a success, with Tumbler Ridge's theatre group, T.R.A.C.T. also performing and winning 'Best Ensemble'.

Congratulations, Stage North, and keep up the good work.

DEAR BLABETTE

Dear Blabette:

I'm in a real grind. All I ever do is eat, sleep, work and watch T.V. What can I do to get out and meet some people and become involved more in things? Bored'n'Lonely Dear B'n'L:

You are a perfect candidate for a volunteer. There are many, many arts groups around town who would love to have someone like you to help them out with activities, meetings, special events, and performances. The Artspace is the home of the Community Arts Council and we have a long list of groups, with a variety of interests, and one of them is bound to suit your needs. Call 785-1988 and we'll put you in touch with a more lively life! Love, Blabette

Dear Blabette:

I'm really looking forward to the summer holidays, but I know that I'll be looking for something for the kids to do before their vacation is over. What do you suggest? Hopeful Mom.

Dear Hopeful:

The Artvark program is a sure bet for you. There will be 9 one-week day camps for kids aged 3 to 10, starting June 29. You can take your pick as to which week would best suit your time schedule. Call the Artspace at 785-1988 for more information - registration is going on now. Love, Blabette

CULTURAL TOURISM JOBS

The Cultural Tourism Development Project is going great guns at the Artspace. The 3 employees have finished their training, and are now busy trying out their new skills.

Liz Nurnberger has just finished a Superhost Training Program, and has also successfully completed her bookkeeping course at NLC with a 98 grade! She has been busy at the Artspace practising her new skills, and as well has been helping out at the Tourist Information Centre.

Margaret Drapeau has now completed her training at CKNL Radio and Chinook Cable. She is currently putting the final touches on a promotional video of a riverboat tour of the Peace River. As well, she is busy writing cultural news articles, and is also helping out with general duties at the Artspace.

Lily Pagdilao has passed her computer research course at NLC, and is now trying out her computer skills as she works feverishly to complete 'Arts and All', a community resource directory, which will be published in the very near future.

These girls have only 5 months left to go of their Job Strategy Program, and are an invaluable addition to Artspace action.

art goes south



IMAGES AND OBJECTS

Seventeen art works from the Peace River Regional Juried Art Show, which was held April 3 - 10, were selected to go to the B.C. Festival of the Arts 'Images and Objects', held in Cowichan-Duncan May 28 - 31. Twelve of the chosen artists travelled to Duncan for the show. Margaret Cavers, of Fort St. John, Graham Cook, Pouce Coupe, Don Petit, Dawson Creek, Valerie Dahl, FSJ, Peter Von Tiesenhausen, FSJ, Ted Phillips, D.C., Marg Baker, Arras, Mary Ann Skin, D.C., Peter Vogelaar, FSJ, Suzanne Dixon, P.C., Cindy Vincent, FSJ, Barbara Swail, D.C., Laine Dahlen, D.C., and Robert Young, Charlie Lake, were all able to represent our region with art in the Festival. Also, Liz Nurnberger, Coordinator of the Regional Juried Show, and Sue Popesku travelled to the event as representatives of our region.

Congratulations to all of the artists, and best of luck in future festivals.

Annual General Meeting

RESULTS

At Stage North's Annual General meeting on May 20, there was a slight reshuffling of the executive. President is now Carrol Edwards, with vice-president being June Ainsworth. Betty-Ann Xenis was elected to the post of treasurer, and Joanne Kirschner was made secretary. The 9-member board of directors is now: Jack Temple, Linda Scarfo, Kevin Truscott, Marianne Truscott, Theresa Ruddell, Doug Xenis, Tom Kirschner, Bev Barradell, and Daniel Vecchio.

Stage North is busily planning for its Expo Legacy Review, to be held on June 20 in support of the Expo Legacy Project. This will be an evening of dinner theatre, comedy, entertainment, an auction and a dance. Tickets are on sale now at the Artspace.

The theatre group is also planning a full scale musical for the fall, and anyone who is interested in getting involved can call Carrol at 785-1513.

Stage North would like to wish good luck to Norm and Judi Bryson in their new life in Kamloops. Norm and Judi received the 1986 Community Arts Award at a special presentation on May 22, for their outstanding efforts for Stage North in the past several years.

At the Community Arts Council's Annual General meeting on May 25, there was a good showing of representatives from the 26 member groups. The old executive was re-elected by acclamation, the only changes being Margaret Drapeau elected as corresponding secretary, and Romi Haseo elected to the Board of Directors. Linda Scarfo, president, was elected as Arts Council Director to the N.P. Cultural Society, which will manage the Expo Legacy Project. Vice-President Bob Bennetts, who is also President of the Assembly of B.C. Arts Councils, made a plea on behalf of ABCAC that all member groups of the different Arts Councils around the province be made aware of ABCAC's fundraising campaign, which is asking all individuals to give \$1 to the campaign. All members at the AGM that night promptly did so, and will be carrying the message to their member groups. ABCAC is responsible for a bi-monthly newsletter, an annual conference, Artcom (an arts computer-informatics system - the first of its kind in Canada), lobbying the government, central resource people, Images & Objects, and regional juried shows. Fort St. John's CAC Treasurer, Kevin Truscott, reported that although the CAC has supported itself over the last year, it did not show a substantial increase of funding.

Reports were given from 11 of the member groups about their activities over the past year, and included in plans for upcoming events, many groups showed support of the Expo Legacy Project through various fundraising activities. Stage North has its Roofraiser on June 20th, the Spinners & Weavers have made a hand-spun afghan for raffle, the Quilters are working on a Dresden Plate quilt for raffle, the Potters are arranging for autographed wall tiles to be sold and displayed on a wall in the Expo Legacy Building, and the Arts Society continues to contribute \$100/month to the Building Fund.

Entertainment was provided by the Poetry Association and was appreciated by all. (See article in centerfold). Munchies were provided compliments Jan Armstrong.

The North Peace Art Society would like to announce their Annual General Meeting will be held Monday, September 14. The Art Society will also be holding their Annual Spring Show from June 4 - 13, held in the Art Gallery in the Totem Mall. Linda Maksymic has been hired for the summer to work at the Art Gallery, and she is busy planning some classes on pencil and pastel drawings.



In conjunction with the Sea Festival July 16-19, 1987, the Community Arts Council of Vancouver is sponsoring WASCO, an exhibit of original craft works at the BC Complex. This year, due to the increasing popularity of the Sea Festival, the celebration is expanding to the Expo grounds. Festivities at this location will include performance in dance, music, water works, art exhibits and craft works.



Call for entries

Artisans will have the opportunity to exhibit and sell their work on a non-commission basis. Booths and back drops will be provided. The only fees involved are the non-refundable jury fee of \$5 for each entry and the rental of booths. All other expenses incurred are the artist's responsibility.

All artisans are invited to apply. In keeping with the Sea Festival, a marine or nautical theme incorporated in the work is encouraged and demonstration of product making would greatly enhance your involvement. Deadline for entries is June 15.

Call the Artspace for more information or drop in to pick up an application.



notes

The Editors thank all those who submitted information about their groups to include in this newsletter. We'd like to remind all of you that if your group is having a special event or activity that you would like announced be sure to hand it in to the Artspace on the Monday before the event, so that it can be sent in to the Alaska Highway News in the 'What's Going On' column, and so that we can put it up on our community calendar. Also, the next newsletter will be out very early in the fall, so if you have any articles or information you'd like included in that, let us know before August 31st. We hope you all have a great summer!

The Editors.



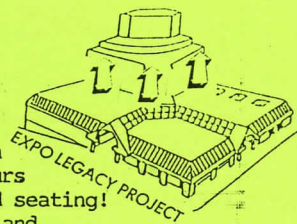
DON'T FORGET!



The Artvark is now taking registrations. Call Sandy at 785-1988 for more information. Give your children a week to remember this summer!



Stage North's Roofraiser - June 20th... Tickets now on sale - get yours soon - limited seating! Fun, frolics, and extravagant entertainment.



Fond Farewell

The Artspace regrets to say that two of its employees are leaving their posts this summer. Judi Bryson, Artspace manager, has resigned effective May 15. Judi is leaving Fort St. John to go to Kamloops where her husband Norm has found new employment. We wish them all the best, but Judi's quick wit will be sorely missed!

Jan Armstrong is also resigning her post as Artspace Classes Co-ordinator at the end of June, due to health reasons. However, Jan is remaining in the community and we look forward to seeing her at future Arts Council meetings. We'd like to thank both of these members of the Artspace 'team' for the tremendous energy and hard work they've put in at the Artspace in the past. Best of luck to both Judi and Jan.

INSIGHT into the ARTS

FORT ST. JOHN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
BOX 6474 FORT ST. JOHN, B.C. VIJ 4K5 785-1988

FIRST PHASE UNDERWAY

Exciting changes for Fort St. John's downtown are very close. Howard/Yano Architects are nearing completion of the working drawings for our future Arts Centre and expect to be ready to advertise for tenders by May 1st. By the end of May; contracts will be let for stage 1 of the reconstruction of the former Bay Building at 100th Street & 100th Avenue.

This first Stage will include all the structural changes to roof and walls; changes to exterior finishes; and necessary relocations of services. The funds to complete this stage are in hand at this time. This first stage of construction should be completed by late fall of this year.

Fundraising efforts and activities are continuing in order to obtain the additional money required to complete the interior renovations and equipping of the building.

For those of you who have made pledges; please endeavour to bring in your payment as soon as possible. If you have not yet made a contribution to this worthwhile project; please give it serious consideration. The dream of completion of the Arts Centre can only become a reality if we all work together.



NORTH PEACE ART SOCIETY'S
5TH ANNUAL ART AUCTION

Auctioneer Mike Kosick will be calling for bids at the 5th Annual Art Auction on April 29th at the MacKenzie Inn. Viewing from 7 pm to 8pm



Join the wonderful world of Articipaction; April 15 and 16 at the Before Stage and in the future

Auction begins at 8pm. Emcee Bob Bennetts will lead you through the evening accompanied by Erving Foster. Wine and cheese will be served throughout the evening. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door and are available at the Art Gallery, the Artspace or from Society Members. See you there!

Watch for the ARTVAARK arriving in June!



Arts Centre. Experience an adventure through an exciting display of our students' imaginations and talents. The Student Arts Fair will open Friday, April 15 at 5pm and close at 9pm. Saturday, April 16 from 9am to 6pm offers a variety of things to do including the Ronald McDonald "Big Red Shoe Review" Magic Show at 11am. Bring your whole family and enjoy an experience of a lifetime!

3 TO GO!

Stage North's 3 One-Act Play's performed April 8 and 9 on the Before Stage are on their way to compete with others in the Peace River Zone Festival. One of the plays will be selected in Dawson Creek to travel to Victoria for the Theatre BC Zone Festival at the end of May. Performances will be held at Unchagah Hall on April 22 and 23. Come along and cheer for Stage North's entries!



DIAMOND DINNER



The Miss Fort St. John Pageant Committee is again presenting the popular Diamond Dinner. This exciting and entertaining evening will take place on April 16th at the Pioneer Inn. For tickets and further information contact 785-1988.



Artspace Classes Session III starting April 18!

PARTLY ARTS
CONCERT SERIES

PRESENTS



GUILD
the vocal group

8PM APRIL 18
BEFORE STAGE

EVENTS CALENDAR

1988

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					Articipation Students Arts Fair '88 Before Stage	Miss Fort St. John Diamond Dinner 6:30pm Pioneer Inn
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Guild 8pm Before Stage	Artspace Classes Session III Begin			Zone Theatre Festival Dawson Creek till 24th	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					Jellison Studios Recital Before Stage	North Peace Art Society 5th Annual Art Auction 7pm Pioneer Inn

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Miss Fort St. John Talent Show 7:30pm Before Stage			CKNL Trade Fair

8 CKNL Trade Fair	9	10	11	12	13	14 Miss Fort St. John Pageant 7:30pm Before Stage
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Victoria Day Artspace Closed	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Don't forget to renew your Membership!

Benefits for each family member includes:

- Regular Newsletters of all Arts Activities in the North Peace
- Discounts on all Artspace Classes for a full year from Purchase Date
- Members Rates on Ticket Prices for all Artspace "Special Events"
- Members Rates on Partly Arts Concert Series Ticket Packages

Drop in at the Artspace 10003-100 Street Fort St. John or call 785-1988

We'll have the coffee on, so come on down and have a cup and a chat!!

We'll be expecting you!

INSITE INTO THE ARTS

Fort St. John Community Arts Council
10003 100 Street, Fort St. John, B.C.

At the Artspace
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Fall, 1988

NEW COLOR FOR DOWNTOWN

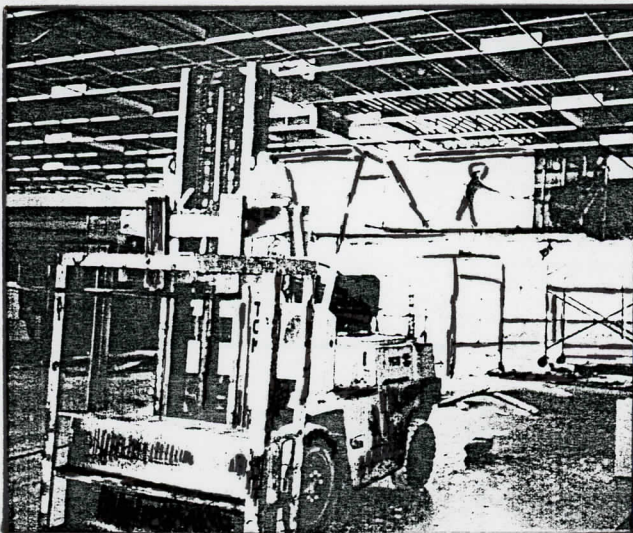
The Arts Centre under construction in the heart of Fort St. John will have a red and silver color scheme. Howard/Yano Architects of Vancouver have encouraged the North Peace Cultural Society to change the original three-tone blue color scheme to the new color for the building to be more compatible with the business facades in the downtown core.

Hegge Construction of Dawson Creek has a \$1.4 million contract to make the basic structural changes to the building. The major part of that contract is to extend the theatre section of the building to accommodate the stage and 400 seats, to put in the interior street roof-line, and to insert the windows and doors.

The present contract is scheduled for completion by late November. However, the building requires another \$1.6 million to completely

finish the inside and to equip and furnish the four areas. The Arts Centre will house the Public Library increasing their current floor space by an additional 7,000 square feet. The theatre will be the first proper performing facility in the North Peace. The theatre groups have booked a temporary space for the Just Before Stage, to keep up the level of activity in theatre that the community has come to expect, until the Arts Centre is usable. The Art Gallery Society is studying the exhibit potential of a Public Art Gallery. And the Artspace, currently in the rented space under Coachmen's Men's Wear, is anxious to move the Artspace Classes of 300 students and meeting space into the new facility.

All contributions for the construction of the Arts Centre are welcome at the Artspace: 10003 100 St.. Your donation will go a long way in soliciting matching funds from source outside the community.



STAGE NORTH PRESENTS

MORE MUSICAL MOMENTS GALA DINNER/THEATRE
PIONEER INN - NOVEMBER 19

A Very Talented Lady

MARIAN TRUSCOTT, a long-time Fort St. John resident, will receive acclamation when her two original poems, "Cariboo Lakes and "Reflections of Summer", will be published in a new book by Quality Press entitled "Poetic Images - B.C. - 1988", to be distributed throughout Canada later in the year. She answered the invitation to submit original poetry anthologies relating to B.C. after reading an article in the Alaska Highway Newspaper. In addition to her writing

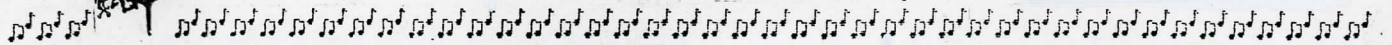


skills; Marian is also an accomplished Ballroom Dance instructor; a talented singer and actress; and a great costume designer - her recent project: a green dinosaur that was requested by the district of Hudson's Hope (it was seen on the Hudson's Hope float in the Rodeo Parade). This multifaceted lady is also an active member of the Stage North Theatre Society and is involved with her own innovative sweatshirt design venture, "Serendipity Designs".



Young Local Awarded for Composition

David Thiessen, age 7, won the Provincial prize in the Canada Music Week competition held in November of 1987. David, who won the competition for Class "A" (11 and under) was given a cash award of \$15 from the B.C. Registered Music Teachers' Association. His composition, entitled "Splashing in the Rain", was composed in 1987 at the age of 5. After performing it in the Canada Music Week Concert, he performed it again at "Articipation" in April of 1988 and won a prize in the Age 7 and Under Class. His composition has been forwarded to the Canadian Federation of Music Teachers for National competition on the level. We wish him further success!



Partly Arts Series 1988-89

October 24	Kaleidoscope Story Theatre
November 8	The Mellyds - Live!
January 31/89	Toronto Dance Theatre
February 16	Bulava-Ukranian Cossack Dance
March 15	Quintessence
April 21	Arnie Sahlen and Homegrown

SEASON TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW AT THE ARTSPACE!

Music Teachers' Events

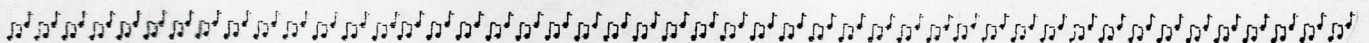
- Oct. 30 - Recital Northern Lights College 2:30pm
 - Nov. 19 - "O Canada" Contest NLC 2pm
 - Nov. 20 - Recital NP Mennonite Church 2:30pm
 - Nov. 26 - Recital NLC 7pm
 - Nov. 20-27 - Canada Music Week
 - Jan 20-21 - Lori Pisto Workshop
 - Date TBA - Lori Pisto Concert
- For more information please call Jana Jordan 785-5774.

MORE MUSICAL MOMENTS

Stage North will be presenting another gala evening featuring the music of Gilbert and Sullivan. This entertaining evening is a fundraiser towards equipment for the new Theatre. Your favorite Stage North performers headline this celebration of Gilbert and Sullivan's most-loved songs from Mikado to The Pirates of Penzance. Tickets are \$25/person and includes Cocktails/ Buffet Dinner/Live Show and a Dance. Don't miss this night of entertainment - be sure to keep your eyes and ears open for more information regarding ticket sales or phone 785-1988.

Partly Arts Concert Series 1988-89 Season Tickets

		Artspace Members
\$49	Adult	\$45
\$19	Std/Sr.	\$17
\$119	Family	\$111
		Individual Performance Tickets
		\$10 Adults
		\$ 6 Student or Senior



Calling All Fiddlers!



The Fort St. John Old Time Fiddlers' Association is directing their energies toward obtaining more members and participating in parades and special events. All interested fiddlers are welcome to the first meeting of the season on Saturday, September 24 at 3pm at the Artspace.

The Old Time Fiddlers have been playing in Fort St. John for 6 years. They have won 3 trophies in Rodeo Parades and are regulars in the annual Red Barn Fiddle Contest. For further information contact Hector Campbell at 785-5103.

FORT ST. JOHN PUBLIC LIBRARY



HOURS

Mon.	Closed
Tue.	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wed.	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thu.	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri.	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat.	1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sun.	1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

At the Fort St. John Library

FOR TWO YEAR OLDS

STORY TIME

Every Wednesday from September 14th to October 5th

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Library

Must pre-register - Limit to ten children

FOR 3 - 5 YEAR OLDS

STORY TIME

Every Thursday from October 13th to December 8th

Time: 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Library

Must pre-register - Limit 25 children

FOR AGES 6 and UP

September 17, 1988 - Videos for kids (10:30 a.m.)

October 22, 1988 - Origami Workshop (10:30 a.m.)
(Age 10 and up)

November - Author visit (date to be confirmed)

December 4, 1988 - Puppet show at the Legacy of Christmas Cheer

WANTED! Opportunity Unlimited

Fiddlers; Can-Can Dancers; Crafts Teachers; Art Teachers; Pre-school Instructors; Sculptors; Wall Painters; Organizers!!
Call the Artspace at 785-1988.

WHO'S WHO IN THE ARTS

Local Arts Representatives
to Provincial and Regional
ORGANIZATIONS

- BC Federation of Writers-Karen Ballinger (Fort St. John)
 - Assembly of BC Arts Councils-Bob Bennetts (Fort St. John)
 - BC Touring Council-Pauline Huska (Chetwynd)
 - BC Arts Board-Sue Popesku (Fort St. John)
 - Theatre BC-Linda Scarfo (Fort St. John)
 - Peace River Alaska Highway Tourist Association-Anyone interested please contact the Artspace
 - Chamber of Commerce-Teresa Ruddell (Fort St. John)
 - North Peace Cultural Society-Linda Scarfo (Fort St. John)
- Fort St. John Community Arts Council
Executive

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| President | Kevin Truscott |
| Vice President | Lily Pagdilao |
| Treasurer | Linda Scarfo |
| Secretary | Brenda Bloxham |
| Artspace Director | Sue Popesku |
| Director | Romi Haseo |
| Director | Carol Ingalls |
| Director | Bob Bennetts |
| Director | Merilyn Hemsley |



The Can-Canettes are Back

The Fort St. John Can-Canettes have returned for another toe-tappin', high-kickin', fun-filled year and are on the lookout for potential Can-Canettes! The Canettes have added some singing and more dances - the Charleston and Can-Can- to their exciting repertoire of Swing and Rockettes-style performances. They are featuring all new shows and are still available for all occasions. If you would like to join a rigorous, yet fun group; the Can-Canettes invite you to become a member. Dance training is not training. Practices are twice a week from 7 to 9pm. If you would like more info regarding this ever-popular, entertaining bunch; please contact Veronica Bedell at 785-4070.

AUTHOR WORKSHOP

Daphne Marlatt, publisher of several books, the latest "Double Negative"; will be in Fort St. John to conduct a Young Writer's Workshop on October 8 at the Women's Resource Centre. Ms. Marlatt, an instructor of the Women's Study Program at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, is on a tour of the Northeast region.

A lecture will take place at 10am with the workshop to begin at 1pm. For more information please call Karen Ballinger at the Women's Resource Centre 787-1121 or at 785-7260.

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 23 Limited Edition Prints/Posters by Canadian Artist
8903-117 Avenue 8-11pm 785-1332
- 30-Oct. 1 Laine Dahlen Drawing Workshop NLC
Limited Enrollment Only Phone 787-0993 for info

OCTOBER

- 8 Daphne Marlatt Young Writer's Workshop
Women's Resource Centre 787-1121
- 24 Partly Arts Concert Series #1 Kaleidoscope Theatre
7 pm NPSS

NOVEMBER

- 8 Partly Arts Concert Series \$2 The Melloyds-Live
8 pm NPSS
- 10-24 2-Man Show "Different Strokes" Featuring Local
Artists: Ann Simmons and Valerie Dahl
Art Gallery
- 18/19 Peace Country Craftman's Association
Annual Christmas Show and Sale Senior Citizens Hall
Phone 787-7044 for more info
- 19 Stage North Presents Gilbert and Sullivan
Dinner Theatre Pioneer Inn
- 25-Dec. 10 Annual Fall Art Show and Sale Art Gallery
- 26/27, Dec. 3/4 Stage North's Children's Christmas Show

DECEMBER

- 3 Legacy of Christmas Cheer 10am-4pm
Just Before Stage-Former Pat's Home Furnishings
- 10 Northern Lights College Chamber Choir's Christmas
Show 8pm NPSS
- 19 Artspace closed till January 3, 1988 for the
Holidays

Note: The date of the Santa Claus Parade was unavailable at the time of this printing. Please phone 785-1988 for information.

YOU ARE INVITED

- ...to join the Artspace!
At only \$30 a year you will receive:
- a Newsletter 3 times a year
 - Special Rates on Artspace special Events and Activities
 - Reduced Rates on Artspace Classes
 - Photocopying Privileges at Special Rates
 - Reduced Season Ticket Prices on Partly Arts Concert Series Performances

IT HAPPENS MONTHLY

- Fort St. John Country Quilters meet every 2nd and 4th Monday at the Artspace 7pm.
- The North Peace Art Society meet every 1st Monday at the Artspace 7:30pm.
- Historical Society meetings every 3rd Monday at the Artspace 7:30pm.
- Arts Council meetings every 3rd Monday at the Artspace 7:30pm.
- The Peace Country Craftsmen's Association meets every 4th Monday of the month at 1:30 at the Artspace.
- Stage North General Meeting is September 27 at 7:30pm Just Before Stage.

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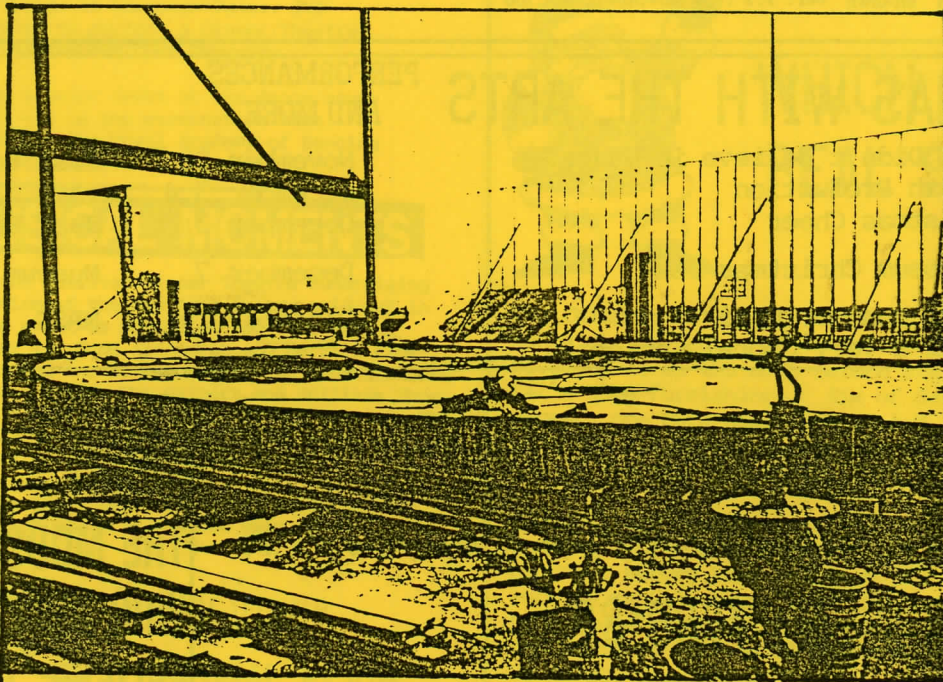
PHASE 2 COMING UP

As construction of the basic structural changes to the new Arts Centre in the heart of Fort St. John come close to completion, preparations are underway to fundraise for Phase Two. Phase Two of the Centre will complete the interior of the building so the Library and the Artspace can move into the Centre and the Theatre can become operational. The Art Gallery may be the last to be completed due to additional funds requested from National Museums through the Department of Communications of the Federal Government.

Phase Two construction costs will be \$1.4 million. The North Peace Cultural Society now has only \$62,000 of that cost pledged to this date. All other funds received have been used for the completion of Phase One. The current contract with Hegge Construction for the basic structural changes is covered with the cash in the bank for all work to be completed in Phase One.

In keeping with the original statement that the North Peace Cultural Society would not tender any work that could not be paid for by money in the bank, The Society will call a halt to renovations of the Arts Centre until a substantial influx of funds are obtained. With the application to GO B.C. and the application to Community Futures as part of the 1992 infrastructure preparation, the Society hopes to have the Phase Two construction begin in early Spring of 1989.

In the meantime, your contributions and encouragement to others to donate to the new Arts Centre construction is gratefully appreciated. New information on the costs and breakdowns of construction are available at the Artspace.



The Stage is Set but the performance can not go on until another large amount of money is located to pay for the interior renovations of the new Arts Centre for the North Peace. Fundraising efforts are underway and completion of the project is anticipated by December 1989.



LEGACY OF CHRISTMAS CHEER
DECEMBER 3

JUST BEFORE STAGE
10AM-4PM

Forward in time

What defines a town? Or a city. What makes it different from others at a glance. What kind of feeling does one get about Fort St. John just by standing on a downtown corner?

It's a good place to live. It moves. People go forward in this city, unlike other places I've lived where they just dig a hole and bury themselves and call it progress.

And one of the ways Fort St. John is moving forward is with its new Arts Centre. Welcome to civilization.

Yeah, we could use other things. We need a new swimming pool, we need better streets and sidewalks, less snow in the winter and less dust in the summer, a good 24-hour restaurant, a choice of cable companies, a Pizza Hut.... But, hey, you've got to prioritize.

They all cost money. A new Arts Centre, granted, probably costs the most of any of these, but it'll give the city a little more class and take away the lunchbucket oil-town image.

No, there's nothing wrong with our oil service reputation or our hard working population. But that's not all we want to be known for.

How many times have we heard the comment — "what do we need an arts centre for anyway," or "only a handful of people will use it."

Have you noticed lately how crowded the library can be? Or how many people cram together to watch Stage North productions or circuit entertainers? Have you ever thought about how many people would be attracted into Fort St. John from outlying areas including Dawson Creek for good entertainment?

Do we like the "rough and tumble", the hardy pioneer image so much that we're willing to give up a bit of culture. If that's the case then no wonder we have such terrible roads. It fits right in with the frontier scenario.

And how many people have complained that it's on a bad corner? It's right downtown. Not too

many art centres I've seen that aren't downtown. It's going to be beautiful, why not show it off?

The building is one-thirds built and paid for. And still people are fighting it. What's the point now? Should we just let it sit there, unfinished, until it falls back down? That shows pretty good planning and foresight.

Council is looking at a proposal right now for a Business Improvement Area (BIA) on 100 Avenue near where the Arts Centre will be built. That would be a pretty sight to have an empty old Bay building sitting there while the neighbours are sprucing up their businesses.

It's been a long, hard struggle to get this far on the Arts Centre and the fight isn't over yet. Not only is the North Peace Cultural Society struggling to raise money for the building, but they're still battling against this opinion that we don't need an Arts Centre.

It's ludicrous that people are still saying at this point that it shouldn't be built. Even if you disagreed with it at the beginning — its location or its expense or use — it's there and it'll be done. The only shame will be if it can't raise the rest of the money — seeing it sit on the corner and rot away. The shame that Fort St. John doesn't like going forward. It likes the status quo.

How can you expect any more government grants in the future or any corporate confidence for a city that sits still? Families move to cities for more reasons than jobs. They move to stable communities with good schools and good recreation (which includes entertainment). And when people move in, businesses come.

Some members of city council worry that collecting all sorts of federal and provincial grants for the arts building will limit our ability to procure more. More likely, it should show the paper pushers in Victoria that Fort St. John means business.

WLC

CHRISTMAS WITH THE ARTS

PERFORMANCES AND MORE

"The Mouse Who Didn't Believe in Santa"
 A Stage North Production
 Legacy of Christmas Cheer
 North Peace Museum Christmas Tea
 Northern Lights Chamber Choir
 "Have Yourself a Very Choral Christmas"

November 26,27 Just Before Stage
 December 3,4
 December 3 Just Before Stage
 December 7 Museum
 December 10 NPSS



Partly Arts Series 1988-89

January 31	TORONTO DANCE THEATRE	Dr. Kearney School
February 16	BULAVA-UKRANIAN COSSACK DANCE	NPSS
March 15	QUINTESSENCE	NPSS
April 21	ARNIE SAHLEN AND HOMEGROWN	TBA

Tickets are \$10 Adults \$6 Children/Seniors at Artspace
 All shows begin at 8 P.M.

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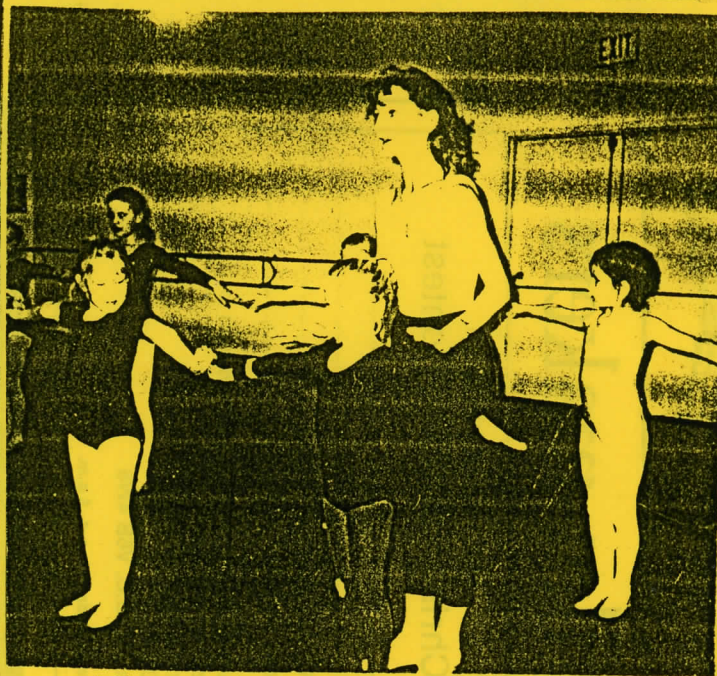
THE MOUSE WHO DIDN'T BELIEVE IN SANTA

4 P.M.
NOV. 26,27 DEC. 3,4
 CHILDREN \$2.00 ADULTS \$3.00
 at the
JUST BEFORE STAGE
 TICKETS AT THE ART SPACE

ARTS GROUPS CONTRIBUTIONS TO PHASE ONE

North Peace Art Society	\$13,576.55
Concert Society (disbanded in 1984)	12,332.96
Public Library	10,000.00
Community Centre Committee	7,961.94
Stage North	6,274.77
Arts Council (with member groups)	6,848.79
Northern Theatre Dance Society	2,175
Performing Arts Festival	1,500
Craftsman's Association	1,000
Partly Arts Series	820
James Lockyer (In Memory (Artspace))	470
Registered Music Teachers	286.76
Peace Country Quilters	266
Artspace Classes	200
Northern Lights Chamber Ensemble	168
Scottish Country Dancers	39.25

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS: \$63,920.02



Ballet B.C. Mistress Sheila Murray was in Fort St. John to give a ballet workshop to 45 dance students at Jellison's Dance Studios. Sheila also was a guest chorographer this past weekend.

Northern Dance Theatre Society sponsored the workshop for pre-primary to senior dancers. There are 240 dance students and 35 of those students are dance with the Troupe of Northern Dance. The Troupe is scheduled to perform a Dinner/Theatre show in Cleardale, Alberta next February.

Ballet Exams are a major event at the dance studios. November 29 -30 is the examination time when an examiner for the Royal Academy of Dancing will be in Fort St. John.

MORE MUSICAL MOMENTS

Stage North's Gilbert and Sullivan Dinner Theatre Fundraising Event for the construction of the new Arts Centre sold out in three days. The popular event is scheduled for this coming Saturday night, November 19. June Ainsworth and Merrill Flewelling have been rehearsing the 20 members of the cast and crew in preparation for a gala event. The Gilbert and Sullivan Show will follow dinner and a dance will finish off the evening. The music for the dance will be donated by Systems by Trail who gave his talents at the first Gala Dinner Theatre in 1986.

For those who missed out on tickets this time, look for the new Stage North events coming up in the new year.

HOLIDAY FLORAL FLAIR

2 Day Workshop
November 23/30 7-9 P.M.

Replace Last Year's Holiday
Arrangement with a Fresh Look
of Ferns, Boughs, and Ribbons

Class size limited - Register Early

THE ARTSPACE 785-1988



WHICH IS THE REAL SANTA?

The Children of Fort St. John will choose the Real Santa at the Legacy of Christmas Cheer on Saturday, December 3, at the Just Before Stage in the former Pat's Home Furnishings. Six of Santa's Helpers will appear, one each hour from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., to meet the children and give out candy canes. But only one of the six will be the Real Santa.

How will the children really know? Well, each of the Santa's will voice their best HO HO HO into a tape recorder before they return to the North Pole to work on Santa's toys. Then, just before the show of "The Mouse Who Didn't Believe in Santa" at 4 P.M., the audience will judge the Real Santa by the best HO HO HO. The real Santa will be able to meet with the audience right after the show.

Six jolly old souls, each have the chance to be the 1988 Celebrity Santa Chosen By The Children of Fort St. John, B.C. The Real Santa will have a chance to return from the North Pole on May 5, to see the Vancouver Symphony perform in the NPSS Gym. And, he can even bring Mrs. Claus if he wishes.

Tickets for the "Mouse Who Didn't Believe in Santa" are available at the Artspace for \$2 children and \$3 for adults. The show will also play on Dec. 4 and the previous weekend. However, only the 4 P.M. audience on December 3 will choose the Real Santa.

PLEASE VOTE ON SATURDAY

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council urges all citizens of Fort St. John to get out and vote on Saturday, November 19. This is the same day as the Santa Parade. A quick stop at the polls could make a great deal of difference to the election outcome.

The Arts Council individuals and member groups have worked hard for improvements in the community to attract and keep a stable population which will be pleased to stay in Fort St. John. Cooperation from all community and political organizations could help to further the arts and recreational goals of the community. Progress, cooperation, and planning are the key words in this municipal election. Get out AND VOTE.....

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Robson Square Media Centre will host its highly-successful Juried Arts Show—the sixth annual—in Vancouver from January 4 to 19, 1989. The exhibition is open to all B.C. artists for paintings and drawings only. Each artist may submit no less than two and no more than five slides for judges' consideration before November 22, 1988. For further information please stop into the Artspace at 10003 100 Street, Fort St. John, or call 785-1988.

NORTH PEACE PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL
MARCH 3-18, 1989
SYLLABUS AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 21, 1988
AT THE ARTSPACE



Contest time for would-be film-makers

Sharpen your pencil, slide a clean piece of paper into your typewriter or dust off your word processor. It's time for Leisure's annual Christmas Contest.

The challenge? Tell us an original idea for a Christmas movie. And the grand prize? A trip for two to Los Angeles.

Yes, we're convinced there's movie-writing talent here in B.C., and we're determined to find it. So, for the Scorsese of Surrey, the Bergmans of Burnaby and the Woody Allens of West Vancouver, here's the deal:

Your job is to come up with an original idea for a movie. It **MUST** have a Christmas theme — but the genre is up to you: comedy, drama, documentary, science fiction, animated short or any other form not yet invented. Just make it a story that's suited to the silver screen.

All entries must include:

- A succinct description of your own original plot (maximum 250 words)
- Names of two major stars you'd like to hire.
- A title.

Judges will look for originality, cinematic feasibility

and that indefinable thing known as star quality.

Grand prize is a trip for two to Los Angeles via Canadian Airlines, three night's accommodation at the Disneyland Hotel, two free passes to Disneyland and a tour of Universal studios.

Booklets of movie passes will go to three runners-up.

And, as a special bonus, the first 400 entrants will automatically receive two free tickets to a Dec. 17 special screening of the movie Tommy Tricker and the Stamp Traveller.

Entries must be typewritten, double-spaced, on 8 1/2 x 11 white paper. An official entry form (or facsimile) must be stapled to the top left hand corner of your entry. Only one entry per person. Employees of Pacific Press and their immediate families are not eligible.

The Vancouver Sun reserves the right to publish all entries. And winner and runners-up **MUST** agree to have their name and photographs published alongside their entries — otherwise, they forfeit their prize. In that event, the prize will be awarded to the nearest runner-up.

Deadline is 5 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 1 — so start writing!

The Vancouver Sun Christmas Movie Contest

Name:
 Address:
 Home phone number:
 Work phone number:

Please attach to your submission and mail to:

The Vancouver Sun,
 Christmas Movie Contest,
 Box 13102,
 Vancouver, B.C. V6B 4W6

Deadline is Thursday, Dec. 1, 5 p.m.

20TH ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the North Peace Registered Music Teachers for celebrating their 20th Anniversary this year in 1988. All of the music teachers in Fort St. John are invited to a reception for them hosted by the Fort St. John Community Arts Council at the Art Gallery in the Totem Mall from 7:30 P.M. to 9 P.M. on Friday, November 25, during Canada Music Week.

Some Musical Notes to Make You Smile:

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Liszt once gave a concert performance which only a dozen people attended. He treated them all to a delicatessen dinner instead of playing. The news got around and the hall was packed the next night. This time, he played.

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While conducting a concert, Hans Richter was annoyed by a man who persistently tapped his foot. He turned to the offender and apologized, "I am sorry to trouble you, but I cannot always keep time with your foot."

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Rossini said he'd missed his vocation and was prouder of his skill at creating a salad dressing than of his achievements as an opera composer. When a fan asked him why he had not become a professional chef, he replied that he would have done so had his early education not been neglected.

Thanks to the humour in Vancouver's PLAYBOARD The Lively Arts And Entertainment Magazine for the above Musical Humour.

VANCOUVER SYMPHONY IN FORT ST. JOHN



Confirmation was received this week that the VANCOUVER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - all 73 players - will perform in Fort St. John on Friday, May 5, 1989. The Symphony has been reaching out to the rest of the province in the past year to offer the opportunity for all people of B.C. to hear them play.

Tickets will be on sale by December 3 at the Legacy of Christmas Cheer. Tickets will go quickly so do not delay in purchasing your tickets. Each ticket will be \$20 and a purchase of two will be \$35.

ARTISTS' ENDEAVORS TURN INTO DOLLARS FOR NEW ARTS CENTRE



The North Peace Art Society has pledged \$6,200 to the New Arts Centre bringing their total contribution to \$13,576.55. The accumulated amount has built up over the last two years with a \$100 per month donation and several large cheques. Most of the funds were raised through the annual Art Auction and commissions on sales at the Totem Mall Gallery. The Art Society challenges all other Arts Groups to meet or beat the \$6,200 pledge.

LEFT WITHOUT A CATCHY SAYING

How is your rhyming ability? The phone number of the Artspace will be changing from 785-1988 to 785-1989 to keep up with the current year and to make the number easy to remember. This leaves us without a catchy slogan. Try this:

The Artspace phone is 785-1988 because We're Always Up To Date. Now, The Artspace phone is 785-1989 and We're Mighty Fine? The Artspace phone is 785-1989 _____ . You fill in the blanks and let us know if you come up with a good one.

In any event, everyone is invited to phone 785-1989 in the new year for ticket and information inquiries for the entire community.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE ARTS ARTS AND CRAFTS

Craftsman's Association Christmas Show and Sale	November 18/19	Senior Citizens Hall
Spinners and Weavers Christmas Sale	November 25/26	Totem Mall
North Peace Potters Guild Christmas Sale	November 25/26	Totem Mall
Art Society Annual Christmas Show and Sale	November 24-Dec. 10	Totem Mall

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Calendar of Events

November

until 24th

"Different Strokes" Artists Valerie Dahl and Ann Simmons
Totem Mall Art Gallery

18/19

Craftsman's Association Christmas Show and Sale
Senior Citizen Hall Fri. 10 - 9P.M. Sat. 10 - 5 P.M.
Tea and Lunch Served by Arts Council: Proceed to Arts Centre

19

Santa Parade

19

Stage North's Gilbert and Sullivan Dinner/Theatre
Pioneer Inn SOLD OUT

26/27 and
Dec. 3/4

"Mouse Who Didn't Believe in Santa" Children's play
Just Before Stage Tickets \$2 children \$3 adults 4 P.M.

25/26

Spinners and Weavers Christmas Sale
Totem Mall Mall Hours

25/26

Potter's Guild Christmas Show and Sale
Totem Mall Mall Hours

24 to Dec.10

Art Society Annual Christmas Show and Sale
Totem Mall Art Gallery Mall Hours

30

Friends of the Theatre Annual General Meeting
Just Before Stage 7:30 P.M.

Canada Music Week
November 19 - 26

19

"O Canada Contest"
Mennonite Brethren Church 2 P.M.

20

Awards Piano Concert
Mennonite Brethren Church 2:30 P.M. Suggested Donation \$lor\$3/fam.

25

Reception for Registered Music Teachers 20 Anniversary
Hosted by Arts Council at Art Gallery 7:30 - 9 P.M.

26

Concert by North Wind Trio, Miss Fort St. John and students
Northern Lights College 7 P.M.

December

3/4

"Mouse Who Didn't Believe in Christmas" Children's Play
Just Before Stage Tickets \$2 children \$3 adults 4 P.M.

3

Legacy of Christmas Cheer Crafts, fashion show, plays,
performances, crafts of all kinds Just Before Stage 10-4 P.M.

7

Christmas Tea with the North Peace Historical Society
North Peace Museum

10

"Have Yourself a Very Choral Christmas" with the Northern
Lights Chamber Choir North Peace Secondary School

ARTSPACE CLASSES BAKE SALE

10-4PM

DECEMBER 3 JUST BEFORE STAGE

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME
PROCEEDS TO THE
NEW ARTS CENTRE