

## INSIGHT

## INTO THE

## ARTS

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Fort St. John B.C. V1J 3Y5

Information Hotline: 785 - 1989

## Arts Centre Gets Funds

Fundraising for the Arts Centre will get another boost this month when Stage North opens the annual Dinner Theater production with "Dream Lover". The show written by local talent Bob Barradel is spiced with great music from the 60's, 70's and 80's is performed by a local cast and musicians.

The Dinner-Theater scheduled for November 17 and 18 was expanded from the usual one night show after tickets sold out in 32 hours last year. Tickets for this year are still available at \$30.00 each. The evening at the Pioneer Inn includes a no host reception at 5:30, followed by dinner and the show. A dance with Music by Trail completes the full evening of entertainment.

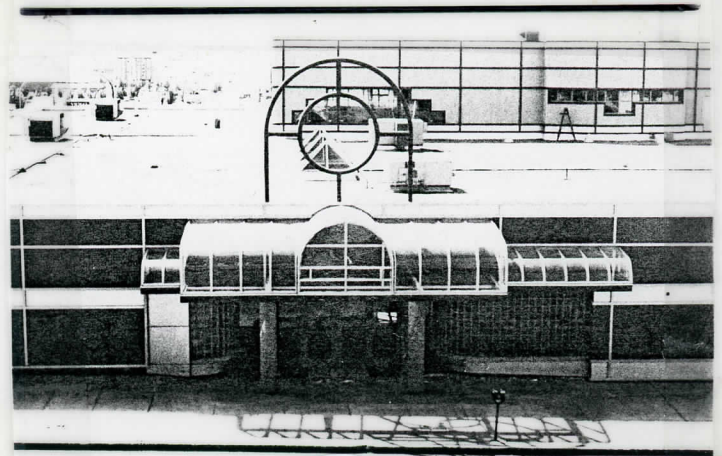
Stage North has contributed over \$6,000 toward the construction of the Arts Centre. The recent contributions of \$650,000 from GO B.C., \$40,000 from B.C. Hydro, \$5,000 from Wainoco, \$5,500 from Remington combined with remaining funds from Phase 1 construction have left \$1.3 million left to raise for the Arts Centre.

The total of \$2 million required for Phase 2 will complete the interior, furnish and equip the Centre. Current fundraising efforts include Theater Seats for sale, covering the stage with pennies, canvassing local businesses and approaching corporations for donations.

## RCMP Band Coming

The 32 piece RCMP Concert Band announced a tour for the Fall of 1990 which will include performances in Fort St. John. The RCMP Band is highly acclaimed for it's exciting musical selections for young and old.

In September, 1990 Fort St. John will hear their famous band play folk, country and jazz music along with other music. Tickets will be available in the Spring and proceeds will go to the Construction of the Arts Centre.



The Arts Centre has at least one year before the doors will open for exciting ongoing activities and special events. But what can the name of a building be that houses a Public Library, Art Gallery, Artspace and Theatre. Is the Arts Centre a suitable name to appear in the above circle.

Legacy of Christmas Cheer  
December 2 - 10 AM - 4 PM



# Dancers to California

Fort St. John dancers of the Northern Dance Theatre Society will travel to Los Angeles in February for the Dance America Competition. Solo auditions are submitted by video and selected soloists will be invited to attend. Group numbers are registered without auditions. The troupe has not heard yet about the results of the solo auditions.

This year the dance troupe has 42 boys and girls from 5 - 18 years of age. Some of the dancers have been taking lessons for as long as 10 years. The troupe is well known in the North Peace for their annual Dance Extravaganza which will be March 9, 10, and 11 in 1990.

Seventeen dancers of the troupe attended a 4 day dance workshop in Las Vegas in July where they had celebrity instructors. They have made special appearances at dinner theatres, conventions, schools and festivals.



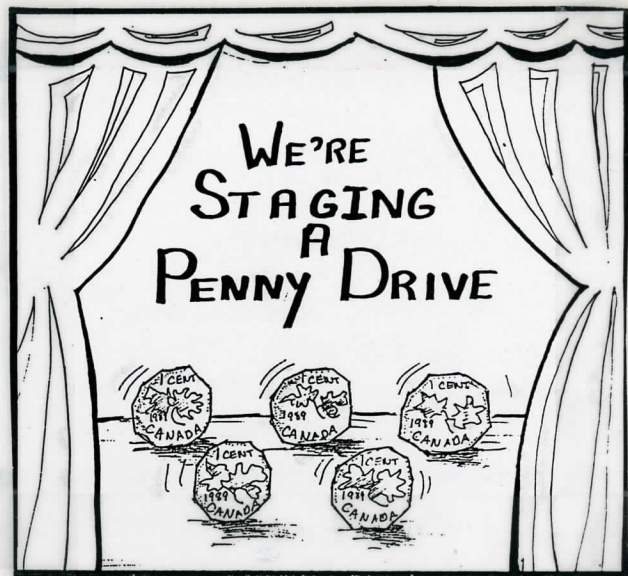
A Group of five local painters will host an Art Show and Sale on November 4 & 5 from 9-5 pm at the Windrow Farm, the Smith residence. The Group has been working together for many years and this is their 7th show. The five artists are: Helen Smith, Beth Ardill, Merle Hendricks, Ethel Ruthledge and Avor Thompson

## A Directory of Arts

A directory of all Arts Council groups will be published in November.

The Fort St. John Arts Council has 23 member groups for the 1989-90 season. Each group enjoys the benefit of the promotion of the arts activities; each group is covered by the Arts Council liability insurance policy and business licence, and each group is eligible for financial assistance through the Arts Council.

New group members are welcome for only \$30 per year. Any group that is related to arts in any way can join the Arts Council. Dance groups, such as line dancing and square dancing, creative groups with beautification aims and objectives such as horticultural groups, writing groups and public speaking groups are a few of examples of eligible groups. For further information phone 785-1989 the Artspace.



## Artspace Classes

Session I of Artspace Classes is well underway with many classes filled to capacity and additional classes added. Classes vary from 10 week courses to 1 day workshops and space is still available in the upcoming workshops.

CHILDREN: 1. Folded Star Quilted Ornament

November 25, 1989

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Ages 10 - 14

2. Christmas Cookies

December 9, 1989

10:00am - 12:00pm

Ages 6 - 12



ADULT:

1. Folded Star Quilted Ornament

November 18, 1989

1:00pm - 4:00pm

2. Christmas Folk Art Painting

November 18 - December 9

10:00am - 12:00pm

3. Door Harp Folk Art Painting

November 18 - December 9

1:00pm - 3:00pm

4. Christmas Cakes

November 20, 27, 29

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Class size is limited and pre - registration is required. For further details contact Artspace Classes Coordinator, Brenda Bloxham at 785-1989.

The Artspace Drama Class is busy preparing for the production of "Plentiful Pennies" which will be performed at the Legacy of Christmas Cheer on December 2nd. The Children have originated the script, will produce and act in the play. This is an opportunity for your entire family to see how creative children can be.



Wainoco the first of the oil companies to contribute toward Phase II of the Arts Centre presented a cheque of \$5,000. Al Young and Brenda Bloxham posed for a photograph earlier this month.

## Gallery Finishing Planning Study

The Public Gallery in the new Arts Centre will feature permanent exhibit space and a quality gift shop according to the study almost completed by Cornerstone Planning of Vancouver. The Peace Arts Gallery Society had the study commissioned with the help of the Peace River Regional District and the National Museum of the Federal Department of Communication. The Public Art Gallery will allow space and scheduling for traveling exhibits, programming for student education and showcase for local artists. The plan includes adding one piece of artwork to the permanent collection each year. The permanent collection will have a continuing Northern theme since our Gallery will be the most northern Public Art Gallery in B.C.. The Peace Arts Gallery Society has 30 members and an active executive. They welcome input and more members. Contact Merle Hendricks at 785-3710.

## What Arts Groups Are Doing for the Centre

- Arts Society: giving \$100 each month to the Art Gallery Society for the new building
- Artspace: raffling a crochet tablecloth created by Heather Palmer
- Northern Dance Theatre Society: adding to their \$10,000 equipment fund for theatre lights
- Stage North: producing Dinner Theatre Nov. 17th and 18th for construction funds
- North Peace Cultural Society: conducting Two Bit Bingo every Sunday for equipment funds
- Artspace Classes: purchasing a \$200 seat in the theatre

### Play 2-Bit Bingo

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Stage North  
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Remington contributed this cheque toward the Arts Centre following a trip to Calgary to solicit oil companies for donations for the Arts Centre. Remington follows Wainoco's lead with contributions.

# Calendar of Events



November 3  
Buddy Wasiname and the Other Fellers  
Pioneer Inn 8 PM

November 4 & 5  
Group of Five Local Artists Show  
At the home of Helen Smith 9-5 PM

November 5 - 10  
Photography show by Randy Kabstoff  
Art Gallery in Totem Mall

November 13 - 22  
Group of Five Show  
Art Gallery in the Totem Mall

November 17 & 18  
Stage North Dinner Theatre  
Pioneer Inn 6:30 PM

November 18  
Museum Sing Along and Pie Sale  
Co-oo Mall

November 19 - 26  
Canada Music Week

November 19  
North Peace Music Teachers Recital  
Mennonite Church 2:30 PM

November 26  
North Peace Music Teachers Recital  
Mennonite Church 2:30 PM

December 19  
District Band Evening Concert  
North Peace School Gym

January 14  
Kahurangi Maori Dancers  
Dr. Kearney School 7 PM

January 24  
Repercussion  
Dr. Kearney School 8 PM

Rose Buschta  
Rosalind and Dave Ross  
Joseph Temple  
Shirley Nelson  
Sylvia Marti  
Ellen Patterson  
Roberta and Alvin Long  
Alwin Holland School  
North Peace Music Teachers  
Bruce Ross  
Shannon Ross  
Brennan Ross  
Bronwen Ross  
Viggo Pederson  
Yolande Harrison  
Marion Birley  
Reneta Von Ilberg  
Philip Rempel  
Jana Jordan  
FSJ and District Kennel Club  
Cameron Travel  
Harvey Ruddell  
Teresa Ruddell  
Noni Ruddell  
Family of Doug Babcock  
Ellen Patterson  
Morfydd and Volker Kroecher

Dr. Gerry Mangel  
Vancouver Symphony Orchestra

## Seat Buyers

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Artspace Classes  
Bob Bennetts  
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Darwin Pimm  
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## "Wasisname" Coming November 3, 1989

The Partly Arts Series features Buddy Wasisname and the Other Fellers on Friday November 3rd at 8PM in the Pioneer Inn as the second Partly Arts Concert. The series began with Judith Marcuse Dance on October 21st after the Romaniacs had to be rescheduled for the Spring of 1990.

Comedian Buddy Wasisname and his two straightmen, Wayne and Ray have been featured on CBC's "On the Road Again", CTV's "Live It Up" and the Prince George CBC's Morningside Radio Show. They have played to sell out crowds across Canada. The Newfoundland based stories, jokes, songs and skits have a rural flavour and the quick witted humour keep an audience wanting more even after a full evenings entertainment.

No Newfie in Western Canada wants to miss this trio. Tickets are only \$10 and available at the Artspace, the Pioneer Inn front desk and at the door. The no-host bar in the Bowes and Herron Room opens at 7 PM and the show begins at 8 PM.

## Partly Arts Series 1989 - 1990 Still to Come.....

November 3

Buddy Wasisname & The Other Fellers  
8 PM Pioneer Inn

January 14

Kahurangi Maori Dancers  
7 PM Dr. Kearney School

January 23

Repercussion  
8 PM Dr. Kearney School

March 21

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8 PM To be Announced

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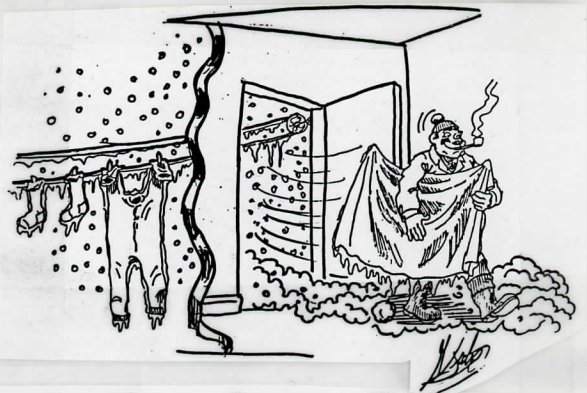
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4 PM To be Announced



Tickets Available at the Artspace

### HELP WANTED CONTACTS

Instructors required to teach:	Artspace Classes Coordinator,
1. Knitting	Brenda Bloxham
2. Embroidery	at 785-1989
3. Crafts	



## Over Asked Questions about the Arts Centre

**How much local taxes have already gone into the Arts Centre?**

None. All funds raised and spent to date have been donations and outside grants from outside the area. The North Peace Cultural Society is required to pay the property taxes from 1987, 1988 and 1989.

**How much parking does the Arts Centre have?**

The Art Centre has space for 100 cars - 70 in the parking lot and 30 in the lot owned by the Arts Centre behind Boston Pizza. Standard BC parking requirements are 1/3 of theatre capacity. Adjacent parking and street parking will provide the additional 33 spaces required.

**What benefit is the location of the Arts Centre to downtown Fort St. John?**

The activities of the Public Library, Art Gallery and Artspace will draw people downtown which will increase business. The close proximity to hotels and restaurants will facilitate joint efforts in conventions and seminars.

**Why not a new building instead of a renovation?**

Architect studies defined a savings of \$1 million by renovation of the Bay versus a new building.

# Christmas with the Arts

November 4

CDC Christmas Bazaar  
Totem Mall 9 - 5:30 PM

November 4

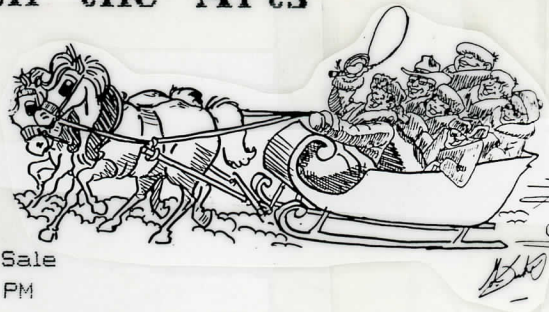
Anglican Church Bazaar  
Shared Church 1:30 - 4 PM

November 17 & 18

Peace Country Craftsman's Sale  
Senior Citizen's Hall 10 - 4 PM

November 17 & 18

Spinners and Weavers/Potters Guild Sale  
Totem Mall



November 23 - December 2  
Annual Fall Art Show and Sale  
Art Gallery in the Totem Mall

December 2  
Legacy of Christmas Cheer  
10 - 4 PM

December 2  
Santa Claus Parade

December 6  
Museum Christmas Tea  
Museum 1 - 7 PM

December 10  
Northern Lights Chamber Chior  
Christmas Concert

## Artspace Provides '92 Space

The Artspace has housed the Fort St. John '92 Committee since September of this year when the Department of Employment and Immigration granted a Section 38 Project to the Fort St. John Committee.

Linda, Candace, Betty Ann and Lynda have conducted interviews with pioneers who were here during the construction of the highway. They have published the second edition of the newspaper, "The Highwayman". The Fort St. John '92 Committee is currently setting the budget from 1990-1992 and discussing the two year plan of development. They are aware of the years following '92 and are looking to developing a framework for activities focused on '92 that will last for years afterwards. The '92 Committee is keeping in mind that 1994 is the 100th Anniversary of Fort St. John.

The 1992 Committee of Fort St. John welcomes information on people and artifacts from the '42 era. Phone the Artspace at 785-1989 with information.

## Theatre Fun for Adults

At the Artspace 7:30 PM Saturday November 11th  
Only \$1.00 Everyone Welcome!

## Discover The Arts at these Businesses

The Quilt Patch	#4 10440-100th St.
N.W. Needleworks	10355-101st St.
Art Works	8223-100th Ave
J.C. Craft Btq.	10712-100th Ave.
Roses Yarn Loft	Mile 42 1/2 Alsk. Hwy.
The Yarn Nook	Co-op Mall
The Brass Bucket	Co-op Mall
D & B Music	Totem Mall
The Music Shoppe	Co-op Mall
Performers Wear	10417-100th St.
Rocking Horse Atq.	10059-100th Ave.
Hamilton Stat.	10320-100th St.
A-Line Stat.	10035-100th Ave.
Playful Learning	9840-101st. Ave.

## Historical Society News

The newsletter of the North Peace Historical Society announced that the most recent exhibits at the Museum are the Ma Murray exhibit, musical instruments of the past, and a mens Hobby Display. The Museum has hosted school children from Fort.St.John and Dawson Creek for tours through the exhibits. Special annual activities are scheduled prior to Christmas. The popular PieSale and Sing Along is scheduled for November 18, 10:AM to 4 PM at the Co-op Mall. The Christmas Tea at the Museum features old fashioned Christmas decorations and goodies on December 6 from 1 PM-7 PM. The Museum Gift Shop is a unique place to pick up handmade Christmas heritage gifts.

Volunteers and members are needed to assist the hard working executive in keeping the Museum and other activities of the Historical Society working. You are invited to join them.



Judy Hein, a member of the Quilters displays work by members of the Guild at a Show and Share in September at the Artspace. The Quilters meet every second and fourth Monday of each month. Everyone Welcome.

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## "Help Us Help You" says Dawson Creek Beverages

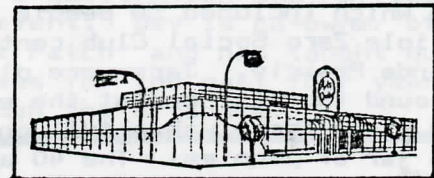
The Arts Centre received another boost on Monday, March 12 when Tim Thompson of Dawson Creek Beverages announced the "Help Us Help You" campaign for the new Arts Centre in Fort St. John. For every 2 litre bottle of Coca Cola and Canada Dry products purchased where these posters are displayed, Dawson Creek Beverages will contribute 50 cents to the construction of the Arts Centre.

Dawson Creek Beverages is the distributor of Coca Cola and Canada Dry products in the North Peace area. Since 1948 when they began with a bottling process, Dawson Creek Beverages has served Northern B.C. from the Pine Pass to the Yukon Border. In 1972, they disbanded the bottling and currently are distributing with 6 of their 14 employees working in Fort St. John. President and General Manager Tim Thompson initiated the "Help Us Help You" campaign with the North Peace Cultural Society. "The community has been good to Dawson Creek Beverages and we want to do something extra to help Fort St. John," stated Mr. Thompson in a recent interview. The last major promotional effort by Dawson Creek Beverages for Fort St. John occurred in conjunction with the B.C. Winter Games in 1984.

Tim Thompson anticipates ten to fifteen stores to participate in the "Help Us Help You" campaign. "We have paid all the promotional costs

and will contribute the 50 cents per bottle. The stores only have to display and sell," he said. In 1987 Dawson Creek Beverages won the competition for the highest consumption of soft drinks per person in B.C.. "So the turnover will be substantial." The greater number of stores that participate in the campaign the more benefit will be received by Fort St. John.

### "Help Us Help You"



With Every Purchase of  
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DAWSON CREEK BEVERAGES LTD.  
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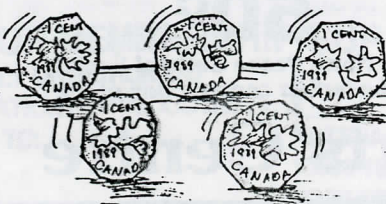
# Pennies Pennies

Ten thousand more pennies have been contributed to the new Arts Centre Penny Drive by Mr. Spelsberg and Mr. Winstones Grade 6 & 7 classes. The students of these classes worked hard all year fundraising for an educational trip to Edmonton. Once the trip was over and all the expenses paid there was still money left in the bank and a decision had to be made as to what they would do with the extra funds.

The students and teachers had a meeting and decided to donate 10,000 pennies towards covering the stage in the theatre portion of the new building. With this sizeable contribution, it will not be long before the stage is completely covered with the copper coins. Our hats go off to the students and teachers of C.M. Finch for supporting the completion of the new Arts Centre.

## And More Pennies

The 40 and Over Social Club of Fort St. John sponsored a penny dance on Saturday the 24th of February and they collected approximately 5,000 pennies for the new Arts Centre. The attendance for this dance was higher than usual with about 160 people which included 50 people from the Triple Zero Social Club centered in Grande Prairie. Jars were placed all around the hall and at the end of the night there was a full one gallon jar of pennies! The 40 and Over Club sponsors a dance the 4th Saturday of every month with different bands each month. Tickets and information are available at the Artspace. Included in the price of the ticket is a midnight lunch. A very special thanks goes to Bart Zaal and the 40 and Over Social Club for the donation of these pennies.



1. Congratulations
2. Congratulations
3. Congratulations
4. Congratulations

Congratulations are in Order for  
Andrea Van Donselaar

Who has been accepted to train at  
summer school with the

**Royal Winnipeg Ballet**



## Author In Town

Writing about women in the North is the talent of author Aretha Van Herk who will be presenting a reading this month in Fort St. John.

Treeline Creative Writing is sponsoring Ms. Van Herk to Fort St. John for a public reading at Northern Lights College at 7:30 PM on March 15th.

As a writer, Ms. Van Herk has won high acclaim for her novel "Judith" about a woman who returns from city life to her rural roots to become a pig farmer in Central Alberta. She received \$50,000 Ceal First Novel Award for this novel.

Her second novel "Tent Peg" about a woman who cooks for a Yukon Mining Expedition and her third novel "No Fixed Address" about a woman who is a travelling sales representative for ladies comfort panties have both been well received by the reading public.

Ms. Van Herk teaches at the University of Calgary where she won the "Superior Teacher Award" voted by the students. She has sat as guest chair in Canadian Students at the University of Kiel in West Germany, and she has served on literary juries including the Canada Council.

Her novels have been translated into eight different languages. She has toured North America and Europe presenting lectures and readings. Fort St. John will be treated to an enjoyable evening of reading by this well known author on March 15.





The NFSS Drama Zone produced "You Can't Take It With You" to capacity crowds the past 2 weekends. Only three shows remain on March 15, 16, and 17. Don't miss this well acted comedy hit.

## Music for Arts Centre

Sandra Lindsay and Jana Jordan, both music students, will be holding a benefit concert to raise funds for the new Arts Centre. The concert will take place in the multi-purpose room at the Northern Lights college on Friday, April 20th starting at 7:30 PM. Sandra is a 17 year old Grade 12 student attending North Peace High School and Jana is a music student as well as a music teacher. They have both been working very hard on a two piano piece called Scarmouche, by French Composer Milhaud. The program is very exciting and will be enjoyable entertainment for the whole family. So come out to this exciting concert on April 20th at the Northern Lights College and support the new Arts Centre.



## Peace River Regional Juried Art Show

Dawson Creek  
Art Gallery

Show Runs Until  
March 16

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Since 1932

## Wanted



Stage Plays for  
Second Annual National  
Playwriting Competition

Cash Prizes from  
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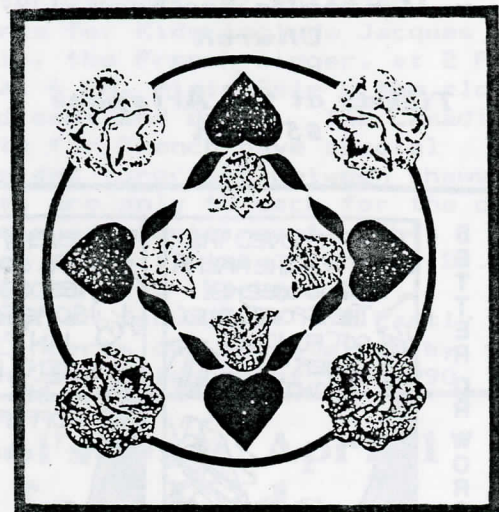
Deadline for Entries  
May 25, 1990

More Details at Artspace

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Theatre BC and  
Theatre Canada Festival '90

## Local Quilter Wins Honors

The Lambton Heritage Museum, Grand Bend Ontario, held their 9th annual heritage quilt show this past summer. In conjunction with the show they sponsored an applique quilt block contest in which our very own Bev Bickford-Gross won third place. The contest was advertised internationally with hundreds of entries. Ten blocks were chosen with the top three winning prize money and the others received honorable mention. The winning blocks were then assembled into a quilt which was raffled at the event. Bev is co-owner of "The Quilt Patch" and has taught quilting classes for the past four years through the Artspace.



Winning design by local "Quilt Patch" owner, Bev Bickford-Gross

# Art for B.C. Show

The Peace River Regional Juried Art Show opened March 6 with a reception for artists and invited guests at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery. Of the 111 entries this year, 20 works were chosen to represent the Peace Country at Images and Objects Visual Arts Show during the BC Festival of the Arts in Saanich at the end of May.

Fort St. John may be lucky enough to see the 20 chosen works if the Art Society is successful in its attempt to have the show at the Totem mall Art Gallery before it travels to Saanich. The entire show will be open in Dawson Creek until March 16. Art works from artists chosen for Images and Objects include three from Fort St. John, one from Taylor and one from Charlie Lake. The artists, Audrey Skoreyko, Esther Dosterbaan, Beth Ardill, Audrey Gaddy and Donald Grasse will be able to attend the BC Festival of Arts and participate in the many workshops for artists during the week long event.

NORTHERN  
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## A Dance Extravaganza

April 27 & 28

Immaculata Hall

Adults \$5

Seniors/Students \$4

Tickets at Artspace

all proceeds to Arts Centre

## Play It Again, Sam

Once again, Stage North will spend days constructing a theatre in the multi-purpose room at Northern Lights College for their production of "Play It Again Sam" opening March 30th. Not only do hours of rehearsal, set construction and costume design go into a local show but due to no proper theatre in Fort St. John, extra energy is put into transporting lights, sound and seating arrangements.

Despite all the set backs of lack of rehearsal area and rented set construction space, Director Doug Xenis reports the show is developing very well.

The lead role in Play It Again Sam is played by Terry Cowles. The show is a romantic comedy written by Woody Allen about the adventures and misadventures of a newly divorced man. The show runs for 6 performances on March 30, 31, April 5, 6, and 7. Tickets will be available soon at the Artspace. Stage North plans to enter the show in the Peace River Zone Festival in Dawson Creek in mid April.

## "Sing, Sing, Ye Muses" Music for Easter

by the  
Northern Lights Chamber Choir

April 1st at 3 PM

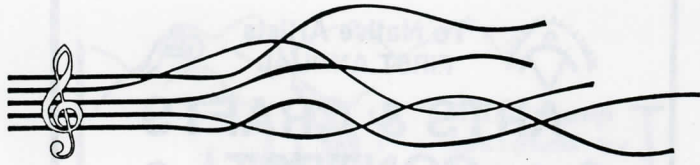
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Tickets at the Artspace  
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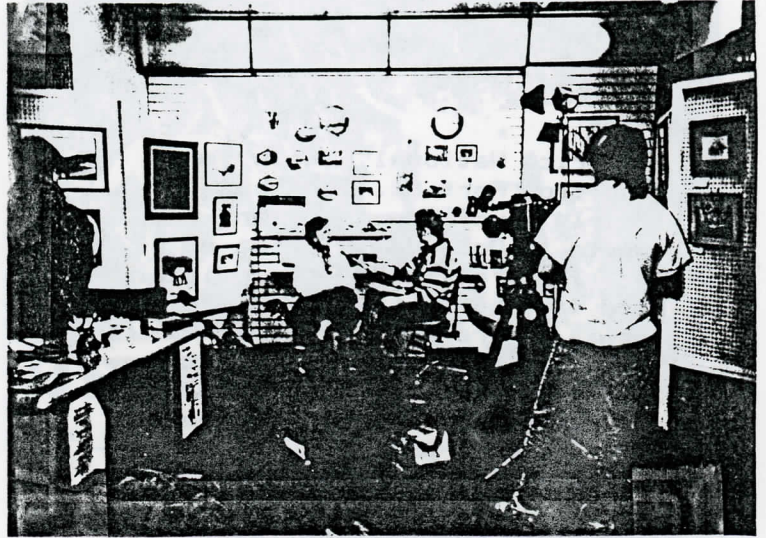


## B.C. Music 1991

Fort St. John may be one of the communities visited by Roadshow '91, a magical travelling cavalcade of entertainment touring BC in 1991. As a Tourism initiative, BC Year of Music 1991 is designed to help increase tourist traffic into regions of B.C.

Roadshow '91, the travelling show is one of three components of the Year of Music 1991. Over \$12 Million has been allocated by the BC Government to tour Roadshow '91, sponsor big name performers to community festivals and stage mega-performances in Vancouver and Victoria.

The Fort St. John and District of Commerce is organizing a community committee to communicate with the '91 organization. They will be identifying a festival to take advantage of the performer sponsorship.



CJDC TV has filmed a number of interviews about the new Arts Centre in the past few weeks. Two short programs were aired on CJDC recently giving facts and figures about what is required to complete the construction of the building. Stacy interviewed Merle Hendricks in the Totem Mall Art Gallery for the second of the two programs.

## "PARTLY ARTS"

The Partly Arts Series will feature Taussig and Enemies - the zany comic, concert pianist in the multi-purpose room at the Northern Lights College on March 21st at 8 PM. Taussig mixes satire comedy and plain musical fun. On April Fool's Day the Canadian Parents for French will work with the Partly Arts Series to put on a very special day of entertainment for children. Koncerts for Kids include Jacques Chauvin, the French singer, at 2 PM, then at 4 PM, Mimic Sole - the clown with dreams and drama. The Canadian Parents for French have special treats and surprises between shows. Tickets are only \$5 each for the day of fun and entertainment. This comical day will take place at Dr. Kearney School. Tickets and information for all of the Partly Arts Concerts can be obtained by calling the Artspace at 785-1990.

**Band Extravaganza  
Spring Sound  
April 11  
NPSS  
7:00 PM  
Donations at Door  
Proceeds for Trip  
to Hazelton with  
Senior Concert Band**

Dr. Kearney  
School  
\$5 for both  
or \$3 each  
Tickets at Artspace

**Sunday, April Fool's Day, April 1  
Koncerts for Kids  
Jacques Chauvin 2 PM - Mimic Sole 4 PM**



# Dancers in U.S. Finals

Dance America National Finals is a big step from Fort St. John but 15 local girls have made the giant leap to compete in Orlando, Florida on July 3. The preliminary competition was held last month in Los Angeles, California, where all the girls qualified for the National Finals. The competition in Los Angeles was "stiff" according to their teacher Noelle Jellison. She said, "I was very proud of the dancers. They deserve to expand their experience in dance. The competition is an educational opportunity and other competitors provided dance standards that our girls can strive for." Five group numbers and four solos were selected to compete at the National Finals. The scores for the solos were exceptionally high. In jazz, Tanis Semeniuk scored 94, Tosha Brown 90, and Amber Webster 93. In tap Kelly Van Damme scored 90.

Fourteen families are involved in taking the dancers to Orlando, Florida where they will compete for cash prizes totalling \$250,000 in the entire competition. We wish them every chance on bringing back some cash prizes....and hope that Kristi Campbell remembers to take off her flannel warm-ups before the performance.



The audience enjoying the Kahurangi Maori Dance Group last month was uncomfortable on the bleachers in the gym at Dr. Kearney School. They look forward to the comfortable theatre seats.



To Native Artists  
FIRST ANNUAL



## ARTS & CRAFTS CONTEST



FIRST PRIZE \$300<sup>00</sup>  
SECOND PRIZE \$200<sup>00</sup>  
THIRD PRIZE \$100<sup>00</sup>



Items that can be submitted:

- Wood Carving
- Stone Carving
- Burning
- Beading
- Silk Screen
- Fur
- Clothing
- Tribe Logo or Just Designs
- Painting

- Embroidery
- Sculptures
- Dolls
- Masks
- Pencil Drawings
- Bows & Arrows
- Drums




Items to be submitted by MARCH 21, 1990 at Treaty 8 Office or Phone 785-0612 for pickup.

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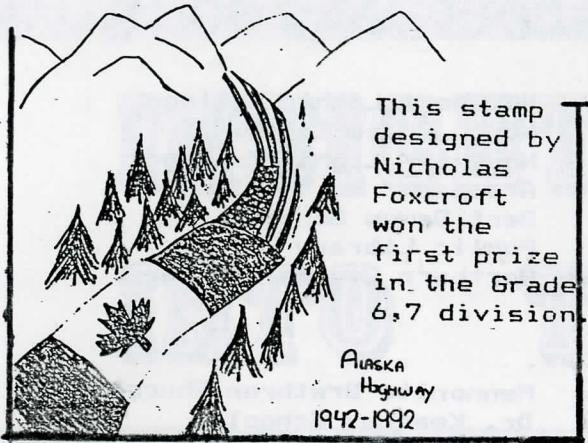


## Classes a Hit With Children

With Session II of Artspace Classes quickly coming to an end, preparation is underway to offer another exciting session of classes. The classes will include a PreSchool Program for children 2 - 5 years as well as a variety of classes for Young People and Adults. The brochure for Session III will be available at the Artspace by April 2nd. Due to the Easter Holiday weekend April 13 - April 16, registration will only be four days.

Registration: April 9 - 12  
Classes: April 17 - June 9

Artspace Classes believes that the Arts are an integral part of family living and that every person deserves the opportunity to express and develop his/her natural creative abilities. For additional information contact the Artspace Classes Coordinator, Brenda Bloxham at 785-1990.



## Stamp Design for 50th

The winners of the Junior Stamp Club contest to design a stamp for the Alaska Highway Fiftieth Anniversary have been selected.

Grand Prizewinner was Katie Boyle, of C.M. Finch School. Winners received prizes from Canada Post, with the Grand Prize and 1st runner up winners also receiving passes from the Lido Theatre.

All entries will be sent to the Stamp Selection Committee of Canada Post, along with a petition signed by local residents asking Canada Post to issue a commemorative postage stamp to honour the Alaska Highway Fiftieth Anniversary in 1992.

The Junior Stamp club hopes to be able to continue its design-a-stamp contest with a different theme each year.

### Play 2-Bit Bingo

To Support The  
North Peace Cultural Society  
and  
Stage North  
Saturday and Sunday  
12 noon - 6 PM  
at the Rainbow Bingo Hall



## School Does Oliver

For it's fifth musical production, Charlie Lake School has chosen Lionel Bart's "Oliver", the musical version of Charles Dicken's "Oliver Twist". The production, performed on March 14 and 15 in the specially renovated school gymnasium, tells the story of a homeless waif, abandoned by his mother in a poor house, recruited by Fagin, the evil mastermind behind a gang of juvenile pick-pockets and petty thieves, and finally rescued by Mr. Brownlow who turns out to be Oliver's grandfather.

Perfectly suited for children, the production involves a cast of 360 pupils from year two, to grade seven. Over 200 pupils auditioned for lead roles. Musical direction is by Mr. Merrill J. Flewelling from Northern Lights College, assisted by Mr. David Lee. Choreography is by C. Joanne Folk from Northern Lights College in Dawson Creek. An army of parents and teachers is providing the beautiful costumes, the set and the properties for the gala production. Production of the musical is by the principal, Mr. Bob Bennetts who reports that the value of such an exercise is not only in the music and the enjoyment, but also in the exercise of co-operation and team spirit which develops when an entire school works together on such a project.



Totem Mall  
10 AM - 4 PM

all Proceeds to the Arts Centre  
**Be a Good Egg**  
Decorate-Your-Egg Contest for April 14

# Arts Happenings in Fort St. John

MARCH

15 Aretha Van Herk Author Tour  
 15,16,17 "You Can't Take It With You"  
 21 Taussig and Enemies  
 23 Native Crafts Contest  
 24 Quilting Workshop  
 29 Budge Wilson Author Tour  
 30 & 31 "Play It Again Sam"

Northern Lights College  
 North Peace School  
 Northern Lights College  
 Artspace  
 Bert Bowes School  
 Public Library  
 Northern Lights College

APRIL

1 N.L. Chamber Choir/Spring Show  
 1 Jacques Chauvin/Mimic Sole  
 4 Machine Knitters Open House  
 5,6,7 "Play It Again Sam"  
 9 - 12 Artspace Classes Registration  
 14 Egg Decorating Contest  
 17 Artspace Classes Begin  
 20 Benefit Piano Concert  
 20 Annual Art Auction  
 20 & 21 Peace River Zone/Theatre Festival  
 20,21,22 Performing Arts Festival  
 27 & 28 Craftsman's Spring Show  
 27 & 28 Dance Extravaganza  
 29 Dance Recital

Mennonite Brethren Church  
 Dr. Kearney School  
 Artspace  
 Northern Lights College  
 Artspace  
 Totem Mall  
 Various  
 Northern Lights College  
 Mackenzie Inn  
 Dawson Creek  
 Immaculata Hall  
 Senior Citizen's Hall  
 Immaculata Hall  
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## Insight into the Arts Newsletter

is printed quarterly by the Fort St. John Community Arts Council. The Arts council is a non-profit society since 1976 dedicated to the stimulation and development of arts and artists in the North Peace.

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**Concert Recital  
 by Students of  
 NLC Music Dept  
 April 22  
 Northern Lights  
 College  
 1:30 PM**



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## Arts Council Salutes Excellence

Lessons and practice lead to excellence in the arts for many studious young people in the North Peace. Each year, the Fort St. John Arts Council recognizes the efforts of students in visual arts, creative writing, music and drama at North Peace Secondary School and Northern Lights College and with the Miss Fort St. John Pageant.

The Arts Council awarded Mary Telford for creative writing, Esther Oosterbaan for visual arts and

Catherine Moody for music at Northern Lights College last month.

Students at North Peace Secondary School will be awarded in June.

A special award is given to the Miss Fort St. John Talent winner. This year Shawna Carroll received the \$100 award. Congratulations to the winners and best wishes in future excellence.

## Arts Council Helps Groups

The Arts Council will issue the 1990 grants to member groups at the Annual General meeting on June 11 at the Artspace. The total of \$6750 was contributed towards assisting eleven of the twenty-six member groups of the Arts Council.

The assistance went to the Art Society, Music Teachers Association, Friends of the Theatre, Peace Lutheran Care Home Auxiliary, Artspace Classes, Quilters, Potters, Artspace, Community and School Band, Northern Dance Theatre Society and Stage North. Funds were used for piano maintenance, travel to represent Fort St. John throughout the province, workshop instructors and facility operation.

The Arts Council receives grant applications in the Fall and adjudicates on a strict criteria. Points that are considered on allocating the funds include: number of members in the group, benefit to the community or individual members, other funding efforts, participation in community events, and percentage of budget requested.

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Arts Council at the Artspace on June 11 at 7:30 PM.

**FSJ COMMUNITY  
ARTS COUNCIL  
ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**

**JUNE 11, 1990**

**7:30 pm**

**ARTSPACE**



**Welcoming the Japanese Students**

**Summer '90 Crafts and Showcase**

**Sponsored by Fort St. John Arts Council**

**August 8  
Crafts 10AM - 4PM  
Mackenzie Inn**

**August 7  
Canadian  
Showcase  
8 PM**

# Play to Provincials

## We're Back



The cast and crew of the latest Stage North production can once again say "Play It Again Sam" and mean more than the usual worn-out cliché. Yes, Stage North's "Play It Again Sam" will play it again in Chilliwack at the Theatre BC's Mainstage '90 drama competition beginning June 4.

After Stage North swept the awards at the Peace River Theatre Zone Festival in April, the excitement has been building for possible accolades in Chilliwack. Competition is fierce at Mainstage but director Doug Xenis feels confident that his cast, led by Terry Cowles and Catherine Roberts, is performing at its peak.

Transporting an elaborate set, 14 people and a working refrigerator requires maximum forethought. What do they do with the refrigerator? Well, keep the champagne cool, of course.

As if competing against the best of community drama in BC is not enough, Stage North has extra pressure by opening the Festival on June 4. This is the third year Stage North has participated in Mainstage. They plan to host the provincial drama competition here in Fort St. John when the Arts Centre is ready.

Way to go Stage North. Break - A - Leg.

The Fort St. John '92 Committee office has now reopened in the Artspace at 785-1990. Coordinator Linda Warrington along with a Challenge '90 Summer student will be promoting the Alaska Highway Celebration and encouraging participation in the local community.

The Fort St. John '92 Committee has many duties for the coming year according to President Joan Barnetson. Plans include assisting community groups to coordinate events and projects for '92. interview pioneers who were here in '42 and prepare another newspaper.

"The important planning for '92 will take place this year in 1990," said Joan. "All groups planning events for '92 are asked to schedule it at the Fort St. John '92 office," according to Joan. "This will avoid conflicts and assure enough hotel rooms and services available for the event."

Phone the Fort St. John office at 785-1990 to register an event and get more information. Be part of this exciting celebration. PARTICIPATE.

## The Question of the Week.

**How big is the stage?**

**The stage is 32 feet deep and 45 feet wide. The surface will be sprung wood suitable for dance, theatre, music and a variety of other presentations. The size of the stage is more than adequate for local and touring dance and theatre.**

**About the Arts Centre**



## Keyboard Lift and Lesson

A free piano lesson in the middle of a concert. It can only happen in Fort St. John and it was great. Over 100 appreciative people attended the Benefit Concert by two local musicians held on April 20 at Northern Lights College.

The accomplished pianists, Sandra Lindsay and Jana Jordan raised over \$500 for the Arts Centre construction. Hats off to a great evening and two great people.



# Its Happening in Fort St. John



## MAY

26	Miss FSJ Pageant	Pioneer Inn	7:30 PM
27	Fiddlers Jamboree	Legion Hall	2:00 PM
27	Music Recitals	Menn. Church	2:30 PM
30	Science Exhibit	Taylor	3 perf.

## JUNE

2	Shrine Circus	Rec Centre	3 perf.
3	Evensong NL Choir	Anglican Church	
6	NLC Open House	NL College	
7	Speakers Tour	Pioneer Inn	7:30 PM
16	Kinsmen Summerfest	Kids Arena	7:00 PM
30	Bluegrass Festival	Chetwynd	

## JULY

1/2	Bluegrass Festival	Chetwynd
7/8	FSJ Rodeo Weekend	

## AUGUST

7	Canadian Showcase	Mackenzie Inn
8	Summer '90 Crafts	Mackenzie Inn
11	North Pine Fair	Fair Grounds

2nd Fort St. John Legion



## FIDDLERS '90 JAMBOREE

Sun., May 27, 1990

Royal Canadian Legion  
Fort St. John, B.C.

Young & Old!

Show Begins 2:00 pm  
Lunch 5 - 7 pm  
Tope Tapping Dance  
Begins about 9:00 pm  
Tickets \$10.00 each

*All Musicians are selected by the Fiddlers and are Local Talent from the top fiddlers in the Peace Country.*



The shutter bug at the Artspace could not pass up this photo of two aldermen, Jack Keough and Steve Thorlakson, sitting on the floor with their youngsters enjoying the Artspace Class of Just Twos.

## Look Forward to the Fabulous Fall.....

RCMP Concert Band  
BC Young Artists Exhibition  
BC Ballet (Partly Arts)

Sept 11  
Sept 2 - 16  
Oct 12

Tickets at the Artspace

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## How to be a Local Hero

Think. When you think about all the good causes that need your help, it can be a little discouraging. But think what a real difference you can make to just a few of them. You can make giving a regular part of your budget and plan your donations so they do the most good. You can use your special abilities to help a group in your community. Think about it. Be a Local Hero.



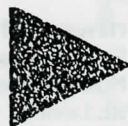
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Gallery, Soho  
New York City  
New York, USA

## Around the Province

IN

Nanaimo	Nanaimo Festival	May 22 - July 28
Victoria	BC Festival of the Arts	May 23 - May 26
Chilliwack	Mainstage Theatre BC	June 2 - June 3
Harrison Hot Springs	Harrison Festival of the Arts	June 30 - July 8
Nanaimo	Heritage '90 BC Native Artists	July 29/30 - July 1/2
Prince George	Northern Artists Festival	August 4, 5, 6
Hornby Island	Hornby Festival	August 8 - August 18
Sechelt	8th Festival of Written Arts	August 9 - August 12

### SUMMER SCHOOLS:

Atlin Centre for the Arts	Atlin	
Johannesen International School of Arts	Victoria	July 6 - Aug 17
Okanagan Summer School of the Arts	Penticton	July 9 - 27
Comox Valley Summer Music	Courtenay	July 8 - Aug 5
Metchosin International School of Arts	Victoria	June 24 - July 7

### FOR THE CRAFTY:

Harrison Hot Springs	Juried Craft Market	June 30, July 1/2, 7/8
Wanham, Alta	Crafters Market Quilt Show and Competition	June 22 - June 24
Vancouver	3rd BC Creative Arts Show	Aug 26 - Aug 28

### COMING UP IN VANCOUVER..

July 20, 1990	Les Miserables	for tickets	687-5315 or 687-1354
Summer of 1991	Phantom of the Opera	" "	689-4433

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Over 100 Preschool children of the Artspace Classes planted seedlings in celebration of National Forest Week, May 6-12. Fort St. John will look greener thanks to the generous donation of the seedlings by the Ministry of Forests, Fort St. John District.

## Local Singer Records



The encouragement and support of her friends in Fort St. John pointed the way for Doreen Gwilt to record her first album of contemporary Christian music. and she accomplished this life milestone all in one marathon weekend of production.

The album, *Go Forth Boldly*, due on the local market by June features 10 songs. The album will be easy to spot with the familiar Cecil lake Church on the cover. Doreen chose the well-known image because she feels it represents the title and the feature song of the album. "Go Forth Boldly sends a message to proclaim the truth and stand for what you believe in," according to Doreen in a recent interview. "The Church is simple and humble, yet comfortable and cozy," said Doreen.

Doreen has been singing gospel songs since she was 4 years old starting with a radio Gospel Hour in Chatham, Ontario. She has sung at many church functions in Fort St. John since 1982 when she moved to BC. "I've had no formal training and play by ear," Doreen said. Her popularity has been evident in the past three years as a talent performer for the CDC Talent Show. This last year she raised \$858, an incredible jump from \$62 the first year.

Doreen credits her close friend Valerie Kilby with the artistic quality of her performance. She thanks Jim Robinson, her recording artist from Prince George X-L-R Studios. And she is forever indebted to her father, her biggest supporter, for financing the album.

"Go Forth Boldly" will be available at local music shops and we are sure to hear her songs on Prince George and local radio.



# Local Dancers and Artists Off to Festival

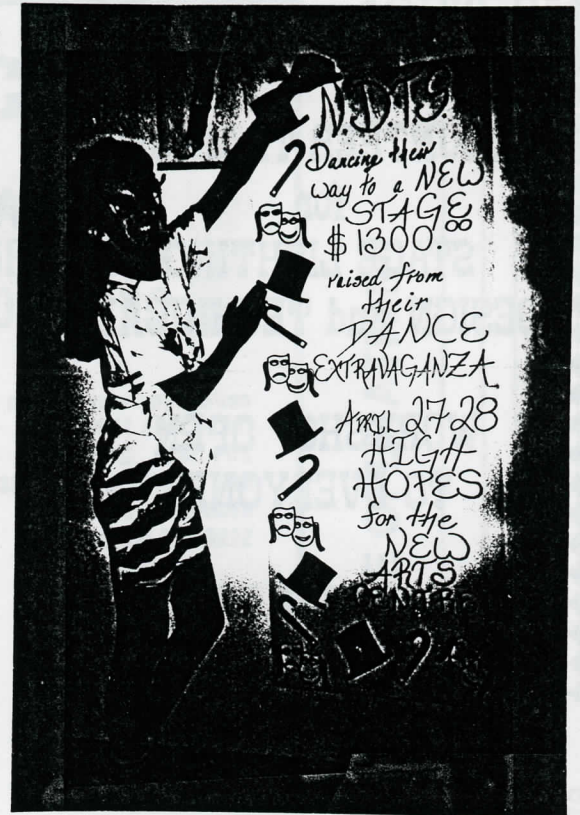
Dancers and artists from Fort St. John will represent the North Peace at the BC Festival of the Arts in Saanich on May 23 - 26.

Ten dancers and five artists were selected from hundreds of entries in the regional competitions of the North Peace Performing Arts Festival and Peace River Regional Juried Art Show held last month.

Ten talented dancers from Northern Dance Theatre Society who train at Jellison's Studios will be travelling on Tuesday to be at the Festival for the Grand Opening on Wednesday, May 23. The competitive dancers are; Andrea VanDonselaar and Christine Campbell in Senior Ballet, Tanis Semeniuk in Senior Stage, Melanie Cheesman and Amber Webster in Intermediate Ballet, Kelly VanDamme in Intermediate Stage and Elward Jellison in Junior Stage. Three dancers will be observing and joining the others in workshops. They are Kelsie London, Krista Brown and Tosha Brown. Four mothers will be accompanying the dancers to the Festival.

At The Regional Juried Art Show in Dawson Creek, five artists from the North peace were part of the twenty chosen to be part of the Images and Objects Provincial art competition during the BC Festival of Arts. The artists are Audrey Skoreyko, Esther Oosterbaan, Beth Ardill, Audrey Gaddy and Donald Grasse.

The chosen competitors are subsidized for travel and accommodation. They will be taking workshops from well-known instructors in each discipline. Have a good trip to all our representatives.



Kelsie London proudly displays the posters announcing a \$1300 donation to the new Arts Centre. Kelsie is one of the dancers in the Northern Dance Theatre Society that featured the Dance Extravaganza last month. The Northern Dance Theatre Society has contributed thousands of dollars to the Arts Centre construction and hopes to perform in the new theatre soon.

## Peace River North Performing Arts Festival

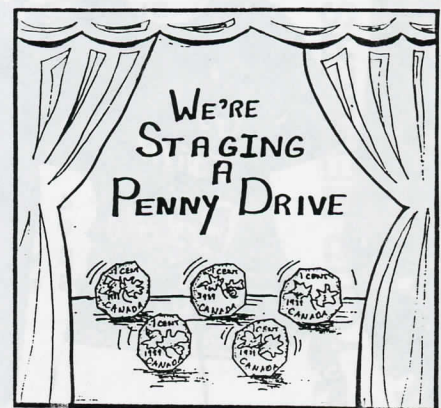
Annual General Meeting  
June 18, 1990

at the Artspace

Can you help in...

- Vocal
- Dance
- Instrumental
- Piano
- Speech Arts

All volunteers and suggestions welcome. Phone 785-1990 for further information.



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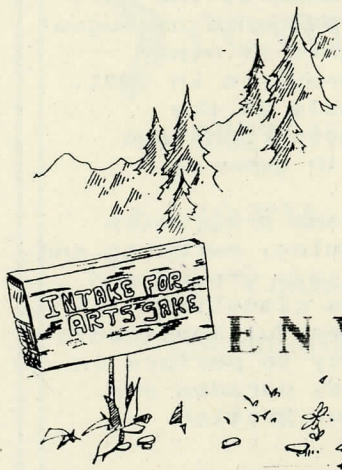
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## Airing the Arts - October 28

Live at the MacKenzie Inn and broadcasted over the air at the same time, the Arts will hold an afternoon of surprises. Six hours of radio time on CKNL Radio will feature interviews and information of all arts events, activities and groups. The show will play to a live crowd and to a radio audience at the same time. Local musicians, choirs and bands are scheduled to perform, attracting hundreds of people to the show on Sunday, October 28th.

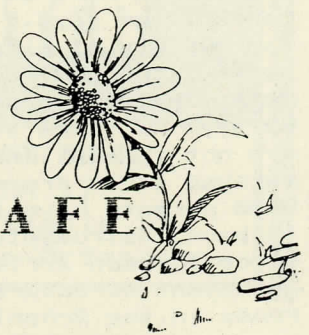
The six hours of broadcasting is a donation of CKNL Radio time and staff to raise funds for the construction of Phase II of the Arts Centre. Donations and pledges will be taken the entire 6 hours at the MacKenzie Inn. All groups and organizations with pledges and donations will be interviewed live on the air.

The Can-Cannettes have a special challenge to teach community hockey players the Can-Can. Cindy Rutz, Can-Cannettes organizer, said "Everyone thinks it is so easy to do the Can-Can!" This is a chance to try the real thing. The Music Teachers Association has a special presentation planned for late afternoon. The community bands will play at 1:30 and many other groups have indicated a specific time to be interviewed and to perform. Only 120 advertising spots are available for the Airing the Arts. Arts Centre representatives are selling ads in early October. Other fundraising will come from pledges and donations during Airing the Arts where special hosts will liven up an already exciting show. The show begins at 12 noon at the MacKenzie Inn. Brunch will be available in the dining room during the early afternoon. Tune in to CKNL on Sunday, October 28 from 12 noon to 6 PM and stop in on Airing the Arts at the MacKenzie Inn.

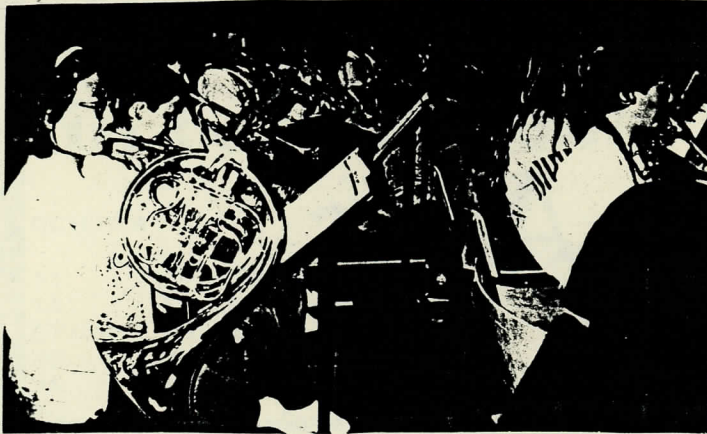


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## Big Sounds of the Bands

Music will fill the air during this Christmas season with sounds of band instruments under the direction of the "Music Man", Bruce Johnson. Over 240 students and community musicians will showcase on Monday, December 10 at 7 PM at North Peace Secondary School. Additional mini-concerts will liven up the Holiday Season in shopping malls and Christmas parties.

School District #60 employed Bruce Johnson as a band instructor and discovered that he is a "Music Man" with a vision. In a recent interview Johnson stated that, "through music, students can learn to feel better about themselves and take risks in a safe environment." He believes that learning music helps children and adults to express and understand their feelings.

Johnson developed a thriving band program in Barriere, where the band now has provincial status and has the largest music scholarship program in B.C.. He worked in an integrated program in Kamloops in organizing a multi-discipline mandate of music, art and drama.

He likes Fort St. John for the opportunity and challenge it presents. "People in Fort St. John are risk takers," he says. "They have a vision of the quality of life they want and they survive the ups and downs through determination to do it better next time". He says he likes the people because they are not conventional and the weather because it is dry.

Band parents have invested over \$200,000 in band instruments in the past two years since Johnson arrived. He has two assistant directors and five good music rooms in the School District schools.

## Festival in April

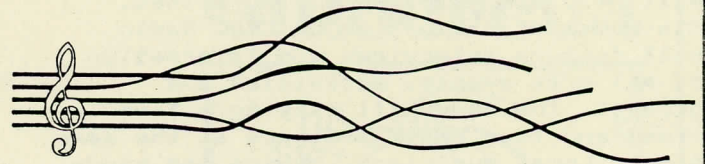
Hundreds of entries in music, dance and speech arts will fill the Performing Arts Festival scheduled for April 15-21. Participants are expected from Fort Nelson, Dawson Creek, Chetwynd and Prince George.

The syllabus will be ready for distribution by November 15 with entry deadlines scheduled for February 28, 1991.

The Performing Arts Festival has a long history in Fort St. John dating back to the '50's when the Drama Festivals were very popular. Currently, dance and piano entries outnumber the other sections of the festival. In the past few years, contestants have been chosen to compete at the B.C. Festival of Arts held annually throughout British Columbia.

The 1991 BC Festival of Arts will be held in North Vancouver.

Two representatives of the local Performing Arts Festival will be attending the Provincial Annual General Meeting of the BC Performing Festival this month to keep up-to-date on current issues.



## B.C. Music 1991

### Showcase in BC

Applications are now available for local performers to be chosen for the Music '91 Celebrations next year. Performers have the opportunity to showcase at the Fort St. John Music '91 Extravaganza on August 24 and 25, plus to perform at other events throughout the province in 1991. Applications are available at the Artspace and require photographs and audition tapes along with general information.

The '91 Community Showcase program is looking for vocal ensembles, marching and concert bands, pipers, jazz groups and multi-cultural musicians classified as non-professional. Successful applicants will have the opportunity to perform in jamborees, country fairs, parades and special events throughout British Columbia in 1991.

# Regional Artists

A directory of artists in the entire region is being compiled by the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council. Recently employed regional coordinator, Mary Ann Skill, is in the process of collecting the inventory which will be used to market and promote the fine arts of the region. The fine arts include not only visual arts, but also, dance music and theatre. In a recent interview, Mary Ann stated that the directory will include "regional artists in all of the fine arts disciplines not just the visual arts that people commonly think of as artists." She said, "Many requests come from throughout the province for artists in various disciplines to enter shows, sell works or provide expertise." The Regional Arts Council would like to be able to link up the requests with the local artists.

You may phone in to the Artspace at 785-1990 with information about your skills and work you can do. The Artspace will send the compiled information about Fort St. John artists to Mary Ann who lives in Chetwynd.



The Can-Cannettes have a fresh new look. The new girls can kick higher and smile sweeter than ever before. Talent and enthusiasm have proven a great ingredient for new dances and an exciting program. The Can-Cannettes will perform for your special event for a minimal fee. Call Cindy at 787-1894 to book the Can-Cannettes.



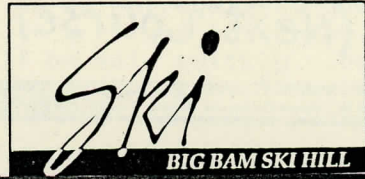
## HALLOWEEN COSTUME RENTALS

CITY HALL PARKING LOT

6 - 10 PM OCTOBER 23, 24, & 25

Contact: Marian Truscott  
787-1027

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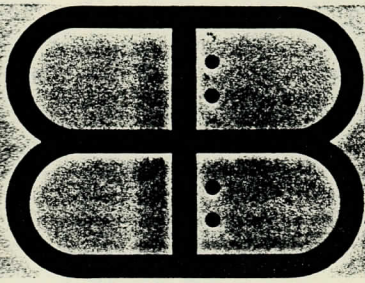
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## Artspace Classes

Registration is open for the following specialty classes:

### OCTOBER

- Oct 17 Beaded Bandanas (adult)
- Oct 20 Graffiti Shirts (8-13 yrs)
- Oct 27 Haunting Activities (8-12 yrs)
- Oct 29 Baby Saver CPR Course (adult)

### NOVEMBER

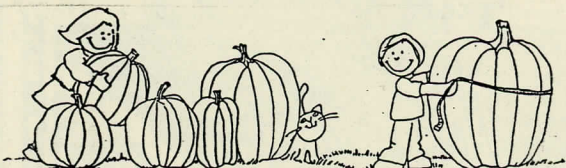
- Nov 1 Silk Scarf Tying (adult)
- Nov 3 Folded Star Quilted Ornament (9-12 yrs)
- Nov 10 Christmas Hoop (9 yrs +)
- Nov 19 Christmas Centerpiece (adult)
- Nov 24 Christmas Broom (10 yrs +)
- Nov 27 Pine Cone Wreath (adult)

Class size is limited and Pre registration is required. Call Brenda at 785-1990 for further information.

## Community Bands Schedule

- |   |         |           |
|---|---------|-----------|
| Senior Community Band<br>North Peace Secondary School | 6:30 PM | Monday    |
| Junior Concert Band<br>Bert Bowes School              | 6:30 PM | Tuesday   |
| Community Stage Band<br>Dr. Kearney School            | 7:00 PM | Tuesday   |
| Beginning Band<br>Duncan Cran School                  | 7:00 PM | Wednesday |
| Advanced Elementary Band<br>Finch School              | 7:00 PM | Wednesday |

For Further Information: Bruce Johnson 785-8580



## TOASTMASTERS CONFERENCE

**November 17**  
**MacKenzie Inn**  
**with**  
**Local Speech Contest**

**Information**  
**787-3407 or 785-3909**



# Stage North Dinner Theatre

Imagine inviting your favorite movie star to your home and he or she actually shows up on your doorstep. We can sympathize with Andrea in the one act play, "Twinkle, Twinkle" at Stage North's Dinner Theatre next month, when she answers the door in her curlers and pajamas to the man of her fantasies. "Twinkle, Twinkle" will open on Friday night November 23 at a Cabaret style evening of the performance followed by a dance and midnight snack. The traditional Dinner Theatre evening will follow on Saturday night with cocktails, dinner, performance and dance. Tickets for Friday's Cabaret are \$18 each and for Saturday's Dinner Theatre are \$32 each. Tickets will go on sale November 1st at the Artspace.

Three Stage North performers play the roles of an ordinary husband (Bo played by Tom Kirschner) and wife (Andrea played by Sandie Lacey) who have had a rather abrupt turn toward the unordinary when the television star (Ted played by Chris Gordon) appears unannounced. Things become even more intriguing when Bo has to leave for "bowling with the boys".



Director Sandi Allen and Producer Nicole Blanchette have a smile and "twinkle" in their eyes when talking about the play. "This will be an unforgettable evening," said Sandi in a recent interview. Tickets will be sold quickly. Do not wait too long to buy your tickets to a great evening out.

## LOGO CONTEST

FORT ST. JOHN & DISTRICT

**CRIME STOPPERS**

**\$100 "REWARD"**

Deadline November 15, 1990

FSJ & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
OR FSJ RCMP DETACHMENT FOR  
MORE INFORMATION

785-6307 OR 785-6617

HELP  
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## Ballroom Duo



Kevin and Marian Truscott have been teaching Ballroom Dancing for the Artspace Classes since 1985. During this time they have assisted well over 300 couples with dance steps such as the Jive, Fox Trot and Viennese Waltz. They have participated in several dance competitions and placed first over 50 other couples in the Pre Novice Latin Division which was held in Vancouver in the Spring of 1986. The Truscott duo is diversified in the dance steps they have perfected and can be sure to draw an audience when they dance the Cha Cha, Rhumba, Quick Step and Fox Trot. The weekend of Ballroom Dancing offered in the Fall session has filled quickly. Watch for the next Brochure of Session II classes which will include another fun filled weekend of dance after Christmas. The Brochure will be available at the Artspace on January 14th.

# Its Happening in Fort St. John



## OCTOBER

11	Toni Onley Show	Art Gallery
11	New Orleans Connection	Pioneer Inn
27/28	Quilters Workshop	Bert Bowes School
28	AIRING THE ARTS	MacKenzie Inn
28	Music Teachers Recital	Mennonite Church
30	Ballet BC	NPSS

## NOVEMBER

8-12	"Northern Spirits"	Art Gallery
17	NP Historical Society Pie Sale and Sing Along	Coop Mall
12-17	Missoula Childrens Theatre	Ambrose School
18-24	Canada Music Week	
23/24	Stage North Dinner Theatre	Pioneer Inn
23/24	Craftsmans Christmas Sale	Senior Citizens Hall

## DECEMBER

1	St. Andrews Party and Dance	
2	Purcell String Quartet	Pioneer Inn
5	NP Historical Society Christmas Tea	Museum
9/15	Northern Lights Choir Christmas Concert	
10	Bands Christmas Concert	NPSS

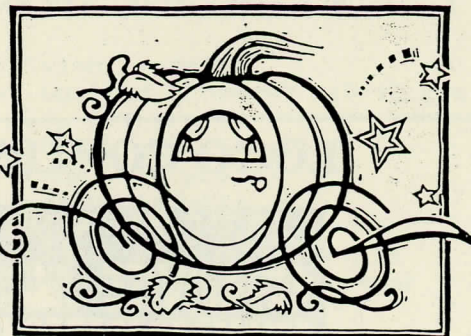
## JANUARY

15	Joe Trio	
21	Artspace Classes Registration	Artspace
26	Art Gallery Dinner Theatre	Pioneer Inn

## Local '92 Works for You

The Fort St. John '92 Committee urges all organizations to list their 1992 events with Coordinator Linda Warrington at 785-1990. Promotion of 1992 has begun and out-of-town requests for information are coming in daily. At the recent Fort St. John '92 Party, spokespeople for already planned events gave details about the BC Cattleman's Conference, Shriners Convention and the proposed Air Show. The local office for the 1992 Celebrations is located in the Artspace in the center of town. Sweatshirts sporting an Alaska Highway Celebration logo are available at the local office from 9 AM to 5 PM weekdays.

## Cinderella



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## Piano Accompanist WANTED

November 12 - 17  
\$100 Honorarium  
for  
Missoula Children's  
Theatre show of  
"Cinderella"  
with 50 local children