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Prints Boost Art Centre Funds

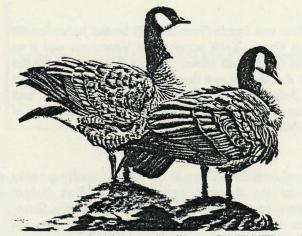
Two majestic "Canada Geese", an original artwork by BC Wildlife Artist Ken Ferris, will be permanently housed in the new Arts Centre. The "Canada Geese" were commissioned by a local business group who wished to contribute to the completion of the Arts Centre. Limited Edition Prints (200) are being sold by the Fort St. John Community Arts Council to raise funds for the Arts Centre.

Ken Ferris will be in Fort St. John the weekend of January 25 to promote the "Canada Geese" prints. Ken is well known for his realistic depiction of wildlife birds. In 1984, Ken was named "Artist of the Year" by Ducks Unlimited Canada and has helped raise funds for World Wildlife Fund and Ducks Unlimited. He has been featured in many Canada-wide newspapers and magazines. Private collectors throughout Canada, the United States and Mexico seek his work. Ken's original works sell for as much as \$6,000.

The 200 Limited Edition Prints of the Canada Geese have been appraised at \$350 each. However, the Fort St. John Arts Council in consultation with Ken determined a \$250 sale price prior to the appraisals in order to meet the deadline for printing promotional material.

Therefore, a print of "Canada Geese" will be \$250 plus GST. An investment worth purchasing as soon as possible. "Canada Geese" prints are available at the Artspace.

Limited Edition Print Canada Geese



200 PRINTS, IMAGE SIZE 21" x 28 1/2"

BY KENNETH A. FERRIS

January 26th Pioneer Inn The Peace Arts Gallery Society presents GALA DINNER/THEATRE

Tickets at Artspace \$25 per person

with the Kahurangi Maori Dancers of New Zealand

The GST Takes Its Bite

The already limited budgets of the arts groups in the North Peace are now strained with GST payments. Though most arts groups do not sell products amounting to \$30,000 and, therefore, do not collect GST, they still pay GST on goods and services along with everyone else.

However, groups can apply for 50% back of the GST they pay out over the year. Save your receipts with the GST charged to you plus the suppliers GST number. Application can be made to receive the rebate quarterly. Contact the Fort St. John Arts Council for further information.

1991 Juried Art Show

The Peace River Regional Juried Art Show opens in Fort Nelson at the Recreation Centre on February 2 with a reception from 7 - 9 PM. Art works from Fort St. John will be entered in the annual competition which is a selection process of the Provincial Exhibition of Images and Objects.

Fifteen works will be chosen by two jurors to show at the Ninth Annual Provincial Juried Art Exhibition of Images and Objects sponsored by the Assembly of BC Arts Councils. Images and Objects is part of the BC Festival of Arts to be held in North Vancouver in May 1991. The artists of the chosen works are assisted by the BC Government in attending the BC Festival of Arts to take part in art workshops and seminars.

Keith Wallace and Lynda Gammon will be the jurors for the Fort Nelson Show. Keith comes from Vancouver and is an independent curator and writer. He has been curator for the Vancouver Art Gallery and the Sunshine Coast. Lynda is an artist of 3-dimensional wall constructions, drawing and photography. She is presently teaching at the University of Victoria in Visual Arts.

The Regional Juried Art Show in the Peace Country is partly sponsored by the Regional Arts Council. Fort Nelson representatives and Juried Show organizer Rochelle Osterhout reports that Fort Nelson expects about 60 - 80 entries in the 1991 Juried Show.





Artspace Classes Coordinator, Brenda Bloxham in a recent interview stated that she is very pleased and excited about the new line up of classes for Session II. "There are many new classes for adults and young people as well as the same popular preschool programs for chilldren from ages 2 - 5," said Brenda.

Registration for this session of classes will take place from Monday, January 21 to Friday, January 25 at the Artspace from 9 AM to 5 PM daily. The classes will then begin the following week and will run for 8 weeks.

Some of the special classes being offered this session for young people are crafts by Kari, certified CPR courses and a special Easter class. For adults there are one day workshops as well as eight week courses these include crafts by Kari, certified CPR courses as well as the Soft Sculpture Dolls class using nylon.

For more information please call Brenda at the Artspace at 785-1991.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SNOW SCULPTURE COMPETITION



The winning entry will represent B.C. in the
1992 QUEBEC WINTER CARNAVAL
NATIONAL SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST.

Stage North Comedy Opens Soon



A comedy stage production opening February 14 is Stage North's next show in Fort St. John. The show "My Darling Judith" is a full-length stage play by Canadian playwright Norm Foster.

The local cast of five is directed by Kevin Truscott with the assistance of John Kelly. Although Kevin has handled every other aspect of stage production, this is his first time at directing. Kevin is the Chairman of the current Stage North Board of Directors and has chosen "My Darling Judith" for audience appeal.

Audiences will remember Dennis 'Szalai, Marian Truscott and Chris Gordon from previous Stage North shows. Sandi Allan and Anne Marie O'Donnell are relative new-comers to audience view but have been working behind the scenes in past productions.

The production requires creating a theatre in the vacant Stedmans store. Staging, lighting, seating and more must be assembled within the next month. Only 90 tickets are available for each of the nine shows.

The Opening Night Champagne Reception sponsored by Jessie Lee's will kick of the show February 14, which will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday for 3 weekends. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors and are available at the Artspace.

Editorial Comment: Why the Arts?

*The arts touch some aspect of everyday life of virtually everyone in our society. Whether you enjoy music, television, movies, stylish clothing or home furnishings, you are involved with products that have an artistic content. On the national level the arts are a 7-9 billion dollar industry annually. To be wise consumers, we must be aestheltically fit to make educated choices.

Excerpt from Administrative Package for North Peace Arts Centre by Jack
 Anderson

In the North Peace the 26 member groups of the Arts Council had a combined expenditure of \$351,050 in 1990. The indirect impact of the arts on the economy of Fort St. John was \$877,625 (combined expenditures x 2.5 lowest economic index factor). Because the arts groups exist in the North Peace, over 3/4 of a million dollars boosts the economy annualy. More than 20 local businesses focus on retail to arts endeavours. Fabrics, crafts, art supplies, music shops, sign making, galleries are primary art-related businesses. Careers in the arts encompass a wide range of possibilities.

The population of the North Peace is commonly quoted at 26,000 people. According to the 1990 statistics of member/participants and audiences of the arts activities in the North Peace, 66% of the population participates or enjoys watching the arts.

Why develop the arts in your community?

The economic benefits of the arts speak for themselves.

Book Buys

The Arts Resource Book is now available through the BC Assembly of Arts Councils. The Resource Book is a directory and training manual for fundraising for Cultural Organizations in BC. The thick 180 pages are filled with funding sources and technique tips for the beginning and advanced fundraiser. Orders can be placed by sending \$29.95 plus \$3.50 for postage/handling to ABCAC 201 - 3737 Oak street, Vancouver, B.C. V6H 2M4.

Parents can now share interest in art with their children thanks to BC Artist Mia Johnsons book Teach Your Child To Draw. The book includes an innovative and entertaining program including learning studio techniques as well as art appreciation, history and activities that stimulate young minds. The price is \$12.95 and available through to Artspace.

BC Heritage Week February 18 - 24

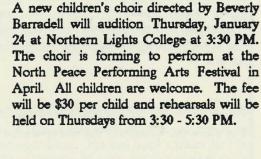
Visit the Museum in Fort St. John

11 AM to 4 PM Monday to Saturday 9323 - 100th Street

Adults \$2 / Seniors \$1.50 & Students \$1.00

Phone 787-0430 for information

Children: Come & Sing



Conductor Beverly Barradell has been performing and conducting music with Northern Lights College since 1985. She teaches music theory and flute at the college and performs in the Northern Lights Choir, Chancel Choir and the newly formed Quartet as well as the Northern Lights Chamber Ensemble. For more information on this new group please call Beverly at 785-6981.



1990 - 1991 Partly Arts Series # 6

Su Chong Lim

First Class Humor and Music about Canada from an outsiders point of view.

> Friday, Feb. 15, 1991

Pioneer Inn 8 PM

Tickets at the Artspace \$12 Adults \$7 Seniors/Students \$30 Family



There is Music In the Air....

with the Northern Lights Chamber Choir

Easter Concert

March 23 7:30 PM March 24 3:00 PM

Shared Church, Fort St. John

Performance includes works of Mozart and Dubois' "Last Seven Words of Christ"

Tickets Available at the Artspace

Crafty Person Wanted!!!

To Complete a Dollhouse Kit for a Raffle

Requires 60 hours of Hobby/Liesure Time

Offer Your Help at 785-1991

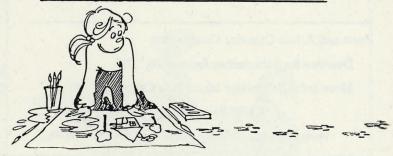
Arts Centre Update

The completion of the Arts Centre requires \$2.6 million of which \$1 million has been pledged and/or donated. Major funding sources have all been tapped and the federal and provincial governments have stated no more funds are available from them for the Arts Centre. The representatives of Taylor, Fort St. John and Regional Districts B and C are currently exploring alternatives for the remaining \$1.6 million required.

Donations are still coming in with the latest contributions from Beth Todrick \$1,000, Colliers Jewellery \$250, Alaska Highway News \$204, Millie Hazlett \$500, Ingrid Fischer \$200, Airing the Arts \$11,000, Comprehensive Construction Management \$310, Esteem Cleaning \$1285 and Murphy Oil \$1,000.

To this date 171 seats have been sold at \$200 each and 170 tiles by the Potters Guild have been sold at \$20 and \$10 each. Donations are gratefully accepted at the Artspace and a tax deductible receipt is issued for all donations.

The Arts Centre building currently remains vacant with no possibility of any use under the unfinished conditions. The economic and social loss to the community increases each day the building remains empty and the Artspace and Public Library pay rent to outside sources. Programs remain consistent but can develop no further until the new Arts Centre is complete.



From the Editor:

Insight Into The Arts is published quarterly by the Fort St. John Community Arts Council at the Artspace.

Submission deadlines are 2 weeks prior to printing:

Next Deadline: March 27, 1991 / Next issue: April 10, 1991

The Artspace Staff edits and designs the newsletter

Calendar of Events

January 1991

- 25 Ken Ferris Wildlife Artist Reception
- 26 Gallery Gala Dinner/Theatre
- 27 Music Teachers Recital
- 28 Artspace Classes Begin

February 1991

- 2/3 Peace River Regional Juried Art Show
- 15 Child Development Talent Show
- 15 Partly Arts Concert #6 Su Chong Lim
- 14,15,16 Stage North Play "My Darling Judith"
- 21,22,23,28 Stage North Play "My Darling Judith"
- 18-24 BC Heritage Week
- 18-24 Multi-Cultural Week
- 24 Music Teachers Recital

Leave Your Events and Meeting Dates with the

Artspace

Around the Province and More...

Brant Festival '91 Wildlife Art and Carving Show

April 12 - 14, 1991

Parksville, British Columbia

Box 1719 Qualicum Beach, BC V0R 2T0

752-6133

Poets and Artists Calendar Competition

Deadline for Submissions January 30, 1991

More Info: Bainbridge Island Arts Council

15626 Point Monroe Dr. NE.

Bainbridge Island WA 98110 (206)842-7901

March 1991

- 1/2 Stage North Play "My Darling Judith"
- 15/16 Peace River Regional High School Drama Festival
- 23/24 Northern Lights Chamber Choir Easter Concert
- 29 Good Friday

April 1991

- 1-7 Easter Holiday
- 15-21 North Peace Performing Arts Festival
- 21 Performing Arts Festival Honours Show
- 22 Artspace Classes Begin
- 25-27 Peace River Zone Theatre Festival
- 26/27 Dance Extravaganza
- 28 Jellison Studios Recitals

For Information on the proceeding events please call the Artspace at 785-1991



Music '91 Wants You...

To perform in Communities Throughout BC and in Fort St. John August 24 & 25

Music '91 is searching for Vocal ensembles, concert bands, pipers, jazz groups.

Musicians of All Kinds!!

APPLICATION AT THE ARTSPACE

Your Membership Supports the Artspace Operation

Family or Patron \$30

\$

Donation (Tax Deductible)\$____

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Children's Festival Planned for '92

Singers, clowns and music for children of all ages are scheduled for a 3 day Children's Festival for June 18, 19, 20 in 1992. Colorful tents, balloons, murals and lots of fun will attract hundreds of people to the first time Children's Festival of this magnitude in Fort St. John.

Coordinator Barb McCracken has gathered a crew of hard working organizers to plan for the '92 Festival a full year in advance. The Festival team includes Carol Edwards, Carey Peebles, Laurie Granett, Dennis Szalai, Val Thomas, Pam Hunter and Donna Myers. The group is currently finalizing budgets, performers, activity centers, decorations and food booths. According to Barb McCracken, scores of volunteers will be required for security, clean-up, first aid, publicity and much more. "We are in the initial stages of planning and could use lots of help," said Barb in a recent interview.

The '92 Children's Festival in Fort St. John will be centered in the Centennial Park area where colorful tents will be brought in just for this occasion.



Volunteers can call Barb at 785-0456 to offer their expertise and time. "Our Festival will be patterned after Prince George's Canadian Northern Children's Festival which is now in its 4th year of operation," said Barb. Interested volunteers are welcome to meet at 7 PM, April 17th at the Racquetball Club.

Barb and Carey Peebles attended the BC Festivals Seminar in Prince George in March where they learned about organizing and promoting the Children's Festival. Barb said, "A valuable part of the seminar was finding out about how corporations and businesses can become part of the Children's Featival." The Prince George Festival attracts thousands of families and generates many dollars for the community. "Everyone has a great time watching the performances, taking part in the activity tents, and enjoying the fun on site," said Barb.

North Peace Art Society Presents

April 19th MacKenzie inn

8th Annual Art Auction

Tickets at Artspace \$8 in advance \$8 at the door



Performing Arts Festival SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Each session admission \$1 at the door Festival Pass for all sessions \$8

Date	Session	Competition
Wednesday	1 PM - 4 PM	Piano Competition
April 17	7 PM - 9 PM	Mennonite Church
Thursday	9 AM - 12 Noon	Piano Competition
April 18	1 PM - 3 PM	Mennonite Church
Friday	9 AM - 12 Noon	Piano Competition
April 19	1 PM - 4 PM	Mennonite Church
	7 PM - 9 PM	
		Vocal Competition
	1 PM - 3 PM	Immaculata Hall
	7:30 PM - 9 PM	NL College
	1 PM - 5 PM	Dance Competition
	6 PM - 10 PM	NPSS
Saturday	10:30 - 12 Noon	InstrumentalComp.
April 20	1 PM - 5 PM	NL College
	8 AM - 12 Noon	Dance Competition
	1 PM - 5:30 PM	NPSS
	6:30PM-10:30PM	
Sunday	2 PM - 4 PM	Honours Concert
April 21		NPSS
To serve the law		Tickets \$6 each

Required Reading

Reference books now in at the Artspace for use by Arts Council groups include:

Arts Resource Book published by the Assembly of BC Arts Council. This reference book describes funding arts projects, events and facilities from the first idea through to all funding sources. The book is helpful in gathering community, corporate, government and foundation support for arts development.

The 1990-91 Canadian Directory to Foundation lists all Foundations in Canada complete with their emphasis, application proceedures, deadline dates and past contributions to various organizations.

Establishing a Planned Giving Program to develop long term contributions from individuals and groups. This book outlines the legal responsibilities and long term plans required for secure annual funding sources.

Stop into the Artspace to use these reference books and others that may be useful to your organization.

North Peace Dramazone presents:

Dirty Work at the Crossroads

A melodrama in three acts

April 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 at 7:30 PM - Drama Room NPSS Tickets at the Artspace \$4 Students/Seniors & \$6 Adults

Contact:

785-1991

Barb at City Hall 785-4443 or Pam at Artspace Music '91 Roadshow Weekend SEARCHING FOR LOCAL PERFORMERS!

August 24th and 25th at Bear Flats

A chance of a lifetime to be seen and heard III

Music '91 Is For Kids

Enough fun for 450 children each hour is the prediction for the Kidzone, part of the Music '91 Roadshow Weekend August 24th and 25th.

The Kidzone has many workshops and activities for youngsters from mask making to playing musical intruments during the 2 day Music '91 Weekend at Bear Flats. Five instructors of Kidzone are traveling with the Roadshow Weekends throughout the province and are bringing tents to accommodate seven workshops a day in each of three tents. the creations in the making will be masks, flags and banners and muscial instruments. Children will also be able to help paint a mural.

Two additional instructors are bringing 10 Yamaha keyboards with headphones and small and large percussion instruments to conduct rhythm and singing sessions. This tent can handle 60 - 80 children each hour.

Another tent will have a Walk-on synthesizer which any child is free to try. Face painting and Storytelling will add even more fun to the active packed weekend at the Kidzone during Music '91 Roadshow Weekend.

Be A Good Egg Contest Results

Bunny faces were popular at the face painting booth during the "Be A Good Egg Contest" on March 30 at the Totam Mall. The winners of the bikes from Zellers were: Silia Dawn Harder, Jacqueline Foster, and Marie Light.

The winners of the walkmans from Top Forty were: Michelle Wies, Andrea Bitner



and Krystal LaFleur. The winners of the bunnies from Zeillers were Adrienne Petzold, Ashley Stanger, and Krix Carter. The business eggs were topped by the Dental Clinic which received \$100 in Totem Mall dollars and the Can-Cannettes which received a party tray from the Totem Mall merchants.

Half to the Arts Centre and Half to Northern Dance Theatre Society

Car Wash April 12/13 & May 4/5

"Clean Up and Make You and the Arts Sparkle"

Community Bands Schedule

Mini Concerts in Schools - Public Welcome

Date	Time	Place
April 18	9 AM	Robert Ogilvie
	11 AM	NPSS
	1:20 PM	Taylor
	W. P. S.	
April 19	9:15 AM	C.M. Finch
	11 AM	Central Elementary
	1:30 PM	Alwin Holland
April 23	9:30 AM	Charlie Lake
	11:15 AM	Baldonnel
	1:05 PM	Dr. Kearney
April 24	9:15 AM	Duncan Cran
	11:05 AM	Bert Bowes
	1:15 PM	Bert Ambrose

FINAL SPRING CONCERT

May 16 7 PM

NPSS



Sue Hart created the new design on the Artspace Classes brochure which is available now at the Artspace.

New Members of Arts Council

Three new groups have been added to the Arts Council in the past few months bringing the total to 30 member groups. The member groups represent 66% of the area population that are involved in actively participating or in watching the arts in the North Peace.

The Embroidery Guild is meeting each month offering tempting skill training sessions and attractive projects for any interested people. The Toastmasters have joined the Arts Council realizing that speech arts and public speaking is an art form as well as other more visible artistic endouvours. The Toastmasters have just completed contests and conferences this past month where region-wide speech competitions attracted speech artsist from neighbouring communities. The '92 Children's Festival organization has been recently formed to plan for an exciting three day musical feast for children of all ages in June 18, 19, 20, 1992.

The Arts Council has been a non-profit organization since 1976 dedicated to the stimulation and development of cultural activities in the North Peace. The latest brochure has just been published and can be picked up at the Artspace.

New Artwork for Brochure

Drawing and calligraphy are just two of the talents of Sue Hart, artist and Artspace Classes teacher. Sue recently designed the cover of the Artspace Classes brochure. She said, "The Classes design had to show children making things."

The design can be used in part or as a whole depending on the focus of the classes. Sue has taught drawing throught the Artspace for both adults and children. Though she will not be able to teach a course this Spring, she plans to return to the Classes in the Fall. The Spring Session brochure is now available at the Artspace for April 15 - 19 registration.

North Peace Historical Society presents:

Trip for Two to

Valued at \$1,599.31

Tickets: \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00

Draw: Monday, April 29, 1991 at

12:30 PM MacKenzie Inn

Proceeds to Museum - 787-0430

Fort St. John Literacy Society

The Fort St. John Literacy Society is a newly established non-profit society which are concerned about illiteracy in Fort St. John. It aims to promote the access to literacy for adults, to match adult learners with volunteer tutors, to establish a storefront literacy drop-in centre, to educate the public on the nature of illiteracy, its causes and effects, and to encourage the leadership and involvement of students in literacy activities.

In March of 1991 the Northern Lights College and the Fort St. John Literacy Society have joined forces to establish a tutor training course. This free course consists of six evening sessions which helps tutors to plan lessons, set goals and assess learners.

If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved in the society or program, please call 785-3731.

Can-Cannettes on BBC

Television cameras filmed the Can-Cannettes from Fort St. John while they performed at the International Convention of the Bison Association in Grande Prarie in February. "We had no idea we would be on the BBC national T.V.," exclaimed Cindy Rost, one of the coordinators of the Can-Cannettes. BBC has not given them a date for the nation-wide broadcast yet but Cindy said, "They will send us a copy of the tape." The Knowledge Network or Discovery Channel in British Columbia will also be featuring the Can-Cannettes.

The Can-Cannettes are branching out. On May 1 they will make a professional promotional video to send to Barkerville, Edmonton and Disney land. "We have worked hard since our last big tour to Expo '86," said Cindy. The Can-Cannettes have a one hour show now under the direction of Cindy, in her 5th year with the Can-Cannettes, and Patty Musselman who has been with the troupe for 6 years. The Can-Cannettes rehearse every Monday and Wednesday at a steady, breaktaking pace for 2 1/2 hours each night. These eighteen mothers and working girls say the exercise is great, the performances are fun and the excitement about future tours is exhilerating. The Can-Cannettes are prepared to perform for any special event or conference. Call Cindy Rost at 787-1894 for booking information.

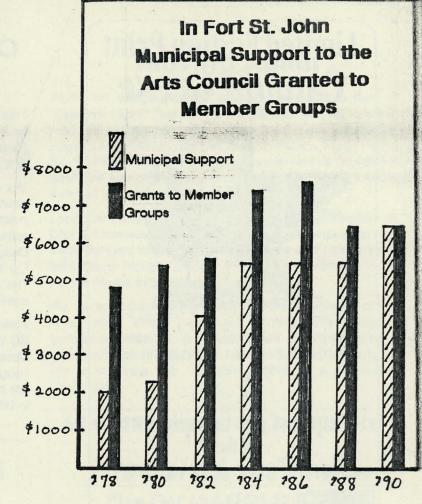
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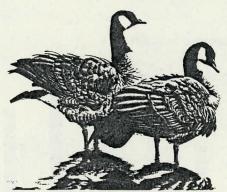
Arts Council Encourages Growth

Grant applications are mailed to all member groups in late August. Applications are due by late September and adjudicated in October. The adjudication committee consists of one person from each applicant and the executive of the Arts Council. Grants are adjudicated on the following:

- 1. Number of members in group.
- 2 Benefit to community at large.
- 3. Other sources of funds/group fundraising.
- 4. Stage of development and growth.
- 5. Cooperation with other art groups.

All successful applicants have one year to use the funds allocated to them. Contact the Artspace for further information.

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200 PRINTS, IMAGE SIZE 21" x 28 1 2"

BY KENNETH A. FERRIS

"The beauty and complexity of our natural world have long been a great inspiration for my artwork."

Kenneth A. Ferris BC. WILDLIFE ARTIST

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What's Brewing?



Gallery Blend Coffee

Available at the Artspace

Calling all Young Artists

Young artists have a chance to have their artwork selected to tour the province in the 1991 BC Young Artists Exhibition. The call for entries is open until April 15, 1991. Entry forms are available at the Artspace.

The competition is open to all BC young people under 18 years old. A \$2 entry fee along with an original drawing, painting, original print, photograph or two dimensional collage can be sent to the Emily Carr College of Art and Design Outreach Program no later than 5 PM on April 15. Up to 80 selected works will tour the province in 1992. The Artspace in Fort St. John will be displaying the show sometime during the 1992 Tour.

A six year old Fort St. John artist had her work in the 1989 BC Young Artist Exhibition Tour. Natalie Sheh, daughter of Doug and Donna Sheh drew a fascinating ship which caught the eye of the adjudicators. Hundreds of entries are received for the selection process but only 80 will tour in 1992.

License Required After April 1st

Any reception serving wine or other alcoholic beverages requires a \$10 Special Occasion license from the Liquor Store signed by the RCMP. Recently, the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch ruled that the person requesting that license is required to take a training course, obtain a license number and be present the entire time the reception takes place. That person with the license number is responsible for the proper conduct of the people at the gathering.

If the liquor is being sold, the server must also have been trained and have a serving license number. However, in the case of volunteer servers of complimentary alcoholic beverages the serving course and license are not required, only the licensee person with the proper traing is required.

All arts groups that have wine and cheese receptions should encourage two or three members to become license holders. The Manual for the Licensee Program can be obtained at the Liquor Store, this is a self-study package. The course and test can be taken by correspondence and with the fee of \$48.00 anyone can obtain a license number. For further questions, Glen Barry of the Liquor Board can be reached at 787-3345.

North Peace Performing Arts Festival Supporters

Thank you to these Festival Supporters for making the North Peace Performing Arts Festival a Great Success.

Northern Dance Theatre Society FSJ Community Arts Council

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North Peace Music Teachers Association
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Peace River Photocopy
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North Peace Savings and Credt Union

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Perceptor Chapter Beta Sigma Alpha

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School District # 60

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Immaculata Hall

Performing Arts Festival in FSJ April 17 - 21, 1991

Northern Lights College

The Artspace

Moving Again

Work on Stage North's festival-bound production of "Opening Night" had to be suspended for yet another move to another temporary home. No space suitable for public performances has been found, but the North Peace Savings and Credit Union has agreed to rent us (at minimal cost) the former "Blues and Shoes" store (10067 - 100th Avenue) for rehearsal and working space.

Local performances of "Opening Night" will take place at Charlie Lake school, May 3, 4, 10, & 11. Needless to say, these frequent moves drain time, energy and money away from Stage North's primary interest and function - community theatre production.

We are anxiously looking forward to the completion of the Arts Centre where permanent, professionally designed facilities will allow us to present more plays and attempt more complex productions. Please support any and all efforts to bring this valuable project to a successful conclusion.

A Fund Raiser for the Arts Centre

Take Your Pick - Be A Winner Play Get the GOLD RUSH

by the Fort St. John Community Arts Council



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Calendar of Events

April 1991	
4 - 26	Regional Juried Art Show Selected Works
12	Spring Thaw Frolic - Heritage Costume Dance
11/12/13	"Dirty Work at the Crossroads" - Dramazone play
18/19/20	"Dirty Work at the crossroads" - at NPSS
19-21	CKNL Radio Trade Show
17-21	North Peace Performing Arts Festival
17-19	Piano Competition - Mennonite Church
19-20	Dance Competition - NPSS gymnasium
19	Vocal and Choir - Immaculata Hall / NLC
20	Strings/Winds - Northern Lights College
20	Piano Workshop with Susan deBurgh
21	Honours Performance - NP Performing Arts
19	Annual Art Auction
22	Artspace Classes Begin Spring Session
26/27	Dance Extravaganza - Northern Dance
28	Jellison Studios Recitals
25 - 27	Peace River Zone Drama Festivals - Dawson Cr.
26	Stage North - "Opening Night" - Dawson Creek
28	Music Teachers Recital
May 1991	Chart of grantenic take the said of and
3/4	Stage North production - "Opening Night"
10/11	Stage North production - "Opening Night"
6	Arts Show by Irene Horner - Totem Mall Gallery
16	Community Bands Concert - NPSS - 7 PM
June 1991	
1	Miss Fort St. John Pageant
1	Mainstage BC Theatre Competitions - Nelson,BC
6	Art Society Semi-Annual Show and Sale

Museum Yard Sale

Around the Province and Beyond

Brant Festival '91 Wildlife Art and Carving Show

April 12 - 14 Parksville, B.C.

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Festival of the Arts

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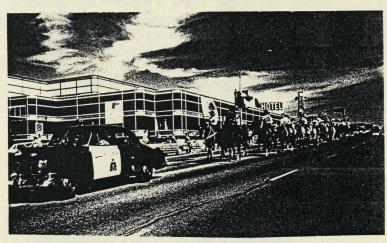
Cultural Centre To Be Completed by Spring 1992

Work has begun on the final construction phase of the new Cultural Centre in Fort St. John. The North Peace Cultural Society is anticipating a Spring opening. The 30,000 residents of the North Peace will have a new Public Library, Artspace educational area, Art Gallery and a 400 seat theatre after seven years of work.

Kalmar Construction was awarded the Project Management contract for the final construction phase. Kalmar owner Kim Henry and project manager Don Swanton have begun preconstruction work with labour assistance from Employment and Immigration Canada. When Howard/Yano Architects complete the working drawings, full construction will commence in all four sections of the building.

The \$4.6 million North Peace Cultural Centre will be completed with as much local contributions in materials as possible. The North Peace Cultural Society Building Committee under the direction of Mike Waberski, has set a tight budget for the completion of the facility.

The North Peace Cultural Society began the Cultural Centre development in 1985 with the application to



the Expo Legacy fund for \$1,000,000 by the City of Fort St. John, District of Taylor and Regional Areas B and C After a number of political and financial set-backs, the Society appealled to the City of Fort St. John and District of Taylor to borrow the \$850,000 required to complete the construction.

On September 6, 1991 the construction was given the green light when the financial requirements were resolved.

Additional fundraising is an on-going project for equipment and capital. All contributions are tax deductible and receipts are available at the Artspace.

Seats in the theatre are being sold for a \$200 contribution. The donors name will be engraved on a plaque on each seat. Of the 400 seats available, 174 have been sold.

The North Peace Cultural Centre will be a community use facility for conferences, concerts, school events, exhibitions and receptions among many other special events. The location on the 100% corner of downtown Fort St. John makes the facility accessible from restaurants, hotels and retail shops.

There have been years of working and waiting for a Cultural Centre. The finished North Peace Cultural Cenre will be a definate asset to the community.

Play Written for 1992 Celebrations

Just where was the Hudson's Bay located in 1942? First time playwright Debra Butler has discovered that it was located where City Furniture sits now. Debra is researching life in Fort St. John in 1942 during the construction of the Alaska Highway. She is writing a play which will be staged in Fort St. John in early summer for the '92 Celebrations.

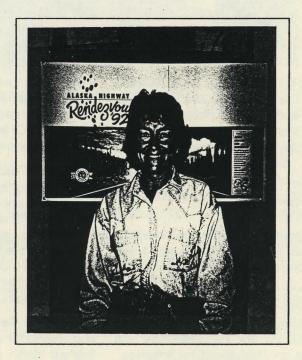
Debra received a Canada Council Explorations grant to research and write the 1942-92 play. She has a background in journalism writing for the Northerner and Western Producer. She is fondly called the "rural Correspondant" for the Cattlemen's magazine and she has spent 18 years farming in rose Prarie with her husband and four children.

Debra plans to emphasize the humour and real life accomplishments and tragedies of the local people during the construction of the Highway. She wants to depict the impact of the building of the highway and influx of the soldiers on this otherwise sleepy community.

In her research Debra has discovered that after 50 years, many pioneers quite often don't remember the day to day occurances of 1942. She says the ones who have the most to tell tend to be the least enthusiastic about relating their stories. Some of the most unexpected answers have begun to fill her pages for a humourous look at Fort St. John in 1942. Debra said she included the story of the woman who said, "Oh, no they came to sell" when asked about when the soldiers came into town to buy cigarettes. Included in the play is a complete lesson in the art of hand washing from a basin in the dead of winter.

Debra is seeking help from Daniel Vecchio, a drama teacher at North Peace Secondary School and Kevin Truscott of Stage North in adapting her full length play for the stage. The production will open in early summer. Look for further details in the Spring.

Debra Butler is writing a play about Fort St. John during 1942 the building of the Alaska Highway. With the financial assistance of the Canada Exploration Council Program, Debra will work with Stage North in mounting the play for stage the summer of 1992.



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A Penny Report

Pennies are still being counted. Thousands of pennies came off the Cultural Centre stage after the "Staging a Penny Drive" ended in July this year. The fundraiser by the Fort St. John Community Arts Council began July 1, 1989 and proceeded smoothly until pennies became scarce when the GST was introduced in January 1991.

The Arts Council had 15 people working for 3 hours in shovelling and carting pennies when the stage was cleared. An estimate of 600,000 - 800,000 may have been an exaggeration of the numbers of pennies covering the stage at the end.

Currently about 300,000 pennies have been counted, rolled and sold to the banks and stores who are cooperating in this project.

Thanks to the Bank of Montreal, The Royal Bank, North Peace Savings and Credit Union, Zellers and Overwaitea who are buying pennies. The Bank of Commerce has provided the thousands of roll papers required to contain the pennies. The City of Fort St. John provided the coin counters.

Numerous volunteers have counted and rolled pennies. The job should be done soon and the "Guess the Number" contest will be checked for anyone who may have guessed how many pennies were actually on the stage.

Artspace Classes Schedule 1991-92

Fall Session

September 23 - November 30

10 weeks

Registration September 16 - 20

Winter Session

January 20 - March 14

8 weeks

Registration January 13 - 17

Spring Session

April 27 - June 20

8 weeks

Registration April 21 - 24

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council is Proud to Announce the

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The Great Mozart Hunt Saturday, November 30, 1991

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"Musical and Imaginative"

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Jazz dance with rhythm and rock from Cal-

Missoula Children's Theatre Saturday, February 22, 1992

Fifty local children performing in "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" after one week's rehearsals. "Creative and Surprising

Jest In Time Friday, March 27, 1992

Mime, theatre and dance of absurd day-by-day incidents revealed as humorous and

"Lively and Skillful"

Lorne Elliott Wednesday, April 8, 1992

A wacky performance by a stand-up comedian and musician with keen observations of today's trends and idiosyncrasies. "Original and Funny"



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The Artspace Would Like to Welcome. Eve Lepinski - the new FSJ 1992 Committee Coordinator

Volunteer Boards Learn Skills

Volunteer Boards of Directors of arts groups can get ahead of other volunteer boards in the community by taking advantage of the <u>Board Development Workshop</u> on November 16 and 17.

This hands-on, instructional workshop will clear up much of the uncertainty volunteers feel about their roles and responsibilities as practical skills in board development, facilitational and management methods and actual plans for better Board member involvement.

The workshop facilitators have conducted this program throughout British Columbia. They are sponsored by the Assembly of B.C. Arts Councils. The workshop is hosted by the Peace-Liard Regional Arts Council at the Artspace in Fort St. John.

The first registrant of any Board of Directors is charged a \$35 fee. Each additional Board member is \$25. Each registrant must attend all three sessions due to the nature of the material. The 3 sessions are Saturday morning and afternoon and Sunday morning. Register at the Artspace before November 1.

Auditions for Christmas Special

The town will be singing "A Christmas Carol" this winter season when Stage North presents this well-known traditional production on December 5 - 15. Auditions will be held September 14, 21 & 28 from 2 - 5 PM and on September 17 & 18 in the evening at the old Blues and Shoes location on 100th Avenue. A full cast of 20 plus a Tiny Tim will draw teens and adults to try out for the roles. If you are interested in auditioning and require further information please call Linda Scarfo at 787-0206 or 787-1325.

Scrooge and the narrator Charles Dickins are usually the most sought after parts.

Boards of Directors of music, dance and arts groups are urged to attend. Libraries, museums and gallery boards would find this workshop very helpful also. For further information phone 785-1991. However, it appears that the ghosts and spirits in this production planned by Stage North will be the most intriguing characters to play. Singers will be auditioned at a later date.

Volunteers are always needed for set design, construction, sound and lighting technique and costume making. Join this lively bunch for an exciting Fall of rehearsals and fun in creating "A Christmas Carol."

Local Actress in National Play Workshops

Stage North member Marian Truscott recently returned from a week in North Vancouver as an actress in the National Play Write Competition's New Play Workshops.

This is the 3rd year that Theatre BC has held the National Play Writing Competitions and this is the first year they have added the New Play Workshops.

The New Play Workshops are the working of the 3 winning plays (1 full lenght, 1 one act and 1 Award of Merit) with the writer, a professional director, and a cast of actors.

The plays go through a week of intensive editing and fine tuning and are presented at the end of the week in a Staged Reading.

This year 199 plays were received and 85 of those plays were from BC. The One Act and the Award of Merit plays were both by Lower Mainland writers and it should be noted that in past years the winning plays from this competition have secured contracts with professional theatre companies within a year.



The men who will head up the job of completing the construction of the North Peace Cultural Centre are: Building Committee member Larry Evans, Kalmar Construction Kim Henry and Project Manager Don Swanton.

National Play Workshops con'd

Resumes for workshop actors were received from both professional and amateur actors from as far away as Toronto.

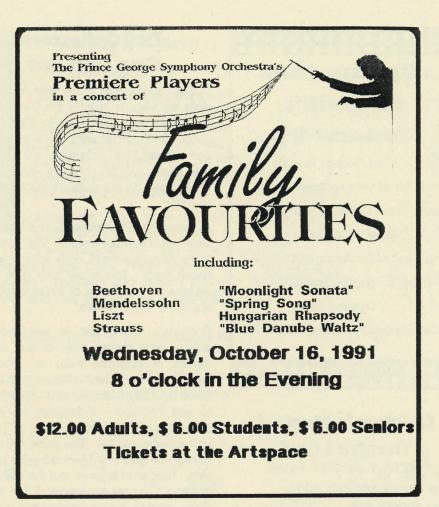
Marian was cast in one of the 2 female lead roles in the full length play "Attack of the 50 Foot Woman" by Mathew Decter of Montreal. The director for this show was Kim Selody of Vancouver, he was recently appointed Artistic Director for the Arts Club Theatre on Granville Island. Kim grew up in Prince George and he came to many highschool theatre festivals in Fort St. John. The cast of eight also included professional actor, Melody Williamson from Vancouver.





Charlotte Diamond

Charlotte Diamond has completed five recordings a new video and won a string of awards. She has excited children throughout Canada and the USA and will come to Fort St. John for the first Children's Festival in June, 1992.



Children's Festival Popping Surprises

Charlotte Diamond headlines the performances scheduled for the first Fort St. John Children's Festival in June 18 - 20, 1992. Centennial Park will be an array of colors and filled with excitement when the tents and banners are put up for the Children's Festival.

Festival organizer Barb McCracken and her committee have planned three full days of performances by top children's entertainers, local performers and street fun. hands-on activities will give children an opportunity to create flags, masks and banners along with sculptures and music makers.

Two other headline performers are expected to confirm soon. Charlotte Diamond has been a children's favorite since 1986 when her well

known album 10 Carrot Diamond won the Juno Award in BC. Charlotte has won the Children's Performer of the year for 3 years. She has toured Canada and the USA singing her songs which charm children everywhere.

The schedule of events includes nine shows and two variety shows. The Children's Festival committee is working closely with the School District #60 Cultural Program to assure that the elementary school children can attend the Festival. Parents will want to join the fun also.

The committee of the Fort St. John Children's Festival is a group of the Fort St. John Community Arts Council. They are receiving guidance and funding advice from the Arts Council for this pilot project in Fort St. John. The Children's Festival may become a bi-annual event if the pilot project is totally successful.

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Children's Musical Theatre Local

The cast of 17 local children has been chosen and "Winnie the Pooh" will dance on stage November 30 and December 1 when the Kids



in the Playhouse



in the Playhouse Theatre Company present their first show.

This new company has been initiated by Noelle Jellison and Bev Barradell. The Jellisons are well known for their dance and technical theatre expertise and the Barradel's for their voice directing and production expertise. Val Stanley will be the planist.

The Company plans to tour "Winnie the Pooh" to neighbouring communities of Dawson Creek, Tumbler Ridge and Fort Nelson. They hope to make this an annual event to allow children from 5 to 18 years old to be in a musical production each year.

Doll Collectors Step Forward

Doll collectors and those who restore dolls will want to attend the first Dolls & Bears Show and Sale in Fort St. John. On October 26th, more than 15 enthusiastic doll collectors will open the doors of St. Martins Anglican Church hall to the public from 10 AM to 4 PM.

A maker of dolls, clowns, and bears, Corrinne Neumann said, "We know many people collect dolls and a few repair them. This show may give us an idea of how many of those people are in the North Peace."

Corrinne's committee is welcoming anyone who makes dolls, bears, and clowns or restores them or makes related furniture and clothes. Interested exhibitors should call 787-7044 to get involved. Admission to the show is only \$2 and includes a Tea and draw for a doll. This show will be fun for little girls and fascinating for big girls. They plan to point out the oldest doll and the most expensive doll in the show among other interesting doll related activities.



Fort St. John Old Time Fiddlers

Invite Fun-loving Fiddlers

To join the group for the Coming Season Call 785-5103 for information



Toastmaster's Talk It Up

Big Peace River
Toastmaster's Round-Up
October 5

St. Mark's Anglican Church
Dawson Creek, B.C.

9 Am to 10 PM \$30 fee

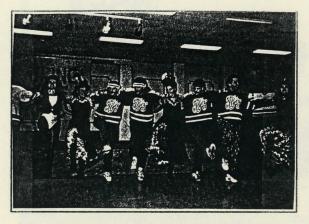
Fort St. John: 785-4174 Dawson Creek: 786-5249

Children's Choir Sings Again

The Northern Lights Children's Choir was formed in the Spring of 1991 to provide the joy of choral singing while learning the principles of melody and harmony. On its first season the choir learned and performed music from the folk, popular and classical fields.

The choir is conducted by Bev Barradell, an accomplished singer, actress and instructor in the area. Bev also conducts the Northern Lights Chancel Choir and the Kids in the Playhouse Musical Theatre Company. The choir will be accompanied by local piano instructor Val Stanley.

In this fall season the choir will learn a program of children's and traditional Christmas music for performances during the Christmas Season. For the Spring session the choir will be doing a program with a view to Festival performances. For more information call the College at 785-6981.



Airing the Arts October 27

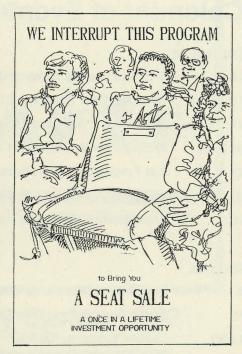
The Huskies and Flyers were a hit at the Airing the Arts in 1990 when they competed for the best Can-Can technique. The Can-Canettes spokesperson Cindy Rost has invited the match again for a more spectacular event.

Airing the Arts is a six hour performance and radio show at the MacKenzie Inn from 12 to 6

PM. Pledges for the Cultural Centre are phoned in and CKNL Radio broadcasts performances and interviews all Sunday afternoon. The local arts groups that will perform are the community bands, choirs and dance groups. Individual performances are welcome.

The audience is invited to listen on the radio or come down to the MacKenzie Inn and enjoy the show.

Airing the Arts T-shirts are available at the Artspace for only \$15. All contributions are tax-deductible and funds raised will be used for the final construction Phase of the Cultural Centre.

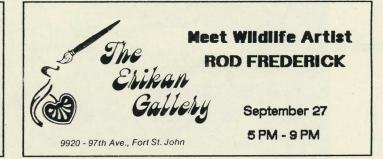


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Sing "The Messiah"

Here's your chance to become famous! The Northern Lights Chamber Choir, under the direction of Merrill Flewelling, is looking for new members to perform Handel's "Messiah".

This Christmas anyone who like to sing is welcome. Being able to read music is not necessary. The music is learned through tapes.

Come to rehearsals on Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM at Duncan Cran School. Mens voices are particularly welcome.

For more information call the College at 785-6981.



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Calendar of Events

September

16 Artspace Classes registration 9 AM - 5 PM
18 - 25 Canadian Deaf Theatre in School District #60
14, 17, 18, Auditions for "A Christmas Carol"
21 & 28 Auditions for "A Christmas Carol"

21 Kite Festival by Big Brothers and Big Sisters
23 Artspace Classes Begins (10 week session)

23 Royal Museum Speakers Tour

October

5 Raku Pottery Workshop - Registration necessary

16 Prince George Symphony Orchestra

19/20 Quilters Workship "Quillow"

26 Doll Show and Sale

27 Airing the Arts on CKNL - MacKenzie Inn

November

2 Mystery Dinner and Costume Ball 8 Partly Arts Series Rawlins Cross

15 Regional Arts Council Meeting - Artspace 7 PM

16/17 Board Development Workshop - Artspace 9 AM

22/23 Craftsman's Christmas Show and Sale

30/1 "Winnie the Pooh" Musical Show

30 Partiy Arts Series - "The Great Mozart Hunt"

December

4 Partty Arts Series - "Decidedly Jazz Danceworks"

5/6/7 "A Christmas Carol" Stage North Production

12/13/14 "A Christmas Carol" Stage North Production

9 Community Band Christmas Concert

Northern Lights Chamber Choir Concert

Coming Up in 1992



- * Regional Juried Art Show January 10 17
- * Missoula Children's Theatre Snow White
 - Auditions February 16 -
- * Festival of the Performing Arts April 8 12

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