

City of Fort St. John Other Community Initiatives

Art in the Park Program

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council, with the support of the City of Fort St. John, organized an Art in the Park exhibition on July 1st, 2002 as part of the Canada Day celebrations at Centennial Park. Art in the Park showcases and celebrates the talent and diversity of local artists and their work to the general public. First started last year as part of the BC Festival of the Arts held in Fort St. John, Art in the Park inspires hands-on involvement in the Arts. Awareness and appreciation of the thriving arts community in and around Fort St. John is also gained through this event.

This year, Art in the Park consisted of three exhibits: a Local Artist's Display and Sale Tent, a Children's Hands-On Activity Tent and a Birdhouse Exhibit Tent featuring student built birdhouses. Thanks to a grant from Habitat 2000, as part of Ecole Central School's Greening Project, a grade six class built twelve birdhouses under the artistic direction of local artist Sandy Trout.

The exhibition saw many visitors despite the rainy day. A highlight of the Children's Activities Tent featured a progressive sculpture activity with a six foot tree made of copper pipes. Children added colourful wires to the sculpture creating an original art piece that will be on display in the City of Fort St. John.

Visitors to the Local Artist's Tent were treated to Spinning And Weaving, poetry writing, photography (Northern Lights), candle making, gourd art and pine needle coiling, painting, sketching, metal work, pottery, band instruments, textiles, Native crafts and rock art. Art in the Park is intended to become an annual event enjoyed by all ages.

