

Peace-Liard Regional

arts beat

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Dawson Creek Hosts Regional Juried Art Exhibit

The Peace Liard Regional Arts Council, South Peace Community Arts Council and the Dawson Creek Art Gallery are pleased to host the 24th annual Peace Liard Regional Juried Art Exhibit. This exhibit has offered regional emerging artists the opportunity to share their creativity with the larger community since 1982.

The 2006 Regional Juried Exhibition will be held at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery and all regional artists are invited to enter in one of three categories: Open, Student, and Class Project. Three awards are available; an \$800 Recognition Award and \$200 Student Award, both sponsored by **Encana Corp**, as well as a People's Choice Award, sponsored by the hosting committee.

This year's juror is Doug Wills. Wills received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from The University of Calgary in 1981 and has been a practicing artist since that time. Majoring in Ceramics and Sculpture, his recent interests have been in the areas of Graphic Design and mixed media paper work. He also has a Professional Certificate in Multimedia Technology and upon moving to Grande Prairie, he spent 2 years as the Fine Arts Technician at Grande Prairie Regional College while teaching both credit and non-credit courses in Digital Imagery. He is currently the Curator at the Prairie Art Gallery in Grande Prairie.

Included in the Regional Juried Exhibit schedule is a workshop led by artist Tina Martell. As an emerging artist in today's art world, it is important to have the skills and knowledge to document and promote your work. Martel will explain the process needed to access galleries and other exhibition opportunities as well as how to record your work for posterity. Tina will also present examples of her recent work. Tina earned a BFA in painting at the Alberta College of Art and Design in Calgary and a MFA, also in painting, at the University of Calgary. She is currently a full time instructor at Grande Prairie Regional College. She has exhibited across Canada and internationally in Germany, New York, Omaha and Tel Aviv.

Entry deadline for this exhibit is February 27th and forms are available through your community Arts Council or local gallery. Phone the Dawson Creek Art Gallery for more information at 768-2601.



The City of Fort St. John will be hosting the second annual **High on Ice Winter Carnival**, February 10th to 12th, 2006. The carnival includes a number of exciting community events such as a Fishing Derby, Snow Golf, Speed Skating and Curling. The crowds will be gathering for the exciting British Columbia Ice Sculpting Championships to be held in Centennial Park starting February 10th. The ice sculpting program includes a professional category that has been sanctioned by the National Ice Sculpting Association. This event will bring together 15 professional and 25 amateur Ice Carving teams, as well as 15 amateur Snow Sculpting teams. Judges Chuck Cooper, Pat Galbraith and Peter Vogelaar will be on hand to choose from over 50 creations by these enthusiastic artists. Up for grabs are People's Choice Award, Sponsor's Choice Award, and a Judge's Choice Award.

The professional teams will begin on Friday night, February 10th at 7pm and continue throughout Saturday and Sunday. The amateur teams will join them for Saturday and Sunday. This is a great opportunity for families and friends to get out there, have fun, and celebrate winter!



"Grumpy Old Men Keep Toes Tappin' "

Friday evenings, Chetwynd swings to a country beat with the music of Ross Roberts & Barry Kelm, a.k.a. "Grumpy Old Men."

Both residents of Chetwynd since the 1960's, Ross and Barry were brought together by a mutual love for country music, and in recent years became known as "Grumpy Old Men." Both taking turns singing lead, with Barry playing backup and bass guitar, and Ross on lead guitar, "Grumpy Old Men" celebrate life, love and good old country music.

This fall has seen the release of their first two original songs, both written by Ross Roberts; "Rainbow Moon" and "Dance With Me Darlin" as well as a third song in progress at the Prince George recording studio of Doug Jack (Grouch Productions). Doug was one of the original "Grumpy Old Men" and can be heard accompanying Ross and Barry in these songs on the keyboard, as well as singing backup. Both of these songs have had air time on CJDC 890 Radio and Peace FM.

Ross wrote "Rainbow Moon" after his dad passed away in May 2005 and it is about his mom and dad's life together of almost 59 years. Then he and his wife wrote "Dance With Me Darlin" while out camping this past summer. Ross has quite a few songs that the group performs, and he continues to come up with new ideas. Barry has started writing too so we will soon hear some of his work. When they are playing live, they use a vast assortment of cover country songs along with their original material. A good dance beat is a must!

Join Chetwynd music lovers in dancing to the beat of "Grumpy Old Men" every Friday night at Grumpy's Family Restaurant. Ross and Barry also take bookings for Saturdays for weddings, parties, reunions, etc. They love their fans and welcome a chance to visit during their Friday gigs.



Upcoming Events 2006

**There is number of upcoming events to look forward to in 2006.
Make sure you mark them on your calendar!**

February 3 to 10	Spirit of 2010 Week	Province Wide
February 9 to 12	Canadian Communities in Bloom Awards Conference	Ft St. John
March 29 to 31	Artscan	Roundhouse in Vancouver
March 31 to April 4	Pacific Contact	Vancouver
April 21 to 23	Assembly of BC Arts Councils Conference	Mission
April 23 to 29	BC Arts and Culture Week	Province Wide
May 3 to 6	Theatre BC PR Zone Festival	Pearkes Centre - Hudson's Hope
September 14 to 16	Canada-West Theatre Festival	hosted by Fort St. John
October 18 to 21	BC Museums Conference	Prince George

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Fort St. John Community Arts Council	Laurie Petrucci	787-2479
South Peace Community Arts Council (Dawson Creek)	Ellen Corea	782-2601
Tumbler Ridge Community Arts Council	Erin Hanna	242-3364
Phoenix Theatre (Fort Nelson)	Doug Roper	774-2241

We would love to hear from you! If you have any comments or information to share, contact the

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