



## 2004 Zone Theatre Festival Another Success!

The Peace River Zone Theatre Festival is always a great showcase for dramatic talent in the region, and 2004 continued the tradition with a busy three days (May 6-8) of performances and workshops.

This year's adjudicator was Fran Gebhard, and her workshop and critiques were not to be missed as she shared her knowledge and insight with those attending. *TheatreBC* president Carroll Lefebvre was also in attendance during the festival.

Performances included *Toyer*, performed by Stage North and directed by Dave Eaton; *Blowfish*, performed by Out of the Box Theatre and directed by Susan Lovell, and

*Krapp's Last Tape*, performed by Out of the Box and directed by Jeremy Beaulne. *Toyer* took home awards for Best Visual Presentation and Best Production.

Also recognized was Dave Eaton, who was presented with the John Barry Memorial Award for his support of the Peace River Zone. A special award for 'the true sense of ensemble' was given to Darren Spzak, Susan Lovell, Deanna Sudnick, Jeremy Bleane, Blair Scott, Jen Strachan, Dave Eaton, Terry Boyle and Gilles Francouer.

Stage North will be going on to perform *Toyer* in Kamloops at *Mainstage 2004*, which will run July 2-10, 2004..

## Regional Artists Receive Recognition

Once again our region has completed a very successful Peace Liard Regional Juried Art Exhibition bringing together the talents of visual artists from throughout Northeastern BC for an opportunity to exhibit and promote their work. The Chetwynd Community Arts Council and the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council were the co-hosts for this event, which circulates through six communities on an annual basis.

This year 10 works were chosen for recognition. They were "Foxgloves" by Kelly Albin (*Chetwynd*), "Table for One" by Trish Croal (*Toad River*), "The Wise One" and "Grey Owl" by Ken Sheen (*Chetwynd*), "D-Oh the Super Deer!" by Susan Cochrane (*Moberly Lake*), "The Wild Boar" by Kaspar Michel (*Hudson's Hope*), "Birdhouse" by Frank Salt (*Chetwynd*), "Summer Delight" by Janis Herbison (*Hudson's Hope*), "Snow Angels" by Suzanne Dixon (*Pouce Coupe*), and "Peace River Pioneers" by Mike Sabulsky, Peter Rebegliatti, and Joe Embree.

As well, ten honorable mentions were also chosen: "The Student" by Joyce Benson (*Tomslake*), "A Little on the

*Wild Side*" and "Flowers Through my Window" by Grace McNabb (*Chetwynd*), "Lady at Mass" and "Memories" by Donna Ony (*Chetwynd*), "The Challenger" by Marg Fredrickson (*Dawson Creek*), "Fun in the Sun" by Joan Zimmer (*Tumbler Ridge*), "Yesteryear" by Alana Kolkert (*Groundbirch*), "Environ's" by Inez Demuyneck, Sharon Bassett, Mary Berge, Nancy MacIennaan, Heather McNair, Grace Prier, Agnes Smith, Jane Thompson and "Carved Bowl" by Inez Demuyneck (*Dawson Creek*).

People's Choice was "Fun in the Sun" by Joan Zimmer of Tumbler Ridge



"Environ's"

Juror Jim Stokes chose the twenty pieces from over 110 submitted pieces. However, each and every artist that entered was a winner as the resulting exhibition was an impressive display of regional talent from throughout the Peace Liard area.

The twenty works will be touring the communities in the regional and will be on display in local galleries. For information on the tour schedule call Ellen at 782-2601.



## Deryk Houston Acrylic Painting Workshop

"All About Passion," is an acrylic painting workshop to be held on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> in Hudson's Hope, BC. The Arts and Cultural Society on the Edge (TACSOTE) will be facilitating the workshop with Victoria artist Deryk Houston. Deryk Houston has been featured in the National Film Board of Canada's documentary, "From Baghdad to Peace Country," which followed his creation of a "Peace Sanctuary" near Hudson's Hope and his work as an artist for peace. More information about the artist can be found on his web site [www.coastnet.com/dhoustan](http://www.coastnet.com/dhoustan)

Registration - \$120.00, materials - \$85.00. For more information contact TACSOTE, Box 237, Hudson's Hope, BC, V0C 1V0 or phone (250) 783-9351. Deadline for registration and ordering materials is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Artist Profile: Donna Kane



Donna Kane is well known in the Peace Region for her work in bringing literary readings by contemporary poets and authors to the area, and is co-founder of *Writing on the Ridge*, a non-profit society formed with poet Barry McKinnon in 2001.

Donna is also an acclaimed poet, the 2000 winner of the Lina Chartrand Award for Poetry, and a member of the League of Canadian Poets. Canadian literary journals have published many of her poems over the last number of years. These publications led to the recent release of her first book of poetry, titled *"Somewhere, a Fire,"* and published by Hagios Press in April of this year.

*The Man with a Hand Transplant*

*Some things you don't think about - the way a wasp fits perfectly inside the ribcage of a mouse, or how well your hand has been stitched to his wrist, though it's not that either, it's the way your fingernails grow quicker than his, the clippers in his pocket a secret between you, how the hairs on your knuckles are curly and red, his own hair black and poker-straight, how he's starting to wonder where your hand has been, how each palm reads a different fate, leaves another man's fingerprints on his bed, how you spoon his sugar, sign his cheques (crossing his Ts like never before). When he snaps your fingers he's afraid you'll come, and the household cat he's never liked can't keep your hand from stroking its fur.*  
Poem by Donna Kane from *"Somewhere, a Fire"*

Donna has been promoting *"Somewhere, a Fire"* for the last few months, with a local reading on April 23 in Dawson Creek. She was interviewed on CBC's North by Northwest on April 18th and will be traveling across the country this spring and summer for further readings.

Copies of *"Somewhere, a Fire"* can be purchased locally at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery and the Northern Lights College Bookstore in Dawson Creek.

Artist Profile: Wayne Sawchuk



Wayne Sawchuk grew up near Chetwynd in a family of outdoorsmen who instilled in him a passion for the untamed wilderness. Wayne has spent much of his life exploring the Muskwa-Kechika area and has documented his travels over the past twenty years in a vast collection of incredible photographs.

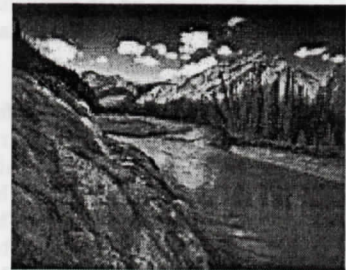
His photographs have been published in Canadian Geographic, Beautiful BC, The National Post, Explorer Magazine and BC Outdoors, among others.

Wayne's love of the wilderness and concern for its shrinking size -- due in part to logging and natural gas exploration -- led to the publication of his book, *"The Muskwa-Kechika: The Wild Heart of Canada's Northern Rockies."*



Featuring over 160 colour photographs, the book is a testament to the richness and beauty of the Muskwa-Kechika area and to Wayne's skill in capturing the spirit of the region on film.

Wayne is promoting his book through a tour of shows featuring a slide show of images from the book and his upcoming schedule included a show on May 15 in Prince George at



Books and Company, and on May 26 at the North Peace Cultural Centre in Fort St. John.

*"Muskwa-Kechika"* is a local triumph, with all the photographs by a local resident, but it was published by our own Peace photoGraphics, proving again that we may be a small community, but we have much to offer.

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