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# Peace River Zone Theatre Festival a Hit in Hudson's Hope!

Thank you to everyone who came out to Hudson's Hope for this year's Peace River Zone Theatre Festival. It was great fun and wonderful to see such a high calibre of theatre productions. Congratulations to Stage North's Glengarry Glen Ross. They're on their way to Mainstage in Maple Ridge this June 30 -July 9th. Break a leg everyone!

## **Special Recognition to:**

John Berry Memorial Award: Tony Atkins, Fort St. John

Merit Award: Hudson's Hope School Drama Club for Costumes

## **Festival Award Winners are:**

Best Costumes: Glengarry Glen Ross/Stage North, Fort St. John

Best Technical Merit: Under the Skin/ Alley Kat Players, Fort St. John

Best Set Design: Glengarry Glen Ross  
Honourable Mention: Under the Skin

Best Ensemble: Under the Skin  
Honourable Mention: The Cab Ride Home

Best Supporting Male Actor: Kris Przednowek/GGR  
Honourable Mention: Blair Scott/Under the Skin

Best Supporting Female Actor: Terry Boyle/Under the Skin

Best Male Actor: Morris Holmes/GGR

Best Female Actor: Lynn Thomas/Under the Skin  
Honourable Mention: Theresa Gladue & Fiona Groves/  
The Cab Ride Home, Dawson Creek

Best Director: Laura Dory/GGR  
Honourable Mention: Tom Kirschner/Under the Skin

Best Production: Glengarry Glen Ross  
Honourable Mention: Under the Skin

Next year the festival will be in Dawson Creek. Hope to see you there!

*Peace River Zone Festival Chair  
Patricia Markin*





# peace-liard regional arts council

## *Shaping Today - Inspiring Tomorrow*

### Art That Moves You

Art That Moves You is a visual arts initiative that will see locally painted artwork displayed on the exterior of City of Fort St. John Transit Buses for the summer months, starting on April 28, 2006 and running until September. The cards will measure 17" x 66" and will be painted by local artists. The artwork will be in the theme, Sunshine - Here Comes the Sun, and will provide a burst of colour to the exterior of the buses.

Art that Moves You is a joint initiative between the FSJ Community Arts Council, the City of Fort St. John and BC Transit. Each panel has also been sponsored by a local business.

This is a unique opportunity to support our local visual artists directly and we graciously thank our visual artists for the beauty that they bring to our city streets. Programs such as this and the Flower Pot Project, another Arts Council program, are helping to shape the future of arts and culture in our community.

Local artists, Audrey Gaddy, Mary Braaten, Mike Kroecher, Sonja Butts, Margaret Cavers May, Tara Brule, Patrick Dawe and Jesse Diehl will each be painting their own striking interpretation of "Sunshine". Themes range from Summer's Fun (sunflowers), Dragon Flies, Summertime Memories, Thrill Seeking Bisons, and Child's Play.

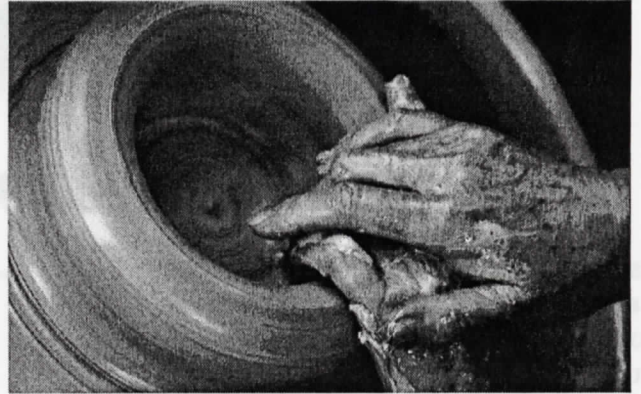
Support of the Art That Moves You program will go a long way in enhancing arts and culture in the community and provide a splash of colour on the exterior of our City buses. It is an exciting time for city beautification in Fort St. John and our city is looking greener and more colourful every year. Climb aboard, we are on the move!

For more information, contact Laurie at (250)787-2781, or e-mail at [fsjarts@telus.net](mailto:fsjarts@telus.net).



Local Artists Mary Braaten and Sonja Butts, and City Councilor, Larry Evans showcase an "Art That Moves You" panel on the side of a FSJ city bus.

### Summer School of the Arts



Dawson Creek will be hosting its 4th annual Peace Country Summer School of the Arts throughout July and August. The Dawson Creek Art Gallery, Northern Lights College, and Kiwanis Arts Centre have partnered to offer a wide variety of visual arts, performing arts, general interest classes, and workshops for all ages.

Some of the programs offered include:

- Origami
- Jewellery Making
- Mask Making
- Pottery
- Painting and Drawing
- Mixed Media
- Print Making
- Photography
- Woodworking for Women
- Artistic Welding
- Jazz
- Yoga
- Web Page Design
- Scrapbooking
- Horse Camp
- Ballet
- Modern Dance
- Hip Hop
- Cartooning

All registration will be taken at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery and you are encouraged to register right away so you are not disappointed! Phone the art gallery at 782-2601.