

High on Ice Results!

The Third Annual High on Ice BC Ice Sculpting Championship was a huge success! With six teams competing professionally and sixteen amateur teams, the competition was intense! Here are this years winners:

Professional

1st Place Realistic - Alexey Shchitov
2nd Place Realistic - Rusty Cox & Steve Buzak
1st Place Abstract - Ilya Filimontsev
2nd Place Abstract - Peter Vogelaar

Amateur

People's Choice - ArcTech Welding
Artist's Choice - ArcTech Welding
Judge's Choice - Tie between ArcTech Welding and Sonja Butts, Myles Butts & Julie Foster



Sonja Butts, Myles Butts and Julie Foster



ArcTech Welding & Machining



Alexey Shchitov
1st Place Realistic



Rusty Cox & Steve Buzak
2nd Place Realistic



Ilya Filimontsev
1st Place Abstract



Peter Vogelaar
2nd Place Abstract

Upcoming Festivals

8th Annual Chocolate Festival, Feb. 10, 6 p.m. @ Peace Gallery North

Peace River North Festival of the Arts, April 12 - 21, North Peace Cultural Centre - April 12-15 ~ Dance, April 16 ~ Choir, April 17 ~ Instrumental, April 18-20 ~ Piano, April 21 ~ Honors

Theatre BC Peace River Zone Festival, May 9 - 12, North Peace Cultural Centre

Monday Night at the Movies!

Feb. 12 - Bon Cop, Bad Cop
 Mar. 12 - Shut Up & Sing
 April 16 - For Your Consideration
 May 7 - After The Wedding
 May 28 - The Queen

7p.m. @ Aurora Cinema!

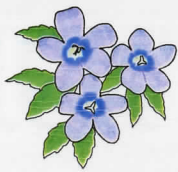
THE FLOWER POT PROJECT!!

It's about that time again! Plans for 2007's Flower Pot Project are underway, and we hope to make this year's even better! Artists are needed to paint the pots, so if you're interested, call Niki Hedges at 787-1017. Sponsorship details are available by calling 787-2781

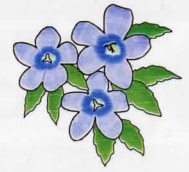




Festival Chair Needed!
 The Theatre BC Peace River Zone Festival needs someone to act as Chair to help promote and organize the event. If you are interested please call Laura Doray at 785-3033



Member Activities & Upcoming Events



Fort St. John Music Teachers

Association - If the Arts Council needs a pianist for a special occasion, the Music Teachers would like to offer the services of an advanced student as a thank-you to the Arts Council for all its support.

Peace River North Festival

Association - There will be a smaller festival this year. Instrumental classes are dwindling. There will be a large dance section. The Honors Concert at the end of the festival is an excellent showcase for local talent. The festival runs from April 12-21,

Northern Dance Theatre

Society - Dancers are busy preparing for festivals and a show in Dawson Creek at the end of March.



North Peace Potter's Guild - Three classes are full and will run until the end of February, two during the day and one at night. The next set of classes will depend on whether a space is found. There will possibly be a Raku class or workshop in the spring or summer. The Potter's Guild is actively searching for a new space in cooperation with the Arts Council.



Spinners and Weavers - A retreat will be held on Feb. 2, 3 and 4 at the Blueberry bible camp. Meetings are on the third Saturday of each month at NL College (room 101). This month's meeting will feature a mini workshop on spinning. Members are working on projects for the show coming next October. The group has a liaison with Peace Country Spinners.



Fort St. John Film Society

Bon Cop, Bad Cop will be showing on Feb. 12 with four more movies before June. The Annual General Meeting was on Jan. 24 at Cosmic Grounds.

Dhara Bellydancers - The troupe is back to practicing after Christmas break. There will be a workshop with Marilyn Sadik, on Feb. 4th. Dancers will come from Chetwynd to participate. The group is using their Arts Council grant to hold the workshop.

Fort St. John Irish Dance Society

- Dancers will be competing in Edmonton from Feb. 16 - 18. Those who are qualified are preparing for worlds in March. The group will be dancing March 17 at Egan's and performing at the surveying conference on Feb. 1st.

Central School - Central is doing the Flower Pot Project again this year. Details such as space to use for painting and touching up will be discussed with Niki. The Arts Post can be used until the end of February. They are looking for artists to paint pots. "Flavours of the World" needs talent for the show in October.

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Peace Art Gallery - The Chocolate Festival is on Feb. 10. Interested bakers can contact Shar at 787-0993.

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Nov. 15 - Opening Night - The public is invited for hot chocolate and cookies at the Quality Inn Northern Grand Hotel, 7pm

Nov. 21 - Santa Parade, 7pm, Downtown FSJ

Dec. 3 - Festival of Trees Auction and Gala Dinner - Quality Inn Northern Grand Hotel, 6pm

Dec. 21 - Raising Our Voices Concert - North Peace Cultural Centre, 7pm

Fort St. John Community Arts Council is busy planning for its upcoming High On Ice Festival

This year the event will run from Jan. 15 – 18. Ice carving will be held in Centennial Park, downtown Fort St. John.

This year's theme is *Ice Age: Frozen in Time*, conjuring up images of gigantic mastodons and glaciers, two things that the North Peace can be sure existed in abundance in the region's past.

As in past years, there will be both an amateur as well as professional ice carving competition. The professionals can compete individually as in the Single Block Competition, the Team Competition, or both.

Registration is currently underway with forms available on the FSJ Community Arts Council's website at www.fsjarts.org. Registration for professional carvers is Dec. 19 and Jan. 9 for amateur contestants.

Join the FSJCAC in what is sure to be a fun filled event for the whole family. Come marvel at the wondrous ice sculptures, cheer your friends on, or try your own hand at ice and snow carving (beginners and children welcome too!)

Fourth annual Elves' Christmas beginning this month

This program is a series of holiday events that guarantees tons of fun for everyone. Elves' Christmas kicks off on November 15 with hot chocolate and cookies at the Northern Grand Quality Inn. Join us for some tasty treats while you check out some of the beautiful items that will be up for auction at the Festival of Trees Gala and Auction (December 3). The Festival of Trees is the Elves' signature event! There you will see a stunning display of Christmas trees, wreaths, hand-painted ornaments, quilts, flower arrangements, photographs, paintings, and pottery all up for bid. This fund raiser assists the Fort St. John Community Arts Council in the continued development of arts programs and supports the growth of arts and culture in Fort St. John and the Peace region.

Be sure to attend the Raising Our Voices concert which promises to be fun for the whole family. Includes choral, dance, and live band performances at the North Peace Cultural Centre on December 21.

Classic Holiday Films at the Lido! The Lido theatre will be showing all of your favorite holiday classics during the week of December 14-20.

Tickets for the Festival of Trees Gala and Auction are \$60, Raising Our Voices concert, \$17. Tickets can be purchased at the North Peace Cultural Centre.

High on Ice Winter Carnival 2009

Ice Carving Championship



*Ice & Snow
Sculpting
January 15 - 18, 2009
Centennial Park*

The Arts Council meets monthly at the ArtsPost every 3rd Wednesday at noon. Everyone welcome!
- 10320-94 Avenue -

"Shaping Today, Inspiring Tomorrow"

Upcoming Events

FSJ Film Society - Monday Night at the Movies - 7 p.m., Aurora Cinema

Nov.10 - Passchendaele

Jan.12 - The Duchess

Peace Gallery North - Magic Christmas Market grand opening, Nov. 16 1-4pm

Stage North Theatre Society - Productions at Cultural Centre

A Christmas Story Dec. 29, 30, 31

Steel Magnolias Feb. 20, 21, 26, 27, 28

Rabbit Hole Apr. 16, 17, 18

Crushed Grapes Wine Festival - March 28, 2009

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS OF THE ARTS COUNCIL

High on Ice Amateur Ice and Snow Sculpting

Flower Pot Project

Art That Moves You

Crushed Grapes Wine Festival

Arts Promotion and Awareness Program - quarterly newsletter

The Reflection, biweekly Arts Page in the Alaska Highway

Daily News, Monthly article in Northeast News, weekly

Thursday 4pm radio spot on Moose FM to promote Member

Group activities, website: www.fsjarts.org.

Northern Lights Scholarship supporting college students in the arts.

Support of member groups through yearly grants

BC Arts & Culture Week

Art in the Park, July 1, part of the Canada Day Celebrations.

Provide support to the Peace River North Performing Arts Festival, and Peace River Zone Theatre Festival.

Lindsay Dumaine Memorial Music, Visual Arts and Performing Arts Scholarship supporting high school graduates continuing on in an art discipline.

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Thursday following the 4 p.m.
News for the Spotlight on the Arts

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council is a non-profit organization that is working for a better community by supporting and developing arts and culture.

We strive to facilitate Fort St. John and area residents to reach and expand their potential through the arts.

We advocate for the arts, artists and arts groups; network and connect with all those interested and concerned about the arts; promote the role of the arts in building quality of life and enhancing positive lifestyles; educate the public about the arts as well as market the arts and artists in and around Fort St. John.

Get into the Spirit

Spirit of BC Week (February 6-14, 2009) is a celebration of British Columbia and its unique communities. Each year in February, the communities of our province celebrate with a week of events and activities showcasing our pride in our province by local programs and services that strengthen sport and recreation, healthy living, arts and culture, literacy and volunteerism.

Spirit of BC Week events and activities are organized by Spirit of BC community committees, in partnership with local government, businesses, educators, First Nations, and community-based organizations.

2009 marks the fifth annual Spirit of BC celebration. In Fort St. John, the week begins with none other than the illustrious chocolate festival, held at the North Peace Cultural Centre on February 7. Spirit of BC Week will include a province-wide Family Skate and Swim Day, as well as flag-raising ceremonies, and arts performances.

Don't forget to mark your calendars because Sprit of BC Week 2009 officially kicks off the one-year countdown to the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Go BC!



Sommelier Tim Ellison gives a lesson in wine tasting. Tim will be on hand to discuss the art of wine making and tasting at the second annual Crushed Grapes Wine Festival in March, 2009.

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