

Arts council recognizes B.C. Arts and Culture Week

FORT ST. JOHN — Fort. St. John is participating in the B.C. Arts and Culture Week from April 21-27.

The B.C. Arts and Culture Week is about making people more aware of arts and culture in B.C.

“Critics point to the rare controversial expenditure and ignore the vital role of arts and culture in our daily lives and in

our communities,” said Laurie Petrucci, community arts council member.

There are no specific activities involved planned for B.C. Arts and Culture Week in Fort St. John, “at least not this year. The art council would just like people to be aware of the huge arts involvement in and around FSJ to recognize its contributions and allow others an

opening into these organizations,” said Petrucci.

People can check out what’s going on in the province this week by going to www.bcartswalk.ca on the Internet.

The Fort St. John Arts Council first got involved with B.C. Arts and Culture Week in November of 1999.

That year, the council had art displays

in the North Peace Cultural Centre showing different types of art each day, such as pottery and portraiture for the public to see. They also held debates on the municipal election candidates since that was going on at the time. The council also held a grand reopening for the Fort St. John Public Library after it had been closed for a while. At the end of

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the week, for the finale, the council had performing arts in the cultural centre theatre and the council sponsored the painting of flower pots for Communities Bloom.

This year the arts council include supplement in the *North Peace Express* highlighting various arts groups in Energetic City.



FORT ST. JOHN

The Energetic City

PROCLAMATION

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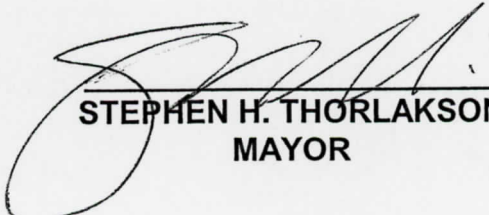
“ARTS AND CULTURE WEEK 2002”

WHEREAS arts and culture contribute immeasurably to the intellectual, spiritual, economic and social wealth of our community; and

WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to designate Arts and Culture Week to recognize the invaluable contribution made by arts and cultural activity to our community; and

WHEREAS arts and culture are our legacy to foster understanding and enjoyment for future generations:

NOW THEREFORE I, Stephen H. Thorlakson,
Mayor of the City of Fort St. John,
do hereby proclaim that April 21st to 27th, 2002
shall be known as:
"Arts and Culture Week"
in the City of Fort St. John


STEPHEN H. THORLAKSON
MAYOR

April 22, 2002
Date

QUALITY TIME

Art - Books - Design - Film - Dance - Textiles



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Culture Week

April 21-27, 2002

**What is Arts & Culture Week?
What is the FSJ Arts Council?
What does it do for FSJ?**

Arts & Culture Week is a provincial initiative to celebrate the diversity of the arts. It is designed to encourage participation in cultural activities and events, and to raise awareness of the contribution of arts in each community. The Fort St. John Community Arts Council is an umbrella organization that acts to serve the needs of the artistic community at the local level. They foster the development of new initiatives, offer financial support, and encourage the promotion and awareness of the vast art community in and around Fort St. John.