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The Fort St. John Community Arts Council is dedicated to the encouragement and development of artists and arts activities in the Peace Country. Meetings are open to everyone the third Thursday of each month at 7 P.M. at the North Peace Cultural Centre.

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Wearable Art Fashions

First show of its kind for conference delegates

Bubble packing sheets, leaves of the forest, and handmade paper have very little in common until creative hands begin to design and shape them into unique garments to wear. Northern artists have used outstanding creative talent to make the more than 40 artworks which will be modelled at the Wearable Art Fashions Show on Friday, September 30, for the delegates of the Assembly of B.C. Arts Council Conference.

An overwhelming response to the *Wearable Art Fashion Show* has Peace Gallery curator April Ingham lining up models and coordinating accessories for this spectacular show. Original designs are by artists from Whitehorse, Fort St. John, Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Pouce Coupe, Hill Top Ranch and Vancouver.

Breathtaking colours, intricate lace work, and, sometimes, amusing creativity are highlighted in works like the woven jackets, the 14th Century Scottish wedding dress, and the paper vests. Jewelry, hats and other unique pieces of artwork will give added flare and style to the creative clothing.

The *Wearable Art Fashion Show* will be featured at the Gala Banquet at the Pioneer Inn. Tickets are available to the

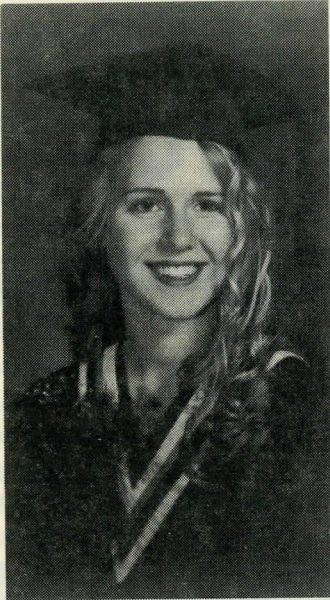


Creative artist Tara Salamond tried a few styles before she designed the Bubble Dress for the show.

public for the Gala Evening at \$25 each. Purchase them now at the Cultural Centre, 10015-100th Avenue, Fort St. John. Telephone: 604-785-1992.

***Welcome to the Delegates
of the Assembly of B.C. Arts Councils Conference***

September 29 through October 2, 1994



Rebekah Bell received the 1994 Lindsay Dumaine Memorial Music Scholarship from the Fort St. John Community Arts Council when she graduated from North Peace Secondary School in June. Rebekah is the second recipient of this award after Teresa Ritchie won the award in 1993. Rebekah has entered the University of Victoria to study music.

Rebekah retained Honour Roll status at NPSS along with becoming one of the top ten student flute players in B.C. She plays piano, French horn, percussion, and tenor sax, as well as, the flute. She was twice in the Provincial Band and played the leading role of Laurie in the Musical Theatre production of "Fiddler on the Roof" during her high school years.

Music Scholarship Fund is growing

The Lindsay Dumaine Memorial Music Scholarship began in 1993 with a donation from the family of the late Lindsay Dumaine who was killed in a car accident in the Fall of 1992. With additional donations and help from the Fort St. John Community Arts Council, the interest on the capital funds now provide the full amount of the \$250 Music Scholarship.

Scholarships in visual arts, dance, drama, and other art studies are possible with

further donations into the fund. Only the interest will be used for the scholarships. Donations are welcomed by the Arts Council. Contact:

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What the Community Arts Council really does

A fresh look at the mandate of the Fort St. John Community Arts Council in the past year has clarified the purpose of the Arts Council for many of the members. At each meeting a short session called *20 Minutes for the Future* focused on the duties and responsibilities of the Arts Council. Here is a brief summary:

The Arts Council serves the community:

- ✦ by developing arts programs for community enjoyment and understanding of the arts. The Partly Arts Concert Series features more classical and unique concerts than would normally be brought into Fort St. John by popular demand. Arts North Video Series is ready for tele-viewing on Cable 10 T.V.
- ✦ by awarding excellence each year in the schools and the community in arts areas. Student awards go to Northern Lights College and North Peace Secondary School. *The Music Scholarship* goes to a Grade 12 graduate. *The Business for the Arts Award* goes to a community business supporting the arts each year.
- ✦ by encouraging art groups to take

part in community celebrations and conferences. Floats in parades, entertainment for business conferences, lighting and sound requirements outside of the theatre are often provided for the community by Arts Council member groups.

The Arts Council serves its 29 member groups:

- ✦ by offering the opportunity for financial assistance through the granting process complete with well-defined criteria.
- ✦ by providing \$2 million liability insurance for those groups without a "home."
- ✦ by communicating with government, out of town arts organizations, and among the groups themselves.
- ✦ by promoting each arts group within the community and encouraging new members for each group.

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council welcomes individual membership as well as group members. Everyone interested in the arts may join the Arts Council.

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The Executive of the Arts Council welcomes your comments and suggestions about arts activities and developments in the Peace Country.

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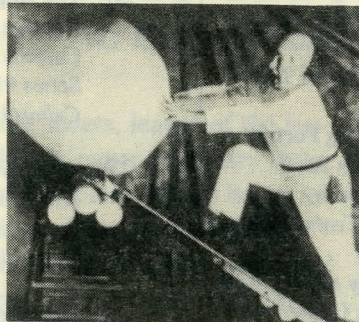
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The **Partly Arts Series** is hosted by the Fort St. John Community Arts Council and sponsored by 25 Fort St. John businesses with the assistance of the Government of British Columbia.



Partly Arts Series 1994-95

October 26 *The Impossible Balance*
with Jim Jackson as "Sole"



The delightful antics of the clown, Sole, presents the Gallery of Impossible Balance in his hilarious quest for literal and figurative balance using a unique blend of circus and theatre.

November 15 *Jaccee Dallyn*
A Spunky Singer with a Powerful Voice



Blending country, blues and a dash of Broadway, Jaccee electrifies an audience. The powerful four octave range of her voice has added to the concerts of Marty Haggard, Rita

McNeil, Prairie Oyster, Tommy Banks and Big Miller and The Edmonton Symphony Orchestra.

February 17 *Tuxedo Junction*
A Quartet with a Big Band Sound

Lively and infectious rhythms from the swing era, do-wops of the 50's and popular songs of the 60's and 70's gets audiences tapping their feet and swinging along. Three part vocal harmony with guitar, base, and saxophone blend music favourites into an entertaining evening.

March 17 *Swinging Bovines*
Jazz and Folk the Saxophone Style



Four sax players, with a little jazz, a little folk, and a little classical making traditional barriers non-existent among differing music styles. Add a fresh, young sense of humour and the concert is fun for everyone.

All concerts are at 8 P.M. at the North Peace Cultural Centre.

Season Tickets now available at the North Peace Cultural Centre

Peace Country Spinners and Weavers Celebrate their 10th Anniversary this year.

Congratulations from the Fort St. John Community Arts Council

North Peace Potters Guild Celebrate their 25th Anniversary this year.

New! Arts in the North Peace Brochure

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council has a new look through the *Arts in the North Peace* brochure produced by Ellen's



Art & Design. The cover is an eye-catcher with a striking photograph by Brechin Maclean of Peace Gallery North Curator April Ingham. The brochure includes colourful photographs of local people in the arts and introduces the 29 member groups of the Community Arts Council.

Designer of the brochure, Ellen Ostero, has quite a tale to tell about how she acquired each of the outstanding photographs in the brochure. Ellen has a strong sense of pride in the community and insisted that every photograph be taken by a local photographer and of local people. "We have a wealth of talent in this area," she said. "It's fun for everyone when we can show off some of that talent in a brochure."

The *Arts in the North Peace* brochure is available at the Chamber of Commerce, the Cultural Centre, Real Estate offices, the Airport, the Honey Farm, and Persnickety Books.

INSIGHT
INTO THE **ARTS**

Insight into the Arts has also been given a new look by designer Ellen Ostero of Ellen's Art & Design. This edition marks the first of the new Arts Council newsletter.

It's Happening in the Arts

SEPTEMBER

- 1-27 **Pieces of the Peace** Quilt Exhibition, locally made and antique quilts
Peace Gallery North
- 24 **The Wonderful Horrible Life of Leni Riefenstahl**
Cinematheque Film Series #1
Cultural Centre Theatre
- 29 **Celebrating Fort St. John at Its Best**
Variety show
Cultural Centre Theatre
- 29 **Assembly of B.C. Arts Councils Conference**
Opening
Cultural Centre
- 29 **"Blendings"**
Opening of an art exhibit by Doug Sheh
Peace Gallery North
- 30 **Gala Banquet and Wearable Art Fashion Show**
Pioneer Inn
- 30 **Spinners and Weavers Peace Country Workshop and AGM**
Bert Bowes School
- 30 **Scared Scriptless**
with the Vancouver Theatre Sports
Cultural Centre Theatre

OCTOBER

- 5 **AGM of Machine Knitters Assoc.**
Cultural Centre
- 6 **AGM of North Peace Cultural Centre Society**
Cultural Centre
- 8-10 **Irish Dance Competition**
Calgary, Alberta

- 21 **Can-Canettes**
Final performance of the season
Dawson Creek
- 22 **Highland Dance Competition**
Edmonton, Alberta
- 26 **The Impossible Balance**
Comedy. Partly Arts Series #1
Cultural Centre Theatre
- 27 **All Grown Up**
Arts Club Theatre Production
Cultural Centre Theatre
- 28 **Northern Dance Society Competition**
Edmonton, Alberta

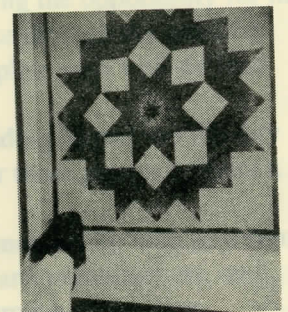
NOVEMBER

- 4-Dec 1 **Art Exhibit of Pottery and Watercolour**
Bob Young and Donald Grassie
Peace Gallery North
- 5 **Highland Dance Competition**
Prince George, B.C.
- 8 **Quartetto Gelato**
Cultural Centre Series
Cultural Centre Theatre
- 10 **Ski Film**
Warren Miller with the Canadian Ski Patrol
Cultural Centre Theatre
- 11 **Irish Dance Oireachtas**
World Championship Qualifiers for Western Canada
Edmonton, Alberta
- 15 **Jaccee Dallyn**
Partly Arts Series #2
Cultural Centre Theatre
- 17 **Christmas Craft Market**
Artwork as Gifts
Peace Gallery North

- 17-19 **Dinner Theatre Comedy Review**
Stage North
Cultural Centre
- 18-19 **Christmas Pottery Sale**
The Potter's Guild
Totem Mall
- 23-25 **Quilters Workshop**
Cultural Centre
- 19-20 **Christmas Crafts**
Peace Country Craftsman's Assoc.
Legion Hall
- 20 **Canada Music Week Recital**
Cultural Centre

COMING IN DECEMBER

- 2,3,6,9,10 **"My Fair Lady"**
NPSS Musical Production
Cultural Centre Theatre
- 6 **District Band and Choir Concert**
North Peace Secondary School
- 11 **Children's Choir and Northern Lights Chamber Ensemble**



A riot of colours filled the Peace Gallery in September when the Country Quilters Guild staged "Pieces of the Peace" with local handmade and antique quilted artwork. Not since the late '70's has such a quilt display been shown in Fort St. John. The Guild plans to make the show an annual event.