

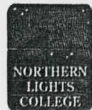
**Jointly Hosted by Peace Liard-
Regional Arts Council & the Fort
St. John Community Arts Council.**

**To be held at Peace Gallery North,
Fort St. John
February 12th - March 15th**



A preliminary exhibition
to the provincial exhibi-
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the visual arts Compo-
nent of The BC Festival
of the Arts to be held
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**A Juried Art Exhibition
Featuring Works by
Peace-Liard Regional
Artists**

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Dear Members of the Fort St. John Community Arts Council,

I am pleased to present this final report regarding the Peace Liard Regional Juried Art Exhibition – artwork 2000. I would like to thank the executive for allowing me an opportunity to organize this important regional event on your behalf.

To summarize

Personnel: A total of 296.5 hours were required to produce artWORKS. This represents 139 hours by the Contractor, 72 hours by the Assistant, 47.5 Volunteer hours, and 38 Juror hours. The original submission only included the contractor's hours, which were listed at 120. Extra time was required to recreate past materials that had been lost, however some time was saved by the addition of volunteer and assistant support.

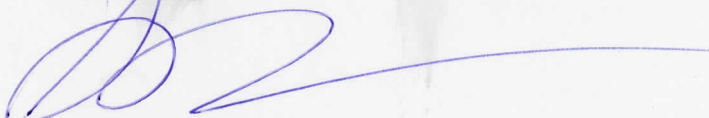
Participation: Although significant effort was put into advising and involving the Artists in the PLRJAE, we had a disappointing rate of response. We attribute this to the exhibit being held earlier than usual, the proximity to the Christmas Season, and the weather. This exhibit is usually held in late March/April. On the upside we received excellent support from the print media, sponsors and communities involved.

Quality: With the support and contributions of all participants we produced an excellent exhibition and workshop experience for our region's artists and communities. The opening was a grand occasion with over 200 people in attendance. Several of our supporters were able to address the crowd, led by FSJCAC President Jane Anderson. The Jurors both had excellent experiences and gave tremendously to the participants.

Finance: Revenues were a bit lower than projected due to the lower than anticipated registration fees. This was however balanced out by an excellent response from Sponsors. A \$3000 advance was provided by FSJCAC, this will now be returned (with \$1500 from the artWORK account and \$1500 direct from the PLRJAC). All expenses have been paid and a modest amount is left after expenses.

For your information, I have attached documentation that further illustrates all the above headings, also included is general exhibit information. The final step for me to conclude this contract is to send letters of thanks to all supporting sponsors and partners, these will be going out shortly. Again thank you for the opportunity to serve you. Please call if any questions remain.

Most Sincerely,



April Ingham

Peace-Liard Regional Juried Art Exhibition – artWORKS 2000

Report by April Ingham, Coordinator

artWORKS 2000 has just completed a fabulous run at Peace Gallery North, in the North Peace Cultural Centre. Fort St. John and the entire region pulled together an excellent show with a vast array of art forms represented. The exhibit represented the works of 62 Peace-Liard Artists, who exhibited a total of 91 artworks.

The opening was a grand affair, despite the winter weather. One Artist even hitchhiked to the festivities from Fort Nelson! Over 200 people came to the opening, which was hosted by the City of Fort St. John. Guests enjoyed live music by Dan Dickout and Jeanette Kurchat – plus an unknown diva-like soprano (who was she?) Flowers were graciously donated by Grower's Direct and the Cultured Café provided fab food.

The Jurors were Donna White, Curator/Director of the Prairie Art Gallery, and Wedlidi Speck, a First Nations Artist, Teacher and Healer. They applied a very respectful process throughout the jury and workshops. In the end they chose the following 7 works to represent our region, at the BC Festival of the Arts: Cold Explosion by Ken Crowle (Chetwynd), African Poacher by Chris Lipani (Fort Nelson), Winter Bowl by Catherine Ortynsky (Fort St. John), Jack O' Clubs Sunset by Cheryl Peebles (Dawson Creek), Untitled by Natalie Carmen Sheh (Fort St. John), The Question is Not if But When by David Thiessen (Clayhurst), Joyful by Brenda A. Wakely (Fort St. John). Honorable mentions go to: Mary Berge (Dawson Creek), Marg Frederickson (Dawson Creek), Evelyn La Forge (Toms Lake), Chris Lipani (Fort Nelson), Natalie Carmen Sheh (Fort St. John).

Ten of the selected/honorable mention works will go on a regional tour. The tentative dates are as follows: April 3rd – 13th Phoenix Theatre (Fort Nelson), April 17th – 27th Tumbler Ridge, April 28th – May 5th Chetwynd.

Through the span of the exhibit over 1000 people attended, their comments were very favorable. The exhibit was organized by the Fort St. John Community Arts Council, Coordinator April Ingham, Assisted by Lisa Hofmeister. Partnered by the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council and the BC Festival of the Arts. Hosted by Peace Gallery North and the North Peace Cultural Centre. And Sponsored by: The City of Fort St. John, the North Peace Savings and Credit Union, the Northern Grand Hotel, Northern Lights College, and Mega Communications.

Special Thanks to the following: Peace Gallery North, the Dawson Creek Art Gallery, Phoenix Theatre, Chetwynd Arts Council, Tumbler Ridge Arts Council, Donna White, Wedlidi Speck, The Cultured Café, Growers Direct, Cliffside Printing, Tiger Printing, Barb Daley, our Volunteers and a very special thank you to the regions medias for all their support.