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Peace-Liard Regional Juried Art Exhibition a Success

The 1996 Peace-Liard Regional Juried Art Exhibition was held on February 17, at the Peace Gallery North in Fort St. John. Over 140 submitted works represented 97 artists in this exhibit, the regional component for the Images & Objects exhibition to be held as part of the BC Festival of the Arts in Penticton May 22-26.

The following artist works were chosen to represent our area in the provincial exhibit; Ken Cameron of Moberly Lake, Hilde Jeffrica of Chetwynd, Wendy Fynn of Dawson Creek, Sherry Leigh Tobber of Chetwynd, Brian Shauer of Fort St. John, Marilyn Riopel of Fort St. John, Cindy Vincent of Fort St. John, Max C.D. Morin of Fort Nelson, Karl Mattson of Rolla and Cheryl Gardner of Dawson Creek.

Honourable mentions include; Emily Mattson of Rolla, Dean Mattson of Rolla, Rochelle Nehring of Fort Nelson, Wendy Hansen of Hudson's Hope, Susan Wuthrich of Cecil Lake, Dan Arberry of Chetwynd, Ron Lukey of Tumbler Ridge, Marne



Going Home, oil painting by Sherry Leigh Tobber of Chetwynd was one of the pieces chosen to represent this region at the BC Festival of the Arts.

Creak of Dawson Creek, Anna Eickelberges of Taylor, Trevor Cornish of Beldonnell, Blanche Guay of Dawson Creek, Myrna King of Fort Nelson, Donalda Grassie of Fort St. John, Dereck Lamond of Fort St. John, Steve Petrick of Fort St John, Kym Desjarlais of Moberly Lake, Leo DeGroot of Hudson's Hope, Helen Smith of Fort St John, Laura Filgate of Chetwynd and Ora Etzerza of Taylor.

Chosen works from this exhibit toured the region and were on display in Fort Nelson, Tumbler Ridge, Chetwynd and Dawson Creek. Our congratulations go out to all the artists that participated in this outstanding exhibit!

Regional Arts Council Elects new slate of Officers

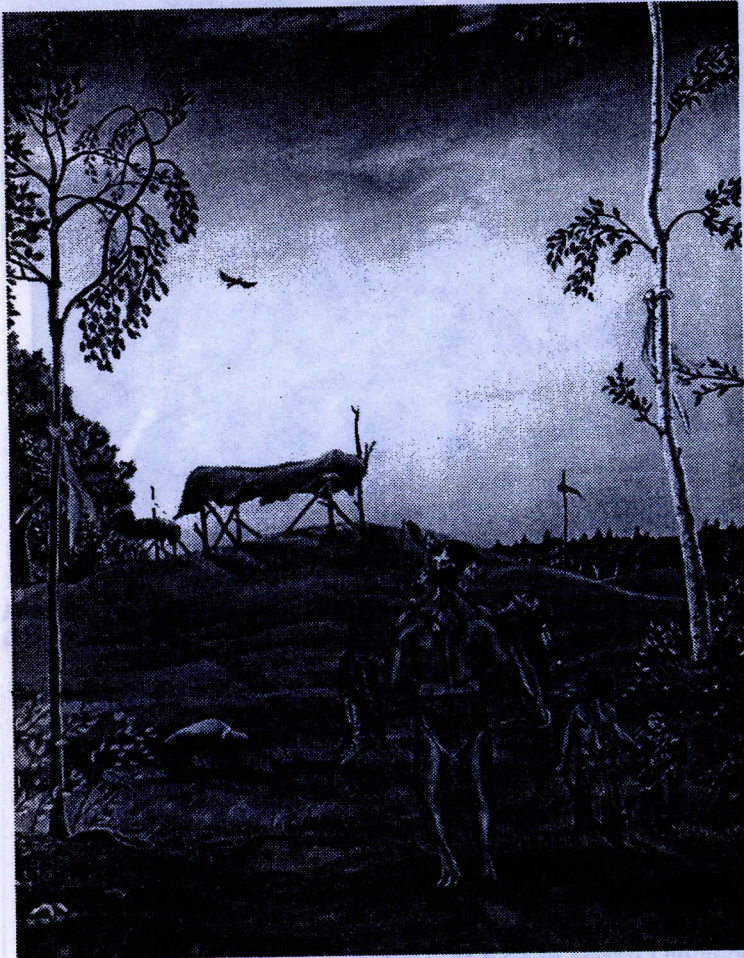
The Peace-Liard Regional Arts Council held their annual general meeting at the Kiwanis Art Centre in Dawson Creek on January 27, 1996. At this meeting a new slate of officers was elected. Anna Stuber will be taking over from outgoing president, Yvonne Elden. Our thanks go out to Yvonne for all her years of dedication and hard work on behalf of the Regional Arts Council. New vice president is Sue Popesku, secretary is Pam Trotter, and Bob Bennetts will remain in his position as treasurer. The new board looks forward to the continuation of the services offered to the region as well as the development of additional ways to promote the growth of the arts in our communities.

Assembly Will Not Coordinate 1997 Images and Objects

News Release from the Assembly of BC Arts Councils

The Assembly of BC Arts Councils today announced that this year's annual provincial visual arts exhibition, Images & Objects XIV, will be the last one organized by the Assembly.

Images and Objects has been an integral part of the annual BC Festival of the Arts since its inception fourteen years ago.



Blue Dawn, acrylic painting by Max C.D. Morin of Fort Nelson, was one of the works chosen to represent this area at Images and Objects.

Through regional juried exhibitions held in thirteen communities throughout the province, visual artists have had the opportunity to participate in a program of showcasing, networking, advocacy and education which involves thousands of practitioners and viewers each year.

"The Assembly has taken this decision after a period of long and careful consideration", said Bridey Morrison Morgan, president of the organization.

"We recognize the exceptional value of the Images & Objects program to regions and emerging and established visual artists, but as an organization we are reconfirming our mandate to advance community cultural development rather than to provide direct programming within one arts discipline. Increasingly in recent years our focus on just one of the arts disciplines has diverted our energies from working on behalf of all the arts in our communities."

"Regional and community arts councils that participate in the Images & Objects program have demonstrated their ability to organize regional juried exhibitions with skill and sensitivity, and we have every confidence in their ability to insure the continuation of this valued part of the cultural fabric of our province through new partnerships which may be formed."

The Assembly is committed to working closely with the BC Festival of the Arts, community and regional arts councils and other players in the province to ensure an orderly and logical transition to a new delivery method for the program.

Since 1982, the Images & Objects exhibition has been seen in Kamloops (twice), Penticton, Prince George, Duncan, Kimberly, Chilliwack, Saanich, North Vancouver, Vernon, Trail and Campbell River. The 1996 exhibition will take place as part of the BC Festival of the Arts in Penticton May 22-26.

Local Irish Dancers win World Recognition

Local dancer, Conor Watt won third place in the boys age group 9 - 11 years at the Irish Dancing World Competitions in Dublin Ireland early this April. Conor dances with the Watt School of Irish Dance in Fort St. John and was not the only member of that group to achieve recognition. Aisling Watt placed 13th in the age 13 years group, Amanda O'Toole 17th in the age 15 years group, and Carmen Timmins 22nd in the age 16 years group. With the large number of participants in each group these were also very impressive placements on the world level. Both Conor and Aisling Watt also came home with the Overseas Award presented to the best dancers from overseas. Thirteen dancers from the Watt School of Dance will be traveling in July to Boston to compete in the North American Championships. Congratulations and good luck to you all!

Chetwynd Art Council Hosts Watercolour Workshop

Once again the Chetwynd Community Arts Council will be hosting Joyce Kamikura, FCA, NWS. Back by popular demand, Joyce was born in B.C. and raised in Japan. She earned her Bachelor of Commerce and Business Admin at UBC and studied art at Kwantien and Langara Colleges. She works from her studio on Granville Island and serves as the chair of the Federation of Canadian Artists. Her workshops are informative, inspirational and fun.

This workshop will run from Thursday, June 13 to Sunday, June 16, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Camp



Beaton Banks, a watercolor by Marilyn Riopel of Fort St. John, was one of ten winners at the Peace-Liard Regional Juried Art Exhibition.

Emile on the shores of beautiful Moberly Lake. Meals and accommodation are available. For more information phone Ken Crowle at 604-788-3711 or Yvonne Elden at 604-788-2792.

"The Business of Art" Workshop Well Attended

On February 17, the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council held its first regional workshop entitled *The Business of Culture*. Over 40 regional representatives were in attendance, including members of arts organizations, arts administrators and practicing artists from all disciplines. The Business of Culture was a one-day workshop held in conjunction with the Regional Juried Art Exhibition. Its primary focus was to provide a networking opportunity and specific training sessions to the artists and cultural managers in the Peace-Liard region. It also provided a forum to discuss cultural policy development in the area and discuss issues, not only with others in the cultural community, but also with government representatives who have control over cultural policy. The full day event began with a forum with government representatives Marchetta Leppky

from the City of Dawson Creek, Jean Pryndyck from the City Fort St. John and Karen Goddings from the Peace River Regional District. This was an excellent opportunity for the panel and audience to exchange ideas about funding in these times of economic restraint.

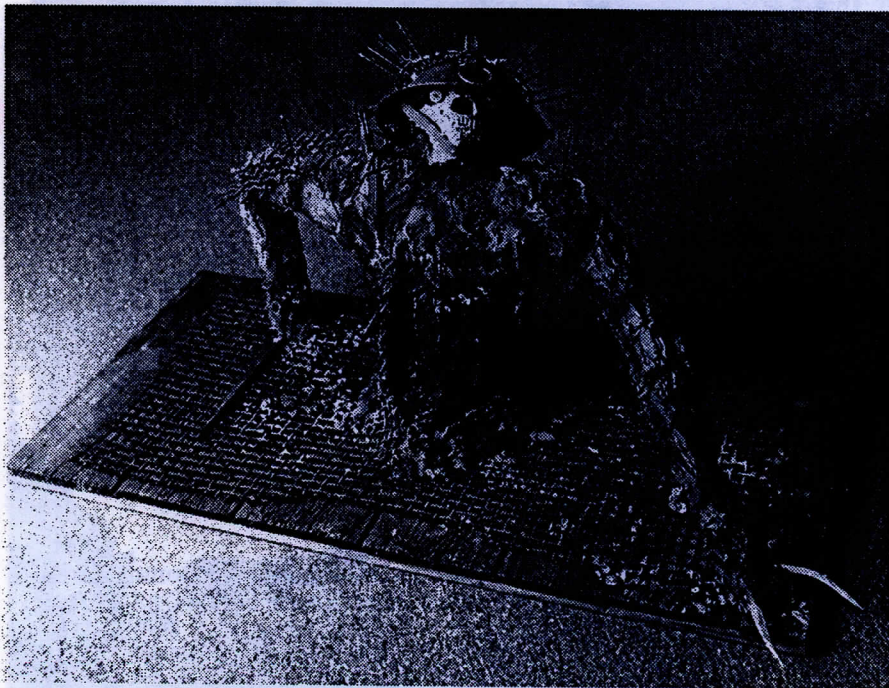
In the afternoon, breakdown sessions were conducted. Sue Popesku spoke to arts councils and organizations about preparing grant applications, fundraising and charitable tax status. She was joined by Sheila Simard who guided the group through goal setting and policy development. Bob Bennets met with participants in the performing arts to cover contract negotiations, joint contracts and audience development. Visual artists were given instruction from Daniel Campbell of Grande Prairie on resume and portfolio development.

This workshop is a result of comments from local participants at the Assembly of BC Arts Councils (ABCAC) Conference held in Fort St. John in 1994. There was an expressed desire to have an opportunity to meet and discuss common issues as well as receive professional training within the region. The feedback from those in attendance was very positive and the organizers of the event were pleased. Peace-Liard Regional Arts Council president, Anna Stuber, was very pleased with the attendance. "We targeted for about 40 regional representatives and achieved that number. We are very pleased with the commitment from the communities and results of the workshops."

Many who attended took the opportunity to enjoy the opening of the Regional Juried Art Exhibition that evening.

Regional Arts Council Publishes Brochure

The Peace-Liard Regional Arts Council has just completed a new brochure which outlines its services to the communities and members it serves. Designed by Ellen Ostero of Ellen's Art and Design in Taylor, the brochure, *Harvesting the Talent*, includes some lovely photos of local artists and performers. Be sure to pick one up at your local art gallery, arts centre or from your community arts council. More copies are available through the regional office at 604-782-1164.



Karl Mattson of Rolla created this sculpture, *Evolution*. It will be travelling to the *Images and Objects* exhibition in Penticton.

We want to hear from you

The Peace-Liard Regional Arts Council is always interested in feedback from all those involved in the arts. Do you have an issue you would like to see us address? Or some special artist, event or project that we can highlight in our newsletter? If so please contact us at
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Featured at Regional Art Galleries

Peace Gallery North - Fort St. John

May 17-June 6

Excellence

June 7 to July 3

Remembrance

July 5 - August 8

A Regional Focus

August 9 - September 5

People and Places

Sept. 6 to Oct 2

Graphically Speaking & Vocally Primitive

Students from North Peace Secondary School

North Peace Art Group

Euphemia McNaught

Area Residents

Robert Young

Dawson Creek Art Gallery

May 21 - June 8

The Great Outdoors

June 11 - 29

Regional Focus

July 2 - Aug. 31

Members Summer Exhibitions

September 3 - 28

Without Apology

Lana Mix

Euphemia McNaught

South Peace Art Society Members

B. Kovacic, C. Stewart, H. Kostovich

Tumbler Ridge Art Gallery

May

Children's Exhibit

June

Quintet Safety Exhibition

July

TBA

August

Wildlife Paintings

Students Claude Galibois Elementary

Denise Lindley

Fort Nelson

Schedule to be announced - Please contact Phoenix Theatre for information 788 - 2241