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(The Drawing Room Gallery)

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The North Peace Festival held here recently proved to be a learning experience for all concerned. Though size is, of course, not a prerequisite for quality, chairperson Dorothy Pickell feels that we have made just a start in terms of the number of entries received and that the program will expand. The adjudicators were pleased with the quality of the work and with the enthusiasm with which it was presented. The general public is realizing that there is a vibrant arts community here, growing in appreciation and competence.

The second annual Art and Craft Fair in Fort St. John is scheduled for June 13 and 14. We're looking forward to it and to once again having the opportunity of sharing thoughts with out-of-town participants. Of course, we'd like to see as many as feel they can make the trip.

The concert-going public and the school population were tremendously pleased to have the U.B.C. Chamber Singers in the North recently. They were reviewed for Performance by Ed Sergeant, a resident of Fort St. John, having come from Holland five years ago, who teaches piano and voice.

In closing, news of municipal involvement with the arts in Fort St. John. The town council allowed an alderman to attend the Canadian Conference of the Arts seminar, "Municipalities and the Arts," held in Vancouver in April, which others from here attended also.

A situation of growing awareness on the part of municipal government certainly exists here. Recently, local artists were invited to submit designs for a coat-of-arms for Fort St. John as it becomes a city. The entry from Howie Signs was selected. In addition, to celebrate the coming city status, the Potters' Guild has been commissioned to make a number of pots for use as official gifts. Perhaps the best news is encouragement by way of a 60 per cent increase in grants to the arts community over last year's dollar amount.

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