

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Share the Heritage of Local Art at the Phoenix

By Janelle Lazeski

The Phoenix Theatre is hosting The Alaska Highway Inspiration Art Exhibition this coming weekend, featuring six amazing artists from along our World Famous Highway.

Rochelle Nehring and Dawn Travis are two local artists that will be featured in the show, along with Trish Croal of Toad River, Dianne Nelson of Fort Liard, Chrystal Sorken of Grande Prairie, and Carol Ross of Fort St. John.

The collection will include watercolours, photography, pottery, woodcrafts, pastels, and silk painting. This show has been designed to introduce the many ways of looking at and interpreting the beauty of B.C.'s northern landscape. Even though some of the pieces aren't directly related to the Alaska Highway, all of the artists have generated much of their inspiration from our local landscape.

Rochelle Nehring has lived in Fort Nelson for the past 18 years. She has been passionate about creating beautiful pieces of art incorporating photography and watercolor painting for as far back as she can recall. During this exhibit, Rochelle will be showing her landscape photography, a collection of color images from the past five years.

Dawn Travis has been a resident of Fort Nelson for the past 27 years, and has been involved in the lives of many children in this community.

A primary school teacher, Dawn used her artistic desire to challenge and excite her students during art classes. Now that Dawn is retired, she has more time to spend on her own art. Dawn diversifies her time, working on pottery, woodcrafts, photography and watercolors with her inspiration coming from the wildlife and the nature that surrounds her.

These are only two of the six women that all have incredible stories to tell. All the artists will be at the opening reception Friday evening. This event is by invitation only, but it is as easy to attain an invite as phoning The Phoenix Theatre and requesting as such. This event is pertaining to all our senses, serving wine and cheese while a local guitarist plays music in the background.

The heart and soul of any small town is within the passions and talents of its residents. It is an event such as this, where we are given an opportunity to appreciate and support our neighbours, and simply expand our heart and our minds to places that we haven't been before.

### Alaska Highway Inspiration Art Exhibition

Opened to the public October 13th  
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

Opening wine and cheese reception by invitation on  
Friday, October 12th at 7:00-9:00 PM. If you would like  
to receive an invitation please call 774-2241.

Featuring artists such as Trish Croal,  
Dawn Travis, Chrystal Sorken,  
Dianne Nelson, Carol Ross  
and Rochelle Nehring.

### Voices for Hospice

Fort Nelson Hospice Palliative Care Support Group Society  
**Benefit Concert at the Phoenix Theatre**  
October 17th, 2007 at 7:00pm

**Music & Dance for the whole family**

Tickets available at Phoenix Theatre for \$6.00  
Call Robyn at 774-8100 (326) or Leona at 774-2926