

GROUP REPORTS

North Peace Music Teachers: Will be holding a piano workshop with Carmen Gorgichuk from Grande Prairie College from 1:00-3:00 at the Cultural Centre. The cost is \$10:00
On Sunday, November 19 there will be three recitals at 1:30, 3:00 and 4:00 at the Evangelical Mission Church. Admission is by donation.

North Peace Community Choir: *Oh Canada* Concert will be held on November 18 with the Northern Lights Youth Choir, the Alleluia Choir. There will be a vocal workshop on Saturday, November 17 with Tina Alexander at 10:30. She will be the guest performer at the concert. The choir will break for Christmas season then start work on a collaborative work with GP College in the spring. The choir met with Andy Ackerman to go over grant possibilities and prepare applications. The choir is raising money for a sound shell.

FSJ Dance Society: Group is doing a Purdy's fundraiser and will hold their annual Ladies' Day Out event at NPSS on December 2 & 3. Admission is \$3 and people are invited to bring a non-perishable food or un-wrapped toy.

Northern Dance Theatre Society: NDTS put a display in the Airport display case for the month of November. NDTS dancers will participate in the Studio 2 Stage recital on December 17. There will be 3 shows. There will be a silent auction and donations are welcome. Cookbooks are being prepared to be on sale at Christmas. NDTS is also selling Mega Lottery tickets.

North Peace Potters Guild: Potters are getting ready for the Winter Sale on December 2 at the ArtsPost. Students and members are making Christmas ornaments to be on sale as a fundraiser for the guild. Registration for January classes will open December 15.

North Peace Spinners & Weavers: Guild will participate in the Winter Sale at the ArtsPost on December 2. They will have draws and door prizes. There is a workshop on making Chicken pincushions on Saturday. A workshop on pin loom weaving is planned for January 20. Working with museum on St. Distaff day on January 5 or 6. Workshops are open to everyone. Junior members group meets every other month.

Stage North Theatre Society: Tina & Tony's wedding will not be held. Will now do *Always Patsy Cline* as a dinner theatre with the Rotary Club on January 19, 20, 26, 27. The Peace River Zone Theatre Festival will be in May. The set of *Alcan Craze* is being used by the Hospital Gala.

Peace River North Festival Association: Plans are underway for the 2018 festival scheduled for April 14-22, 2018. The syllabi have been sent out and adjudicators are being hired.

Spectrum Art Studios: Art classes finished last week and will start again on January 8.

Peace Gallery North: The Artisan Christmas Market will begin on December 2 and will continue until December 23. The gallery manager, Lisa MacLean will be leaving at the end of December.

BUSINESS

Letter regarding the Banner Project was scheduled to be addressed at City Council on November 14. We have asked for a partnership with the city to continue the banner project. If the city does not want to partner with us we may look at doing banners in downtown business windows. 16 of our banners have been hung at the north entrance to the city.

Art Survey: Survey is being prepared and will be sent out to groups to collect data on arts activities in the community.

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Northern Dance Theatre Society

- 2 Groups performed in the Peace Fusion Showcase (large tap and junior jazz)
- All groups (except Acc Rec) are getting ready for PG competition
- Exam Registration is starting for Spring Exams
- Kids have started work on their Spring Recital Programs
- Cook Book Fundraiser has been shipped and we are waiting for them to get here to be able to sell
- Doing a Growing Smiles fundraiser in the spring

Dates: Feb 26: General Meeting

March 3: D-Day

March 17-23: Prince George Dance Festival

March 19-April 2: studio closed

April 12-15: Dance Drive GP *Pre sr. and Senior dancers only*

April 19-22: PRNF

April 27-29: Standing O-Dawson Creek

May 7: Ndts school show

May 10: Ndts Gala

May 12: S2S spring recital

May 27 - June 20 Exams

August 13 - 24: Summer School

Stage North

Good news: *Always Patsy Cline* will be staged one more time at the NPCC for one show only June 9 to close Bright Nights in June Classic Country celebrations. Tickets will go on sale March 5 at \$25 per seat. The Rotary Dinner Theatre with Stage North's show of *Always Patsy Cline* sold out 4 shows and plans are in the works for next year's Rotary fundraiser with Stage North again. Stage North's Dinner Theatre with the Oilwives *The Bordello of the Damned* will happen on March 3. Tickets are sold out. Two shows coming up are *Mary's Wedding* at the NPCC April 26, 27, 28 at NPCC and *Blackbird* May 10, 11, 12 (WARNING: adult content). Tickets on sale soon. Both shows are Festival entries as well.

Peace River Zone Theatre Festival

The regional theatre festival will take place May 24-27 at NPCC. The adjudicator has been booked. Fundraising has begun for sponsorships and donations. Stevi Eby is the donations contact. Teela Gould and Bronwyn Hall are coordinating the Festival and Pam Laventure is the secretary. Dana Peterson and Sue Popesku and Deanna Hill are on the committee as well.

New Horizon's Senior Storytelling and Blogging:

Sunday, March 11 from 2-4pm is the first gathering of seniors and guests to find out more about the New Horizons Grant that the Arts Council received to work with seniors. The aim is to have seniors become more familiar and comfortable with computers in order to communicate better with their families and friends through blogging and facebook. By telling their stories through words, art, video, photos, and sharing it online, seniors will learn more about the internet and how to handle the computer. This program will last for one year. Natalie Brekkaas is the coordinator and the working committee consists of Linda Haugen, Pam De Ouden, Sue Popesku. The advisory committee is Karla Marsh, Pat Emory, Patricia Ferris, Sandy Troudt, Jane Sheldon, Pat Jensen, Audrey Skoreyko, Dr Kaufmann (SFU Professor) and a SFU grad student. Everyone is welcome to attend this free presentation on March 11.

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Regular Meeting – January 17, 2018

Call to Order: 12:06 PM by chair, Rosemary Landry

In Attendance: Rosemary Landry (Director/PRFCA/NPPG), Sue Popesku (Director/Stage North/PRZTF), Margaret May (PRN Festival/Director), Carol King (FSJ Quilters), Connie Surerus (Director/NPCC), Marjo Wheat (NPSWG/Museum), Jody Bates (NDTS), Lisa Rowbotham (City of FSJ), Cory Cooper (FSJ Dance Society), Tanya Shymko (Spectrum Art Studios/Director), Tiffany Butt (Northern Winds), Niki Hedges (FSJ Film Society), Catherine Ruddell (Peace Gallery North), Kendra Delichte (Irish Dance/PAGS/Central PAC), Rhonda Scott (NP Comm Choir)

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Marjo Wheat, Carried.

Approval of the Minutes of November 15, 2017 Regular Meeting: Moved by Marjo Wheat, second Sue P., Carried.

Financial Report: Written report provided, treasurer not in attendance, presented by Rosemary L. At December 15/17 NPSCU General Account \$7,756.92, Capital Reserve Account \$77,557.30, Gaming Account \$11,641.87. There is funds to do ads in Alaska Highway Journal and Chamber of Commerce for the FSJ Arts Council and Sue will do the write-up and requires photos for the magazine.

Correspondence: Letter from the City 2018 Fee for Service \$2,500. BC Winter Games 2020 Nominating Committee meeting January 29th to determine who will sit on the Games committee. Sue P. will attend, those on the nominating committee cannot sit on the Games committee. Art Avenue. Calendars 2018 Juried Art Show.

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FSJ Dance Society – Cory C. – Fundraiser is Purdy's for Easter. Dance school participating in the Peace Fusion Annual Showcase on February 17th at 7pm at NP Cultural Centre, more info on Facebook. Intermediate, advanced and novice dancers will attend and all dance studios are participating.

Northern Winds Band – Tiffany B. – currently in the process of establishing a board of directors.

Peace Gallery North – Catherine R. – I'm the new gallery coordinator and you can find updates about the gallery on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook. The Artisan Christmas Market and Candy Cane Lane event did very well. We are currently evaluating popular items in the gallery and doing an inventory. The SD60 Gifted program is displaying Rube Goldberg machines until Saturday. Also have drawings from the Freedom Thinkers program on display. Next show is Joe Johnston "My Neighbourhood" and will have a book launch early February. Our Spring Workshops can be found on Facebook.

NDTS – Jody B. – Mega Lotto and recital wrapped up in December. Currently dancers readying for competitions. We have cookbooks for sale.

North Peace Community Choir – Rhonda Scott – a successful Canada 150th Birthday concert with NLYC and Children's Choir. Currently getting ready for spring concert at Grande Prairie Regional College on

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April 7th and in FSJ on April 8th. The theme is HOPE, inspirational music, Schubert Mass, Meryl Flewelling conducting. Also doing a Swahili version of the Lord's Prayer. Looking for sponsorships, and fundraising.

Ecole Central PAC – Kendra D. – the school is performing "Aladdin" at NP Cultural Centre March 7 & 8th and looking for donations for their silent auction fundraiser.

FSJ Irish Dance – Kendra D. – the school is doing a 5km St. Paddy's Day family run as a fundraiser. Dancers who qualified for the World Championships are busy practicing and many of the dancers attending different competitions in Edmonton and Calgary. The recital is June 6th.

Peace Arts Gallery Society – Kendra D. – in partnership with NPCC providing Let's Art! Free art program for kids every month 3 days per week and will be hosting the free summer art camp program again. Currently doing board development and planning.

North Peace Spinners & Weavers – Marjo W – These are our planned events for the coming year:

- Jan 20 – meeting and workshop on Pin Loom Weaving
- Feb 17-18 – Annual Retreat at Northern Lights College
- Mar 17 – Workshop – Dye your Warp, Weave your Project
- April 21 – meeting and workshop – Knitting with handspun Yarn
- May 12 – workshop – Rigid Heddle Pickup Techniques
- June 9 – Bright Nights in June
- July 13, 14, 15 – Annual Dyeing Weekend
- August 17, 18, 19 – Fall Fair exhibition – Making Cloth with Wool and Cotton
- Sept 15 – AGM, meeting and workshop – Crock Pot Dyeing

All year – Fibre Night Thursdays – 1st Thursday of each month from 5 – 9pm at the Studio.

North Peace Museum – Marjo W. – Documentary Night January 19th "Dinosaurs". February 2nd Kids Night at the Museum "Birds of the North Peace". February 17th is Heritage Day from 1-4pm and the theme is Heritage Stands the Test of Time.

FSJ Film Society – Niki H. – two board members attended TIFF last fall which was very useful, otherwise they are unable to prescreen films. Discussing with Landmark Cinemas how to boost attendance. Upcoming films:

January 22nd "Loving Vincent", February 5th "C'est la Vie", February 26th "Novitiate", March 5th "The Leisure Seeker", March 12th "Call Me By Your Name", April 9th "Lady Bird"

City of Fort St John – Lisa R. – currently ramping up for "High on Ice" taking place on the Family Day weekend in February – there will be the ice slide, coloured ice, snowboard run at the Toboggan Hill – check out all the events on the City's website. City is offering to advertise through the Recreation Guide that is published quarterly online – need information 2 months prior – Lisa will forward info to the Arts council.

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FSJ Quilters Guild – Carol K – On April 13,14,15th – workshop - Lynn Knox from Vernon will be the instructor – 25 people maximum and open to the public. In November had an “unfinished retreat”. The Salvation Army and the Pregnancy Care Centre were given quilts and all quilts made have been given out. We currently have 31 registered members.

PRN Performing Arts Festival – Margaret M. – plans well under way – dance entries are closed and music entries close on March 16th.

Stage North Theatre Society – Sue P. – “Always Patsy Cline” is the current show for Jan. 19,20,26,27 at the Northern Grand Hotel. The Rotary Club is hosting this show as a Dinner Theatre and tickets are \$100 each, available at the NPCC. Stage North has also been contacted to do a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre for the Oilwives in February.

The next public shows are “Mary’s Wedding” directed by Emry Mika at the North Peace Cultural Centre on April 26, 27, 28 and “Blackbird” directed by Rob Laventure at the Stage North Space on the East Bypass Road May 10, 11, 12.

Peace River Zone Theatre BC Festival – Sue P. – The Theatre Festival is scheduled for May 24-27, 2018 at the North Peace Cultural Centre.

Peace Liard Regional Arts Council – Sue P. – The Regional Arts Council AGM is Jan 27, 2018 in Dawson Creek at the Kiwanis Centre. Everyone is welcome. Contact Sue Popesku 250-785-6214. The PLRAC will be initiating the first Literary Festival “Words North” for the Peace River Region and the Northern Rockies Region (Fort Nelson) in Dawson Creek this year. Much more to come....

Spectrum Art Studios – Tanya S. – classes have started this weekend Saturdays 10-3:30pm. Adults – oil pastel play, kids – elements of art January 8 to Feb. 5th. Pro-D classes next Friday and Monday. Info on the website.

North Peace Cultural Centre – Connie S. – getting ready for “Bright Nights in June” festival and the theme is “Classic Country” which starts with “Art Stars” – an evening discussion with artists June 7th, admission by donation, June 8th Gala evening, cocktails at 6:30pm, show at 7:30pm with Duane Steele and a tribute to George Jones, Tom Cole as special guest, June 9th is the Art market and Big Print Day in the parking lot, with prints being made using a road roller, Printmakers, Spinners & weavers, Flying colours Artists, and more will be there providing demos, selling their artwork, kids activities, live music. More info to come.

North Peace Potters Guild – Rosemary L. – classes for both youth and adults starting.

Flying Colours – Rosemary L. – a three day printmaking workshop is planned for February.

Fed of Canadian Artists – Rosemary L. – show at Peace Gallery North in May “Greening Up”. David Langevin will be coming to do a workshop.