



**NORTH PEACE ART Group members and other interested painters are taking part in a four day workshop on pastels and portraits. Gary Low of Dawson Creek is conducting the**

**workshop which takes place each morning and evening at the Blair home on Mackenzie Street south.**



PHYLLIS LJUDEN AND Avor Thompson came into the news office with two of the pictures which will be on display at the Art Show in City Hall today, Saturday and Sunday. Friday will be a day for browsing, with sales to begin at 6.0pm.

# Ten years of the North Peace Arts Group

In January, the North Peace Art Group celebrates its '10th' Anniversary with four of the charter members still actively involved. Sal Maloney, this year's president, Phyllis Ljuden, June Christie and Brian Mitchel who was absent for a few years but has now returned to participate in this group. In these ten years, the local members have developed from beginners to serious and experienced artists. The North Peace Art Group highlights its year with two annual art shows.

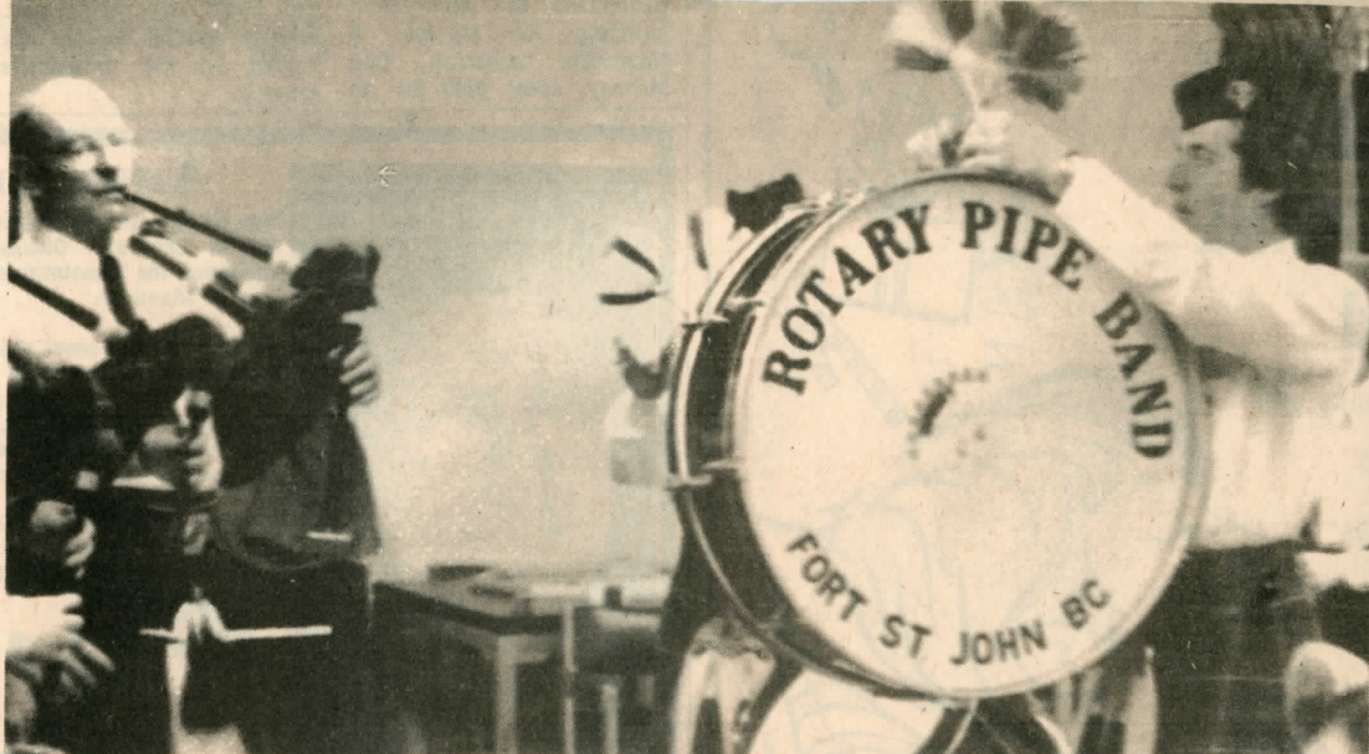
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**THE CARDINAL SINGERS** will be in concert on December 18 at 3:30 pm at the Burch Presbyterian Hall. The choir is directed by

Marianna Survis and will be accompanied by the Survis- Pipkin trio. This will be their second performance of the season.



**THE LOCAL PIPE BAND** performed for the Peace Lutheran Care Home last evening. The band consists of Mel Clarke, Gordon Adlard, Brian Gentles and Val Rouble on pipes, side drummer Ross Haller, bass drummer Terry Cowles, and Gloris

Cowles, Craig Gauvre and Debbie Haller on the tenor drums. The band played in full dress attire. The people in the Care Home showed their appreciation of the evening entertainment by their applause and participation. *DEC 15, 1977*

# Potters to hold winter fair

The members of the Fort St John Potter's Guild are very pleased to again be able to present their annual fair to the residents of Fort St John. This year the fair will take place in the Fort Hotel Ballroom December 3 from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm. The Christmas Craft Fair is beening held in conjunction with the Guild's Pottery Sale.

The guild is also sponsoring many other crafts at this

event. The quilters will be on the scene to demonstrate their art, as well as table of ceramics, a display of petit point, a booth with stuffed and wooden toys and Graham River Farms will be giving a spinning demonstration. The guild has also planned to have a painter on the scene to do live portraits.

All are welcome and asked to come out and enjoy this event. DEC 1, 1977



THE FORT ST JOHN Potter's Guild members are very busy preparing for there Christmas Craft Fair. The variety of articles they will have on display and for sale is seemingly endless.



**NORTH PEACE BAND** performed again yesterday for the students at North Peace School for their annual Christmas concert. The band opened the concert with 'O Canada' and two of

the pieces that they performed the night before. It was evident that the students enjoyed the performance as they showed their appreciation with a huge round of applause.

# First draft ready on culture centre

Thompson, Berwick, Pratt and Co have completed an initial examination of the need for an arts and crafts building here, it was revealed at last night's Community Centre Committee meeting.

The firm of consultants have held numerous talks with interested arts groups in the city, and have produced a sketchy picture of what is needed and could be built.

They have done a similar study for Northern Lights College to determine what it needs and could build in Fort St John.

The CCC are now ready to talk with the college and school board who are also studying the advantages the

arts and craft complex. The purpose of this meeting is to make some hard and fast decisions on important matters which must be dealt with before in-depth planning and designing can begin. The most important of these will be site location.

## SCHOOL BOARD WELCOMED

The CCC officially welcomed the school board into the triumvirate of groups taking an active interest in the proposed centre. The board is currently doing studies to see if the idea can offer facilities which can be utilised by schools, or can incorporate their own new structures into the centre.



DANCERS FROM both the New Totem Twirlers and Forty-Niners Clubs square-danced away the evening at Ambrose School last night as part of the graduation for 13 new members

this year. The New Totem Twirlers meet each week on Wednesday evening at Ambrose. The Fort-Niners were there as special guests. FEB 17, 1977



# Workshop for music lovers

A two day music workshop with Helen Dalhstrom, past president of the Canadian Music Teachers' Association begins tomorrow evening at the Burch Presbyterian Hall.

The Thursday night session

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will be a choral workshop. A number of women from the women's choir are expected to be present. Anyone else involved in choirs around the city is welcome to attend.

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# Snow sculpture is on for sure

JAN 31, 1977

With the return of cold weather the Mukluk Rendezvous Committee now plans to go ahead with the snow sculpturing contest on the final weekend, February 5 and 6.

The entry form appears on the classified ad page of today's paper. As indicated the forms should be completed and dropped off at the Fire Hall or at Shopper's Drug Mart before noon on Friday, February 4.

The committee is encouraging budding sculptors to do their thing down at the arena, at schools around town or on your front lawns to brighten up the city for the final weekend.

Jim Collins at the Fire Hall can be contacted for the coloring materials but each entrant must provide his or

her own sculpting equipment — spoons, sticks, pails, carving knives, rubber gloves and boots or whatever else is needed.

The judging will take place late on Saturday afternoon. It is expected that if the number of entries warrants it a bus will be used to transport the judges and senior citizens around town to the various locations of entries.

The winning entries will be awarded prizes after that time.

Though contest organizers don't expect the sculpturing event to draw upwards of 25,000 tourists as happens each year at a small town in Idaho they do hope that many people will give it a try and make our city a little bit more colorful during Mukluk Rendezvous.

# Weavers organize to form a guild

JUN 3, 1977

Last week several members of the community interested in the craft of weaving met to establish the North Peace Weavers' Guild.

THE GROUP'S objective for this year is an educational one: to help instruct one another in the kinds and uses of various looms and to help one another improve on the skills involved in weaving. Aside from assistance within the group, the Guild members plan to host workshops to be conducted by weavers outside the Fort St John area. These workshops will be well advertised in advance and will be open to the public.

Members present elected the following to serve on the executive board: chairperson,

Carole Urchenko; treasurer, Dorothy Embreus; recording secretary, Jon Robinson; Art Council representative, Joan Sicotte; advertising, Hermie Lynch; and steering committee, Velma Rimbey, Maureen Goldsmith, Linda Wood.

Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month. Membership is open to anyone interested in weaving, and the Guild is collecting a fee of one dollar. For anyone interested in joining, call Carole Urchenko (785-7529) or Maureen Goldsmith (785-3735).

A display of some looms and finished projects will be on hand during the Arts and Crafts Fair on June 11th.



FEB 8, 1977

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MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT TO the opening of the Mukluk Canada, they gave a short recital of chosen pieces. The band has Rendezvous was provided by the Dr Kearney Band. As well as O become a frequent sight at official city functions.

# Special

## What do you need in an arts centre?

In order to assess the particular interests and space requirements of community groups who may at one time or another make use of the proposed community arts centre the committee behind the project is circulating a questionnaire this week.

On Wednesday, January 19 at 8 pm the Community Centre Committee plans to hold a public seminar at City Hall to discuss the results of the questionnaire. The committee is anxious that these questionnaires be returned to Box 7442, Fort St John, before January 15 so that the information can be tabulated and assembled for presentation at the public meeting.

Plans for a community arts centre are now at the intermediate stage and this questionnaire will help architects decide how large a facility this community will require.

At the present time the building will include a library, a theatre, a gallery-foyer and associated arts and crafts rooms.

JAN 12, 1977  
Are you, or a member of your family, considering enrolling in an arts oriented program in the community college?

Would you use the facility more extensively if it were located adjacent to the present recreation centre?

Could you use the centre more extensively if day care facilities were provided?

Would you be prepared to give some time to the operation of day care or baby sitting facilities?

Would you like to see children's and-or family activities programmed for weekends?

Would you be interested in becoming a volunteer member of a gallery association, should one be formed?

The group part of the questionnaire asks five questions.

In describing the facility as an arts centre the committee wants it understood that this meant to include a broad range of activities including painting, pottery, sculpture, photography, all crafts, drama, music and dance.

What space would your group require in the new centre?

Would you require exclusive use of the space, or only occasional use?

Are you aware that rent will be payable for the use of space?

What use do you plan to make of this space? (eg workshops, classes, recitals, etc)

Would you require storage facilities?

Would you consider, if exclusive use is required, sub-rental, part-time to the community college, or a similar institution?

In the second part eight other questions are asked in order to determine the requirements of individual and family users.

As an individual or family in the community, what arts oriented or related programs would you like to see offered in which you might participate?

What associated activities do you feel might take place in such a centre?



FORT ST JOHN'S fairest lasses took part last night in the annual talent show and tea as part of the Mukluk Rendezvous Queen contest. Reigning Miss Mukluk Rendezvous Shelly Darnell, seated centre with her princess Arlene Beattie pose

after the show with this year's candidates (l-r) Monica Milne, Evelyn Campbell, Cathy Luiken, Marsha Ross, Cheryl Bartell and Heather Maxfield. Some of their handicrafts are displayed.