

Fort St. John Arts Council Directory 1986-87

THE FORT ST. JOHN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Box 6474
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 4K5

Contact: Norma Currie 785-7919

The Arts Council is made of member groups and individuals who are dedicated to the stimulation and co-ordination of cultural activities and promotion of local artists and their works. The Council acts as a service for information of groups and individuals and as an agent for funding requests to local and provincial departments. All arts activities are reported in the Arts Page in the newspaper on Wednesdays.

MEMBER GROUPS OF THE FORT ST. JOHN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

ARTSPACE

10003-100 St.
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 3Y5

Contact: Sue Popesku 785-1986

The Artspace is the first centre for the arts in Fort St. John, the Artspace offers services to the community as a Ticket and Information Centre and provides space for meetings and arts activities. The location in the centre of the city makes the Artspace accessible as a public facility.

ARTSPACE CLASSES

10003-100 St.
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 3Y5

Contact: Jan Armstrong 785-1986

Artspace Classes offers an exciting program of Arts related classes for the entire family. Classes in theatre, music, dance and visual arts provide an opportunity for local artists to teach others and for children and adults to explore their natural creative abilities.

CABLE TO SOCIETY

c/o 5440 Cable TV
9815-100 Ave.
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 1Y4

Contact: Jack Beck 787-1171

A non-profit society dedicated to improving Community awareness through use of television by involving other groups and individuals in Community programming and broadcasting. The society allows amateurs to learn video filming, interviewing and editing. All interested people are welcome.

CAN-CANETTES

9312-97 Ave.
Fort St. John, B.C.

Contact: Veronica Bedell 785-4070

This volunteer group is dedicated to having fun and providing a splash of action and vitality at telethons, banquets, dinner theatres, dances and many other special events in the North Peace and B.C. Practices are held every Tuesday and Thursday with tryouts in September each year.

CRAFTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION

9804-95 Ave.
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 1H5

Contact: Monica Tanner 785-4758

A group of active local artisans and craftpeople co-operate in an effort to improve the standard of crafts in the Peace area. They hold annual Christmas and Easter Sales. Meetings are in Artspace the fourth Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome to join the members at 7:30 p.m. to discuss craft business and enjoy craft-related presentations.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

c/o 10349-100 St.
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 3Z2

Contact: Sandy Gundmunson 787-0107
(work) 785-5631

The Friends of the Library promote and support the library services and assist with community arts related programmes such as film showing, author readings, and puppetry. They support the Library Board in its resolve to move the public library to its own premises. The Friends raise funds through book sales and other activities. New members are most welcome.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

10349-100 St.
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 3Z2

Contact: Romi Haso 785-3731

The Public Library serves the community by co-ordinating children's story hours and films, providing audio-multilingual, large print books, loaning magazines, books, and audio-visual equipment and providing inter-library loan service. The opening hours are Mon., and Sat. 10-5. Tues. 10:30-5 p.m., Wed. and Fri. 1-9, Thurs., 9-5, Sun., 1-4:30. The Library Board and staff are actively pursuing a permanent library space.

LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Box 6
Goodlow, B.C.
V0C 1S0

Contact: Win Baker 781-3533

Rural and urban women's groups and individual members comprise this federation which involves the study and action on all aspects of community concern. The active members convene each month on the third Friday at the Drop in Centre (basement of Apartment 1 Lutheran Church) for a luncheon-tea meeting. All interested women are welcome to attend and presentations of local concerns are also welcome.

NORTHERN DANCE THEATRE SOCIETY

Box 7857
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 5E6

Contact: Harvey Ruddell 787-9430

The Dance Society was newly formed in 1985 to promote the discipline of ballet, tap, and jazz. The "Almost There" annual production will audition in February for the B.C. Pavilion Regional Week Aug. 17-23.

NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLEGE

Box 1000
Fort St. John, B.C.

Contact: Kate Pelling 785-6981

Northern Lights College offers courses in music, visual arts and develops programs in arts for adults. The Community Education Department co-operates with local groups and the Emily Carr College of Art Workshops and crafts groups to provide educational arts and music programs. New instructors are welcome to contact the college.

NORTH PEACE ART SOCIETY

Box 7577
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 4R4

Contact: Merle Hendricks 785-3710
Art Gallery 787-0993

The Art Society's aim is to promote and encourage growth of the Visual Arts in the North Peace Region. They operate a gallery which is run by volunteer staff, and they meet on the 1st Monday of every month at Gallery 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The Annual Spring and Fall sales feature new works by an increasing number of local artists.

NORTH PEACE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

9323-100 St.
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 4N4

Contact: Ivan Strome 785-2909
F.S.J. North Peace Museum 787-0430

The North Peace Historical Society was founded to create and maintain an interest in the History of the North Peace. The Society is responsible for the Fort St. John North Peace Museum opened in 1984 features history in natural settings and is open year round. The Society is developing an archeological department and planning for extension of exhibit space.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL '86 COMMITTEE

Box 6584
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 4N4

Contact: Carrol Thomson 785-1986

Heritage Festival Committee is a combined effort of the Arts Council and the North Peace Historical Society to honour our pioneers and natural resources. The celebration scheduled for July 9-13, 1986 involves many community organizations and individuals. Major exhibits, performances, craft and food tents will add to the excitement of events like the Outhouse Races, B.C. Pavilion Regional Show and the Rodeo.

NORTH PEACE REGISTERED MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

9216-89 St.
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 4Y9

Contact: Jana Jordan 785-5774

The Music Teachers Association teaches music, conducts recitals, participates in Festivals, sponsors some musical performers, and prepares Students for theory and practical exams. Their aim is to improve the level of teaching and performance in the community.

PEACE LUTHERAN CARE HOME AUXILIARY

9908-108 Ave.
Fort St. John, B.C.

Contact: Kathy Thorlakson 785-8941

The Auxiliary is made up of volunteers who support the Care Home residents handicrafts and other activities through fundraising. Each year the auxiliary sponsors an Appreciation Tea and Bazaar and a Craft Sale of items handmade by Care Home residents. They meet every 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Care Home.

ROTARY PIPE BAND

9704-112 Ave.
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 2W3

Contact: G. Adlard 785-0269

The Fort St. John Rotary Pipe Band performs publicly at community parades, Burns Night Celebrations, November 11th Services, and Children's Parades. They have also performed for Curling Bonspiels and traveled to communities throughout the Peace Country, including Grande Prairie, Fort Nelson and Whitehorse. Practice is held every Thursday at the Legion Hall.

RURAL CREATION - MONTNEY RECREATION

General Delivery
Montney, B.C.

Contact: Vicki Hess 827-3389
Sonya Watchell 827-3263
Barb Bell 827-3556

Montney Recreations was established to bring more arts activities and classes to the Rural Area. A small group called Rural Creations was formed with a Pilot Project of Tap-Jazz dancing for children on Sundays. Everyone is welcome.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS

10315-110 Ave.
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 2T3

Contact: Oliver Mott 785-9508

The Scottish Country Dancers hold weekly classes at Central Elementary School 7 p.m. Mondays, and a monthly social dance. It is social dancing in formations of four to eight in each group. This group invites everyone to enjoy learning traditional and contemporary Scottish dances. They will also perform at special events.

SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

9912-112 Ave.
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 2W5

Contact: Christine Drummond 785-1204

The purpose of the Spinners and Weavers is to explore the craft of spinning and weaving. They offer demonstrations to community groups and functions. They meet monthly at Central Elementary School Basement and welcome new members to learn their craft or further expand their knowledge in the craft.

STAGE NORTH THEATRE SOCIETY

Box 7455
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 4R4

Contact: Norm Bryson 785-9350

Stage North is a community theatre group whose main purpose is to produce and present live theatre to the North Peace utilizing local talent, facilities and resources in all facets of organization and production.

TREELINE

Box 1000
Fort St. John, B.C.

Contact: Maidie Hilma 785-3119
(work) 785-6981

Treeline is a non-profit Press Publishing literary works and art which are primarily from Northern British Columbia. The press publishes anthologies and individual selections. Treeline also sponsors literary readings by famous Canadian writers and local writers.

WORKSHOP PLAYERS

Box 7715
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 4Y2

Contact: Terry Cowles 785-5166
(work) 785-5641

Workshop Players is an amateur non-profit theatrical group. The group produces one traditional children's production a year and one adult production a year. They also cater to schools, churches and community organizations, giving talks, workshops and general assistance in the theatrical field.

POTTER'S GUILD

P.O. Box 7845
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 5E6

Contact: Mary Patenaude 785-2757

The guild is a co-operative association of members on all levels of skill. Members are able to use the facility shared by Northern Lights College on a year round basis. The guild has an annual show and sale and can take advantage of the guild library, work sessions, workshops and store.

A LOOK AT THE ARTS IN 1986

Museum Auction N.P. Historical Society	End of June
Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat Stage North Production Dawson Creek Fort St. John	June 30 - July 4 July 9 - 13
Heritage Festival '86 A celebration of our pioneers and natural resources. Peace River - Alaska Highway.	July 9-13
B.C. Pavilion Regional Week at Expo '86	Aug. 17-23
Vancouver Symphony in Concert Sponsored by F.S.J. and D.C. at Unchaguh Hall	Sept. 11-12
Northern Dance Theatre Society Christmas Production	Dec. 12-14
Brochures sponsored by Janette Fors and De-Line Exhaust	