# YOU ARE INVITED....

The Fort St. John Arts Council invites you to the

# **Arts Council Annual General Meeting**

On WEDNESDAY, September 16 at 7pm in the Artspost at 10320 94 Avenue

Topic for Discussion is "Looking Forward to the Celebrations of Milestones in Arts and Culture during 2017". Milestones in 2017 include:

25th year of the North Peace Cultural Centre

40th year of Stage North Theatre Society

50th year of the Fort St. John Community Arts Council

60th year of the Lido Theatre

75th year of the Building of the Alaska Highway

150th year of Canada

Arts Council 2015 "Briefly Speaking"

September 2015

Fort St. John Community Arts Council

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Location: Artspost 10320 94 Avenue 250-787-2781

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council serves the entire population of the North Peace as a charitable, non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to developing arts programing, supporting creative activities for children and adults and identifying much-needed arts facilities for the community. Organized in 1967, the Fort St. John Arts Council has initiated and helped develop lasting Arts and Heritage programs, groups, and venues making Fort St. John and area a vibrant arts community. The Arts Council believes that creative activities are essential for a healthy mind as part of an overall healthy lifestyle.

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#### 2015-2016

The Fort St. John Arts Council will continue the above programs and activities into this next year and add:

- Organize a Studio Tour "Where Art Starts" for Saturday, Sept 26 for BC Cultural Days with the Artspost,
   NPCC, FSJ North Peace Museum, Kilnhouse, Cheryl's Spinning and Weaving and more artists studios.
- Create a Christmas Forest Welcoming at the North Peace Airport for holiday travellers on November 28 with the help of community groups decorating trees. The display will stay up through the holiday season.
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For further information please contact the Fort St. John Arts Council, Rosemary Landry, President Arts Council 2014-2015



## Fort St. John Community Arts Council Annual General Meeting

## President's Report September 16, 2015

During the July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, reporting period, the Community Arts Council experienced a very active year of fundraising, initiating creative activities, supporting the tried and true and letting go of those that we can no longer managed efficiently.

During the year, the Community Arts Council (CAC) has worked cooperatively with the North Peace Cultural Society (NPCC) Board and staff in support of the Cultural Centre as a vital arts centre in our community. The Arts Council fully supported the forums on the "Future of Arts" in Fort St. John conducted by the new NPCC Board of Directors. The CAC also participated in "Bright Nights In June" to celebrate the Arts in Fort St. John.

Arts Council fundraising events continued throughout the year including a successful Christmas "Recycle, Reuse, Rejoice" program, sale of the Peace Liard Regional Juried Arts Show calendars, and the very profitable promotion of the "World's Best Pies" at the Fall Fair in August with thanks to our members for their generous donation of delicious homemade pies. The Advocacy Program continued for the second year and with the generous support of community businesses along with fundraising efforts, the CAC was able to keep the Artspost open.

New fundraising events were introduced this year. A "Recipe in a Garden Pot" was a Mother's Day fun project involving flower pots painted by local artists and filled with herb and vegetable plants. A big "Thank you" is extended to the North East News for providing the display space to showcase the available pots.

The Arts Council believes that creative activities are essential for a healthy mind as part of an overall healthy lifestyle. During the year, the Arts Council accepted to organize the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Art Walk" extending the event from mid June to mid July involving 25 venues and 30 artists. A new Banner Project was introduced to supply original art street banners for the downtown core in the summer of 2015. Allen White was the successful artist who created the six stunning images entitled "Take Flight" in honour of the Air Show. As a member of the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council our Arts Council will function as a focal point for the Alaska Highway 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 2017 events.

There have been so many positive accomplishments; however, after an extensive review of the Sand Sensations BC first three years (2012-2014) and the projection for the next three years, in light of the recent down turn in the economy, it was decided, with great regret, to postpone the 2015 event. It is hoped that this cultural tourism initiative that attracted so many people will be renewed for 2017 celebrations.

In closing, please review the attached list of the accomplishments and future events. I would like to thank the Board Members for their dedication and hard work. I would also like to thank the Member Groups for their continued support, and look forward to another successful year.

Respectfully submitted, Rosemany & Landry Rosemany E. Landry FSJ CAC President

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## **Artspost Report for 2015**

## Fort St. John Community Arts Council Annual General Meeting September 16, 2015

The Artspost serves as the office of the Fort St. John Community Arts Council and is the community arts studio space for the North Peace Potter's Guild, the North Peace Spinners and Weavers and the painting studio for art classes with Spectrum Art Studio. The multi-purpose room can be booked by member groups for meetings on a first come, first serve basis.

#### THE BUDGET

The Artspost has covered the cost of operations for another year thanks to the active participation of the members of the Arts Council pitching in for fundraising projects. The Advocacy Donations, Mother's Day Herbal Pot Sales, the Recycled Christmas Sale and the Best Pies Sale at the Fall Fair have all helped to keep the doors open at the Artspost.

The Potter's and Spinners and Weavers continue to pay monthly rent and the Spectrum Studios painting classes have been consistent users of the multi-purpose room, paying for each individual evening. We pay considerably lower rent than other buildings of similar structure and size, thanks to our landlord. The City of Fort St. John has granted us tax-exemption of \$7860 each year for which we are grateful. The annual budget requires \$44,200 to keep the Artspost doors open

### THE OFFICE

We continue to keep the office open weekdays for 9-12 noon with volunteer help. Margaret May and Sue Popesku take 2 days a week and Rosemary does one. We all have our responsibilities while at the Artspost with grant/reports/tax-receipts (Marg), communication/fundraising events (Sue), organizing and cleaning (Rosemary). We still have no guaranteed source of funds to employ (part-time nor full time) a coordinator for the Arts Council and Artspost. The landlord has installed an outside security light for nighttime safety and had the gas system checked with various old pipes freshly sealed or replaced.

### **NEED FOR MORE SPACE**

In our 9<sup>th</sup> year, we are finding the expanding activities has emphasized the need for more space. As an interim measure, both the Potter's and the Arts Council have purchased C-Cans for additional storage space. There is limited space for additional C-Cans in the parking lot. The need for a larger space for activities and various community arts studios is becoming more and more pronounced. The pottery and spinning and weaving studios are too small for the increasing demand of community users. The search for a permanent "Exploration Place" is required.

### **ACTIVITIES**

Herbal Pots were painted by local artists and sold for Mother's Day with the help of the NE News office as display and Canadian Tire for potting soil donations. Rosemary once again did magic with the flowers and the flower pots in front of the Artsposts. Watering all summer was an onerous task but she never failed to keep the flowers fresh and perky.

The Artspost was the venue for the Recycled Christmas Decoration Sale and the staging point for the Artwalk/Street Banner program and the Best Pie Sales for the Fall Fair.

### See attached for the 3 year budget forecast

Submitted by Sue Popesku 250-785-6214 spopesku@shaw.ca

## **GROUP REPORTS FOR ARTS COUNCIL AGM SEPT 16**

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1. THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN ARTISTS: The Chapter has strived to meet its goals of improving the quality and range of artistic expression by its members and to promote the visual arts in the region. Each year the Chapter organises two juried shows for its Active members. In the spring of 2015 a show was held in Grande Prairie at the Centre for Creative Art. The Fall show is scheduled to be held in Dawson Creek. Next year the shows will be held in Fort St John and Beaverlodge.

The Chapter will have organised four workshops by the end of the calendar year. One workshop focussed on drawing and etching, another on abstract art, another on printmaking. These were all held in Fort St John. The fourth workshop will be held in Dawson Creek and will extend participants skills in abstract art. All workshops are led by master printmakers or senior members of the Federation.

Participation in the workshops is given first to members of the Chapter and then is made open to other artists. A strong partnership exists with many Peace Region art organisations. Membership in the PRFCA is drawn from nearly every community in the Alberta and British Columbia Peace Region. Fort St John has the largest number of members.

Charlie Parslow



2. SCRAP BOOKING—a new group starting up: Do you love scrapbooking? Do you have several projects started, but just can't seem to finish?

We are starting a scrapbooking group on Friday Sept 25 at the ArtsPost. Bring your project, cutters, materials and supplies and join us between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. every Friday morning. There is no fee and no sales person; this is a time to work on your projects and socialize. Please call Jean at 250-787-8777 for more information."

## 3. North Peace Potters' Guild:

It's been a

busy year for this co-operative group of clay workers and students. The Guild is not a fee for service organization and relies on its members for the organization of the studio and all its activities. Thank you everyone.

The Guild recognizes ongoing support from the Arts Council and its volunteers. It also recognizes assistance from the City of Fort. St. John. The year started in September with a full complement of classes for adults and children. Membership was just under 30 members, most of whom are studio members and work regularly in the studio.

In November we hosted Huang Fe from Jindezhen, China, for a "blue and white painting workshop". Huang Fe is renowned for his work. Quite a privilege for our members and guests. Huang Fe returned to China in December, having presented Canada wide. The Guild will remain in touch.

A successful winter sale, together with the Spinners and Weavers and at the same time as the Arts Council decorations fund raiser, was held on the first weekend in December. Classes started again in Janurary with all classes. In February the Guild had a workshop with a local instructor.

Classes ended in April and members worked on the 8<sup>th</sup> annual fund raising "Chili Bowl Bash" in June. A really good variety of bowls were available. All the normal fund raising activities on that day raised around \$3000. Reports suggested it was the best "Chili Bowl" yet. And for the first time there were 2 child winners: Jessica Harrison, a repeat winner, and Dennis Hetman. Congratulations to them and thank you to our other community chefs. Funds raised go to support the studio. This is the one activity that is truly "all hands on deck". It's a lot of work but a lot of fun and a great way to highlight guild activities. Always well attended. We rely on the community for cooking facilities. Thanks, Dr. Kearney School for the 2014 event.

Last October and again this last August the guild members worked with some alternative firing processes. We did pit firing, horse hair decoration, and a process called obvara. We will be doing more of this in the coming year, and we hope some raku as well. Members have entered their work in the Regional Arts Council show and in several other shows at Peace Gallery North

Funds granted by the Arts Council Grant, for which many thanks, are dedicated to our member education programme, in the form of workshops. Last year it helped to bring Huang Fe to the community. The premise is that what benefits our members' capacity will benefit the community. The Guild anticipates an even busier year. Membership has increase by 5-6 members from last year. Physical capacity is becoming a concern. Everyone's co-operation is both required and appreciated. There has been an unexpected increase in demand for the children's class. Adult classes start this week. The winter sale will be, as last year, the first weekend in December. We are hoping to bring Greg Crowe from Australia to the guild in March. Stay tuned. Finally congratulations to one of our members. Shannon Butler is presenting her sculptural work at the BC Craft Gallery on Granville Island until October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by Heather Hannaford. President. Email: <a href="mailto:scarab@xplornet.com">scarab@xplornet.com</a>



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4. Stage North Theatre Society Stage North rehearsal and costume/prop storage and set construction area is located on the East Bypass road on the Surerus Property. They have held auditions for the season's plays and are well underway with MacBeth which opens at the end of October. Professional actor and director John Kirkpatrick will be spending a week or more with the cast and crew in honing their Shakespeare techniques.

Macbeth Oct 30,31, Nov 5, 6 & 7, 2015 That Dam Show Mar 4, 5, 10, 11 & 12, 2016 Unnecessary Farce May 12, 13 & 14, 2016 director Dawn Ljuden director Matt Preprost

CONTACT: Lisa Behrens Executive Director Stage North Theatre Society (250)785-8118(250)785-8118 (250)261-6272 execdir@stagenorth.ca

- **5. Peace River Zone Theatre BC** The Peace River Zone Theatre Festival is scheduled for June 2016. Karma Pratt is the new Chairman and Zone representative to Theatre BC. Board members are Dawn Ljuden, Les Anderson, Pam Laventure and Sue Popesku. Dale Hillman, past Chairman, has moved to Southern BC.
- **6. Peace River North Festival Association** The 2015 festival was held in April and was a success overall, thanks to the support of the Cultural Centre in overcoming previous booking problems. Entries were up in guitar and strings and we added dance studios from Beaverlodge and Grande Prairie. Planning is underway for the 2016 festival. Our AGM will be on September 22 a 7 pm at the ArtsPost for anyone interested in getting involved in the organization of the festival. We are also busy with planning to host the 2016 Performing Arts BC Provincial Festival which will be held in Fort St. John May 31-June 4, 2016. Officials from the Provincial board were in Fort St. John last weekend to conduct a venue tour and they seemed very pleased with what we have in place so far. Our first volunteer recruitment meeting will be on October 5 at 7:00 pm at the Cultural Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if you are only interested in doing a small job during the festival. We will need lots of help.

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## ARE YOU ON THIS LIST?

Send email to info@fsjarts.org.

The Arts Council will continue to publicize your events free of charge.. Please help us out by emailing your event, date, time and place as soon as you know it. A poster is very helpful as well.

# FOR 2015-16

### September

- Film Society AGM
- 11-30 Printmaking Exhibit "Karta 2" Peace Gallery North
- 12 Moose FM Block Party All day downtown
- 14 Monday Night at the Movies I'll See You in My Deams With the FSJ Film Society Aurora Cinema 7pm
- 16 Annual General Meeting Fort St John Arts Council 7pm Artspost
- 18 Tim Nutt/Tommy Savitt Comedy Fest NPCC
- 19/20 Tapestry Weaving Workshop Spinners and Weavers
- 20 Sketching You World with Trembling Forest Arts
- 25 Tequila Mockingbird Orchestra at the Lido Theatre
- 25 Studio Tours "Where Art Starts" Behind the Scenes with BC Cultural Days
- 25 Animal Cartooning & Caricature Creation with Trembling Forest Arts
- 26 Brian Burn N' Jamie Mahn Dueling Pianos at the Lido Theatre

Registrations Open for Pottery Classes/Artspost, Art Classes/Artspace NPCC and Painting Classes Spectrum Studios/Artspost

### October

- 16 Regional Museum Gathering FSJ NP Museum 10am 3pm
- 10-16 Preview Showing for the Annual Art Auction Peace Gallery North
- 17 Annual Art Auction (32<sup>nd</sup>) Pomeroy Hotel Ticket \$75 at Peace Gallery North
- 30 Nov 17 Art Exhibit "You Say Tomato..." by Penny Boden and Judy Templeton at Peace Gallery North NPCC

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#### November

- 1-30 Art Exhibit "Movember Challenge" original hand pulled prints with all proceeds to cancer charities At Peace Gallery North NPCC
- Brett Kissel Country Music Airwaves Tour 7:30pm NPCC
- 12 Gordie MacKeeman and his Rythmn Boys 7:30pm NPCC
- 18 Annual General Meeting of NPCC 7pm NPCC
- 20 Dec 5 Art of the Peace a Fundraising Exhibit of PVEA at Peace Gallery North NPCC
- 21- Dec 12 Recycle, Reuse, Rejoice- 2nd time around Christmas Dec Sale Artpost 10-2pm
- 26 SD 60 Band Concert
- 27, 28, 29 Christmas Sale by Peace Country Craftsman's Assoc Legion Hall 10am to 7pm
- 28-Dec 24 The Artisan's Christmas Market with Peace Gallery North at NPCC

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Hudson Hope Harvest Dinner and Dance fundraising for the museum Cowboy theme Regional Arts Council Meeting in Fort Nelson
West African Summit 7:30pm NPCC
Peace River Zone Theatre Festival meeting 7pm Stage North space
Regional Museum Gathering – FSJ NP Museum 10
6 Preview Showing for the space Regional Museum Stage North Space

Annual Ladies Day Out with FSJ Dance Society at North Peace Secondary School Antique Show and Sale with NP Historical Society at Legion

- 28 Magical Christmas Forest Decoration Day at Airport for all Community groups 10am-4pm
- 28 Snow Day (Free Art Classes) NPCC
- 28 Dec 24 Artisan Christmas Market Peace Gallery North at NPCC

### December

- 2 Old Fashioned Christmas Tea at the Museum
- 4/5/10/11/12 "Mary Poppins" Musical by North Peace Secondary School at NPCC
- 5 Winter Sale Potter's Guild and Spinning and Weaving Artpost
- 15 Winter Concert with Northern Wind Com Band, Northern Light Youth Choir, NP Com Choir at NPCC 7pm

## On Going

**POTTERY:** Every Saturday 10- 1pm NP Potter's Guild Mug Wall Pottery Studio in Artspost side door at 10320 94 Ave. Handmade local pottery mugs are for sale at the Studio each week. The Guild invites the general public to visit the studio to take a look at what goes on there, ask questions and to buy the locally produced pottery mugs.

ART: Every Wednesday evening is Art Mentoring Nights with Trembling Forest Arts –choose your media and bring your supplies Contact: <a href="mailto:tremblingforest@shaw.ca">tremblingforest@shaw.ca</a> or call Penny Boden at 250-329-6835

SCRAPBOOKING: Every Friday morning Scrapbooking at the Artspost (10320 94 Avenue) 9:30am to 1pm.

Contact: Jean McFadden 250-787-8777 or email djmcfadden59@gmail.com

### January 2016

Monday Night at the Movies with the Fort St. John Film Society Aurora Cinema Pottery Classes begin for children and teens Artspost Artist's Choice Exhibition with the Federation of Can Artists Dawson Creek Art Gallery Annual General Meeting of the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council in Dawson Creek

### February 2016

Monday Night at the Movies With the Fort St. John Film Society Aurora Cinema Stage North That Dam Show NPCC
Chocolate Festival at NPCC
Monday Night at the Movies With the Fort St. John Film Society Aurora Cinema AGM of North Peace Historical Society Senior Citizens Hall
Talk of the Town NPCC
Black History Month

#### March 2016

**CDC Talent Show NPCC** 

Monday Night at the Movies with the Fort St. John Film Society Aurora Cinema Art Council Adjudications of Grants 7pm Artspost
Bert Bowes School Musical NPCC
North Peace Music Teachers Recital at Evangelical Church 2pm
Monday Night at the Movies With the Fort St. John Film Society Aurora Cinema Arts Council meeting at the Artspost 12 noon

Monday Night at the Movies With the Fort St. John Film Society Aurora Cinema

### April 2016

North Peace Music Teachers Recital at NPCC 2pm and 3pm

11-17 North Peace Performing Arts Festival

17 Best of the Fest Honors Show NPCC

Points of View III with Flying Colours Artists' Association Peace Gallery North Monday Night at the Movies With the Fort St. John Film Society Aurora Cinema Kids Dinosaur Night with the Fort St. John North Peace Museum Monday Night at the Movies With the Fort St. John Film Society Aurora Cinema

### May

5 SD 60 Band Concert

Regional Juried Arts Show Opening in Chetwynd
Into the Light Concert with Northern Lights Youth Choir and Northern Lights Community Choir
Recital Studio2Stage 11:30am/2pm/7pm NPCC
SPARKS Women's Conference Pomeroy Hotel
Night at the Museum Guided Tours 7-9pm
Studio 2 Stage Dance Extravaganza NPCC

20- Jul 22 4th Annual Artwalk and Banner Exhibit

31-3 Performing Arts BC Provincial Festival throughout the community

#### June

The Move Dance Recital NPCC
The Move Dance Company Showcase NPCC
Museum Yard Sale

18 Chili Bowl Bash with NP Potter's Guild Artpost

17-19 Bright Nights in June A celebration of the Arts NPCC and Artspost

### July

Canada Day Pie Sale 12 to 4pm Museum Kids' Night at the Museum Old Fashioned Games 7pm Moose FM Canola Musical Festival Peace Island Park Garden Tour with FSJ Horticultural Society

### August

13/14 World's Best Pies at the Fall Fair Guided Cemetery Tour 7pm with the North Peace Historical Society AGM of Stage North 2pm

# Looking Forward in 2017

2017 25 Years of the North Peace Cultural Centre

40 Years of Stage North

50 Years of Arts Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fort St. John Arts Council

60 Years of Lido Theatre

70 Years of the North Pine Fall Fair

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PLUS: 150 Year of Canadian Confederation

The Years of Youth Travel for the Canadian Tourism Commission

Additional Information for 2015-2016:

REHEARSALS:

Northern Lights Youth Choir - Fridays afterschool - 6pm, Youth 6-18, Bert Bowes Band Room Northern Winds Community Band - Thursdays 7-9pm, Bert Bowes Band Room SD60 Beginner Band Practice - Monday - Thursdays, 12-40-2-40, North Peace Cultural Centre SD60 Beginner Band Band - Mondays 5:30-6:30, Bert Bowes Band Room SD60 Junior Band - Wednesdays 5:30-6:30, Bert Bowes Band Room SD60 Concert Band - Wednesdays 7-8:30, Bert Bowes Band Room SD60 Senior Concert Band - Mondays 7-8:30, Bert Bowes Band Room