

Fort St John Community Arts Council
REGULAR MEETING
March 18, 2015 12 noon

Call to Order: 12:13 pm by Rosemary Landry

Attendance: Monica Best (NP Music Teachers), Sara Parsons (Ecole Central PAC), Rosemary Landry (Cdn Fed of Artists/Flying Colours), Eliza Stanford, Lisa Meuser (Artspace), Connie Desfosses (FSJCAC), Margaret May (PRN Festival), Erin Buckley (NPGA), Sue Popesku (Theatre Festival/Stage North), Megan Singh (FSJ Film Society), Marjo Wheat (NPSWG), Heather Hannaford (NPPG), Connie Surerus (FSJIDS/FSJCAC)

Approval of the Agenda: Sue P. moved to approve agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from February 18, 2015, moved to approve by Connie D, Megan S seconded, carried.

Financial Report: A full report every second month – Connie D – 2014 year grant must be used by April 30, 2015 and for the 2015/16 grant, members have until June 30, 2016 to use the grant. There was a remainder of \$400 and the members at the adjudication meeting decided to give it to Peace River North Performing Arts Festival since they cover many areas of the arts. Any members that have any publications, programs, brochures, etc, need to make a note and acknowledge the support of both the FSJ Arts Council and the City of Fort St John. The City stipulates this as part of the grant-in-aid. Connie D moved to accept report as presented.

Correspondence:

One Stop Registration April 18th at Totem Mall - \$15/table
Brochure from Selkirk College,
Newsletter from McNaught homestead, Chamber of Commerce

Group Reports:

NP Gymnastics (Erin Buckley)– Although gymnastics is a sport they do arts & crafts with the children with the spring & summer camps. Competitive girls are travelling around BC and AB currently and doing well for a group from FSJ. Spring camp starts Monday, March 23rd and is full.

North Peace Music Teachers Association (Monica Best) - In preparation for the festival a recital was held March 15th and will have another recital on April 11th at NPCC at 2 and 3 pm. The recitals are free and open to the public. There will be a donation bucket. The Arts Council grant will be used for the April recital.

North Peace Potters Guild (Heather Hannaford) – complimentary classes for adults thru spring break – clay is out for 60+ bowls. Use grant for 2016 Workshop – 2 ½ day – instructor from Australia.

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Ecole Pac – (Sara Parsons) – kids are working on fundraiser – for Art Cards – use some of grant money for materials. – Working on proposal to bring in artist in residence.

NPCC Artspace –(Lisa Meuser) – Artspace is offering classes for the spring session in watercolour painting, making short films, short video, acting, and newsreporting. Artspace is partnering with NEAT and offering Spring Break Planet Kids Camp from March 23 – April 2.

North Peace Spinners & Weavers Guild - (Marjo Wheat)

The North Peace Spinners and Weavers Guild is having a show at the gallery, with the opening on April 10.

They are hosting the Peace Country Spinners and Weavers a group made up of the Guilds throughout the BC and Alberta Peace Region, to a Spin-In on April 11. This will include a visit to the Gallery as well.

September 16 to 20th, the Guild is hosting a 5-day Tapestry Weaving Retreat with Instructor Elaine Duncan. There will also be 2 days of workshops on September 19 & 20, related to spinning: Spinning for Consistency, Adjusting Knitting Patterns for Handspun Yarn and Dyeing with a Crockpot with Instructor Marjo Wheat.

Also:

The Guild will be having a three day natural dyeing retreat July 17, 18, & 19th. Please contact any Guild member for details.

Peace River Zone Theatre Festival (Sue Popesku) will go May 29th – June 1st
Stage North working on some thing for the Festival.

Peace River North Performing Arts Festival (Margaret May)– April 12-18th with Music April 12-14 and dance April 14-18, April 19th Best of the Fest Honours concert – all sessions are open to public, sessions are \$3 and taking place at the NPCC.

FSJ Film Society (Megan Singh) – My Old Lady on Monday with Maggie Smith. Pride is showing on March 30th. Get the word out about this film as we don't have a poster for this film.

Flying Colours (Rosemary Landry)– show on at the Gallery now "Points of View" ends on March 27th. Have a workshop in May.

Fed of Cdn Artists will have a workshop later this month.

FSJ Irish Dance Society (Connie Surerus) – Two dancers are heading to the World Irish Dance Championships being held later this month in Montreal. 29 dancers are competing in Edmonton middle of April. We have 14 dancers preparing for the

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North American Irish Dance Championships taking place at the beginning of July in Providence, Rhode Island. The Society will be selling Panago Pizza tickets as a fundraiser. The Society is purchasing a Harlequin Dance floor for the Watt School to be used at the dance studio at NPCC and we are using our Arts Council grant money from 2014 & 2015 to help pay for the floor.

Business:

No SAND Sensations BC 2015 – press release – explains clearly why we are not doing SAND this year:

A Shift in the SAND

Sand carving at Peace Island Park this year is in for a change. The Fort St. John Community Arts Council will not be organizing SAND SENSATIONS BC for 2015 after 3 very successful years.

Sand Sensations BC was established to bring international sand carvers to the Peace Country and to develop another form of artistic expression for creative residents while attracting visitors to the area. Peace Island Park in Taylor was the perfect location at the crossroads of the famous Alaska Highway and the Mighty Peace River. Sand Sensations BC was also the most northern sand carving event in BC and the only one on a river rather than a lake or coastal beach.

Local sand from the banks of the Peace River is a rare mix of sand and clay making it possible for the sculptures to last through the winter and still be viewed after the Spring thaw. Thousands of people were drawn to the site in July to enjoy the sculptures by professional artists and to try their hand at sand sculpting as well. Visitors came from as far as Grande Prairie and Prince George to see the sculptures and travellers on the Alaska Highway stopped to take in the sight.

Sand Sensations relies totally on the sponsorship and good will of the businesses and individuals in the region. Taylor provided the site at no cost. Nels Ostero donated the sand and Poor Boy Trucking hauled it to the site. Generous contributions of site equipment, trailers and tents, water and more were the ultimate example of community support for the project, according to the organizers.

The Chairman of the Arts Council, Rosemary Landry said, "The difficulty lies in the amount of monetary support required in staging Sand Sensations each year". There is no means to sustain the project over the long term without a multi-year commitment of funds. Many events like this can generate funds through an entry fee but the nature and location of this event makes that difficult. All fundraising efforts by the Arts Council in the past 3 years has gone into Sand Sensations BC and the project just breaks even each year. "We organized Sand for three years and realize

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that it can be a huge draw for local creativity, family activity and tourism," said Landry. "But without an investment of annual funding from another source, the Arts Council cannot sustain the program".

The Fort St John Community Arts Council has a number of other projects this year which focus on community enhancement and welcoming visitors to Fort St John this summer. Locally created images with a "Take Flight" theme will be featured on the street banners downtown from May to September. Hand painted herbal pots complete with 5 seedlings and potting soil are for sale prior to Mother's Day and can be viewed in the window of the NE NEWS from April 12 – May 8. The third Artwalk to 30 stores showcasing 40 artists will open June 19 and run until July 18.

Twenty-eight arts groups are members of the Fort St John Arts Council and represent at least three quarters of the population of Fort St John who either actively take part in the arts or enjoy the arts as spectators. Children's activities, lessons and entertainment rate high in most of these groups. The Fort St John Arts Council is open to everyone and meet the third Wednesday of each month at 12 noon in the Artspost at 10320 94 Avenue.

For further information, please contact:

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250-787-2781 www.fsjarts.org email: info@fsjarts.org

Program Reports

Herbal Pots Fundraiser – need more artists to paint of Herbs, Spices, Vegetables on pots for the Fundraising Project: A pot, 2 bags of potting soil donated from Canadian Tire and 5 seedlings grown by Megan Singh– they will be sold for \$150 each between April 12 – May 8 (just in time for Mother's Day). See painted pots in the window of NE News downtown April 12 – May 8.

Artwalk 2015 – Artists are welcome to participate. Information to be released Monday, March 16 and deadline May 1st for registration. June 19 – July 18 is the Artwalk in at least 25 shops only downtown.

Banner Program – Eliza Stanford – we have an artist now – Alan White – Coordinator at the Gallery. He will do 6 images of "Take Flight" to be completed by April 11th. Artist to get \$600 for their work. Images will be professionally put onto 72 banners. Sponsors are needed at \$150 each – can you help?

National Arts and Cultural Days – Sept 25 – 27th – Where Art Starts – The theme is "Behind the Scenes" so FSJ will register with our theme of "Where the Arts Start"

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and we will have studio tours and facility behind the scenes tours. Museum, Artspost, NPCC are in and all arts studio can take part as well.

Meeting Dates:

Open Discussion NPCC Part 2 – Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7pm at NPCC

Next board meeting – April 7, 2015 7pm at the Artspost

Regular Arts Council Meeting April 15, 2015 at 12 noon Artspost

Arts BC Provincial Consultation April 30th 6 – 9pm NPCC, free but must register online. The 2 people are coming are going on to Tumbler Ridge and then back thru Hudson's Hope before flying back from FSJ.

Meeting adjourned 1 pm.

Affiliations:

- Peace Liard Regional Arts Council: May 2nd in Tumbler Ridge – anyone welcome to attend
- Communities in Bloom in competition 2015 – Come to the Table mid May/Community Gardens/maybe 100th and 100th flowers and seating temporary –'15 theme TIDINESS
- FSJ Tourism – Three kiosks into community
- Hospital Art Committee

FORT ST. JOHN ARTS COUNCIL MINUTES

April 15, 2015

Call to Order: 12:10 noon Artspost

Present: Shannon Blog (Irish Dance) Eliza Stanford (artist), Trina Flemming (FSJ Dance Society) Marjo Wheat (Spinners and Weavers), Monica Best (Music Teachers) Heather Hannaford (Potter's Guild), Rosemary Landry (Flying Colours and Fed of Can Artists), Sue Popesku (Stage North and Theatre Festival), Megan Singh (Film Society) **Regrets:** Margaret May, Connie Surerus, Connie Desfosses

Agenda Moved Eliza second by Shannon

Minutes: Minutes of March 18, 2015 not available until next meeting

Chair: Megan Singh (Vice President) chaired the meeting until Rosemary Landry (Chair) arrived at 12:20.

Financial: Connie Desfosses not present for this meeting.

Group Reports:

Music Teachers: Monica Best reports that the piano portion of the Performing Arts Festival is over and it went very well. The adjudicator was very helpful and had a unique sense of humour. All performers went away feeling good about their performances. Preparations are underway for the conservatory exams May 8.

Performing Arts Festival: Dance is on after the music is completed. Everything is proceeding as planned. The Best of the Fest performance is 1pm on April 19. The Community Choir will be singing in the Best of the Fest.

Irish Dance: has just returned from the EIDA Spring Feis, our last mandatory competition of this dance year. It's always a great time when the whole school goes to a competition and also to see the Watt school so well represented. The girls did well once again bringing home four 1st place trophies as well as numerous medals for second and third place in their various age categories. Special Congratulations go to Gillian who won her second 1st place Treble jig trophy and has now moved into Preliminary Championship, and Melody who won the champion belt dance off. All the classes continue to work on their show numbers and prepare for the upcoming recital. The qualifying dancers are still focusing on the upcoming Nationals competition and they will be having extra classes as the date gets closer. We had our spring Panago fundraiser this month and it went very well. All the coupons were sold the first day. Report by Shannon Bolog

Ecole Central PAC: art card samples have arrived and are being disbursed to students (invoice pending :)
- artist in residence grant application is no longer happening due to difficulty with teacher schedules
- remainder of grant is being used for pianist that is still working with music teacher
- and painting our "buddy benches" that will be installed this spring. Each class will decorate a portion of the benches. Sara Parsons

The FSJ Dance Society: will be participating in the Peace River North Festival this week. On May 7-10 we will be participating in Dance Explosion in Edmonton and we will be having our company showcase in June at the Cultural Center. Date and time to be determined still.

Trina Flemming, trinaflemming@hotmail.com FSJ Dance Society

Tapping Into Talent: It is time again to start rounding up a list of people to see if we can make a show for the seniors. If you are available or know of someone else (adults as well as kids) that have a talent they should show off, ask them to join you. Help spread the word!!! Please sign up as soon as possible so I have an idea of how many will be attending. Hope to see you there. APRIL 26 at 1:30 at Abbeyfield house. Denise 250 263 1492 250 785 1466

Film Society: The next film is April 27 Boy Choir. The evenings are well attended.

Stage North: The next season has been decided with MacBeth as the Fall show, the War of the World's sometime near New Year's, That Dam Show (a remake of the original show of 1978 when Brian Paisley and crew wrote it), and a Spring show. Stage North is lending costumes to the Historical Society for their May 22 Night at the Museum.

Peace River North Theatre Festival: the festival will not be happening again for the second year in a row. Zone rep Dale Hillman is leaving Fort St. John and new blood is needed to revive the festival. The AGM will be held in May. \$700 was allocated to the Theatre Festival this year.

MOTION: moved by Megan and second by Marjo

"that the \$700 grant funds allocated bot the Theatre Festival be reallocated to another member group who needs more assistance."

CARRIED

Spinners and Weavers opened their show at Peace Gallery North last Friday night (April 10) with wine and cheese. They have many items for sale and demonstrations on all this week. There is a Peace Country Sp/Wv Retreat in September at Blueberry Bible Camp.

Potters' Guild has summer membership available for a special rate but no classes over the summer. They will spend that time doing repairs and maintenance. June 20 is the 8th NP Potters' Guild Summer Solstice Chilli Bowl Bash and is part of the Bright Nights in June (19-21) with the NPCC. They have 28 people qualified to work alone in the studio and more coming out of classes this year. Greg Crow from Australia will be doing a wksp next year since he is coming for the USA ceramics show.

Flying Colours will be having a print workshop with Mary Parslow.

Canadian Federation of Artists has a show going up in Grande Prairie

BUSINESS

Herbal Pots are now on sale at \$150 with 5 seedlings and 2 bags of potting soil. Megan Singh has planted and is nurturing the seedlings and Canadian Tire has donated 2 bags of potting soil per pot. View pots on the website or see them at the Northeast News office on 100 Avenue.

BC Cultural Days September 25-27 Where Art Starts is the theme of the FSJ participation which will be registered on their site and be available all across Canada. We will have "behind the scene" tours of art studios, Artspost, Museum archives, NPCC theatre backstage/lighting booth. Narazene, a rep from Vancouver BC Arts Alliance, will be in Fort St. John to talk about BC Cultural Days. She will be a guest speaker at the May 20 Arts Council meeting at 12 noon.

BC Consultation on the BC Cultural Policy is April 30 at the NPCC from 6-9pm. Registration is free and available on line. Kevin McKeown and Amanda Peters from Vancouver will be here to lead the discussion and then will go to Tumbler Ridge for the South Peace session there on May 2.

OTHER

One Stop Registration is April 18 at the Totem Mall for \$15 table. Contact the City to book a table.

The Peace Liard Regional Juried Art Show opens May 1 until 30 in Tumbler Ridge. They have over 80 works of art from Peace Country artists. Last year, FSJ hosted the show and net year Chetwynd will host the show.

PROGRAMS

Artwalk 2015 is June 19-July 18 only in the downtown core. Studio tours will take place in Sept during BC Cultural Days. Sandy Troudt is handing over the committee to the Arts Council (penny Boden, Mark Bodner, Sue Popesku). About 25 venues are secured and artists need to register.

Street Banners Alan White has designed 4 banners with the Take Flight theme. Sponsorships are \$150 each and are being solicited with the 2015 Advocacy/Patron requests. The City insists we cannot not make any money from the sponsorships other than what the actual costs will be.

MEETINGS COMING UP:

Open Discussion about the NPCC Part 3 May 11 7pm NPCC

Next Board meeting May 12 7pm Artspost

Regular Meeting May 20 12 noon Artpost Guest Speaker from BC Cultural Days

FSJ Tourism Stakeholders Workshop April 23 10-2pm at the Pomeroy Sports Centre – lunch provided

Adjournment: 12:46 noon

President Rosemary Landry

Recording Sue Popesku

Reports for Arts Council meeting: May 19, 2015

IRISH DANCE

Irish dance is still going full swing. There was a three day workshop with a guest teacher for all the dancers who will be going to the North America's in July. Those dancers will also be having an extra class each week to stay polished and ready.

A few dancers traveled to a competition in Edmonton this past weekend and did very well for themselves. One dancer won two medals and has now moved completely into the Prizewinner category, another dancer placed third in her Championship set and one of our senior girls placed first in her Championship set.

We still have the Beautiful BC feis coming up June 20-21 for those who plan on attending.

There's has been lots of preparation for the up coming recital, June 10th, and tickets will go on sale at the box office shortly.

On the fundraising front we are assisting Moose FM with the Movies in the Park by selling popcorn and cleaning up after the movies are over. We will be doing a bottle drive June 13 and any donations are welcome. (if you would like them picked up call Shannon @ 250-793-9231)

We also used a portion of our proceeds from fundraising to purchase a Marlee floor for use during the dance classes at the Cultural Center. It has made a significant difference in the safety of the dancers by preventing falls, and we have the ability to roll it up and put it away or take it to other locations.

Report by Shannon Bolog

Report to The Fort St. John Arts Council Meeting on May 20, 2015

STAGE NORTH has identified their 2015-2016 season:

MacBeth in October Director Dawn Ljuden

War of the Worlds near New Year's Director JP Wood,

That Dam Show Director Matt Preprost (about Site C and a remount of the original 1978 show created by Brian Paisley at Stage North in NLC),

Unnecessary Farce Director Gilles Francoeur

Auditions are June 13 and 20 from 10-4pm at the Stage North SPACE on the east Bypass Road. Sue Popesku is helping Matt apply for a \$5000 grant to assist with the artistic development and production of That Dam Show. Lisa Behrens is the Executive Director: execdir@stagenorth.ca. Stage North thanks the Fort St. John Arts Council for the 2015 grant and will use it with the next production. They are planning on summer theatre workshops and will announce those as they are confirmed. A possible remount of THE ALCAN HIGHWAY by local playwright Deb Butler may happen for 2017.

PEACE RIVER ZONE THEATRE FESTIVAL

Held their AGM on May 16 and elected a new Board.

Karma Pratt is the Chair and Zone Representative to Theatre BC karmapratt@gmail.com

Dawn Ljuden is the Vice Chair

Pam Laventure is the Secretary

Sue Popesku Treasurer

They bid farewell to Past Chair Dale Hillman who is moving away. The Zone has not had a Festival in the past 2 years and we are looking forward to having the 2016 on June 8-12 at the NPCC. Tumbler Ridge and Stage North have committed to entering shows.

FORT ST. JOHN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

May 20, 2015

Call to Order: 12:05 pm

In Attendance: Rosemary Landry, Margaret May, Bernice McRann, Nazanin Shoja, Christine Tattenlam, Judy Torrie, Shannon Balog, Oliver Hachmeister, Trina Flemming, Evelyn Sim, Sue Popesku, Marjo Wheat, Megan Singh, Sara Parsons, Connie Desfosses

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Megan to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were presented for the March 18th meetings as well as the April 15th meeting. Moved by Sue, seconded by Margaret to approve the minutes from March 18, 2015. Moved by Shannon, seconded by Marjo, to approve the minutes from April 15, 2015.

Guest Speaker: Nazanin Shoja of BC Arts Alliance gave a presentation about BC Cultural Days. This is part of National Culture Days and is an opportunity to promote the arts in the community. Cultural Days takes place September 25-27. Any group wishing to participate must register on the BC Cultural Days website. The Arts Council will register for the event with a studio tour called "Where Art Starts".

Financial Report: All 2013/2014 grants got spent before the deadline on April 30. This year's grants must be used by June 30, 2016.

Correspondence: Anita Anderson has resigned from the Arts Council board due to other commitments. We are invited to participate in the Northern Lights College awards ceremony. We will not be giving an award for the college next year as they have cancelled their arts programming.

GROUP REPORTS

Peace Country Craftsman's Association: New member group. A group of craft people who hold a three day sale every fall as well as share ideas and meet fellow crafts people.

North Peace Spinners & Weavers: The group held a very successful show at Peace Gallery North, with sales of approximately \$1000. They will hold a dying retreat later in the year.

Film Society: The last movie of the season was Boychoir. It had been rescheduled from earlier in the year so admission was free.

Central PAC: Children's art cards have been printed with each child getting at least one card. They hope to display samples of the cards at City Hall as a thank-you for the city grant. The remaining grant money was used to purchase art supplies. Rachel Casponi is still teaching music at school.

North Peace Historical Society: School tours will be starting soon. Night at the Museum will be held on Friday starting at 7:00 pm. There will be tours every 10 minutes where people will meet with characters from the past. Must register in advance. Friday, May 29 will be the Grand reopening, featuring the accessibility expansion, starting at 7:00 pm. A yard sale will be held on June 20th.

North Peace Community Choir: The choir will be one of two from Canada, and the only one from Western Canada, to be invited to perform the Messiah at Carnegie Hall at Distinguished Choirs.

International in New York on November 29, 2015. The selection was based on audio submitted by choir director, Rachel Casponi. Choirs will be there from all around the world.

Stage North: The following shows have been selected for next year:

MacBeth in October; director Dawn Ljuden

War of the Worlds; New Years, director JP Wood

That Dam Show, director Matt Preprost, about Site C, a remount of the original 1978 show created by Brian Paisley at Stage North in NLC

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Peace River Zone Theatre Festival: AGM was held on May 16 and a new board was elected.

Chair and Zone representative to Theatre BC, Karma Pratt (karmapratt@gmail.com), Vice Chair, Dawn Ljuden, Secretary, Pam Laventure, Sue Popesku, Treasurer.

Peace River North Festival: A successful festival was held April 12-19. More than 600 performing artists participated in Music, Dance and Speech classes. Eight delegates and a number of observers were selected for the provincial festival in Powell River at the end of May.

North Peace Potters Guild: Classes are winding down for the season. The guild is planning Raku day for the summer. The annual Chili Bowl Bash will be held on June 20th at the ArtsPost.

Federation of Canadian Artists: A workshop was held recently on abstract art.

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FSJ Dance Society: The FSJ Dance Society dancers participated in the Peace River North Festival of the Arts in April. They did very well bringing home quite a few trophies and medals as well as having several dancers qualify for provincials. They also participated in a competition in Edmonton, bringing home multiple trophies and medals, including a 2nd place trophy for the littlest of the groups, the pre-juniors. The Move Dance Center will be holding their year end recital on Sunday June 7th with a show at 1:00 pm and another at 6:00 pm. We will be holding our Company Showcase on Monday June 8th at 6:00 pm. Tickets are on sale now at the Cultural Center Box Office.

BUSINESS

Herbal Pots: 7 pots have been sold so far. Pots are on display at Northeast News and can still be purchased. On sale for \$150

Artwalk: 25 venues have been arranged and 20 Artists have registered, so we can use more artists.

Bright Nights in June: Bright Nights in June, a celebration of local artists and a fundraiser for the Cultural Centre will be held on June 19th and 20th. A gala performance will be on June 19th followed by a celebration of community arts on Saturday, May 20. They are looking for groups who would like to set up a table in the Concourse to promote their group on Saturday. Contact Oliver at the Cultural Centre for more information.

Pies: We will have our pie booth again at the Fall Fair, August 14-16. We will need pie makers and volunteers for the booth.

Banner Program: Alan White designed banners which will be put on display downtown in June. He has modified the design for the Airport as they have ordered banners to be displayed in the terminal holding room.

Regional Arts Council: Song Writing and Story Telling Competitions to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of AH. Planning a driving tour for tourists in 2017. Conference on September 18th.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:10 pm

Next Meeting: June 17, 2015 at 12 noon at the ArtsPost. This will be the last regular meeting until September.

MEMBER GROUP REPORTS

June 17, 2015

FSJ Irish Dance Society: June had been a busy month so far with our 'Touch of Irish' dance recital held on the 10th. The recital was well attended and enjoyed by all who were able to be there. Classes have finished for all dancers except those who are in the prelim and open levels. Most of those dancers are preparing for the North Americas which are taking place the first week of July. Those girls have been working incredibly hard and will represent us well. We have had a great year and look forward to another season starting with the workshop in August.

FSJ Dance Society:

- Dancers were invited to dance at the derrick for the BCGEU family BBQ on June 11.
- The intermediate and advanced groups will take part in Bright Nights Gala on June 19.
- Dancers are taking their tap and jazz exams this week.
- Year end recitals were held June 7 and 8.
- Dancers will be participating in a summer school at the Move Dance Centre from July 6-10 with three guest dance teachers.
- Planning a fundraiser golf tournament – tentatively set for September 20 at Lone Wolf.
- Ladies Day Out will be Nov. 7 and 8 at NPSS.

Peace River North Festival Association: Ten dancers and one pianist attended the BC Performing Arts Provincial Festival in Powell River last month. They all performed well and were great representatives of the North Peace. Three members of the Festival board attended the festival to gather information for next year's provincial festival which will be held in Fort St. John. Work has already started for the Provincials and the serious organization push will start in September. Anyone interested in being involved in staging this exciting event, in a small or large capacity, should contact Margaret at mecaversmay@shaw.ca to be added to the list of potential volunteers.

Peace Arts Gallery Society: Peace Gallery North is presenting "When Town Meets Country", an art exhibit featuring Alan White and Tara Brule, on display until June 27.

2015

Bright Nights in June - A Celebration of Arts in the Community - June 19th & 20th

General Marketing:

- Local High School graphic artist competition for Theme and Logo, poster design - COMPLETED
 - Winning design will be used on all marketing, all designs on display at Gala and throughout the weekend
- **May 10th:** Meeting with Ideal OS about sponsorship of Marketing Materials, information updated on NPCC website
- **May 11th:** Posters and web posters to go into the community and social media
 - Send electronically to: townwall.ca, fsjnow.com, city of fort st john, the visitors center, energeticcity.com
- **May 15th:** Performance schedule and Open House schedule to be updated on Website and announcements made on radio (Barry) and social media.
- **Week of May 19th:** Printed schedule of Open house created and printed, distributed

Gala - Friday June 19th

The Bright Nights Gala begins our celebration of arts in the community by highlighting local artists and performers. Our goal is to showcase what the Cultural Centre represents and supports throughout the year and give the community an opportunity to experience local cultural in a creative way. Fundraising attempts will be presented through a silent auction during the hour and a half "Cocktail" party held before the performance and will also provide local music performed in the concourse. The main performance will highlight local talent across different types of music and dance, and the art scene will be represented through the silent auction items, display and the high school mural "unveil" at intermission. This event gives the NPCC an opportunity to speak to the community about the new and exciting things slated for the upcoming year and beyond, and also to thank them for their support through the years.

When: Friday June 19th, 2015

Time: Cocktail hour starts at 6:30pm, Performance starts at 8:00pm (approx 2 hours long)

Ticket Price: \$35 each, \$25 seniors & students, and \$20 children - includes one drink (wine, beer or sparkling cider)

Goal Seat Number: 150 paid seats x \$35 = \$5,250, 75 paid seats x \$25 = \$1,875, 25 paid seats x \$20 = \$500, 50 comp seats for sponsors

Fundraising Events:

- Silent Auction: \$5,000
- Sponsorship/Donation ask: \$8,500

Another goal is to ensure the costs and items needed will be donated or sponsored by members of the community to provide us with the largest contribution margin for the Centre to be put back into the community.

Talent:

- Local musicians for cocktail hour
- Performance
 - Wesley - Piano
 - Watt School of Irish Dance
 - The Move Dance Studio
 - Studio to Stage
 - Stage North

Donations/Sponsorships needed:

- Food - Sher's Cafe + Outside sources: Safeway, nofrills, etc
- Wine & Beer - Sponsorship from a company or individual
- Sparkling Cider
- Tall bar tables to stand around - rentals
- Silent Auction items:
 - Gallery artists
 - Theatre/venue rental, room rental, art classes/workshops
 - Larger items: trips, helicopter flights, hunts, big ticket items, artist commissioned painting
- Marketing & Printing needs: **Ideal OS**

Volunteers:

- The Board of Directors and Staff of the NPCC that wish to volunteer, other art groups

Saturday June 20th - Community Celebration Day

Where: NPCC, local art walk participants & The Artspost

Time: 10am - 5pm and NPCC and 6pm at the Artspost

Goal: To welcome and celebrate the arts with the community through a series of events including free art lessons/classes, local music, user group booths, demonstrations and food.

Beginning of the Art Walk:

- Meeting with the Arts Council - Thursday@ 7:00 pm

Free Art Lessons/Classes: 1 hour each - focus for both Adults and Kids

Need volunteer instructors to teach 1 hour classes during a specific time. Instructor would be allowed to further promote any classes they will be teaching in the future whether with artSpace or not.

- Dance: Irish step-dance, jazz, hip-hop, zumba
- Art: Paper Mache, drawing, painting
- Music: Intro to music
- Cooking demonstration

- Other ideas or instructors?

User Group "Booths": 10am - 5pm

Opportunity for our user groups to display and deliver information about their programs as well as conduct pre-registrations and sign-ups: **NEED TO CONFIRM**

Studio2Stage
The Move
Watt School of Irish Dance
Spinners and Weavers
NP Country Quilters
Stage North
Spectacular Chair Factory
Potters Guild
Horticulture Society
Northern Lights Choir
Northern Winds Band
Piano Teachers
NEAT (artSpace)
Arts Council
Neal Krezanoski (Guitar)
playArts Preschool
Library

Demonstrations: 10am - 5pm

- Spinners and Weavers
- Kids self portrait painting - Concourse and multipurpose room
- Local storytellers - maybe in library?
 - Pat Ferris - Adults
 - Autumn Bear - kids

Local Musicians playing in concourse during event: 10am - 5pm

Potter's Guild Chilli Bowl: 6 pm at the Artspost