

Fort St John Community Arts Council
Regular Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2018

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 12:01PM by acting chair, Tanya Shymko

In Attendance: Sue Popesku (Stage North/PRZT/Director), Connie Surerus (NPCS/Director), Carol King (FSJ Quilters), Dina Nicklason (FSJ Quilters), Jody Bates (NDTS), Niki Hedges (FSJ Film Society), Taryn Johnston (Northern Winds Band), Eliza Stanford, Tanya Shymko (Spectrum Art Studios/Director), Monica Best (NP Music Teachers), Brennan Eklund (Futurpreneur), Joanne Norris (Futurpreneur Canada), Keith Koebel (Northern Winds Band), Marjo Wheat (NPSWG/Museum), Lisa Rowbotham (City of FSJ), Oliver Hachmeister (NPCC)

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Niki Hedges, Carried.

Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2018: Moved by Sue P., second Marjo W., Carried.

Guest Speaker: Brennan Eklund (local rep) and Joanne Norris (Vancouver) of Futurpreneur (formerly the Canadian Youth Business Foundation) gave a presentation to the group. Futurpreneur assists individuals 18-39 years old in business start-ups. They are brand new to the region and have launched an initiative Drive North specific to northern BC in order to assist rural youth access to their programs. Brennan Eklund is the representative for Northeast BC. They are hosting a Business planning workshop on April 11th at Northeast Aboriginal Business Centre outlining how to start, buy, launch a business, and help kick start ideas for young entrepreneurs. They want to reach out to artists and home based businesses and those individuals wanting to expand their businesses. Visit their website at futuraentrepreneur.ca

Financial Report: No report at present. A full report is presented every second month. The FSJAC received a \$2,500 fee for service from the City of Fort St John. Grant applications are due today. The City of Fort St John is providing \$15,000 for grants. Sue gave a list of applications and there are more requests for funds than \$15,000. The adjudication is February 28, 2018 at 7pm at the ArtsPost and each group gets one vote and each individual member one vote. The results will be sent to the City and they will issue the cheques directly to each group.

Correspondence: Margaret May wrote and sent a quarterly report to the City Council. Art Avenue Magazines available to view and FSJAC have Juried Art Show Calendars for sale.

Group Reports:

North Peace Cultural Centre – Oliver H. – It has been a slow start in 2018, in part because Dr. Kearney School is no longer staging their theatre show in January and have moved it to May. We had a sold out show last weekend, Peace Fusion Dance Showcase, and more shows are coming up. Bright Nights in June kicks off with Art Stars June 7, Gala "Legend of George Jones" with Duane Steele and Tom Cole opening June 8 and is already 25% sold, June 9th is the Art Market and Big Print Day. Contact NPCC if interested in participating at the Art Market. Upcoming events:

- February 23 – Women's Resource Centre – Vagina Monologues
- March 2 – CDC Talent Show
- March 7 & 8 – Ecole Central Elementary – Aladdin Jr
- April 8 – North Peace Music Teachers Recital
- April 9 – North Peace Community Choir Concert
- April 13 – CCR Tribute Band – Green River Revival
- April 14 to 22nd – Performing Arts Festival
- April 26-28th – Stage North – Mary's Wedding

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Also NPCC has offered Community Box Office services for 25 years. Oliver made available brochures for all arts groups and rates are competitive. "Bricks & mortar" box office service including online service. It is an option to consider instead of Eventbrite.

Northern Dance Theatre Society – Jody Bates – Two 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. We have a Cook Book Fundraiser and books have been shipped and just waiting for them to arrive so we will be able to sell them. We are doing a "Growing Smiles" fundraiser in the spring selling hanging baskets. Some events coming up are February 26 General Meeting, March 17-23 PG Dance Festival, April 12-15 Dance Drive GP for pre-senior and Senior dancers only, April 19-22 PRNF and April 27-29 Standing O DC.

North Peace Spinners and Weavers Guild – Marjo Wheat

- Guild membership is increasing; Junior members (teens) as well.
- The looms are busy with bath towel and shawl warps and an upcoming blanket project.
- We just had a very successful weekend in-town retreat at Northern Lights College.
- Fibre Nights – the 1st Thursday of each month from 5pm-9pm at the Studio.
- Upcoming workshops:
 - March 17 – workshop – "Dye Your Warp, Weave Your Project", all day at the Rose Prairie Curling Centre
 - April 21 – afternoon workshop – "Knitting with Handspun Wool"
 - May 12 – afternoon workshop – "Rigid Heddle Pick-up Techniques"
- Plans are underway for the Bright Nights in June, A July Dyeing Retreat and the August Fall Fair.
- NPSWG will be taking part in the Peace Country Spinners and Weavers Workshop on "Nuno Felting" at Fairview, Alberta, April 7, and will be submitting work for a show at the Gallery there.

North Peace Historical Society & FSJ North Peace Museum – Marjo Wheat – we just had "Kids Night at the Museum – Birds" very successful and the kids learned about many of the birds of the North Peace. We also just had Heritage Day on February 17th and the theme was "Heritage Stands the Test of Time" and gave people a chance to see the behind-the-scenes collections storage and how it works. NPMS AGM will take place at the Museum on February 28th at 6pm. There will be a Chinese dinner and a presentation by guest speaker Ron Yipp entitled "Memories of a Genuine Chinese Cowboy from Penalty Ranch". The Jimmy Anderson Documentary & Story Night is March 9th at 7pm. New exhibits include:

- Now until end of May, 2018 "Say Yes to the Dress: A Journey through the History of Infant's Clothing in Western Culture".
- Now until April, 2018 "Never Just a Job" looking at Vi Woodward's memories of working as a nurse at the Cecil Lake Outpost Hospital.
- Airport display case – memories of Constable Lawrence Clay of BC Provincial Police served from 1930s to 1942.
- We are working to make museum exhibits more interactive. We have a new search and find activity in our new Finch's store display.

Northern Winds Community Band – Taryn Johnston/Keith Koebel – The band will be performing at the CDC Talent show on March 2nd. Also performing at Casey's Pub Open Mic Night in March and will be performing at the PRN Festival.

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Fort St John Quilters Guild – Carol King – April 13,14,15, 2018 Lynn Knox guest teacher coming to FSJ to teach a quilting class. Majority of the funding to bring in Lynn Knox was due to funding received from the Arts Council. We are looking at various media avenues to promote our Quilters' Guild to let people know who we are and how to locate our group. We've had one of the display cases at the Airport for February, 2018 and have had positive comments of the display. Thank you to the Arts Council for this opportunity to show off our handiwork. March 26, 2018 the FSJ Quilters' Guild will be hosting an evening to encourage people to come and see what we do and hoping to encourage various age groups to come and participate in some planned activities.

FSJ Film Society – Niki Hedges – Just showed 2 films "Loving Vincent" and "C'est La Vie" and they were well attended. Next film February 26th is "Novitiate" which is a convent drama. March 5th "Leisure Seeker" with Helen Mirren and Donald Sutherland. Films are Mondays at 7pm, tickets are \$13 each or a flex pass for \$55 for 5 shows. Thank you to the Arts Council for continued support.

North Peace Music Teachers – Monica Best – We have 2 recitals planned:

- March 11th – Sunday 2 – 4PM at the Evangelical Mission Church
- April 8th – Sunday 1 – 4PM at the North Peace Cultural Centre

Both recitals are admission by donation. In November we had a very enjoyable recital at the Evangelical Mission Church with piano, violin and voice.

Eliza Stanford – Created the coloured ice with a circus tent theme for High on Ice this year. Next year planning on doing something not representational.

City of Fort St John – Lisa Rowbotham – High on Ice was very successful with the weather being perfect for the ice sculptures and all the activities. The date for next year's HOI will change with the change to Family Day. Community Awards are out and we're asking people to nominate the unsung heroes of the community. You can nominate online and the deadline is March 8th. The theme for the awards this year is focussing on volunteers and all that goes on behind-the-scenes. We are hosting free workshops with Grant Writing 101 in May. The Recreational Guide is being published on the City website on March 1st. July/18 is the deadline to get your events in for the Fall, 2018 Rec Guide. Over 8,000 people see this guide. Email Lisa your information.

Stage North – Sue Popesku – Good news! "Always Patsy Cline" will be stage one more time at the NPCC for one show only June 9th 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 are coming up "Mary's Wedding" at the NPCC April 26,27, 28 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 – Sue Popesku – 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.

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New Horizon's Senior Storytelling and Blogging - Sue Popesku – Sunday, March 11th from 2-4pm is the first gathering of seniors and guests to find out more about the New Horizon's 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 Troutt, 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 11th.

Spectrum Art Studios – Tanya Shymko – Only 3 weeks left in classes. Pro-D Day class on Monday is from 1:30-3:30pm and we will be doing Faux Stained Glass Painting.

Business:

- **Arts Survey** was sent out by email. Some are already in, please get them in as we will use this information when presenting to the City.
- **Arts BC Conference May 10 – 12, 2018** in Burnaby. Rosemary is going on behalf of the Arts Council, Sue is going representing Regional Arts Council. There is one more position from the Board who can attend. If you are interested, please speak to Sue or Rosemary.
- **Policy** to be reviewed for update – Alex Nielsen is currently working on this.
- **Governance** – constitution to be revised – Rosemary is coordinating this.
- Reports available of **Mayor's Nomination Meeting for BC Winter Games 2020** – Sue attended the Mayor's Nomination meeting and therefore can't be a director on the 2020 Winter Games Committee – they will need 1,000's of volunteers to pull this off. It would be good to have the arts represented on this committee. Sue will attend the next meeting. If you're interested in being a director, please let Sue know.
- **CDInstitute Gathering for Non-Profit Groups** – Sue attended this event for FSJCAC – about 40 people attended. The Institute is trying to make us communicate with each other and the various groups. Niki Hedges will recirculate email with link the entire survey of all the groups.

Projects:

- **Banners** – applications for design of the street banners have come in. Printing has been booked with the same Vancouver company. Theme is Classic Country, in keeping with the NPCC "Bright Nights in June" theme. The committee will adjudicate.
- **New Horizon's Grant** – see report under group reports
- **Display Case at the Airport** – we will send an email out to the groups and ask who would like to put on a display.
- **Artwalk 2018 May 19 – July 21, 2018**

Next meeting: March 21, 2018 12noon at the ArtsPost

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:54pm by acting chair, Tanya Shymko

Fort St. John Community Arts Council
Check List of Responsibilities
And Calendar Information

Revised March 2018

Regular Meetings: of the Arts Council are held the third Wednesday of each month 12 noon at the Artspost at 10320 94 Avenue, Fort St. John, 250-787-2781 info@fsjarts.org

Board Meetings: held the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm at Artspost

Every Month: Take Part in the Arts in Alaska Highway News once a month (Sue)

Events on CAC Website/CAC facebook/Twitter/Instagram (Marg)

Love FSJ (with Chamber of Commerce)

Encourage all groups to use Town Wall FSJ

JULY

Admin. Fiscal Year Begins- Assist with year-end accounting

Complete Summary Reports for Foundations/Government Grants (due within 90 days of Y/E)

Pay rent July, Aug, Sept –Due July 1

AUGUST

Admin. Set goals and objectives for Coming Year

Annual employees performance review (if Applicable)

AGM preparation, notify members 14 days in advance, set agenda, nomination committee

Prepare Revenue Canada Charity Return no later than Dec. 30 (absolute deadline)

Prepare presentation to the City of Fort St. John for Group Funds and Tax Funds

Activ. Conduct: Fall Fair Pie Sales as a fundraiser

SEPTEMBER

Admin. AGM takes place

Memberships due: groups \$50 individuals \$10

Submit Register of Companies (BC Societies) to Victoria after AGM

Renew Insurance and directors insurance

Member group/Director's manuals updated

Submit BC Arts Council grant to Provincial government- Sept 30

Submit HST return form (one of two times)

Prepare BC Gaming Summary Report (deadline is 90 days after AGM)

Activ. Make presentation to City Council about funding to Member Groups and funding for taxes for the Artspost (no longer under regular Tax-Exemption)

OCTOBER

Admin. Distribute updates member group manuals

Up-date Dumaine Family, Smith Family, Hannaford Family on Scholarship recipients

Pay rent Oct, Nov, Dec-

- Payroll Remittance (if Applicable)
- Activ. Board Workshop
- Written report to City Council about ARTS In FORT ST. JOHN

NOVEMBER

- Admin. Submit Leadership Grant to Regional Arts Council – (due Nov 30)
- Activ. Hold a USER GROUP meeting (1 od 2 annually) with the Artspost users
- Conduct: Reuse, Recycle, Rejoice-Christmas decorations sale

DECEMBER

- Admin. ABSOLUTE DEADLINE on Rev. Can Charity Return no later than Dec 30
- Activ. Hold Annual Winter Sale of Potters and Sp/Wv at Artspost

JANUARY

- Admin. **Write Letter to City to release \$2500 Fee For Service (starting Jan 2018)**
- Distribute Member Grant applications
- Submit HST (one of two annually)- due Jan 30
- Payroll remittance (if applicable)
- Pay rent- Jan, Feb, Mar- Due Jan 1
- Activ. Attend AGM for Peace Liard Regional Arts Council
- Written report to City Council about ARTS In FORT ST. JOHN**

FEBRUARY

- Admin. Deadline for member group grant applications
- Hold Adjudications for Member group grants
- Begin preparing BC Gaming Grant
- Annual Funding Campaign for Advocacy/Patron program
- Activ. Identify Artist for Street Banners 2018/2019/2020 (City support of \$5000 a year)

MARCH

- Admin. Begin ARTWALK Planning
- Activ. Plan flowers/paint 4 pots for the Airport

APRIL

- Admin. Payroll remittance- due April 15 (if applicable)
- Pay rent: April, May, June-Due April 1
- Activ. Conduct: BC Arts and Culture Week activity
- Written report to City Council about ARTS In FORT ST. JOHN**

MAY

Admin. Submit BC Gaming Application (absolute deadline May 31)

Hold a USER GROUP meeting with the Artspost users

Activ. BC ARTS (Assembly) conference- two to attend

ARTWALK Finalized and Launched

Flower Pots to Airport

JUNE

Admin. City Base Budget Grant Application Due-June15

Fiscal Year End June 30

Set AGM date and establish nomination committee

Submit HST rebate by June 30

Activ. Present NPSS Awards and Scholarships

Bright Nights in June – Community-wide Arts celebrations

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Official Memberships

Fort St. John and District Chamber of Commerce- attend luncheons when possible

Peace Liard Regional Arts Council- 2 representatives to 5 meeting per year

Arts BC (Assembly)- 2 attend annual conference

Representatives sit on

Hospital Art Committee

Major Issues pending

Cultural Policy Development

Sustainable Funding for the Arts

Lack of space

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Board Meeting Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:00PM

Multi-purpose Room at Artspost

Present: Sue Popesku, Margaret May, Connie Desfosses, Alex Neilson Tanya Shymko, and Rosemary Landry. **Regrets:** Connie Surerus

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

– Agenda Approval / Additions: Agenda circulated and approved.

2. Minutes: Last Board meeting minutes not available

3. Financial Report: Connie Desfosses presented a Treasurers Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 to March 14, 2018. Report was reviewed and discussed.

3. a. New Horizons Grant \$25,000 received for Senior Storytelling. SENIOR'S Storytelling attracted 23 people at the launch yesterday. About 6 people will be working with Natalie Brekkaas to help seniors tell their stories.

3. b. List of Grant recipients to the City – Connie is collecting correct addresses and preparing a Spread Sheet and Sign-out Sheet. It would be advantageous if the City would permit the CAC to distribute the cheques to the group members.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Business Issues:

5. a. North Peace Potters' Guild has increased their rent payments to \$1200.00 per month retro to January 2018. This will considerably ease the financial burden carried by the CAC. A thank you letter of appreciation will be sent. Two GREAT pottery workshops were held on this past weekend.

5. b. Arts Development Foundation of Fort St John – Discussion on forming a Board to consolidate monies for a future Creative Arts Centre Society in Fort St John. Suggestions for 4 Board Members and 3 Founding Organizations were proposed.

Motion: Moved by Margaret May, Seconded by Alex Neilson that the CAC initiate a Society for Arts development and call it the Arts Development Foundation of Fort St John for a permanent community creative space.

5. c. Banner Design Discussion – Three artist submissions were reviewed. It was agreed that the winner of the Banner Artist selection be awarded to Tanya Shymko. Tanya was open to several suggestions to tweak the images. Thank you notes will be sent to the other artists for their participation.

5. d. City Quarterly Report - Agreed that Margaret will ensure that Arts Reports will be sent to the City in January, May (including June, July and August), and late September of each year. Quarterly Reports will be included on the CAC Monthly Duties List.

5. e. Refreshing Artspost for next 10 years

– Margaret will complete the Artspost sign and Artists will be invited to paint the remaining four doors to be mounted on the outside of the building.

- There is a request for a light to be installed outside the NPPG door and repairs to the external plug-ins.
- The NPPG is interested in providing a portable addition to the north side of the building and request confirmation that a pass through doorway can be cut into the north wall.
- It was reported that a BIRTHDAY PARTY held on Saturday with Tanya the 9-10 year old young (and loud) ladies made amazing wall paintings.

5. f. BC Winter Games 2020 – The City will hold a second and last meeting of the Nomination Committee on March 29, 2018 – Sue will attend

5. g. Arts BC Conference on May 10, 11, & 12, 218 in Burnaby – Rosemary and Sue will attend. Tanya will consider attending.

5. f. Airport flower pots/ Display Case for April / May/ June

– Sue will contact the new manage (Gord) regarding the continued Flower Pot arrangements.

– Sue will check with Connie Surerus as to the schedule of member groups participating in the Display Case especially for March and April. It was suggested that the schedule be posted in the Office.

6. Governance:

6. a. Survey of Arts Groups – Margaret is developing a spread sheet.

6. b. Constitution transition – The Constitution and Bylaws have been approved at the last AGM and need to be submitted to the Society Registry. Rosemary will work with Margaret to complete this task.

6. c. Policy & Procedures Review – Alex is working on the P&P updates and will present a policy at each Board meeting for review.

– *FSJCAC Financial Assistance Policy – Annual Member Group Grants* policy was reviewed and updated for presentation to the General Meeting on March 21, 2018.

7. Project Updates -

7. a. Art Walk 2018 May 19 – July 21, 2018

– Sue will contact the businesses venues regarding the \$35.00 contract agreement and circulate the Artist's request letters for the \$25.00 participation fee and commitment.

– Sue will send out the Advocacy letters for sponsorship of the Arts and the Banners.

7. b. Potential 2020 BC Winter Games Artist in Residence to create Murals – Discussions begun with Peter Voglarr to train children in 2019. Grant options will be investigated.

7. b. Rejoice, Recycle, Reuse – CAC will again collect Christmas items. Sue will developed a flyer for distribution at Garage Sales.

8. Next Meeting: Board Meeting – April 11, 2018 at **6:30 PM** at Artspost

General – March 21, 2018 at 12:00 Noon at Artspost

9. Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned by Rosemary Landry at 9:00 PM

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Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda, moved by Marjo Wheat. Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Note, error in minutes Pat Ferris, not Patricia Ferris. Motion to approved minutes of regular meeting February 21, 2018, moved by Eliza S., seconded by Marjo W., carried.

Guest Speaker: Marjo Wheat “Inspired by Artefacts Art Day at the FSJNP Museum – Is there an interest to have a day for artists to come to the museum and admission would be free to local artists, with the hope the museum artefacts would be a form of inspiration for the artists? The museum would have drop cloths for the paint and clay and wondering when would be a good time to do this, possibly February and on a weekend. Great idea!

Financial Report: Connie D. gave the financial report to March 21, 2018 and included the grant recipients for 2018. There is money in the bank accounts with just under \$50,000 in the general account. Connie D. contacted the City and gave Laura the list of grant recipients and the City will give the cheques to Connie D. to be distributed at the April regular meeting.

Correspondence:

1. PLRAC Juried Art Exhibit Entries are out.
2. BC Winter Games – March 29th – Do you want to be a major director? Please let Sue know if you are.

Group Reports:

FSJ Quilters Guild – Carol King – We are having an Open House at the NPCC on March 26th and we will have different stations set up so people can watch or participate in various aspects of quilting. We need to get younger people involved in the Guild.

North Peace Community Choir – Rhonda Scott – We currently have 76 singers registered including 8 children. We are preparing for our spring concert “Hope Springs Eternal” April 7th in Grande Prairie and April 8th at the NPCC in FSJ. The NP Community Choir and the GP Regional College Choir are performing together Schubert’s Mass in G, the first half is classical and Merrill Flewelling is guest conductor and we are accompanied by the orchestra. Alan Stebbing is conducting the men’s ensemble and Mathew Wuthrich is soloing. We will be singing in Latin, Swahili and French and we are very excited and have singers aged 8 to 80! We will be competing at the Performing Arts Festival April 14-22 and at the Honours Concert April 22nd.

NDTS Report – Submitted

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We are also still selling cookbooks for \$15.00 if anyone is interested. As well as a flower fundraiser – www.northerndancetheatre.growingsmilesfundraising.com (if you order through link I will have to collect cash or cheque made out to NDTs) Thank you Jodi Bates

North Peace Cultural Centre – Connie S. – We are mainly getting ready for the “Bright Nights in June Festival” for June 7-9. Spring workshops are ongoing and coming up and it is getting busy with shows in the theatre including Performing Arts Festival. Next show in Gallery is Points of View by Flying Colours.

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Fort St John North Peace Museum – Marjo W.

Book sale at the Museum Gift Shop – April 9-21 – 40% off selected books in the gift shop (assortment of both used and new books). Book topics include history, explorers, First Nations, British royalty, animals and more. All proceeds go to support the museum’s operations.

Kids Night at the Museum – Rodeos – Friday April 13th at 7pm at the Museum – Bull riding, parades, and roping...rodeos have long been a way for people in the North Peace to get together, celebrate, and put their skills to the test. Registration is mandatory and limited. Event tickets are \$5/child and \$10/family.

Northern Lights College – Sue P. – Bhangra Dancers are performing at Evangel Chapel on April 7th

NPPG – Rosemary – We had a workshop this past weekend with Karen Heathman and Leanne Carlson, both potters from PG. The classes are slowing down and having a compressed class.

Fed of Canadian Artists – Rosemary – having a show at Peace Gallery North May 8th

Flying Colours Artists – Rosemary – show at Peace Gallery North in April “Points of View”

Business:

1. FSJCAC Financial Assistance Policy Annual Member Group Grants – policy included in meeting package and reviewed and one change made. **Moved** to approve by Sue, second by Eliza, carried.
2. Revised Budget – Connie D. – thank you to the NPPG for more than doubling their rent, will help tremendously in covering operations costs.
3. Initiating new Society “Arts Development Foundation of FSJ” with founding members being the Arts Council, NPPG, Stage North – we are looking for board members who don’t have their own

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agenda in the arts but are community minded. We want to move the building funds from the 3 organizations to the Foundation so that we can move forward to build an exploration space/studio space. FSJCAC has \$77,688.07 as a capital reserve account and Stage North has \$30,000. **Motion:** Move to accept to initiating this Society by Marjo, second by Eliza. Carried.

4. Rural Development Consultation took place March 2nd – SWAT process of what is holding FSJ back and how to make it and surrounding communities more resilient and economically strong.

Projects:

1. Arts Survey – Margaret will send out the survey again, data is used for reports to the City and for grant applications.
2. Banners – Tanya Shymko's designs will be used for the 2018 banners and the theme is "Classic Country"
3. Display Case at the Airport – March and April in the NP Community Choir and May is NPCC and Bright Nights in June promotion,
4. Artwalk info has gone out to the businesses and artists. Artwalk is May 19th to July 21st.

Governance – Constitution & Bylaws revised, just need to be uploaded to Society's Registrar website.

Next meeting April 18, 2018

Adjourned at 1:05pm by Rosemary Landry.

GROUP REPORTS CAC March 21, 2018

NDTS REPORT

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New Horizon's Senior Storytelling and Blogging:

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Peace River Zone Theatre Festival: May 24-27 at NPCC. The theme is "Cue The Lights". The shows are Blackbird (adult content) by Stage North, Mary's Wedding by Stage North, and a show by the North Peace Players (NPSS students). Stevi Eby, Teela Gould, Pam Laventure and Bronwyn Hall are the committee.

Stage North: Always Patsy Cline (June 9) tickets are now on sale at the NPCC for \$25 for all seats. Mary's Wedding is April 26, 27, 28 at NPCC and Blackbird (WARNING – Adult content) is May 10, 11, 12 at the Stage North Space on the East Bypass Road. Stage North is setting up the 2018-2019 season and welcomes everyone to join whether you have theatre experience or not. Stop in to see Stage North volunteers cleaning up at the Food Booths at the Trade Show in April.

Fort St. John North Peace Museum

The Fort St. John North Peace Museum has been busy this last month. We hosted our AGM at the museum with 92 people in attendance on Feb. 28. Ron Yipp was our guest speaker who told stories of growing up in FSJ and becoming a cowboy at Penalty Ranch. On Mar. 9, we had a full house of people wanting to see short film clips and photos of bush pilot Jimmy Anderson and share their stories of him. We've recorded these stories and they are available by appointment in our archives. On March 10, the museum took part in the Community Science Celebration at NLC. We had over 340 children (and parents) try out our pen and ink table. We had feather pens, dip pens, fountain pens, ballpoint pens, rollerball pens, and markers for people to try out as well as a small exhibit on the changing technology of the pen.

At the museum, we've been working on refreshing some of our exhibits. We've incorporated new artefacts and textiles, set up a hands-on washboard with interpretive sign, and are working on assembling an exhibit about an oil drilling rig site, using a recently donated model. We're also keeping up with grants, school tours and programs, and organizing our collection.

April Events

Book Sale at the Museum Gift Shop

April 9-21 at the Fort St. John North Peace Museum

40% off select books in our gift shop (assortment of both used and new books). Book topics include history, explorers, First Nations, British royalty, animals, and more! All proceeds go to support the museum's operations.

Kids' Night at the Museum: Rodeos

Friday, April 13th at 7 p.m. at the Fort St. John North Peace Museum

Bull riding, parades, and roping... rodeos have long been a way for people in the North Peace to get together, celebrate, and put their skills to the test. Learn about these rodeos through historic film footage, stories, and photographs. Participate in rodeo themed crafts and activities. **REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY AND LIMITED.** Event tickets are \$5/child or \$10/family and must be purchased at the museum in advance. Children must be accompanied by an adult (free). Call 250-787-0430 for more information.

Inspired by Artefacts Art Day

The FSJNP Museum would like to host a day (or part of a day – morning, afternoon, or evening) that would be free to all local artists (info to be circulate through Arts Council). This would be a day for artists to gain free admission to the museum and get inspired by artefacts. They'd have time to sit and draw/sketch or photograph artefacts that may inspire current/future art projects. Other methods like painting could be used provided the painter brings a drop cloth to help protect the museum's carpet in case of accident. The museum will happily supply chairs but the artist will need to bring any materials or stands with him/her.

Is there interest to do something like this?

What date would work for arts council members? (Or what day of the week/time is best)? We can do pretty much any day except for Sunday and when we are already hosting programs or events.

Peace Gallery North

Road Trip with Leanna Carlson & Karen Heathman on now until March 29th.

Next Opening:

Points of View 5 by Flying Colors Artists Association, opens from 7-9 pm on Friday April 6th, thru April 28th.

Membership Drive:

Peace Arts Gallery Society (PAGS) supports the primary gallery space and programming such as Lets Art and Kids Summer Art Camp. They will be announcing details regarding a benefit program to encourage new membership on Fri April 6th at the opening of POV 5 show. Stay tuned!

Upcoming Workshops:

- One seat left in Ukrainian Easter Eggs with Nicole Bell on Mar 24th
- A few spots left in Introduction to Pastels with Frances Obie on April 7th

Artist in Residence:

- Irene Gut will be demonstrating Encaustic with the Iron in the gallery. If you are interested in learning a bit more about this technique visit her on Saturday April 21st from 1-4 pm, and registration for her workshop on May 12th is open through the Cultural Centre Box Office.

Fort St. John Community Arts Council

Regular Meeting: April 18, 2018

Call to Order: 12:07 pm

In Attendance: Carol King, Marjo Wheat, Connie Desfosses, Lisa Rowbotham, Tanya Shymko, Margaret May, Rosemary Landry, Jody Bates, Cory Cooper, Natalie Brekkaas, Eliza Stanford, Monica Best, Karyn Guy, Sue Popesku, Kendra Delichte, Tiffany Butt, Barb Wagner, Rhonda Scott

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Carol to approve the agenda

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Marjo, seconded by Connie to accept the minutes from March 21, 2018

Financial Report: City grant cheques were handed out. The new process with the City writing cheques directly to the member groups went very smoothly. Moved by Sue, seconded by Connie, to write a letter to the city thanking them for supporting the new process, which is far more convenient for the groups. Carried

Group reports:

Peace Gallery North: Natalie Brekkaas is new manager of the gallery, taking over from Catherine Ruddell. Points of View 5 is showing at the gallery. The next show is with Federation of Canadian Artists.

Peace Art Gallery Society: Actively recruiting members and will introduce a membership requirement for showing at the gallery. Brochure is being prepared outlining benefits of membership. Let's Art and Art Camp in July and August. Sept. 29 – Art Auction. Submission forms are available.

Fort St. John Film Society: Last film of the season is on May 7; *Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool*. *Never Steady Never Still*, which was partly filmed in Fort St. John is on April 23rd.

Northern Dance Theatre Society: Fundraising – Growing smiles flowers, Cook Books. Dancers will participate in the Peace River North Festival, Standing Ovation Festival in Dawson Creek. On May 7th they will hold a day of school shows, May 10th is the NDTs Gala and on May 12th dancers will perform in the Studio 2 Stage Spring Recital. Exams will be in June.

Fort St. John Country Quilters: Had successful open house at the Cultural Centre in March demonstrating various quilting techniques and are considering doing it again in the fall. A quilting workshop was held last weekend with instructor, Lynn Knox, from Vernon.

FSJ Dance Society: Dancers are into competition season. They will participate in the Peace River North Festival, then in the Standing Ovation Festival in Dawson Creek, then in Edmonton.

North Peace Spinners & Weavers: Upcoming activities – Rigid Heddle Pickup Techniques on May 12, Artwalk, Bright Nights in June Art Market, Annual Dyeing weekend in July, North Peace Fall Fair.

Fort St. John North Peace Museum: Oil drilling exhibit currently showing and an exhibit on Ichthyosaurs. Planning to redo the schoolhouse exhibit and set up a wash line exhibit. On May 25 there is a Cemetery tour at 7:00 pm. There is also a new display at hospital.

Fort St. John Irish Dance Society: Dancers went to Glasgow for world championships. Fort St. John Dancer, Mackenzie Cross placed 5th. Recital will be held on June 6 at the Cultural Centre.

Ecole Central PAC: The school's production of Aladdin sold out both shows. Most fundraising done for the year. School hats and hoodies are available for sale.

Northern Winds Community Band: Band performed at festival and got to play with the adjudicator. Will play at Canada Day celebrations on July 1st.

North Peace Music Teachers Association: Students performed in a recital on April 8 from 1 to 5 featuring Piano Strings, glockenspiel and brass. Students have been participating in the Peace River North Festival and will be playing in Honours Concert

North Peace Potters Guild: 2 classes starting soon. Inter hand building. Morning class paid monthly. Raku fire at Bright Nights in June. June 23rd chili bowl. Tickets on sale around June 1st.

Stage North Theatre Society: *Mary's Wedding* directed by Monica Maika playing on April 26, 27, 28 at the Cultural Centre. *Blackbird*, directed by Rob Laventure plays on May 10, 11, 12 at The Space on the East bypass Road. *Always Patsy Cline*, directed by Blair Scott will play for One Night Only on June 9. Get your tickets early as they are going fast.

Peace River Zone Theatre Festival: Festival will be held May 24-27 at the Cultural Centre. There will be three shows performing for the adjudicator. One will be selected to perform at Mainstage in July.

Peace River North Festival: The Festival is going on now at the Cultural Centre. Music class have just finished and Dance will start on Thursday, April 19. The Best of the Fest Honours Concert is on Sunday, April 22 at 6:30 pm.

Spectrum Arts: Classes are underway and will end in June. Still space if children want to join. May 11 pro-D day coming up and there will be classes for children that day; possibly on May 14 as well.

North Peace Community Choir: The full choir and the newly formed Mens' Ensemble performed at the festival. They also had big concert on April 7 (GP) and 8 with the choir from Grand Prairie College and an orchestra. The concert was very well attended and they made great connections with GP college.

Flying Colours: Points of View 5 is showing at Peace Galler North. A show featuring artists from the Peace River Chapter of the Canadian Federation of Artists will be starting May 4 (Friday).

City of Fort St. John: Registration for pitch in week opening soon. Groups can get an honorarium for helping with clean up on May 23-28. May 16 – grant writing workshop for non-profits, free at Pomeroy sports centre. Need pre-registration, first come first serve.

BC Gaming has money for capital improvements, \$20,000 and over. Deadline end of July.

BUSINESS

Banners: Designed by Tanya and shown to the meeting. The program being done in partnership with the city this year. Banners should be up by May 19. Designs will be sent to Vancouver this week for printing.

Artwalk: Opens May 19. Registration is available for vendors and artists.

Arts Development Foundation: Looking to set up a new society to work toward a new creative space. Will start with funds that have already been raised for that purpose. Founding members will be part of the board.

Display Case: Sign up sheet at the ArtsPost.

Flower Pots at Airport: There is a new manager at the airport; need to find out if he wants us to provide pots.

Painting Doors: Will paint 4 doors to decorate the ArtsPost

Peace River Liard Regional Arts Council: Initiating the First Literary Conference, "Words North" Sept. 27-29, 2018.

Seniors Stories: Next gathering is Saturday, April 21 from 2 to 4 pm at the Fort St. John Museum.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:49 pm

Next Meeting: May 16, 2018 at 12:00 noon at the ArtsPost.

GROUP REPORTS May 16, 2018

FORT ST JOHN NORTH PEACE MUSEUM

New exhibit up at the North Peace Regional Airport. This exhibit is all about insects (especially mosquitoes) and how homesteaders, North West Mounted Policemen, and Alaska Highway workers coped with these bugs!

Artefact Day to be held next January or February on a Saturday as per the feedback from Arts Council members earlier this year.

Cemetery Tour: Alaska Highway Edition Friday, May 25 at 7 p.m. at the Fort St. John Cemetery

Join us for a guided cemetery tour of the Fort St. John Cemetery on 100 Ave. Learn about the connection of many of the people buried there to the Alaska Highway. From construction workers to entrepreneurs to ambulance drivers, the cemetery is full of people who worked and lived along the highway. Tour is \$10 and can be paid at the gate of the cemetery prior to the tour. This is not a scary tour! We share stories (humorous, informative, and sometimes sad) about these people and the history of the highway while standing by their graves. It is not a ghost tour! Call 250-787-0430 for more information. This is the only time the Alaska Highway edition will be presented this summer. On August 24, we will host a repeat of our original cemetery tour.

Book Presentation: Elinor Florence's Wildwood Tuesday, May 29th at 7 p.m. at the Fort St. John North Peace Museum Join Saskatchewan author Elinor Florence as she presents her new novel *Wildwood*, set in the Peace River country. It tells the story of a single mother from the city who spends one year living in an abandoned off-the-grid farmhouse in order to claim her inheritance. With grim determination, Molly teaches herself the basic pioneer skills, but her greatest perils come from the brutal wilderness. Only the journal written by her great-aunt, the land's original homesteader, inspires her to struggle on. Using old photographs, Elinor will present a one-hour slide show describing her historical research and telling some interesting anecdotes. Free admission. Donations welcome. Books can be purchased through the museum gift shop and signed by the author. Call 250-787-0430 for more information.

Grand Opening of the Solar Prints of Dr. Kearney Exhibit Saturday, June 2nd at 3 p.m. at the Fort St. John North Peace Museum. This summer, we are pleased to host a special exhibit featuring solar prints of Dr. Kearney, our second doctor in Fort St. John. This exhibit is guest curated by Oshawa, Ontario artist, Margaret Rodgers, Dr. Kearney's niece. Join Margaret for her exhibit opening, learn more about Dr. Kearney, and discover the process of solar printing. Free admission. Donations welcome. Call 250-787-0430 for more information.

Book Presentation: Sarah Cox's Breaching the Peace

Tuesday, June 5th at 7 p.m. at the Fort St. John North Peace Museum

Join award-winning journalist Sarah Cox at the museum for a presentation on her book about the farmers and First Nations who fought against the Site C Dam.

Free admission. Donations welcome. Books can be purchased through the museum gift shop and signed by the author. Call 250-787-0430 for more information.

Book Presentation: Erin Moure's A Century in the North Peace

Saturday, June 9th at 3 p.m. at the Fort St. John North Peace Museum

The people of the North Peace, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, have seen many changes over the last century. Anne Callison remembers it all from the trapline to the Alaska Highway and from farming to the oil boom. *A Century in the North Peace* shines light on the people who lived through these changes from the lens of Anne Callison and her husband, John. The stories of many famed figures such as pilot Pat Callison and George Behn, former Grand Chief of the Treaty 8 Tribal Association appear in this book. Join Erin Moure and Anne Callison for a book launch at reading at the Fort St. John North Peace Museum. Free admission. Donations welcome. Books can be purchased through the museum gift shop and signed by the author. Call 250-787-0430 for more information.

STAGE NORTH

June 9 For one night

only, Stage North is gathering the cast, once again, for *Always Patsy Cline* at the North Peace Cultural Centre. Local songstress Breanna Harrison stunned the audiences at the sold out Rotary Dinner Theatre in January with her portrayal of country classic singer Patsy Cline. Along with cast member Stevi Eby and an

amazing band of accomplished musicians, Patsy Cline comes alive on stage with the unforgettable songs from earlier years. All seats are \$25 and are selling quickly. Get tickets online at npcc.bc.ca or at the North Peace Cultural Centre box office. Show time is 8pm at NPCC. For further information contact 250-785-6214 or www.stagenorth.ca

PEACE RIVER ZONE THEATRE BC FESTIVAL

May 24 -

27. Three great plays adjudicated by a professional adjudicator. Single tickets or all three nights special price. NPCC.

NORTHERN TRAILS HERITAGE SOCIETY

May

25 Friday 9:30am - 2pm Annual General Meeting and Special Workshop with BC Museums Association presenters from Vancouver. \$10 includes lunch. All heritage interested people throughout the NE Region are welcome. Dawson Creek Calvin Kruk Arts Centre. For information: Sue Popesku 250-785-6214 spopesku@shaw.ca

PEACE LIARD REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL Next meeting Saturday August 25 at the Tumbler Ridge Museum. **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** : Words North Festival September 25-29 in Dawson Creek. This is the first regional Literary Festival in the Northeast. Professional writers, authors, poets, local songwriters, emerging writers and more will be taking part. Contact Donna Kane dkane@pris.ca for further information.

PEACE GALLERY NORTH

May 26th Deb Bowyer's Zentangle Workshop. There are still spaces available! \$65 included materials.

June 1, 7pm to 9pm Opening of Inspirations - Breathing It In A solo show by Judy Templeton.

June 7th - Art Stars Highlighting the stories of local folks who have had professional careers in the arts. Round Table discussions with the Stars. Tickets by minimum \$5 donation.

June 8 Bright Nights in June Gala Tickets at the Box Office for Duane Steele \$45.

June 9 Art Market - Free Fun Art Day Printmakers, kid's activities, a raku demonstration, quilters, spinners and weavers.

June 9th - Final showing "Always... Patsy Cline" Tickets on sale \$25 Contact the Box Office 250-785-1992

PEACE ARTS GALLERY SOCIETY

Let's Art program, a free art program for kids. Contact the Box Office for registration and more info.

Introducing The Loft. Every first Thursday evening in the loft space there is a group art space. Bring your own art supplies and projects. Come and spend time with fellow artists doing the things you love to do!

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PEACE RIVER NORTH FESTIVAL Festival was held April 14-22 and was a great success. Performers of all ages received valuable feedback from adjudicators Nina Horvath (Piano, Voice, Choir), Ben Neumann (Strings), Bradley Luna (Band), Jennifer Bishop (Stage Dance) and Irene Booth (Ballet). We added a day to the festival this year, going from 8 to 9 days, and still found ourselves squeezed in some of the divisions such as Strings and Voice - a good problem to have! On Sunday, April 22 the top performances of the festival as selected by the adjudicators were featured in the Best of the Fest Honours Concert. It was a wonderful show with a lot of variety featuring everything from our newly formed Mens' Ensemble to a five year old speech artist.

*One at a time
Sept 29*

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October 17, 2018

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Rosemary at 12:05 pm

In Attendance: Connie Surerus (NPCC/Director), Sue Popesku (Stage North/Theatre Fest/Director), Heidi Avanthay (NPSW), Carol King (FSJ Quilters), Eliza Stanford, Margaret May (PRN Festival/Director), Connie Desfosses (FSJCAC), Rosemary Landry (PRFCA/FCAR/Director), Jody Bates (NDTS), Monica Best (NP Music Teachers), Tiffany Butt (Northern Winds Band)

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda, Rosemary, Eliza moved. Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting June 20, 2018, Heidi moved, Carol seconded. Carried.

Financial Report:

Connie D. – 2018 Financial Statement didn't need any changes as Connie sent to SRBG. Connie did discuss the statements at the AGM. The \$19,499 surplus reported is the New Horizons grant, without the grant, we broke even. Move to approve 2018 Notice to Reader financial statements. Heidi moved, Monica second. Carried.

Correspondence:

Group Reports:

FSJ Country Quilters – Carol – We kicked off our new year September 10, 2018 with a business meeting. We have 30 registered members this year. In August at the Fall Fair, the FSJ Country Quilters were set up in the old log cabin. One side of the cabin featured an antique quilt display and the other room was set up to show how jellyroll quilts were made and put together. This fall we have started a junior quilting guild, under the leadership of Kelly Vig and Anita Anderson. The group of 5 junior members are eager to learn how to quilt and will benefit from the leadership of their 2 experienced leaders. Kathi Ewen who has recently moved from Alberta, is a former Canadian Quilter Association rep and we are excited to have her join our Guild. Kathi comes with a lot of quilting experience from techniques learned from around the world. Kathi now has become our Northern rep and will keep our Guild up to date on what is happening within the Canadian Quilters Association. She is attending this year's quilting convention in Texas and our guild members are looking forward to hearing first hand what she will have seen and learned on this trip. November 16th at NPCC, we will have a "Trunk Show" starting at 7pm with Kathi Ewen bringing her trunk full of quilts and samples to tell us her stories and the different quilting techniques she has learned from her time in the Middle East. This trunk show is open to the public and admission will be non perishable food items that will be going to the Food Bank. Nov 17 & 18th we will be hosting a workshop with Kathi Ewen teaching an applique quilting technique. This class will be open to the public and they will have an option to choose either the Saturday or Sunday to attend, as the class itself is a one day class. Guild members are stepping back to allow out-of-towners to attend the trunk show. The actual quilting show on the Saturday will be out at the old Honey place. Thanking the FSJ Arts Council and the City of Fort St John for the grant that is used to pay the rent for this public event, November workshop. Sue suggested Carol write a letter to city council to let them know about this big event and the international section.

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Northern Winds Community Band – Tiffany – just starting back up in September, lots of new members, up by 50%, 14 new members, 28 in total. We are planning performances and will be doing something with the youth choir on Dec. 1st

NP Music Teachers – Monica – having first meeting October 27th and taking memberships at that time. Recital November 18th at the College and is open to the public, by donation at 2 pm

North Peace Spinners & Weavers – Heidi – AGM was September 15th with crock pot dyeing. This weekend workshop, October 20 & 21, drop spot spindle weaving at the Artspost 10am – 4 pm

NDTS – Jody – started Nutcracker rehearsals, ballet workshop Nov. 9-11th, Christmas recital Dec. 16th, Nutcracker Dec. 20-22. Full report given with meeting package.

FSJ Film Society – Bruce – 3 movies shown so far and average 75 people per show. Started a Rating system by those attending and rated at 4 to 5 stars. Next movie is Mary Shelley Oct 29th and then Nov 5th.

Stage North – Sue – report in meeting package. The scheduled show Nov. 16-24 (The Complete Works of Shakespeare Abridged – a comedy) will be postponed to later in 2019 due to 2 of the 3 cast members being called away for work. The first show of the season will now be *The Nutcracker* coproduced with Studio 2 Stage. Tickets will be on sale soon. Tickets would make a GREAT pre-Christmas gift for the whole family. Stage North is revamping their entire set construction workshop area with new tools and adding more lights and sound to the rehearsal space in order to stage smaller shows in the Space.

Peace River Zone Theatre Festival – Sue – The festival committee has begun the fundraising for the Theatre Festival scheduled for the end of May. Stage North came back from Mainstage in July with second place Best Play and an award for set design for Blackbird and best workshop for Mary's Wedding.

ArtsPost – We are looking for a teacher for art classes for adults. Holly Ulrich is going to have children's classes starting in January. She did not get enough registrants to do classes this Fall. The place is very active most every evening and workshops and there are many drop ins on the weekend. The presentations for tax funds from the City was done earlier this month. We are doing a colossal garage sale with the Arts Council and will be collecting items all year and being stored at Surerus. Phone Sue for more information.

Performing Arts Festival – Margaret - Provincials will be in Chilliwack in May, 2019

Peace River Chapter of the Federation of Canadian Artists – Rosemary – The PRFCA held their AGM in July and voted to become a registered Society. They were granted an official name title and Society status on October 9, 2018. Four members and ten Flying Colours members, collectively known as the "Crazies", delighted in an "Art" tour of London and Cambridge in September. The trip was organized by Charlie Parslow who arranged accommodation for all 14 in a Cambridge Airbnb house located along the River Cam. Highlights of the trip were visits to the Kings College Cathedral, Wren Library, Queens College Mathematical bridge, Fitzwilliam Museum, participation in Workshops at the Cambridge Original Printmakers Biennale 2016 as International guests, the Tate Modern and a ride on the London Eye. Fourteen artists attended a Master II Grisaille Acrylic Painting Workshop on October 6-8 with returning

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guest artists David Langevin who also gave a BizTalk presentation for the public on the Thursday evening which was well received. Currently the group is preparing for a Juried Show opening in Beaverlodge on November 25th and are looking forward to a Drawing Workshop on November 24th in Beaverlodge lead by Marina Fridman, the new Grande Prairie Regional College Art Instructor.

Flying Colours Artists Association – Rosemary – Due to a show cancellation in Peace Gallery North for the month of January, Flying Colours has leaped at the chance to fill this creative void with a show opportunity to “show off” our stuff; our diversity and creativity! *Flying Colours Presents...Whatever they Like!* a varied media show including paintings, drawings, carving, jewels, original prints of any flavour, hand crafted books, fibre art, textile art, installations, outstallations, pottery...you name it! Members are looking forward to adding some sparkle to January’s dark and wintry mantle in Fort St John.

North Peace Potters’ Guild – Rosemary – This fall the Potters’ Guild is operating at capacity running four adult classes, a children’s class and a teen class with the Studio being used by members at all hours of the day. Earlier this year the *Mug Wall* was expanded to include all items of pottery produced prompting the name change to *Mugs Plus with items for sale on Saturdays from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM*. On Sunday October 14th a successful Raku Firing was held on a cold and windy day in the back yard. The results, although serendipity, were exciting and another firing is being planned before the snow flies. Members are also gearing up for the Annual Winter Sale to be held at the Studio on Saturday, December 1, 2018.

Peace Gallery North – Current Show: Karl Musgrove – A Solo Show. Closing date: October 27. Karl is paralyzed from a stroke on his right side, is non-verbal, and has only 50% of his sight, but still makes beautiful art! November Show: He Said, She Said, She Said. Mike Kroeher, Sandy Troudt and Miep Burgerjon are sharing the show. All three are painters and printmakers. Opening night Nov 2, 7 to 9 pm. All are welcome! Christmas Market Launch and Book Launch and signing with Cindy Vincent and Diane Culling’s “Winter Birds”, a book with prints from the book in the Gallery November 30th 7 to 9pm. The Christmas market will be open until December 22.

North Peace Cultural Centre – Connie S. – Staff changes are seeing Trinity Truscott, who left this month for a new job at Alpha Safety, replaced by Liz at the front desk. And the new executive director, Baptiste Mercere is getting a handle on the position and moving forward on new programs for the NPCC. Everyone is invited to the AGM on November 14th at 7pm and includes a guest speaker and announcements of new developments at the Centre.

Business:

- **Gigantic Garage Sale** – Garage sale in the Spring. It is a fundraiser for the Artspost. We will take your donations anytime, just call 250-785-6214 to set a time for delivery, tell your friends.
- **Regional Juried Art Show** – over 100 pieces come from all over the region, looking for a coordinator, speak with Sue – show would be April 2019, idea is to bring emerging artists out. \$1000 awards sponsored by Encana.
- **2nd Annual Words North** – 1st one in Dawson Creek was a hit, Pat Ferris, songwriters, poets, authors, 85-100 people came for 3 days. Next year at North Peace Cultural Centre Sept. 26-29, 2019 – feature children’s authors – Cindy Vincent, Margaret May and Charlene Cavers with the “Maddie” books. Have Canada Council money to help us out.

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- **BC Winter Games and Art Banners** – call for artists has gone out to develop 4 banners – need more information about the actual sports happening here so artists know for the banners.
- **City Presentations** – Grant Application - \$20,000 applied – and also the grant request to offset the property taxes. Asking for more funds because more arts groups and increase in numbers in the arts groups in many cases double the size which means less \$ going to each group.

Projects:

- **Display Case at Airport** – need groups for November, December, January, NDTs for February. Can be an individual so long as there is a community component to their display. Film Society possibly for January.
- **Painting Doors** – one more door to be painted and then mounted on the outside of the Artspost “doors to the Arts”.
- **Senior Storytelling** -Natalie Brekkaas is holding sessions in the Lutheran Apartment Basement 2-4pm on selected Sundays.
- **Governance:** Constitution and by-laws approved at AGM, just has to be filed before end of November.
- **Board Members** – looking for more members to the Board, meet each month at the Artspost except in the summer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm by Rosemary Landry, Chair.

Next meeting date November 21, 2018

GROUP REPORTS

NDTS November 2018

Recital - December 16, 2018

Nutcracker - December 20-22, 2018 representative Jody Bates

ARTSPOST

Recycle, Reuse, Rejoice Christmas Decoration Sale until Dec 8 weekdays 10- 2pm and Saturdays 10- 4pm. DEC 1 is the Winter Sale with NP Potter's Guild and Spinners and Weavers. 10- 4pm.

Stage North

The Nutcracker live on stage December 20, 21, 22 7:30pm with a matinee on Dec 22 at 2pm Stage North is assisting Studio2Stage with this Christmas Classic. Tickets make perfect pre-Christmas gifts for the entire family. Get into the Christmas spirit with the Snow Queen, Mouse King and the Nutcracker. Tickets at NPCC \$25 adult, \$20 senior and student, \$15 children.

Irish Dance Society

Results from the Oireachtas (western Canadian qualifier)

19 dancers from FSJ attended: 5 girls placed 2nd and 4 more dancers were in the top 5

17 dancers total came away with a placing. Next competition will be in February

8 dancers qualified for Worlds

St. Patricks Day Run is on Saturday March 16th. Currently looking for sponsors

Peace Art Gallery Society

Actively seeking board members. Contact Amber Blair: peaceartsgallerysociety@gmail.com for more info

Art Auction was a huge success with over \$30,000 raised. Money will be put towards art gallery and arts programming in the community.

Christmas Market opens Nov 30.

Ecole Central Elementary

Holiday Bazaar December 6th and 7th (student craft event)-not a public event at this time but we are seeking any holiday crafty items or artwork for the raffle. Contact Kendra

kdelichte@hotmail.com if you have a donation

Peter Pan musical is in full swing with cast in weekly rehearsals, set production, costume and prop production. March 4th-7th

The school tinker club is looking for any old sewing material as the students are learning to sew.

Please drop off at arts post or Ecole Central

NPCC

On Parade Day, Dec 1 Free hot chocolate from 4pm. Gingerbread House Contest during the day and Community Choir Caroling in the afternoon.

MUSEUM

Dec 5 Christmas Tea 11- 4PM Museum

Dec 7 Kid's Christmas Night at the Museum 7pm