



NORTH PEACE ART Gallery Artist of the Month Phyllis Ljuden is seen completing a recent portrait of Taylor resident Ray Dubeau. Ljuden, who has been supporting herself with her artwork in recent

years, does commission work of all kinds and works in several mediums. Her favourite medium is acrylics on moosehide.

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The North Peace Art Group is planning another first for our local gallery — our first visiting show.

Eight paintings by Yukon artists will be featured for two weeks beginning, Friday, March 9, 1984. At this time, eight of our local artists will be featured as a visiting show in Whitehorse. We plan to have several visiting shows during the year in order to better fulfill our

goal of encouraging appreciation of art in the community.

The Yukon Show will open at 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 9th and continue during the regular hours of the Gallery through Friday, March 23rd. We are open from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Please come in often — our displays are constantly changing so there's always something new to see.

Rent paintings for home, office

MAR 8, 1984

Would you like to have an original painting in your home or office? If the investment involved in buying art makes you reluctant — why not rent???

The North Peace Art Gallery is offering original art by local artists on a rental basis. Paintings may be selected and-or changed on our "Rental Day", the second Thursday of each

month. Our next Rental Day is tomorrow, March 8th, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Memberships in our Rental system are available at the Gallery — \$5-year for individuals and \$10-year for businesses. Inquiries and visitors are always welcome — the Gallery is located next to Hudson's Bay on Center Avenue.

Art auction soon

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The Fort St John Art Gallery will be holding an auction of newly-created works by local artists in the gallery, Thursday, May 3.

Participants in the evening event will have to buy one of the 140 tickets being sold at \$3 a piece. Tickets should be purchased in advance at the gallery on Centre Avenue. The doors open at 7pm and bidding begins at 8.

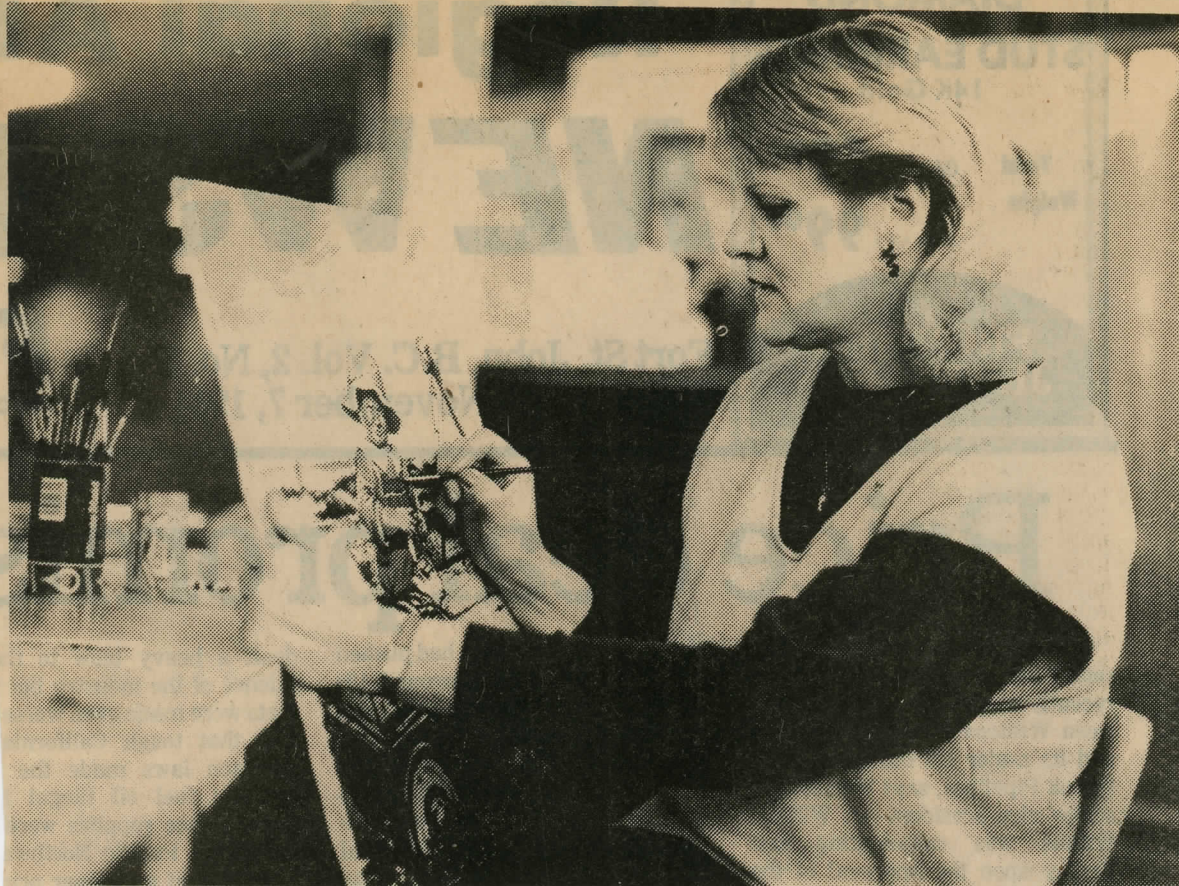
Up to 60 paintings and drawings which have never been displayed before will be auctioned off.

"There are some very good works for this being created. It is excellent advertising for the artists," gallery spokesman Linda Scarfo explains.

Half of the proceeds from the sale will go towards establishing a permanent gallery in Fort St John and the other half goes to the artists themselves to help cover their costs for materials.

The gallery has begun featuring one local artist a month. For April works by Audrey Bodnar are on a special display.

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WELL KNOWN LOCAL artist Phyllis Ljuden is developing her reputation a little farther afield. She has a show down in Dawson Creek for most of the

month in the city's refurbished grain elevator which now serves as an art gallery and museum.

Phyllis Ljuden shows her work in Dawson

"Spectrum" is the rainbow of colors that Fort St John artist Phyllis Ljuden has captured in the 60 paintings comprising her new one-woman show at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery from November 8 to the 27. The show, her second in as many years, covers a wide variety of subjects from lan-

dsapes, portraits and nudes to glimpses into early life in Canada from the 20s, 30s and 40s.

Most of the paintings in this show are done in Ljuden's unique style of laying acrylic washes over a painted background of stretched moose hide, a technique resulting in unusual soft-

ness, richness and depth of color. The show also includes a number of knife paintings in oils.

This is one of the techniques Ljuden teaches in her painting classes given at Northern Lights College. Aside from her teaching, she paints full time. Ljuden's talents are basically self-taught. She says much of her talent is due to the family she comes from where mother, sister, daughter, niece and nephew are all artists.

Ljuden was chosen, along with three of her paintings, to represent this area at the BC

Festival of the Arts in Penticton last spring. She was the featured artist at the Fort St John gallery last June and hangs with both the Federation of Canadian Artists and the Creekhous Galleries in Vancouver. She has been juried into shows in both Dawson Creek and Grande Prairie and has recently been accepted into the Gainesborough Galleries in Calgary.

Hundreds of Ljuden's works hang in private collections through out the Peace River country, the United States and in various countries in Europe and Asia.



THESE ARE TWO of the approximately 40 new works by local artists which will be auctioned off at the North Peace Art Gallery next Thursday (May 3) evening, beginning at 8. Tickets to the auction are \$3 and must be bought in advance. Only 120 can be

sold. Wine and cheese will be provided. Proceeds will help support the gallery. Agnes Sorensen holds a work she created for the sale and the painting on the wall is by Twyla Tucker. Call the gallery at 787-0993 for further information.

1st Annual Art Auction - 1984.



VOLUNTEER AUCTIONEER Allan Ferris had to slow down his auctioneering delivery but he soon had bids in the \$100 range coming in for works of art. Highest price of the evening was \$260 for a 16 x 20 acrylic entitled "North of the Peace" paid by guide-outfitter Red Sorensen while an oil painting entitled "Memories" by Twyla Tucker brought \$235. Locally made pottery items as well as paintings were sold. The evening was deemed a complete success by a spokesperson for the gallery.



THE CROWD was interested but a little slow in starting the bidding at the first art auction held here last Thursday evening. Perhaps waiting to see what others were going to bid or just taking their time getting warmed up was this gathering of 130 paid guests who showed up at the North Peace Art Gallery on Centre Avenue. All of the works sold were donated by members of the North Peace Art group with proceeds going towards establishing a permanent art gallery in the city.