

Artspace takes more on for coming year

The Artspace opens a new season with services to non-profit organizations and classes to interest the young and old. The Artspace serves the community as an information center for events and provides space for groups to meet.

Over 60 different clubs have used the Artspace for activities and meetings in the past two years. The major user of the Artspace has been the Artspace for Children which will be expanded to include the Adult Courses that Northern Lights College has requested the Artspace conduct due to the reduction in the Community Education courses at the College. Teen classes will be featured this year in response to many requests. A complete schedule of classes for adults to preschoolers will be published Wednesday, September 5, in the Alaska Highway News.

The Ticket and Information Centre 785-1983 is available for all non-profit groups. A complete

community calendar is posted in the office and groups are urged to phone in dates of special events and meeting to avoid conflict with other major functions within the community. In scheduling events within your group or club, knowing the posted events may be helpful. The most immediate meetings and activities are published weekly in the What's Going on column in the Alaska Highway News.

An extensive Artspace membership drive will commence in September to help keep the doors open. A membership of \$25 as a family or patron and \$50 as a group will directly assist the operational cost of providing the communication service and the programs for the community. member groups will be able to use the Artspace free of charge for meetings on a first come-first serve basis. All members will receive discounts on Artspace classes and newsletter to keep up-to-

date on arts events and activities. Family membership entitles each member of the family to the discounts.

The annual budget of the Artspace is supported by community groups and individuals and the City of Fort St. John. The city provides one-third of the budget and the Fort St. John Community Arts Council is responsible for fundraising to meet the other two-thirds. Many individuals and the Lions Club responded to the crisis funding situation in April when the Artspace was in danger of closing. These people are charter members of the Artspace.

The Artspace began as the "first home for the arts" in Fort St John and has since become an active information centre and community meeting space. Since the space was available to the arts groups, new programs such as the Artspace for Children have been established fostering increasing levels of arts activities throughout the city.

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Artspace received three fold donation

The Artspace is the recipient of a three-fold donation.

A West Bend Gas Barbeque donated by the Co-op Association to the Chamber of Commerce which was won by Ian Kearns of Victoria who it donated back to the Chamber of Commerce which then donated it to the Artspace.

The decision to let the Artspace raffle the gas barbecue came at Monday's noon meeting of the Chamber. The raffle will help to raise the necessary funds to keep the Artspace open. The Artspace must provide two-thirds of the annual operating budget through fundraising efforts.

The draw for the raffle will be held on Canada Day at the celebrations at Charlie Lake sponsored by the Mukluk Association. A Canada Kids Corner with races, fish pond and Kid's

Parade in "explorers" costumes will be organized by the Artspace.

Artvarks to work

JUN 13, 1984

Children may cultivate their creativity this summer via the Artvark Program, being launched by the Fort St. John Community Arts Council. The program will stress art, theatre and music for children from the ages of three to thirteen.

Three students have been hired, as a Canada works grant has been given to sponsor the Artvark Program.

Jan Hall, who has a strong art background, and Carleen Cunningham, with a strong drama background, are two of the students hired for the summer.

Anne Best, who specializes in music and has completed her early childhood education in commercial art, has also been hired to help lead the Artvark Program. The three girls are now undertaking a week long leadership training seminar.

The Artvark Program will consist of week long day camps. They will be divided according to the different age groups and all will include a snack for the children. As well, there will be field trips every week for each group except the three to five year olds.

Aside from the field trips which may include sketching hikes, programs will be held

mostly in the Artspace.

"Activities will include sketching, painting, printing, crafts, murals and puppet making," says Jan Hall, one of the students involved in the Artvark Program.

There will also be singing, mime, puppet shows and plays put on for the parents.

"These are not activities that can only be done during the summer," says Anne Russo, one of the Artspace staff members. "In fact, we plan to extend the Artspace classes for children into classes for teens and adults during the fall and winter as well."

Registration week for the summer program will be Monday June 25 to Friday June 29 at the Artspace. Also, one can register at the Totem Mall on Friday, June 29 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Saturday, June 30.

The Artvark gang would like to thank the Fort St. John Community Arts Council, School District Number 60 and Safeway for their support. It would also like to thank Harold Ljuden, Naomi Hall and the Canada Works Summer Program for all their help as well.

For further information call Jan Hall at the Artspace, 785-1983.



CUTTING, PASTING and painting are fun activities for children in the Artspace for Children. Registration for Session 5 begins April 30 at 785-1983.

Artspace for Kids program continues

Artspace for Children, Session 5, will go ahead as planned, despite the funding crisis which may mean that the Artspace Communication Centre will soon close. Registration for Artspace for Children begins on April 30 at the Artspace.

All the familiar Preschool Classes are scheduled to begin on May 7: Arts Discovery, Just 2's, Happy Feet, Music Makers and Piano Play.

Exciting new courses in hand spinning and weaving and art for 6-8 years old and 9-11 year olds. Spinning and weaving offers instruction in weaving, spinning, carding and felting by Norma Currie and Rene Giesbrecht. Artist Phyllis Lyuden, who will be representing Fort St. John at the Penticton Arts Festival with her three art works chosen in the Regional Juried Show, will continue her excellent studio course in acrylic painting

for students over 11 years. Heather Hanaford will offer the 2nd level Pottery Course many students from the Introductory Pottery Courses have been waiting for. This course will include primitive firing in an outdoor kiln.

A special class will be offered in precision drilling and marching. The "Arts Pacers" will consist of two teams who will perform in the New Totem Days Parade. One team is for 10-13 years old and the other team 14 to 17 years old. Students ready to work hard for five weeks and wish to perform for a special community event are encouraged to enroll.

Scottish Country Dancing, Guitar and Piano Classes will also continue. Brochures will be available next week. Registration for all classes is \$10 and registration week is April 30 to May 4. Phone the Artspace for more details at 785-1983.

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Whist Anyone?

FEB 15, 1984

The Artspace invites everybody to join in the fun of a whist party Saturday, February 18 at 8 pm.

Admission is \$5 per person and even if you have never played whist before, never fear, it's easy to learn.

The evening includes two hours of progressive whist where high scorers switch tables after every hand. Refreshments will be on hand and prizes awarded.

The money raised will be used to support the Counselling and Listening Centre (formerly the

Community Learning Centre) which is sponsoring the event.

The centre, which is part of the Community Contact Centre at 9940 100 Avenue, provides volunteer counsellors to work with individuals, marriage partners and families, in the Fort St John area.

If all goes well at the whist party, the centre would like to make a donation back to the Artspace for the use of their facilities for the evening.

Contact Helena Mott at 787-0468 for further details.

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THE ART CLASSES offered this year through Artspace will be led by Deirdre Chater, an arts instructor and Arts Council past president. Here, children are examining the texture of a bone they learned to draw under the direction of Jane Birchell in last year's class.

Pre-school classes begin next week

JUL 18, 1984

Pre-school classes with the Artvark Gang begin next week at the Artspace. From July 23 to the 28th, one and half hour camps will be held for 3-5 year olds. The program consists of music, drama and art with the purpose of giving children a chance to express themselves at a young age. Registration may be made at the Artspace. Day camps are also being run for 6-7, 8-10, & 11-13 through out the summer.

Presently classes for 11-13 year olds are running with instruction in

ink drawing, oil painting, improvisation and much more. These eager young artists are enjoying new

experiences. Anyone interested in seeing some of their work is welcome to stop by Friday af-

ternoon at the Artspace. If you would like to speak to one of the instructors phone the Artspace, 785-

1983. They would be pleased to answer any questions about the program.

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ONE OF THE most popular programs in the Artspace for Children prospectus is pottery. Here, Heather Hannaford shows some youngsters how to squeeze,

thump and knead the clay into a recognizable and useful shape.