

City may try for BC Arts Festival

"Fort St. John could put on the best BC Arts Festival that the province has ever seen," said Mayor Palmer at the city's regular council meeting yesterday.

Aldermen Bodnar, Little, Temple and Graham attended the meeting which dealt with a number of reports and by-laws concerning the city.

In the mayor's report, Palmer suggested that Fort St. John host the BC Arts Festival, an event similar in scope to the BC Summer and Winter Games, except that its focus is art.

"Since this city has a very vibrant arts community and is capable of holding such an event, as indicated by the 1984 BC Winter Games, we should consider it," said Palmer.

Kamloops has already held two of the festivals and funding would be provided by the provincial government.

"The only drawback for hosting the festival is our lack of a proper theatre facility," Palmer explained. "Places for drama and musical productions to occur would be needed."

The mayor commended the

Mormon Church's new addition and suggested that it could perhaps be used to host the Arts Festival.

In other council business, Mayor Palmer congratulated the new executive of the Chamber of Commerce. He thanked Robin Fairservice, past president, for 'doing such a fine job', which culminated with the annual general meeting of the provincial chamber organization.

Palmer also mentioned that PRAHTA will be holding a meeting to organize an Expo 86 Committee. The committee will

aim to encourage Expo spectators and participants to travel northwards onto the Peace River district. Expo representatives are expected to be at PRAHTA's meeting, July 7.

The mayor then extended congratulations to the MacKenzie Inn for re-opening and to Michel Lamoureux and the Airshow Committee for putting on an excellent airshow.

Palmer also congratulated the newly elected Kinsmen. "The organization is a prime example of what volunteers can do in a community," he added.

Audrey Wallace, Co-ordinator of Engineering, reported in response to Alderman Bodnar's request that one crew is working on city streets at present. "The crew has been doing larger patches than before and has been using the grater and new roller," Wallace added.

As well, Alderman Eric Graham reported that Fort St. John's new campsite should be opened by July 15. "Work on the campsite is above budget because of the fill," said Graham.

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Music teachers put on concert

As a preview to the Arts Council's Artfest, the North Peace Music Teachers Association will present a Sunday afternoon performance on April 8 at 2:30 p.m. at the North Peace Mennonite Brethren Church. The performers will include students who have prepared pieces for the Peace Country Arts festival in Dawson Creek next week. It will also include students who are

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preparing pieces for piano exams as well as those who prepared a piece especially for the concert.

These students work diligently to prepare a performance for the community and attendance is an encouragement to them, as well as an enjoyable experience for those attending. Come, enjoy, and applaud our local talented musicians.

Drama festival

dates announced

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MAR 21, 1984

Paul Ekring, zone chairman, has released the schedule of plays for Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24.

The Friday evening program will begin with a children's play titled "The Muffin Muncher" by the Itty Bitty Witty Players of Tomslake, BC. It will be followed by the "Puppet Master" produced by the South Peace Senior Secondary Drama Club. The program will be topped off by "Babel Rap", produced by Stage North of Fort St John.

Saturday evening will begin with "Please No

Flowers" from the Fort Nelson Drama Club, followed by the "Elementary English Class", the Dawson Creek entry.

Advance tickets are moving well. A five dollar ticket admits holders to both night of plays. On Friday only, children under the age of ten and accompanied by adults will be admitted free. Tickets are available from Bill's Lunch, the Ewe and Eye, and Art Gallery and members in the drama groups.

Watch for more details about the various plays.

Anne Exner



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Restaurant on January 29 and 30. A \$15 ticket buys a prime rib dinner and the entertainment and tickets will be available from the Triple Star and at the Artspace.

Old Fort Follies a special music night

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years in the book, 'Tall Tales of BC' as well as about a dozen songs including some additions to last year's repertoire.

The show, which takes about an hour and a quarter, is regarded by both groups as an experiment, to see whether a full scale follies could and should be developed. The Triple Star location was chosen as it had not

only a suitable performing area but offered competitively priced meals.

For the performances on Sunday and Monday, a \$15 ticket buys not only the show but a prime rib dinner. Tickets are available at the Art-space and from the Triple Star.

Tickets for Fiddler on the Roof may also be picked up at the Art-space.

Music, dancing, song and folly

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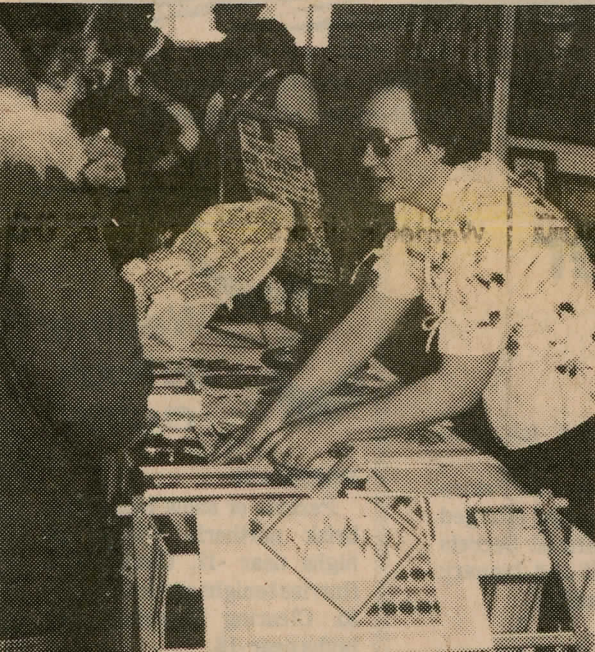
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Art start to Mukluk

The schedules are set for Arts Alive and Ethnic

Performance happening at the Artspace this weekend.



ARTS ALIVE is a fun-packed day of demonstrations and performances during Mukluk Rendezvous. This Saturday at the Artspace. Arts Alive will feature crafts, displays and many talented performers. The doors open at 10:00 a.m. with the first group, the Rotary Pipe Band, performing at 11:00 a.m. Pictured is Elaine Smith of the Craftsmans Association explaining a project during the successful '83 Arts-Alive.

ARTS ALIVE

Arts Alive begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and continues until 4:00 p.m. For only \$1.00 donation toward the permanent Artspace fund, anyone can see numerous displays by crafts and other art groups plus enjoy eight performances throughout the day. The Rotary Pipe Band begins the festive day with a performance at 11:00 a.m. followed by local music students giving a recital at 12:00 noon. The Writers Group will read their original works at 12:00 noon. The Writers Group will read their original works at 12:40 and the Irish Dancers will perform at 1:15. The Brownies and Girl Guides entertain at 2:00 followed by the Scottish Dancers at 2:30 p.m. The day will end

with the Majorettes at 3:00 p.m. and Fencing at 3:30 p.m.

Displays by the Spinners and Weavers, who will have a floor loom working, the Needlecraft Guild and the Craftsman's Association will be accompanied by booths of the Historical Society, local Indian handicrafts and Artspace for Children along with many others.

Arts Alive is an exciting day in a convenient location on the corner of 100th St and 100th Avenue, The Artspace, Everyone is welcome.

ETHNIC

PERFORMANCE

Ethnic Performance adds new flavour to the annual event of Mukluk Rendezvous. Local talented groups and individuals will perform

dances from other countries at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 29. Displays of costumes and crafts from other countries will also be featured this year.

New performers include Balzinder Brar and company performing a Punjab dance, a step dancer George Cardinal, a Highland Sword Dancer, Terry Cowles and a fiddler Gordon Wright. Phillipine dancers, Scottish Dancers and Irish Dancers will also entertain the audience on Sunday night.

Displays representing Roumania, Australia, South America and India as well as local Indian and the Ukraine will be shown.

The entrance is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children at the Artspace at 7:30 p.m.

All proceeds go to the permanent Artspace fund.