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Art show at Gallery

The public is invited to Mike Emme's one-man art show, at the Art Gallery in Fort St. John which begins Tonight.

His exhibition of screen prints is entitled "Mental Deserts and Other Quiet Places."

The show is from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. and runs until Nov. 16.

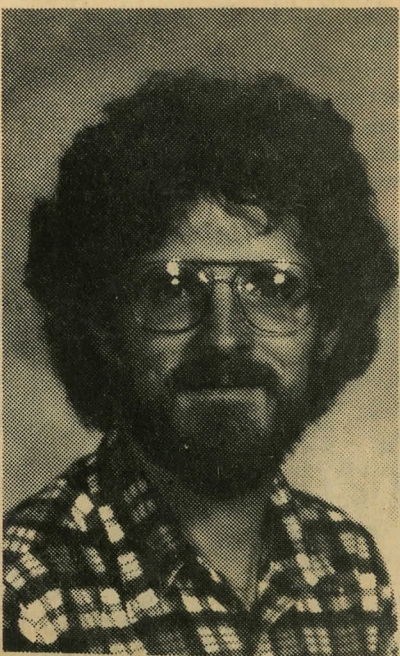
Mr. Emmes was born in Pasadena, California and came to Canada as a

student in 1973. He has taught in Canada since 1978 and is currently at Dr. Kearney School in the city. He holds his BA in English and is working on his MA in Art Education.

Mr. Emme's art has been previously chosen for B.C. Arts Council provincial shows in 1981 and 1982. He has had one-man shows in the city in 1983 and in Vancouver in June of this year.

He has done cover art and illustration work in four books published in Canada.

Talking about his art, Mr Emme says: "These prints combine 'abstract expressionist' techniques with color and maps of the Peace River Country and other areas to make what I hope is fairly 'readable' abstract art."



MIKE EMME

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Busy season for arts groups begins

Sept 25, 1985

The coming of fall also hails the start of another busy season for community clubs and organizations.

The North Peace Art Gallery resumed its regular monthly meetings in September with a look to the past and an eye to the future.

Summer activities for art gallery included presentation of an annual art scholarship to a graduating high school student, the hiring of a Challenge '85 summer student and instruction of childrens art classes.

The North Peace Art Society presented its annual art scholarship award to graduate Jody Williams at the North Peace Secondary School convocation exercises in late June.

Megan Bradbury, last year's scholarship recipient, made the presentation.

Bradbury was also hired as curator of the art gallery this summer through student summer employment funding.

Bradbury's duties as the gallery also included instructing art classes for approximately 15 children. She was assisted in this program, which was offered in conjunction with the Artspace's Artvark classes, by gallery member Cindy Vincent.

Lori Levin is now acting as NPAG curator as

Bradbury left Fort St. John in late August to continue studies at Halifax University.

Another highlight of the summer was an August water color workshop conducted by Gordon Henschel of Vancouver Island. Twelve local artists attended the workshop.

Upcoming fall activities for the NPAG include an audio-visual workshop and a show and sale of paintings.

The audio-visual workshop will be held Thursdays from 9 a.m. to twelve noon beginning in mid-October.

These working sessions, which will continue until Christmas, offer gallery members an opportunity to sketch and paint together.

The next show and sale of paintings at the NPAG is scheduled for November.

With the exception of temporarily employed summer students, the NPAG is staffed and operated by volunteers of the Art Society. Persons interested in becoming involved in the gallery as members or artists are encouraged to attend meetings held at the gallery the first Monday of each month.

Visitors are welcome to drop by the NPAG 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. to view a continuous showing of

paintings by local artists as well as the featured works of an Artist of the Month.

Beth Ardill is September's featured local painter.

Workshop planned

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The North Peace Art Gallery in conjunction with Northern Lights College, will be presenting a watercolor workshop on the weekend of July 26, 27 and 28.

Gordon Henschel, a well-known watercolor artist from Port McNeill, B.C., will be instructing the course.

The workshop will include a slide show and instruction on paper and pigment control, design

and various painting techniques.

The workshop is open to the public and anyone interested in watercolor is encouraged to attend.

Registration fee is \$30 per person and it is limited.

The close off for registration is July 15 so those interested should contact the Art Gallery at 787-0993 to register or to find out more information.

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Forrest Hutchinson is the featured artist for the month of January at the North Peace art gallery. Hutchinson was head of the decorating committee for the opening ceremonies of the BC Winter Games. He has

been an instructor at Northern Light College since 1978. His show at the gallery includes examples of both Hutchinson's pottery and abstract clay sculpture.

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Art auction is scheduled

The second annual North Peace Art Society Auction of Paintings will be held on April 25 in the Alexander Mackenzie Inn.

Allan Ferris will be the auctioneer and his voice will signal the start of the auction.

The doors open at 7 p.m. so prospective buyers can enjoy a full

hour of musical entertainment by Erving Foster, wine and cheese refreshments and the opportunity to wander among the works of art to go under the hammer.

For \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door, those interested can attend the auction. Tickets are available at The Art-space, the North Peace

Art Gallery or the Mackenzie Inn.

A limited number of tickets are to be sold and not only provide admission but also make the people holding them eligible for the water color by Hudson's Hope artist, Janis Herbison.

The paintings are donated by the artists, but 50 per cent of the articles are returned to their producers to defray expenses, while the other 50 per cent is retained by the arts society for the on-going maintenance of the local gallery.

This auction is the main fund raiser for the society.

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old and was created out of the efforts and determination of local artists, wanting a suitable place to show local art on a continuing basis.

The gallery is open year round, staffed by a group of volunteers, with summer assistance from

government student programs.

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Auction is set

The ringing voice of auctioneer Allan Ferris will signal the start of the Second Annual North Peace Art Society's Auction of Paintings on Thursday evening, April 25th, in the Mackenzie Inn.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. so prospective buyers can enjoy a full hour of musical entertainment by Erving Foster, wine and cheese refreshments, and the opportunity to wander among the works of art to go under the hammer.

Tickets are \$5.00 in advance or \$6.00 at the door, and can be purchased at The Artspace. The North Peace Art Gallery or the Mackenzie Inn. Get yours early as only a limited number will be sold. Your ticket allows not only admission, but free refreshments and a chance on the door prize, a lovely water color by Hudson Hope artist, Janis Herbison.

Though the paintings are initially donated by the artists, 50 per cent is returned to them to defray expenses and the other 50 per cent is retained by the Arts Society for the on-going maintenance of the local gallery. This is the main fund raiser of the year and the support of the community is essential.

The North Peace Art

Gallery is just over a year old and was born of the dreams and determination of local artists to have a suitable place to show local art on a continuing basis. Now, instead of only spring and fall shows wherever the group could find space, Fort St John boasts a year round gallery staffed by art group volunteers with summer assistance from government student programs. The gallery has been well supported by the community, but the usual post-Christmas doldrums and higher utility costs have left the gallery funds depleted. Money raised from this auction is essential for future operation.

The Art Auction is your chance to spend an enjoyable evening, to purchase original, local art in an exciting setting, and to ensure that the year round gallery opportunities continue.



These are just a few of the paintings donated by talented local artists that will be on the auction block April 25 at the second annual North Peace Art Society's auction. Nadean Graves is one of the organizers making sure that the major fund-raising event will be a great success. See story page 3.