



**ALD. DAVE BODNAR and Miss Fort St. John Linda Bacon must be wondering what they're stepped into. It was only paint in the annual Celebrity Foot Painting at the Artspace last weekend, as part of Arts Alive during Mukluk Rendezvous 1986.**

# Artspace offering winter classes

Artspace Classes are taking registrations now for the winter session. A host of new and exciting classes are planned for every member of the family.

Arts related courses are an integral part of the family and everyone deserves the opportunity to express and develop his or her natural creative abilities.

We are offering six different

courses for pre-schoolers from the ever popular Just 2's and Arts Discovery to Mexican Folk Dancing in which the participants will appear in the Multicultural Concert during Heritage Festival '86 next July.

Introduction to the Band, Beginner Bagpipes and Recreational Tap Dance are just three of the courses we are offering for young people and teens.

For adults we are offering nine courses including Floral Arranging, Music Appreciation and a course in improvisation and role playing in Drama.

If you, or any member of your family is interested in these or any other courses, please call the Art-

space at 785-1986.

# Artspace classes

DEC 24, 1986

Session II of Artspace Classes will begin on January 19, 1987, with Member registration beginning on January 5th and Non Member registration beginning on January 12th.

Some new and exciting courses being offered are Tap Dance for children, German and French for adults as well as Quilting and Calligraphy.

For the young enthusiast we will be offering a basic art course. We will again be offering Arts Discovery, Happy Feet and Just Two's for pre-schoolers as well as Stamp Collecting and Babysitting for young people and for adults Sewing and Ballroom Dance. We are able to offer a course on Bridge instruction this term for anyone who plays bridge or is interested in learning. We also are offering three classes of modelling, "Poise Plus" will be offered to ages 12 to adult.

If you are interested in taking a course or have an idea on a new course or you are interested in teaching, give us a call at the Art-space at 785-1986, or drop in to see us at 10003-100th Street, also please note that we will be closed from December 19th to the 4th of January.

Brochures for Session II are available at the Artspace as well as various businesses throughout the city.

The Artspace would like to thank all our supporters and friends for all their help in the past year. We'd like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes in 1987!



*BUDDING ARTISTS put some color into Fort St. John's sidewalk by the Artspace.*

# Kids enjoy arts program

JUL 30, 1986

The Artvark Summer program for children is in full swing at the Art-space.

Children ages 3-10 spend their weekdays with the Artvark Gang participating in the excitement of music, crafts, puppetry and drama.

The summer began with In-

ternational Week in which Artvark children learned about different countries and the people living in those countries. The Artvark Gang was very privileged to be visited by the Scottish Country Dancers who taught them a few basics in Scottish Dancing. The highlight for the week was making and breaking a pinata at the final performance.

Rodeo-Heritage Week was the second week of the summer and was full of excitement because of the Heritage Festival. The Artvark Gang was again privileged to learn more dancing and this time it was square dancing with the help of Jean Men-sink.

Also, having the Heritage site so close was a big plus as the Artvarks could walk down and see the clown band, get their faces painted, visit the pet farm and sample some of the pioneer's homemade ice cream.

Following Rodeo week was Spring into Nature, an exciting week of looking at nature and a chance to incorporate it into crafts and activities. The Artvarks were visited by the Hudson Hope summer program and the two groups combined took part in a nature walk. The Artvarks also got the chance to visit the museum, plant terrariums and make rock people.

Last week was Animal Fun Week at the Artspace and the highlight of the week was a trip to Motola's farm. The children enjoyed seeing the chickens and the sheep but they especially enjoyed petting Hilary and Hazel, two very friendly goats.

Other exciting events of the week were making animals for Noah's Ark, watching a film on British Columbia and all the regular Artvark activities.

This summer the Artvark Gang has had a lot of fun painting the sidewalks between the Artspace and the Pioneer Inn building. A big thanks goes out to the city for allowing the Gang to participate in this creative activity.

The Artvark Gang also says a big thank you to the Resource Center who has helped enormously in the area of audio visual materials and machines, IGA for the help in providing nutritious snacks and all the parents and friends who have helped in the area of field trips.

Although the first half of the summer is complete, there are still four more exciting weeks ahead. Upcoming weeks are Things That Move (July 28 - Aug. 1), Country Crafts (Aug. 5-8), Music and Drama (Aug. 11-15) and Pioneer and Native Week (Aug. 18-22).

Fees for the summer are \$27.50 for non-Artspace members and \$22.50 for Artspace members. Registration is open to all children between the ages of 3 and 10 and can be made by calling Heather Willms at 785-1986 or by dropping by the Artspace. Register early because there are only a limited number of openings.

# Artvarks returning

MAY 9, 1986

The Artspace of Fort St. John is again preparing for eight weeks of fun-filled summer camps. And the Artvark gang will be led by four university students studying in fine arts and education.

This is the third summer of the Artvark program and kids can look forward to new and exciting crafts and activities involving various themes. Themes planned for this year include Rodeo-Heritage Week and Animal Fun.

The Artvark has already made two appearances this month to help begin the new season, at the Trade Show and in the Expo parade. He'll be around again to paint faces on May 23 at Alwin Holland's Harambee.

The students being employed this year are Megan Bradbury, a second-year Fine Arts student, Carleen Cunningham, a second-year Education student, and Tennys Scott, also a second-year Education major.

The eight one-week camps are scheduled from June 30 to August 21 at the Artspace and will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. Children aged three years to 10 will be able to enjoy them.

Fees are: for five-day camps, \$27.50 for non-members and \$22.50 for Artspace members. The four-day camp of August 5 to 8 will be \$22.50 for non-members and \$17.50 for Artspace members.

Registration begins May 20 at the Artspace. For more information call Heather Willms at 785-1986.



*ARTVARK GANG will help provide happy times this summer for many kids just like these.*

# Artspace classes - spring session

APR 10, 1986

Registrations are now being taken for all the Spring Classes being offered at the Artspace.

Classes are offered in Arts and Crafts for pre-schoolers. For young people there is a large variety of Arts related courses. We are again able to offer a recreational jazz dance class for five year olds and up. We are also offering Mexican folk dance, guitar and piono for this age group.

For adults we are again offering ballroom dance, and languages. Also, a course in heritage dressmaking will be offered for those who are interested in designing and serving costumes for the whole family for the Heritage Festival, July 9-13. To register, or for more information about courses at the Artspace, call 785-1986.



*THESE CHILDREN* are working on a co-operative 'rainbow' in a recent Arts Discovery Class. Come and see the rainbow at the Artspace.



# Artspace must find new home

By DENISE DIRKSING

The arts community has 'apparently' been dealt a blow.

Surviving on a monthly lease since its conception four years ago, the Artspace has apparently been given its 30 days notice and plans must be made to move part of the facility to a new location.

"We still have the (upper floor) but we've lost the front open space where we generate most of our funds," one source said. "We've been told we can have any part of the building that's still vacant, so we'll be moving the classes to the office space across the hall.

Though cramped and fragmented, the Artspace will continue on as it always has and hopes the situation is only temporary.

The business taking over the art-space is said to be a jean factory so in

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light of these developments, the proposed theatre/library complex is becoming more of a necessity.

"We're starting to see some of our fears come to fruition before we wanted them to," said Mayor Brian Palmer.

He told council members that the Legacy funding application had been submitted to the proper ministry and said they could probably look at provincial funding of up to 33 1/3 percent.

"However, if the project is in a rural area with a different tax base the government may be willing to fund more," he continued. "Since the theatre/library complex is a regional project there is the possibility that we could receive up to 50 per cent, but realistically I think the number we have to be looking at is 33 1/3."