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THE NORTH PEACE Potter's Guild announces the return of its spring sale at the Totem Mall last Saturday featuring works from artists such as Pauline Southgate.

Spinners

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The North Peace Spinners .. Weavers Guild has been active in Fort St. John and area for over a decade. The Guild functions somewhat differently than guilds in other areas in that the membership consists of many persons who are just learning spinning and weaving techniques, not just persons who already have all the skills.

The Guild has been active in the community with demonstrations in schools, at community functions (Arts' Alive), Heritage Festival, organizing a craft auction and, most recently, participating in the Craft Show and Sale in the Bay building just prior to Christmas '86.

Approximately 4 years ago, guild membership had declined to about eight active participants and the executive at the time realized that it was necessary to bring more interested people into the guild. A minimal amount of equipment was owned by the guild at that time, unfortunately not enough for any potential new members to use. We then embarked on a program of activities that required more equipment. With the assistance of the "Regional District" we became a society and, with members residing in electoral areas A .. B we qualified for a grant-in-aid. The Guild, through the leadership of Christine Drummond, applied for a "lotteries grant"; with Mr. Brummet working on our behalf we were successful in our application.

We purchased several large pieces of equipment + looms, spinning wheels, carder, shuttles, etc.

At present, our membership consists of twenty-two and is still growing. Our meetings are held at Central Elementary School each second Saturday of the month, at 1 p.m. The major project we have underway is a blanket which we will hold a raffle on to aid in fundraising for the "Legacy Project". We hope to obtain studio space in the new "Arts Complex" so we can continue to promote the crafts of spinning and weaving in Fort St. John and area.