



**HAVE YOU** for an Artvark in your family? If you do, come down to the Artspace and register him or her in the Artvark gang camps for the summer. This year the Artspace is accepting a maximum number fo 25 kids per each one-week camp. Children ages three to 10 can join in the fun. There will be several field trips throughout Fort St. John this year along with arts and crafts, games, theme lunches and special visitors.

# Artspace to hold Appreciation Day

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Friday the 13th is traditionally known for being a 'bad luck' day, but the Artspace will be turning the tables and wants to share some of their good luck on that day.

The Artspace staff will be opening their doors in an 'Appreciation Day' tomorrow from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. In an effort to recognize the countless numbers of people who have helped out, dropped in, or in any way been in contact with the Artspace, there is an invitation to drop in on Friday.

Featured at the open house will be an outstanding display of dolls from local dollmaker Sue Hart. Sue is also an accomplished calligrapher who designed the original Mukluk Chuck, mascot of Mukluk Rendezvous. She

also made a Mukluk Chuck doll. Her collection also includes many hand-made figures, as well as several dolls she has refurbished and 'dressed'. There will be a video accompanying Sue's doll collection which briefly explains the methods Sue uses for 'building' and refurbishing the dolls.

Also on display at the open house will be samples from other local craftsmen, such as John Simpson's wood working art.

For those people who haven't been into the new Artspace area, Friday afternoon will be a good opportunity to see the new Ticket and Information Center of the community, and to enjoy the company of the people who made it possible.

# Artvark gang back

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The Artvark is back in '87 with a special focus for young visitors to Fort St. John along with the local Artvarks here in the community.

The Artspace is busy preparing for nine one-week camps under various themes designed for children.

This year visitors to Fort St. John can join the Artvark gang in the activities and be welcomed by the Artvark himself.

This is the fourth summer for the Artvark program and it is going to be full of fun and excitement with arts and crafts and field trips galore.

Through the Challenge 87 Program, Sandy Cousins, a second year parks and Recreation Major student at Lakeland College in Vermilion, Alberta, has been hired as Artvark Program Co-ordinator. Tracy Lewis, a graduate from Northern Lights College here in Fort St. John has been hired as an Artvark Instructor.

Wendy Rintoul, a second year student in psychology at U.B.C. is also an Artvark instructor this summer. Cindy Hamm, a third year student in Religious Education at C.B.C. in Regina, Saskatchewan, is an Artvark instructor as well.

The nine-one week camps run from June 29 to August 28 at the Artspace, and children ages three to ten can join in the fun. The maximum number of children for each day during the camps is 5.

The fees for five day camps are for members, \$23.00 and for non-members, \$28.00. For four day camps, the fees are for members \$18.40, and for non-members, \$22.40. For one day visits the fee will be \$8.00 per day.

Registration is at the Artspace from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. weekdays. The location of the Artspace is 10003-100th Street, Fort St.

John. For more information, call Sandy Cousins at 787-1988.

Artspace classes are swinging through spring with activities geared for every age from pre-schoolers right through to senior citizens. Classes such as Just Two's and Arts Discovery are filled to capacity with eager two-to five-year-olds, with Poise Plus filling the bill for teenagers. For the adult set, Ballroom Dancing, Creative Writing, and other classes have a full complement of more seasoned individuals seeking to expand their horizons with instruction from Artspace classes.

Classes at the Artspace are quickly become more popular with each passing session, and this final session of the 86-87 season is yet another example of how hard work, by Class Co-ordinator Jan Armstrong, makes light play and easy learning for students in the classes.

# New Artspace classes

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While the Artvark has led music, art and other activities for children at the Artspace this summer, the new co-ordinator, Brenda Bloxham, of the Artspace Classes has been preparing a new slate of classes for the coming season. The Fall Session of the Artspace Classes which begins September 28 promises to be filled with many new interests and some of the past favorites.

The different approach to Artspace Classes will focus on a longer term learning period. The sessions will still run for eight to ten weeks but beginner, intermediate and advanced levels will be scheduled for the year in appropriate classes. Bloxham stated, "Registrants will be able to progress throughout the year during the three sessions with a longer term approach."

Many previous instructors of the

Artspace classes have been relocated to other communities due to family job transfers. "We have lost some valuable teachers and instructors," Bloxham said and then added, "however, many new families are moving into the community and bring with them a variety of expertise." New families and mothers have found the Artspace a pleasant place to meet new people and get acquainted with what Fort St. John has to offer, according to Bloxham. She extended an invitation for anyone who would like to share their ideas and expertise in the following programs to please contact her at 785-1988: Jazz or tap dance, drama, art, music, theatre set construction, lighting and sound, make-up, languages, and photography.

The Artspace classes began in 1983 when the Fort St. John Community

Arts Council saw a need for arts opportunities for children in the North Peace. The Artspace believes that "the Arts are an integral part of family living and that every person deserves the opportunity to express and develop his natural creative abilities." In 1985, the Artspace added classes for adults. Classes such as Ballroom Dancing, Poise Plus and Modelling, Crafts and languages have been very popular for adults in the past few years.

The Artspace Fall schedule of classes will be available by September 1. Registration will begin on September 21 with pre-registration for members of the Artspace on September 14. Classes will begin on September 28 and run for ten weeks. Contact Brenda Bloxham at the Artspace 785-1988 for further information.



THIS YEAR'S highly-successful Artspace Artvark summer program was made possible by four hard-working college students through Employment and Immigration Canada's Challenge

'87 program. Co-ordinator Sandy Cousins, left with Wendy Rintoul, Tracey Lewis and Cindy Hamm instructed a full slate of 25 children each week in art, music and theme weeks.