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FORT ST. JOHN Country Quilters are raffling off the quilt pictured above as a way to raise funds. Ten per cent of the proceeds raised by the non-profit organization will go to the Expo Legacy project while the rest will be used for group

projects such as creating lap robes and quilts for fire victims. Above, the prize is displayed by group president Carol Ingalls, left and secretary Nadean Graves, right with the help of Joe Seede, centre.

Spinners and Weavers meet for fall conference

Spinners and Weavers from Northern Alberta and British Columbia met at the Fine Arts Center in Fairview, Alberta on October 31, and November 1, 1987, for the fall conference of the Peace Country Spinners and Weavers. The workshop featured Allisson Morrow of Prince George, on finishing and sewing double weave. On Saturday evening, a fashion show of hand-woven and knitted garments was enjoyed by all.

On March 19th, 1988, the Fort St. John Spinners and Weavers Guild

will be hosting the spring conference. This workshop will be on colour mixing — both the preparation and the technique. It will be a hands-on, one day workshop, using synthetic dyes. Participants are asked to bring their own spun or bought warp in a white or neutral shade, and enough spun, washed and dried fleece or hanked yarn for weft. We will also be dyeing using a microwave oven, so bring a small, white, wool article such as mitts, a scarf, or toque.

The conference will get underway at 9:00 a.m. at Bert Bowes

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School in Fort St. John. Registration is \$20.00 for non-members and \$15.00 for members. This fee includes lunch. Membership in the Peace Country Spinners and Weavers is \$15.00 per year, and this includes three newsletters complete with samples. Anyone interested in spinning and/or weaving, is encouraged to join us.

For more information and registration please contact Jill Sutton, Box 60, Baldonnel, B.C., V0C 1C0 Telephone: 789-3433, by March 7th.

Crafters plan festival

The Handicrafters Corner Co-op of Dawson Creek are once again hosting a Craft Fair to coincide with the Mile Zero Days Celebration.

This year the Craft Fair will be held on Wednesday, July 6 and Thursday, July 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. each day, in the Notre Dame Gymnasium.

The Members invite all Crafters wishing to participate in the Craft Fair, to contact any of the Members or phone the store located at 1224-103rd Avenue, Dawson Creek, at 782-6470.

Display tables will cost exhibiting crafters \$30.00 per table for the two days or \$25.00 for early bookings received by June 15th. Some crafters may wish to split a table with a friend at no extra cost.

It might interest you to know the history of this enterprising group of Crafters who started three years ago to establish a market locally for their fellow Crafters in the north.

With an eye to the future and confidence, they overcame much doubt and 'growing pains', and now have a growing Co-operative Business, marketing crafts from the northern areas of The Mighty Peace.

All Crafts are brought in to The Handicrafters Co-op by talented, industrious individualists, whose hours spent perfecting their particular hobbies give to you the

buyer, a pleasing variety of hand-crafted perfections. Hand made sweaters, socks, T-shirts, pottery, jewellery, crocheted table cloths and meticulously stitched quilts are but

a few of the crafts sold that show the buyer what loving care and patience can create.

Demonstrations of your crafts are encouraged.

Weavers and spinners plan conference

On October 1st and 2nd, 1988, the Peace Country Weavers and Spinners will be holding their fall conference in Grande Prairie, Alberta. There will be two intensive hands on workshops, one on rug weaving techniques with Bryn Pinchin, and the other on spinning novelty yarns with Eileen Shannon.

Bryn Pinchin holds a Master of Arts and a Bachelor of Education, and an Honors Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto. She has been teaching weaving for more than twelve years and specializes in weaving rugs. Her work has been exhibited in California, Calgary and Banff.

Eileen Shannon has a Master Weavers certification from the

Guild of Canadian Weavers. Her work has been widely exhibited, most recently in Vancouver, Smithers, Prince George and Kamloops, B.C., and Banff, Alberta.

In conjunction with the conference the PCSW is preparing to hold its second juried show. The categories for entry are wide and varied with room for both spinners and weavers, from novice to advanced. Bryn Pinchin will jury the show.

Our last conference, in March of this year, was a chemical dye workshop held in Fort St. John. As an introduction, Claire Babcock from Emily Carr College of Art spent a couple of hours explaining how the color wheel is achieved. After lunch Jill Sutton from Fort St. John spoke on ways to attain colors from the

three primaries. From these three, sixty three shades are possible. Following this, a great time was had putting the color theory into practice. There were many dye pots on the go and some beautiful colors were produced. Some participants also tried their hands at microwave dyeing.

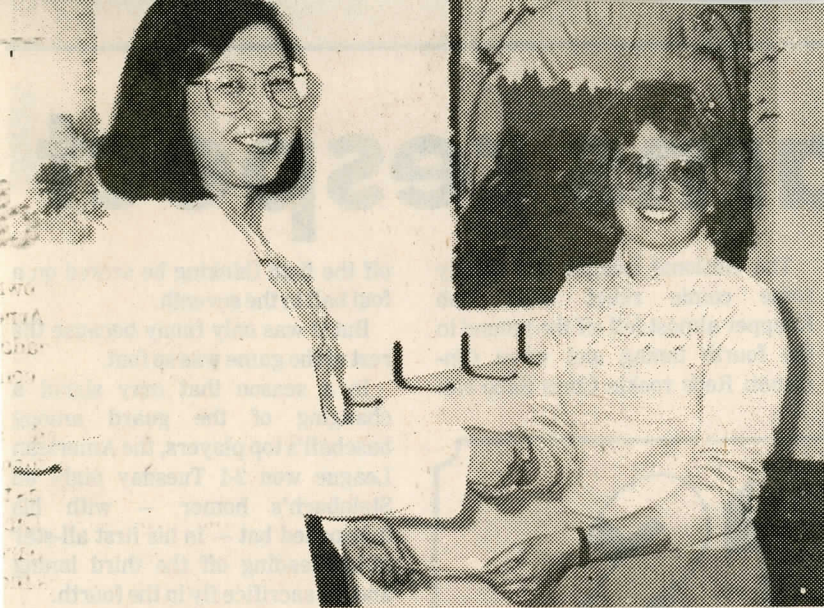
The PCSW conference are held twice a year — once in the spring and

the other in the fall. Three newsletters are published and mailed to the membership each year.

If you are interested in the rug weaving or spinning workshops, or any other activities of the PCSW, please contact Gerda Anthony, Box 232, Fairview, Alberta, T0H 1L0.

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COUNTRY QUILTERS ADDED \$266 more to the construction fund of the new Arts Centre at the Annual General Meeting of the Community Arts Council last month. Romi Haseo, a member of the North Peace Cultural Society, left, accepted a cheque from Carol Ingalls who is a member of the quilters. Carol says the group is small but their quilting efforts are mighty. The Country quilters welcome new members and will meet again in September. An official 'raising of the roof' ceremony to mark reconstruction of the former Bay Building into the Arts Centre is this Saturday.



Members of the weavers' guild indulged in a scarf-making contest, starting almost from scratch.

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FALL FAIR

Quilting weekend

Oct 19, 1988

The Fort St. John Quilters Guild is hosting a two-part quilting workshop on the weekend of Oct. 21-23. The instructor is Dianne Sutton of Calgary. She has considerable experience in teaching a variety of quilting techniques.

The first part of the workshop will be on the Lone Star Quilt technique. This project may be made into a table cloth (approximately 54"x54") or a Christmas tree skirt. Full instructions will be given for both projects. This workshop will take

place Friday night, Oct. 21 from 7-10 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The second part of this workshop will be on the Victorian Lace Pillow. It will be held Sunday afternoon from 1-5 p.m.

These workshops may be taken individually if you wish. Pre-registration at the Artspace is required. A list of necessary materials and workshop fees will be available when you register.

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Craft workshop next meeting

Ordinarily, the North Peace Horticultural Association meets on the third Monday of each month.

However, because of the federal election, it was postponed to the following Monday, Nov. 28.

It should be an interesting meeting, the program including setting a date for Dr. John Davidson of Beaverlodge to come and address the Society, and consideration of the possibility of obtaining a speaker for some future meeting through the Alberta Horticultural Association.

The second half of the meeting will be a workshop in making Christmas arrangements for home decoration. People interested in taking part should bring their own raw materials and florists' wire, pliers, scissors, etc.

The meeting will convene at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 28 in the meeting room of the Provincial Building, opposite the hospital.

For further information, telephone 787-7998 or 827-3887.

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