

THE NATIONAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL ARCHIVES



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PARADE & CELEBRATIONS IN CENTENNIAL PARK

Schedule of Events:

9am - 4:30pm Classic Car Show & Shine - Pool parking lot

1:00pm - Parade - Starts at Arena

2:00pm - 6:00pm - Celebrations in Centennial Park including:

- Live Music on Stage
- Inflatable Bouncy Toys
- Roving Clowns
- The Dhara Belly Dancers
- Red Dragon Taekwondo Demonstration
- Storytime
- Book Sale
- Face Painting
- Children's Fish Pond
- Stickers & Tattoos
- Studio 2 Stage Dancers
- Lantern Making
- Games/Activities for kids
- Massages from the Reflexology & Stress Clinic

Art In The Park
Artist's Exhibit & Sale
Children's Art Area
Ice Sculpting Demos



There's great food vendors!
Japanese & Thai Food, Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Cabbage rolls, Perogies, Sausages, Hamburgers and Hotdogs, Nachos, Freezies, Corn on the Cob, Candy Apples, Lemonade and more!



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ART-FULL LONG WEEKEND

Canada Day a busy day for artists in Fort St. John

It has been a spectacular weekend for the arts and for the community in general.

The Art of Reduction finally opened; Canada Day saw all kinds of activities for the whole family; and who doesn't love having that extra day off on a weekend? With art, music, dancing, good food and bouncy houses in abundance, there was no way anyone would have a bad time at Centennial Park. But before we get to that, a little flashback to last Thursday, and the opening of that 'trashy' little art show.

The Art of Reduction had a great turnout for the opening gala; we were utterly amazed by the quality of work that was submitted, as well as how much people loved what they saw.

The show had work from 14 artists: Brad Brain, Shannon Mary Butler, Shirley Kerr, Chandra Wong, Eliza Massey, Edward Stanford, Jack Wilkinson, Kyle Shymko, Pudge Thielen, Barb Daley, Ruth Hill, Faye Eggleston, Sandy Troutd and myself. What was especially interesting was how differently each artist interpreted the theme; some took the recycling theme to heart by having that be the basis of the work, while others just used the stipends as a guideline as to how the work was to be created and had a wholly different message with the piece. That's artistic license for you.

Art in the Park was among many Canada Day activities happening in Centennial Park over the long weekend, and despite the wind that was threatening to blow us all to the Land of Oz, everyone had a great time.

The kids over in Shirley Kerr's art activities tent

were having a ball with finger paints, tons of glitter and all kinds of odd and ends that they were able to take home with them at the end of the day. The artists at the Show and Sale had themselves a good time as well, with lots of interested people having a look at a wide variety of art – from pottery, to abstract painting, to photography, to fiber art, to hand-made jewelry, there was something for everyone.

Mary Braaten, along with organizing the Show and Sale, provided the artists with water, juice and cookies to help keep them going through the blustery day, which the artists just loved her for.

Elsewhere in the park, despite the warm temperature, an ice carving demonstration was going on. If you didn't see it, you surely heard it happening with the chainsaws just going to town on those rapidly

melting ice blocks. Sonja Butts, Julie Foster, Suzon-Anne Tremblay and I were the demonstrators for a rather large crowd of curious spectators. The kids certainly loved seeing it, especially for those kids that go to Ecole Central Elementary that got to see Madame Suzon carving a 'glass slipper' from ice.

If you weren't completely tired out after all the food and music and art, the fireworks that night were a spectacular way to round out our nation's 140th birthday.

Oh Canada, indeed

Aleisha Hendry



STATE OF THE ARTS

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Photos courtesy of Aleisha Hendry

Above: Annette Sperling (left) and Becky Hennessey of the Dhara Belly Dance troupe add an exotic flavour to the Canada Day festivities in Centennial Park this past Sunday.

At right: Shannon Butler demonstrates her pottery skills at the Art in the Park Artist's Show and Sale. Demonstrations on how to build with clay, how to use the pottery wheel, painting techniques and photography techniques were there for everyone to enjoy.