



# Christmas Ornaments

On Sale at the ArtsPost

10320 - 94 Avenue

*9 to noon, Monday to Thursday*

All proceeds go to the

Fort St John Community Arts



# *Reuse, Recycle, Rejoice...*

*Christmas decorations the second time around.*

Christmas Tea and Decorations Sale - Nov. 1  
4:30-8:30pm at the ArtsPost 10320-94 Ave  
Weekday mornings 9am-noon  
all of November

Donate your gently-used  
Christmas decorations, then shop for  
your new Christmas look - at  
Boxing Day prices!

*Time to Change it up!*



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The Fort St. John Community Arts Council presents

# Reuse, Recycle REJOICE

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS, SECOND TIME AROUND



NEW AND USED

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR SALE

AT THE ARTSPOST (10320-94 AVENUE)

CALL 250-787-2781 or E-MAIL [INFO@FSJARTS.ORG](mailto:INFO@FSJARTS.ORG)

*Opening Reception*

**November 1, 4 – 8 pm**

Donations of good, used Christmas ornaments and decorations are welcome. Drop them at the ArtsPost 9-12 weekdays, or call for a convenient time.



Kyla Corpuz photos

*Christmas decor for sale by donation at the ArtsPost. It runs until Dec. 1.*

## Reuse, Recycle, Rejoice

By Kyla Corpuz

FORT ST. JOHN - The Arts Council is hosting their annual fundraiser: Reuse, Recycle, Rejoice at the ArtsPost.

A room filled with donated Christmas decorations is open for the public to come in and find some Christmas treasures.

"What it is, is a way of re-using Christmas decorations

so people bring in Christmas decorations they may no longer need, recycle and get some new ones, and it's by donation. So they come in, pick things they like, and make an offer," said volunteer Connie Sureurus.

From ornaments, trees, lights, figurines, mugs, wreaths, door decorations, candle holders, gift bags and more.

"People have been very generous so far, generous in bringing many lovely items."

Sureurus said this is a good alternative to decorate your home if you don't want to buy in bulk, or are new to town and are looking to set up your place with some Christmas cheer



# Christmas garage



Jill Earl photo

*The garage was packed wall to wall with Christmas and other treasures; if attendees looked hard enough they could get certain items for free.*



Jill Earl photo

*The Sons of Norway Dawson Creek Chapter 79 organized a garage sale last Saturday to benefit the local Salvation Army. This was their third annual Christmas garage sale, raising \$500 each previous year organized.*

## Native Christmas Sale



The Northeast Aboriginal Business Centre in Fort St. John hosted their annual Native Christmas Sale on Nov. 22 and Nov. 23. Art work, moccasin, mukluks, scarves, and carvings were among the many locally made items available.

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**Christmas Shop**

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The Tree & More...**

- Christmas Trees - Decorations
- Lights - Stockings

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Jill Earl photo

*This vendor at the Farmington Farmerettes annual tea has made ornaments out of household recycling.*



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*The Farmington Farmerettes welcomed a big crowd last Sunday at their annual Christmas Tea. The Farmerettes have hosted the tea for over 25 years and with the money they raise hosting the tea and lunch and selling quilts they sponsor a bursary for Parkland Elementary, donate to the dry grad, donate to the hospital, sponsor a Scrabble Tournament, cater local funerals and donate lap blankets to local cancer ward patients.*

# Holiday pet photos help emergency vet care fund

By Jill Earl

DAWSON CREEK - Furry four-legged friends had the opportunity to meet Santa last Saturday at the Dawson Creek Veterinary Clinic's annual Pet Photos with Santa fundraiser.

Pets and animals don't often get the chance to meet the man in the big red suit, although they are often a very important part of a family. Not only did participating animals get to meet Santa, they also got to take home a treat bag and some holiday apparel in the form of Christmas scarves and handkerchiefs. Pet owners were treated with hot chocolate, cider, coffee, tea, oranges, cookies and chocolate.

Staff at the clinic took pictures and organized the event to benefit the Dawson Creek Emergency Care Fund, to help pet owners pay for operations they otherwise can't afford on their own.

"It's providing financial support to animal owners who have sick or injured animals that are in critical need of veterinary care but don't have the funds. Mostly if it's a young animal if something really bad has happened and they just can't afford it then we will try to help them out but that's just what that fund is there for," said Genevieve Handwork, executive director

of the clinic.

The fund is for local domestic animals and the owners must be able to afford a good portion of the operation with at least three veterinarians in the practice agreeing to use the fund for the case.

Last year approximately 60 animals came to get their picture taken and the clinic raised approximately \$700 for the fund through donations from participants. This year they hope to raise \$800. The clinic has been doing this fundraiser for roughly the past eight years, though in previous years the money raised went to a spay and neuter program; this is the first year they have set up the emergency care fund.

"This is a fairly newer one, we just sort of set this one up, we were doing a spay and neuter program before...we were going to try and do something different," Handwork said.

The clinic puts on other fundraisers during the year to go towards the fund, such as the Doggy Day Wash.

What each dog or cat asked Santa for Christmas remains a secret between the pair but Handwork speculates the animals must have asked for either some turkey or a good home.







DAWSON CREEK ROTARY MANOR'S  
**Jolly Bazaar**

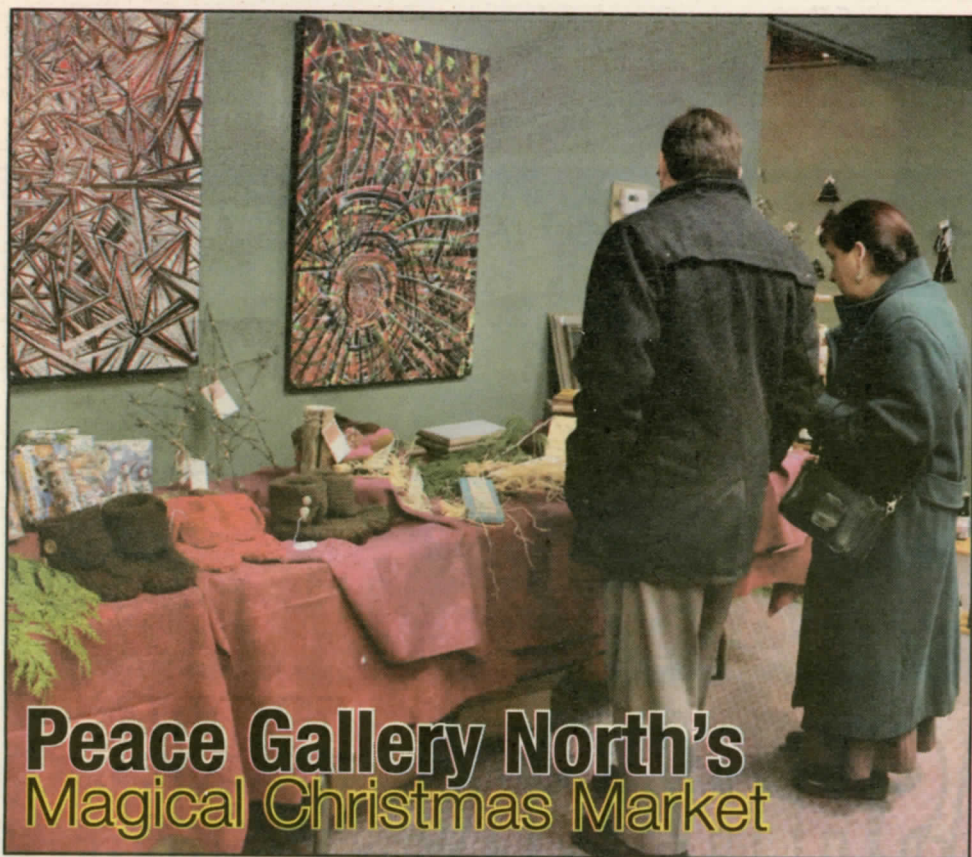
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*Rotary Manor in Dawson Creek hosted a Bazaar and Tea last Saturday complete with crafts, raffles, baked goods and of course, tea. All proceeds went towards resident programs and activities.*



Jill Earl photo

*This volunteer is happy, almost all of the baked goods were sold out at the two hour event.*



## Peace Gallery North's Magical Christmas Market



Kyla Corbett photo

FORT ST. JOHN - About 100 vendors have their Christmas crafts on sale at the Peace Gallery North's Magical Christmas Market in the North Peace Cultural Centre.

All the vendors are local artists or have previously lived in the Peace and still sell their art at the local gallery.

The Magical Market runs from Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.