

BC Arts and Culture Week

Celebrating the Arts
in Learning and in Life
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Fort St. John Community



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"Shaping Today, Inspiring Tomorrow"

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5TH ANNUAL CHILI BOWL BASH Saturday, June 23

NP Potters Guild Studio Fundraiser (side door-ArtsPost)

Your ticket buys a bowl made by guild members and students. Fill your new bowl with chili prepared by local "chili" chefs! Silent auction and entertainment.

(See the full article in this edition)



ART IN THE PARK - CANADA DAY • JULY 1
Art Tent with fun & creative activities for the kids
Artist Show and Sale
Centennial Park - all day

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June 2012

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Art Awards for our High School Grads! Yay!

\$100 Bursary winners:

Visual Arts: *Elsie Harden, Music: Meagan Thortakson*

Performing Arts: *Claire Temple*

\$200 Lindsay Dumaine Scholarship winners:

Visual Arts: *Alicia Shurtliff, Music: Meagan Thortakson*

Performing Arts: *Danielle Babkirk*

Congrats!

Homemade Pies at the Fall Fair!

August 18 and 19

An Arts Council Fund-raiser

Mouth-watering Pies - buy a slice or buy a pie. Coffee and Ice Cream too, mmmmm!

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Join the Arts Council....

It's membership time for the Arts Council.

We offer annual memberships for Arts-related community groups and local businesses.
Individual members can join for only \$10.

Join today. Support the arts in our community and stay connected.

Call or email for more info!

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2012 FLOWERPOT AUCTION

Wed, May 30 • 7pm • Centennial Park
50 huge flower pots go on the Auction Block. All original artwork by local artists. Buy a pot and plant it in your yard to spread color throughout the town.

PR ZONE THEATRE FESTIVAL

May 15-20 • NP Cultural Centre

Peace Country theatre groups compete for the chance to represent the Peace Zone at Mainstage in Kamloops on July 3, 2012



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VISUAL ARTISTS IN FORT ST. JOHN AND AREA...WE NEED YOU!

THE ARTS COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR VISUAL ARTISTS TO PAINT FLOWER POTS. WE HAVE LOTS OF NEW POTS THIS YEAR TO MAKE OUR DOWNTOWN STREETS BEAUTIFUL. For details contact Rosemary Landry at rdlandry@awink.com

THE FLOWERPOT PROJECT is an annual partnership between the Arts Council and the City of Fort St. John. It provides a spectacular downtown display and also raises funds for the Arts Council and its member groups.



For \$100, we invite businesses and individuals to sponsor a flowerpot. For details contact Cheryl Peebles at the ArtsPost 250-787-2781

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High on Ice Winter Festival

January 13,14,15

Workshop opportunity - Jan.7. Learn to ice carve.
Contact the Arts Council for details.

Your Arts Council wishes you...

Happy Holidays!



Rosemary Landry - President
Cheryl Peebles - Vice President
Margaret Cavers May - Secretary
Sonja Butts - Treasurer
Lisa Bush - Director of Advocacy
Sue Popesku - Director
Connie Surerus - Director

Get excited!
Get involved!

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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 SITES AND SOUNDS OF THE ARTS

FOR VISITORS TO FORT ST. JOHN

**Compiled for
Tourism in Fort St. John Seminar
May 28, 2012**

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A MENU OF MAJOR ARTS EVENTS FOR VISITORS TO FORT ST. JOHN



COVER PHOTO is coloured ice made by Eliza Stanford for the 2012 High On Ice Festival.

June 16
Artsy Fartsy Theatre Celebration

June 23
Chili Bowl Bash

July 1
Art in the Park

July 20 - 31
Sand Sensations BC

July 31 - August 23
Free Art Camp for Kids

July 30 - August 11
Theatre Summer School

August 31
Tour of Restored Vehicles of 1942 Building of the Alaska Highway

September
NPCC Spotlight on Local Performers

November 2 - 10
Stage North's *Legally Blond The Musical*

December 18
Opening of the Magical Christmas Market

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2013

January 25 - 27
High On Ice

February 9
Chocolate Festival

April 14 - 21
North Peace Performing Arts Festival

April 27
40th Annual Art Auction

May 14 - 19
Peace River Zone Theatre Festival





Submitted photo

Spectra Energy presented a welcome Christmas gift in support of the Fort St. John Arts Council's recent fundraising event of Recycled Christmas decorations. Jay Morrison got an unexpected lesson in the age-old art of spinning wool when he delivered the \$2,000 cheque to the Artspost. Sue Clausen and Debbie Scholten, two spinners and weavers, were working in the studio when Jay arrived. The Artspost (10320 94 Ave) is the community studios of the Spinners and Weavers and the North Peace Potter's Guilds along with the office of the Community Arts Council who rely on fundraising, donations, and volunteers to keep the doors open. Membership in all 3 organizations are open to the public and classes and lessons take place all year round.

ARTS IN THE COMMUNITY

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council turned a small profit on this year's High On Ice Festival and submitted a request to Council to share in that money. City Council contracts the arts council to run the festival in exchange for \$5,000 fee in service. Council mandated the arts council to seek additional revenue streams to supplement the city's \$11,275 contribution to the event and the group was successful in generating \$28,767 in cash and in-kind donation, resulting in a net profit of \$570.24. The arts organization requested Monday for a 50 per cent share of those profits, which they are contractually obligated to return to the city.

Councillor Bruce Christensen tabled a motion to grant the community arts council \$280.12, however both Councillors Bolin and Ackerman questioned what kind of precedent the move would set. Ackerman pointed to the fact that the Calgary Stampede at one point didn't likely generate much revenue but questioned the consequences of remitting profits to contractors if and when High on Ice does become a cash cow.

Bolin expressed his exasperation that the arts council would split hairs over a couple hundred dollars when the city already provided the event with well over \$100,000. Council also raised questions about the

future of contacting the arts council to run the event given the complications of introducing third parties into city operations.

MORE RADAR SIGNS?

Representing several local businesses, Koda Transport's David Ergang petitioned Council to allow the business community to gift the city several radar signs to place near schools to discourage speeding. The city already owns and operates two such signs

JUNE 16, 2011

FSJ ART COUNCIL ENCOURAGES PUBLIC ART

By Kyla Corpuz

Eliza Stanford from the Fort St. John Art's Council demonstrated what the massive art piece, to be installed in the new Fort St. John Regional Hospital will look like.

During her delegation she asked that council consider the establishment of an art committee to oversee future public art projects in the city.





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 reusing 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.

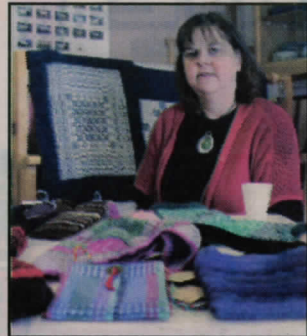
“People have been very generous so far, generous in bringing many lovely items.”

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





Kyla Corpuz photos



The Arts Council opened up the ArtsPost on Dec. 1 for people to come through and buy one-of-a-kind pottery and knitted goods just in time for Christmas.

Clockwise: A women admires pottery at the art-post; Sherry Petryshyn makes a sinking boat out of clay; Rene Giesbrecht from the spinners and weavers guild; a hand



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Paving The Way For More Public Art

KATELIN DEAN
STAFF WRITER

As the new hospital is set to open, it will also mark the premiere of a brand new piece of public art.

The Fort St. John Arts Council was approached by the Regional District in the fall to organize a process for securing a piece of public art.

"They wanted to make a presentation, a gift, to the hospital to commemorate the opening of (the hospital)," Arts Council member Eliza Stanford said.

"There's a process to go through when you're securing a piece of public art," she said, "and it needs to be an open process."

The council developed a call for expressions of interest, wrote the criteria and described the space – including budget and timeline.

"We sent it out to as many places as we could in Alberta, B.C. and the Yukon, and got over 35 people interested," Stanford said. "We narrowed it down to five people who came up with a detailed proposal."

Stanford said the process was a success.

"It opened our eyes to what is out there, and what's being done in other communities," she said. "I think we all learned a lot about different projects that are going on in different communities around Canada, and we were all pretty excited about what the possibilities are in Fort St. John."

Stanford made a presentation to the City Council on Monday.

"I think it went really well," she said. "I hope that

they take an interest in this, and we can work on this together."

Stanford proposed that the Arts Council work with the city to develop a bylaw in the future development and acquisition of public art.

"In every other community where there's public art happening, it's a City initiative," Stanford explained. "So the City sets the tone for future development – whether that's with a potential downtown revitalization and all the development that would go along with that, or paving streets or developing parks."

"If they think about public art when they're doing all those things, or when they're courting developers to do all that, it will make the city much more exciting place to be," she said.

"If you have great pieces of public art, they become focal points; they become the things that are photographed; they represent our community to the people outside," Stanford said.

The hospital piece illustrates this community well.

"In the end, we had many proposals, and we were looking for an artist who seemed to be producing work that would fit in to the space very well and who had experience," she said. "Ultimately, the decision came down to – we chose the piece that was the best piece for the space."

Vancouver artists Michael Vandermeer and Cheryl Hamilton of iecreative artworks created the hospital's new piece entitled Aurora. The handblown twisted glass will be illuminated by LED lights and dichroic glass, which will allow the large piece to look like the Northern Lights. It will sit near the main stairwell of the new hospital.

Stanford showed off a sample of the work to council on Monday.

"I wanted to present that final project that we chose... because I wanted (council) to know about it, and know about the process that we



Katelin Dean Photo

Fort St. John Community Arts Council Member Eliza Stanford presents a small sample of the new piece of public art that will be displayed in the hospital.

went through," she said.

Stanford believes this piece is the first step in having public art throughout the city.

"There's a lot of opportunity in the city to engage public art in various locations, whether it's incorporated into new buildings, in public spaces, there's a variety of opportunities for public art," she said. "It's very important that these projects go through an open and transparent process so that all artists have access to these projects."

Stanford views a policy as a way for Fort St. John to take initiative.

"When we develop a policy, and if that policy gets approved by the City, the City does have to embrace this direction," she said. "It doesn't have to cost them any money unless they participate in the program, but the initiative needs to be there so that future development... knows what to do."

During Monday's council session, Mayor Lori Ackerman questioned why the work wasn't created locally.

"I don't see art as having borders," Stanford told the Alaska Highway News. "Artists like to participate in things that aren't in their backyard."

"The art community is not a little set of tight pockets, so if we can open up by having a process, a policy, that is open, then art becomes much more exciting for the artists that live in the community because it invites other people in," said Stanford.

"When you always keep it local, your world is very small," she told the council on Monday. "There are no boundaries with art. There are no borders. We all learn from each other."

There was no decision to move forward at Monday's council meeting. Ackerman requested that city staff do an administrative report concerning the matter. It will be presented at the next meeting.

North Pole

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Treasure hunt for your Christmas decorations

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