

## **Culture Crawl**

Step outside and experience the artistic side of Fort St. John. For the month of June various artists will have their work on display inside business windows along 100 Avenue and 100 Street. There will be an Art Walk brochure available at the North Peace Cultural Centre where you can find which specific artists are placed in which business' window. On Jun. 8 they will be hosting studio tours where eight passengers will board a bus and be taken to 12 different studios around town. There will be two or three departure times. Refer to the brochure to find out more. Admission: Free.

# TAKE PART IN THE ARTS IN JUNE

**An Evening at the Movies Concert June 14**  
With the Northern Winds Community Band at NPCC

**Kids Fun For All Art Exhibit until June 20**  
At Peace Gallery North NPCC

**Chili Bowl Fundraiser June 22**  
With North Peace Potter's Guild at the Artspost

**Museum Yard Sale June 22**  
At North Peace Museum

**ArtWalk until June 22**  
With Flying Colours Artists throughout Fort St. John

**playArts Registration starts June**  
with the Artspace in NPCC

**Art in the Park July 1**  
With the FSJ Arts Council in Centennial Park

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**Dance Recital May 11**  
With Studio 2 Stage at North Peace Cultural Centre

**Peace River Zone Theatre Festival May 15-19**  
Plays from the region North Peace Cultural Centre

**Spring Sing May 18**  
With Northern Lights Youth Choir North Peace Cultural Centre

**Painting Workshop May 18**  
With Donna Folk 250-785-6595

**Peace Without Border Art Exhibition until May 23**  
With Peace River Chapter of Fed. of Canadian Artists in  
Beaverlodge, AB

**Strawberry Shortcake Live May 28**  
At North Peace Cultural Centre 3:30 and 6:30pm

**Chilliwack May 29**  
At North Peace Cultural Centre

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At North Peace Cultural Centre

**Artist Show and Sale to Mar 30**  
With Flying Colours at  
Peace Gallery North NPCC

**Peace Liard Regional Arts  
Council Meeting Apr 6**  
In Chetwynd at the Arena

**Monday Night at the Movies**  
"The Sapphires" Apr 8  
With the Film Society at Aurora Cinema

**North Peace Performing Arts Festival**  
Apr 15-21  
At North Peace Cultural Centre

**Best of the Fest Apr 21**  
With the North Peace  
Performing Arts Festival

**BC Arts and Cultural Week Apr 22-27**  
Celebrate with the  
Community Arts Councils

**Annual Art Auction Apr 27**  
With Peace Gallery North at the  
Quality Inn Northern Grand

**"Take Five" a comedy May 2, 3, 4**  
With Stage North at NPCC

**Spring Concert May 12**  
With Northern Lights Youth Choir NPCC

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With Flying Colours Artists throughout  
Fort St. John

**Fort St. John Arts Market June 6**  
With Arts Market Association at the  
Pomeroy Centre

**Art Studio Tours June 8**  
With Flying Colours Artists

**playArts Registration starts June 1**  
with the Artspace in NPCC

**Year End Dance Show June 9**  
With The Move Dance Centre at NPCC

**Year End Company Dance Showcase  
June 10**  
With The Move Dance centre at NPCC

**Irish Dance Recital June 12**  
With Watt School of Irish Dance at NPCC

**Chili Bowl Fundraiser June 22**  
With North Peace Potter's Guild at the  
Artspost

**Spring Band Concert June 14**  
With the Northern Winds Community Band  
at NPCC

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**North Peace Performing Arts Festival**  
Apr 14-21  
Piano Apr 14/15, String and Voice Apr 16,  
Instrumental and Bands Apr 17,  
Dance Apr 18-21  
At North Peace Cultural Centre

**Best of the Fest Apr 21**  
With the North Peace  
Performing Arts Festival

**BC Arts and Cultural Week Apr 22-27**  
Celebrate with the  
Community Arts Councils

**Annual Art Auction Apr 27**  
With Peace Gallery North at the Quality Inn  
Northern Grand

**Arts Market Apr 27**  
With the Fort St. John Arts Market  
Association at the Pomeroy Centre

**Standing Ovation Apr 27-28**  
Regional dance competition at NPCC

**"Take Five" a comedy May 2, 3, 4**  
With Stage North at NPCC

**Corb Lund May 5**  
At the North Peace Cultural Centre 7:30pm

**Peace River Zone Theatre Festival**  
May 15-19  
Plays from the region at NPCC

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# *'Tis the season for art*





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**LEFT: TANYA SHYMKO WORKS ON A DRAWING WITH PASTEL. SHE TEACHES DRAWING AND PAINTING AT THE ARTS POST. RIGHT: JILL SUTTON WITH THE NORTH PEACE SPINNERS AND WEAVERS, USING A SPINNING WHEEL**

**FORT ST. JOHN -** The Fort St. John Arts Post hosted an open house on Sept. 28 for creative minds to have a peek at what's in store for aspiring artists in the community.

The Arts Post, located at 10320 94 Avenue, is home to the North Peace Spinners and Weavers, the North Peace Potters' Guild as well as painters and drawing artists from Spectrum Studios.

All the different art pockets at the Post have started up their lessons and are gearing up for the holiday season.

The Arts Post hosts an open house a couple of times throughout the year for residents to check in on what's available in the craft world. They welcome beginners and experienced artists.

## TAKE PART IN THE ARTS IN FEBRUARY

**Families Paint Together Feb 11**  
With Donna's Art Studio

**Ray Anderson Comedy Fundraiser Feb 23**  
With FSJ Dance Society at Lido Theatre

**James and the Giant Peach Feb 15-23**  
With Stage North at NPCC

**Pottery Workshop Feb 22-24**  
With North Peace Potters Guild at Artspost

**Northern Groove Farewell Party Feb 23**  
At On the Rocks

**Oscar Night on the Big Screen and CD/DVD Fashions Feb 24**  
With Stage North at On the Rocks

**The Once in Concert Feb 28**  
At the North Peace Cultural Centre

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## TAKE PART IN THE ARTS IN MARCH

**Community Heritage Value Workshop Mar 7**  
With BC Heritage and Alaska Hwy Com. Society at Quality Inn

**CDC Talent Show Mar 8**  
With the Child Development Centre at NPCC

**Arts Market Mar 9**  
With FSJ Arts Market Association at Pomeroy Centre  
**Monday Night at the Movies "A Royal Affair" Mar 11**  
With The Film Society at Aurora Cinema

**Writer Open Mike Mar 12**  
At Headspace Artefacts 10116 100 Street

**Printmaking Workshop Mar 15-16**  
With Flying Colours Artists' Assoc at NPCC

**Lorne Elliot Mar 22**  
At North Peace Cultural Centre  
**Artists Show and Sale to Mar 30**  
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## TAKE PART IN THE ARTS IN JANUARY

**Spinning Classes for Beginners Jan. 5**  
with Fibre Arts Academy

**Arts Market Jan. 12**  
with Fort St. John Arts Market Association

**Movie "INESCAPABLE" Jan. 14**  
with Film Society at Aurora Cinema

**Anne of Green Gables Musical Jan 17-19**  
with Dr. Kearney School

**Oscar Lopez and James Keelaghan Jan 25**  
at North Peace Cultural Centre

### Registrations

Pottery Classes Registration - North PeacePotter's Guild

Dance Class Registration - Studio2Stage

Children's Choir Registration - Northern Lights Youth Choir

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## **GOING TO POT**

**City plans to drop  
various beautification  
programs**

**See page A3**

**PUBLISHED MONDAY**



# Arts Council questions flower pot discontinuation

Dear Mayor Ackerman and City Council Members,

The Fort St John Community Arts Council has appreciated the partnership with the City of Fort St. John in delivering the Flower Pot Program for the past 13 years. We understand, from the media reports that the partnership will come to an end at the completion of this 2013 summer season. The Arts Council would like some clarification of the situation since we have not been involved in the current plans and have not received clear direction on the future of the program.

Will any part of the program continue? The artists who have painted the 120 self-watering pots retained by the City would like to know the fate of their work. A number of them and some residents and sponsors had planned to purchase specific painted pots when they came up for sale at the annual auctions.

Will the remaining 120 self-watering, painted pots be put on the streets next year? If so, will the paintings be refurbished to maintain a fresh clean look or will the paintings be left to dete-

riorate.

The flower pots have enhanced the streets of the city and have delighted visitors, residents and those returning to the city after many years. The program gave 250 different artists the opportunity to display their works. These talented local artists have ranged from 9 years old to 92 years old. Over 300 different sponsors were involved in the past 13 years. The various arts groups who delivered the program through painting, refurbishing, gathering sponsors and staging the auctions were rewarded through this fundraising effort to further their arts programs throughout the community.

A number of requests from communities in Ontario, BC, Alberta and Quebec were sent information on how the program functioned and the City of Fort St. John was acknowledged as the key component in the success of the Flower Pot Program.

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council is proud to have been involved in the development and delivery of this unique

program which, we believe, has been very beneficial to the community as a whole, as well as, to the arts department within the community.

The mandate of the Fort St. John Community Arts Council is to foster pride in our community through the support and develop of arts and culture and provide opportunities for growth in creative pursuits. We look forward to discussing any future programs and partnerships which will benefit the community.

Thank you for working with us this past 13 years. The Flower Pot Project was a welcome addition and enhancement to the community of Fort St. John.

Please get back to the Arts Council clarifying the details on the two questions above.

Thank you.

**Sincerely,**

**Rosemary Landry President, for the board of Directors and Member Groups of the arts Council**

# IMAGINE

Imagine the first day of school. There are a lot of things you need, but Mom and/or Dad cannot provide them this year. Imagine leaving your home in the middle of a dark night, gathering up your children and slipping away as silently as you can so as not to wake an abusive partner. You don't know where you will go. Imagine being a youth, having troubles at school, needing someone to take a little more interest in you and help you face the adult world, empowering you to meet the challenges it will throw at you. These are just three scenarios people in our community face. Now imagine you have help to deal with them. Fortunately, and thankfully, due to the hard work of agency staff, and the care and generosity expressed by community members and businesses, there is help. There are fundraising activities being organized year round, all with one goal - to help the people of our community.

For the child returning to school, there is a collection of new back packs and school supplies, which, through the help of the School District, is made available to those students that cannot afford to purchase their own.

For the women and children escaping violent situations at home, there is a safe house they can go to, where they are provided shelter, transportation in and out of town, help to get to medical appointments, as well as child care. They will eat fresh garden vegetables donated by local gardeners and food stuffs donated on a regular basis. If it happens to be Christmas, it may be possible that a Christmas hamper is given as a gift. If it turns out that the family or woman needs to set up a new home when they leave the Transition House, they can access the Starter Kits provided by the Rotary Club, who purchases and stores these for the program. These kits provide the women with basic supplies needed to set up a home, such as towels, cleaning materials, etc. If they need clothing, they have only to dig into the racks of donated clothing items. If they need toiletries, they need only dip into the collection of shampoos, conditioners, mouthwash and soaps that are collected by employees of local organizations. Most recently, the family of a very lovely and well loved woman expressed their care for the women and children in their community by asking for contributions to the Mizpah Transition House in her name. The donations will be used to provide a playground area for the children staying at the House.

For the youth that is struggling, there is a program that will help them reconnect to their family and resources. They can create a Resume on the computers donated by the Lake View Credit Union, which will help them find work. They can learn to make meals through the Good Grub Food grant. They have a clean, safe place to meet due to the donation of materials and work which built a beautiful new facility in which to run the Reconnect program. They will be kept warm by the handmade gloves and toques made with care and concern.

Every year a major fundraiser is held, the Little Black Dress Affair. This very successful event raises thousands of dollars, which are invested in all of the programs provided through South Peace Community Resources Society to enhance program delivery. This past year, a large portion of the funds raised was used to help build the Reconnect Youth facility.

And just this spring, those pesky little pennies were put to good use, as a collection was made for the Children Who Witness Abuse programs. Hundreds of dollars were collected, which will be used to provide snacks for the children attending this program.

Just imagine! What we can do with a little bit of time, energy, care and generosity!



South Peace Community Resources Society

10110 - 13<sup>th</sup> Street, P.O. Box 713, Dawson Creek, BC, V1G 4H7, Phone: (250) 782-9174



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**

*Sale on* **ALL OF NOVEMBER**

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 9-12 am, SATURDAY: 10 am-1

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



# TAKE PART IN THE ARTS IN DECEMBER

**Recycle, Reuse, Rejoice Christmas Decor until Dec. 14**  
at the Artspost, 10320 94 Ave., 9am-1pm

**Magical Christmas Market until Dec. 24**  
At Peace Gallery North in NPCC

**Annual Old Fashioned Christmas Tea Dec. 4**  
with NP Historical Society, 11am-4pm at the Museum

**NPSS Wizard of Oz Dec. 6, 7, 12, 13, 14**  
with North Peace Secondary School at NPCC

**Winter Show and Sale Dec. 7**  
with Potter's Guild and Spinners and Weavers  
Artspost 10am-4pm

**Christmas Dance Recital Dec. 15**  
with Studio to Stage NPCC 11am, 2pm, 7pm

**Songs of the Season Concert Dec. 16**  
with NL Youth Choir and Northern Winds Com Band  
at NPCC 7pm

**Every Christmas Story Ever Told Dec. 19, 20, 21**  
with Stage North at NPCC at 7pm

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*AHN Nov. 29, 2013*

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**Recycle, Reuse, Rejoice –**  
"Christmas decorations the second time around"  
Now to Dec. 14 at the Artspost  
(10320 94 Ave) 9am -1pm weekdays

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Dec. 15 with Studio to Stage at NPCC

**Songs of the Season Concert**  
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**Magical Christmas Market**  
Now to Dec. 20 with Peace Gallery North  
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**Every Christmas Story Ever Told**  
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**School District Bands Christmas Concert**  
Nov. 28 with School District #60 School Band  
at NPSS

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR from the  
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# TAKE PART IN THE ARTS

**Documentary Night Peace and Plenty**  
October 18  
with the NP Historical Society at the  
FSJ North Peace Museum

**Painting Class "Loose Impressionism"**  
October 26  
with Spectrum Studio at Artspost

**Printmaking Workshop October 18-20**  
with the Canadian Federation of Artists

**Peace Landscapes Exhibit to November 8**  
with the Peace River Chapter of the Can.  
Fed. of Artists at DC Art Gallery

**Painting Class "Realism" October 19**  
with Spectrum Studio at the Artspost

**On-Going:** Registration for Artspace Classes  
for Children at NPCC 250-785-1992  
**COMING UP** in November Stage  
North The Taming of the Shrew, Studio  
to Stage Christmas Dance Recital, Arts  
Council Recycle, Reuse, Rejoice (Christmas  
decorations the second time around)

**Monday Night Movie Blue Jasmine**  
October 21  
with FSJ Film Society at Aurora Cinema

**Woody Holler and His Orchestra**  
October 25  
At North Peace Cultural Centre

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# ESSENTIAL ARTS COUNCILS

By Sue Popesku

Like a flash of lightening or a quiet "note to self", the defining moment when one knows what he or she will pursue as a career usually happens early in life. Musicians, visual artists, designers and actors can often recall that electrifying moment, that life-changing event, or that significant person that directed their path. Family, school and community provide the seeds for honing personal talents and developing arts opportunities. Community arts councils play a leading role in staging arts classes, programs, and events for initial exposure and early training in all areas of the arts.

Community arts councils grew out of a demand for community enhancement, entertainment, and social gatherings. As far back as the early ages, roving jesters and musicians were entertaining crowds, weavers were making tapestries for castle walls and festivals were celebrated and, often, a welcome relief from the hardships of daily life.

Practicing musicians and artists formed collectives depending upon their common needs. As we know them today, arts council

throughout Alberta and British Columbia have their organizational roots in government initiatives and recreational programs. Since the 1960's provincial governments have provided a variety of grants to create programs, hire coordinators, building cultural facilities. Educational institutions have included arts organizing in their recreation programs. An ever-changing political landscape dictates the level of government funding for the arts but artists and audiences are consistent in their commitment.

Volunteers are at the heart of the Arts Council success. More volunteers seem to be involved in organizing arts activities when there is little or no money to hire administrative assistance. When funds are scarce, more community arts activities seem to evolve. When the economy is in a slump, creative people appear to take advantage of the extra time to try new ideas.

Arts councils are the collective of the cultural fabric of any community. As umbrella organizations for all arts and cultural activities in the community, arts councils usually promote the arts and advocate for community support. Arts Councils in each community have been shaped by the needs of the community and were formed, in part, to develop what is not being provided in the community. Allowing creative expression for all residents has been a key element of community arts councils.

Where freedom of expression reigns comes the greatest number of problem solvers. Learning music at an early age has a direct bearing on better school marks. Experience of being on stage gives confidence for presentations in personal careers. Creating and designing teaches "thinking outside the box". Creative thinking, confidence and risk taking are human qualities that are vital to solving some of the complex world problems we are facing now and into the future.

Through the arts comes understanding and tolerance for one another. The arts bring together people of different backgrounds, careers, and races. The arts have a universal language bringing together musicians, artists, actors and more. Arts have healing elements and are used for preventive measures in medicine, senior care, and child development.

Community support is the life-blood of the arts. The arts showcase the values, culture and heritage of the community but in small communities the artists themselves have careers in unrelated fields. They have full time jobs and families and take part in an art form as a hobby. Musicians want to compose and play, visual artists want to paint and create, actors want to be on stage. Time to organize, to fundraise, to arrange for educational and training workshops is not on the top of their agenda. That is where the Community Arts Council can provide valuable service.

Community Arts Councils often provide the first line of exposure and experience through the nurturing of individual arts groups. In this modern day of mobility, young people move away to other communities. They take with them the wisdom and experience they have learned while growing up, which adds to the rich exchange of ideas and cultural elements in Canada. Those pursuing a career in their art form will gravitate to larger centres where formal education and professional networking opportunities are available. The more community background in arts understanding the better equipped the young people are in coping in a larger centre.

The poster features a large sand sculpture of a bearded man in a hat on the left and a person in a boat on the right. In the center, the text reads "SAND SENSATIONS BC" with a crown icon above "SAND". Below this, it says "INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED SAND SCULPTING SHOWCASE" and "JUL 27-AUG 2 PEACE ISLAND PARK TAYLOR, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA". At the bottom, it states "FREE ADMISSION TO THIS FAMILY EVENT PUBLIC VIEWING 11AM - 9PM DAILY". A list of activities is in the top left: "- 6 INTERNATIONAL SCULPTORS", "- FAMILY / COMMUNITY CHALLENGE", "- SOUNDSATIONS SAND STAGE", "- FAMILY FUN ZONE", "- HOSPITALITY OFFERINGS". Logos for Arts, Peace Island Park, and other sponsors are at the bottom.




There is also a focus on paper. R&S acquire their stock mainly from Neenah Fine Papers who provide a comprehensive line of 100% post-consumer recycled stocks in an impressive selection of colours and weights with a heavier stock preferred for posters and fine art prints. All their papers are certified acid-free, and coupled with the specific TW archival inks they attain museum-quality reproductions. A new and interesting paper on the market is called *Fiberstone*, made from rocks. Look for it in future R&S projects.

Along with gig posters another aspect of their work is T-shirts. Still with the silkscreen process Sage predominantly uses a water-base ink called Discharge, for printing on material. "Discharge inks have a unique feature; There is a bleaching agent in the ink that literally burns the dye out of the garment, resulting in the original fabric color being exposed. In a sense it's a 'negative' effect, as ink is taken away rather than added on" he explains. For color prints, concentrated pigments are added in, providing for any colour of the rainbow. Compared to the traditional Plastisol inks, the result is a much softer look and feel, no heavy sweat patch, and a print that will not eventually crack and flake off. The colors are strong, and the prints will fade nicely over time with the shirts.

Bamboo is the new way forward in "green" garment material and is a favorite of Sage.



  
*"T-shirts made of bamboo and paper made from rocks, it's an interesting and innovative time to be working in our industry."*



Its soft, hangs well and remarkably durable. His supplier; Jerico Apparel makes all of their own fabric and garments in Ontario, Canada, with a critical eye on employee health and working environment. They use the the fast growing bamboo cellulose, non-toxic fabric dyes, as well as organic cottons that do not require fertilizers or pesticides to grow. (Conventional cotton can use up to 1/2 lb of chemicals per shirt). Jerico also contributes philanthropically to humanitarian agencies such as *FOCUS* and *Doctors Without Borders*. They have an extensive line of garments from standard T-shirt cuts to unique contemporary designs for women, men and children. Sage's second choice to Jerico bamboo is American Apparel's organic cotton line, made in California and sold through the local Vancouver garment supplier; Budget T's.

With a shared passion for high quality design created through ethical and environmentally sound practices Rika & Sage are bringing a positive mind set and green technical practices to the BC music scene dovetailing nicely with the many musicians, promoters and audiences who share like-minded values. Keep an eye out for them and their band Warless at this summers festivals and music events. -FO

  
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