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Planters fundraiser

FSJ Arts Council gets creative



APR 30, 2015
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TAKE PART IN THE ARTS

Art Exhibit "Movember Challenge" Nov 1-30
with all proceeds to cancer charities
at Peace Gallery North NPCC

Gordie MacKeeman & his Rythmn Boys Nov 12
at NPCC 7:30pm

**Handel's Messiah with NP Community Choir
Nov 13/14**
at NPCC 7:30pm

Ladies Day Out Nov 14/15
With FSJ Dance Society at NP Secondary School

**Monday Night at the Movies
Beeba Boys Nov 16**
With the FSJ Film Society Aurora Cinema 7pm

Changes in the Society Act Workshop Nov 17
With the PRRD Jill.Rickert@prrd.cbc.ca
to register

**Art Exhibit "You Say Tomato..."
until Nov 17**
by Penny Boden and Judy Templeton
at Peace Gallery North NPCC

**Art of the Peace – a Fundraising Exhibit of PVEA
Nov 20-Dec 12**
at Peace Gallery North NPCC

**Recycle, Reuse, Rejoice- 2nd time around Christmas
Dec Sale Nov 12-Dec 12**
at Artpost 10-2pm weekdays

Tapping Into Talent Performance Nov 22
with local talent at #4 Seniors Housing

SD 60 Band Concert Nov 26
at NPCC 6:30pm

**Christmas Sale by Peace Country Craftsman's
Nov 27, 28, 29**
at the Legion Hall 10am to 7pm

Magical Christmas Forest Decoration Day Nov 28
All Community groups welcome
at the Airport 10am-2pm

Snow Day (Free Art Classes and more) Nov 28
At NPCC 10am -4pm open to all

Artisan Christmas Market Nov 28-Dec 24
At Peace Gallery North at NPCC 10am-5pm daily

Concert at Carnegie Hall in New York City Nov 29
With the North Peace Community Choir

150 Mural Lunch and Learn Nov 30
With City Recreation Staff at Pomeroy Sports
Centre 12noon-1pm. Bring your own lunch.

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Nov 12, 2015

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Museum Old Fashioned Christmas Tea Dec 2
With the NP Historical Society at the Fort St.
John North Peace Museum

Winter Sale of Pottery and Fabric Arts Dec 5
With the NP Potters Guild and the Spinners and
Weavers at the Artspost 10am-4pm

"Mary Poppins" the Musical Dec 4 – 12
With NP Secondary School at NPCC 7pm

**Annual General Meeting
of the North Peace Cultural Society Dec 9**
At the NPCC 7pm

Songs of the Season Concert Dec 15
with Northern Wind Com Band, Northern Light
Youth Choir, NP Com Choir at NPCC 7pm

Dueling Pianos Dec 16
At the Lido Theatre 8pm

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Nov 26, 2015

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Drama Club for Ages 6-15 Starts Apr 21
with Artspace Classes at the NPCC

Art Mentoring for Beginners Every Wed
With temblingforest@shaw.ca

Monday Night at the Movies Boychoir Apr 27
with the Fort St. John Film Society at Aurora Cinema

Arts BC Consultation Apr 30 6-9pm
Community-wide discussion about
Provincial Arts Policy at NPCC

**Handpainted Herbal Pots for Sale for
Mother's Day until May 8**
Fundraiser for the Arts Council ..Select from
display at NENews

**Regional Juried Arts Show Opening in
Tumbler Ridge May 1**
By the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council until May 30

**Documentary Night Canada & the Liberation
of the Netherlands May 1**
At the Fort St. John-North Peace Museum

Nick Gilder & Sweeney Todd May 1
At the North Peace Cultural Centre

Pen and Watercolour Art Classes May 6
with Spectrum Studio at the Artspost 6:30pm

Sarah Hagen Concert Pianist May 10
At North Peace Cultural Centre

SPARKS Women's Conference May 12 and 13
At the Pomeroy Hotel

Night at the Museum Guided Tours May 22
At the Fort St. John North Peace Museum 7-9pm

Dora the Explorer NPCC May 26
At the North Peace Cultural Centre

Doc Walker Canada Country Legends May 31
At the North Peace Cultural Centre 7:30pm

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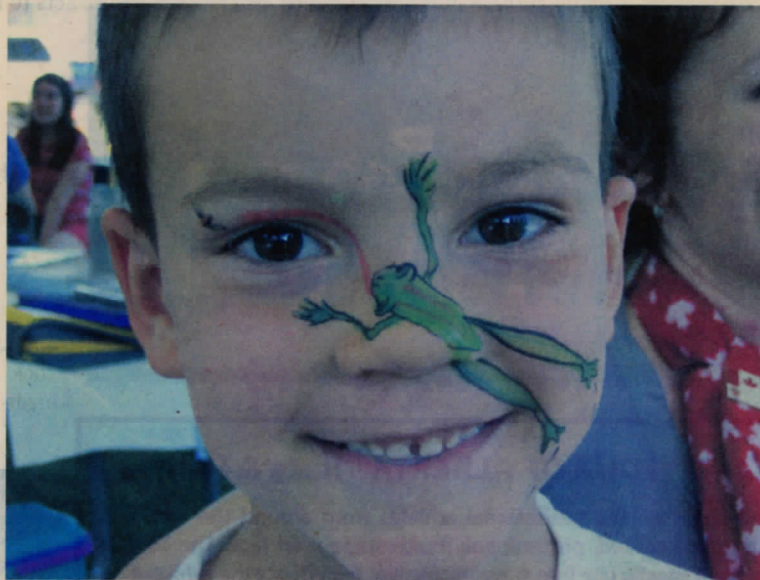
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A FUN TASTIC SUMMER

ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND HERITAGE



MAY

Dance Gala with Studio2Stage NPCC May 21

JUNE

Dance Showcase with The Move Dance Centre June 7/8

Artwalk 2015 downtown Fort St. John June 19 - July 18

Chili Bowl Bash with NP Potter's Guild at Artspost June 20

Bright Nights in June "A celebration of the Arts"

Gala Evening and Experience the Arts Hands On June 19/20

JULY

Canada Day Celebrations and Pie Sale 12 to 4pm Museum July 1

Canola Musical Festival with Moose FM at Peace Island Park July 18

Airshow at North Peace Airport in Fort St. John July 29

AUGUST

Guided Cemetery Tour 7pm with the NP Historical Soc August 21



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Planters with a purpose



Photo Credit Submitted photo
Local artist Eliza Stanford holds up a pot she painted for the Herbal Pot Sale.

Funds raised will go towards supporting ArtsPost, which is a community studio where adults and children can take lessons in pottery, painting, and spinning and weaving. Funding also goes towards supporting other Arts Council initiatives.

The planters may look familiar to long time residents. For 12 years, the City of Fort St. John part-

nered with the Arts Council to benefit both the cityscape and local artists.

The city would purchase 50 plain planters and give them to the Arts Council to be painted. The planters went back to the city, and staff planted and maintained them. After two years of being on city streets, they would be auctioned off, with funds raised going to the Arts Council.

The fundraiser was brought to a halt when the city made the decision to switch to self watering pots, which require less of city staff's time.

"There's a reservoir . . . we come along and we fill the reservoir, and through capillary action, the water is seeped up from the reservoir and into the soil, made available to the plants," explained Chris Murphy, grounds manager with the city.

"Instead of going and having daily, or every other day watering, then they're good for three to four days, depending on wind and heat, and stuff like that."

The self watering pots are tiered, which makes them harder to paint.

However, the Arts Council still had 20 leftover, unpainted regular pots remaining, and decided to make the most of their resources. Rather than having an auction, they decided on having a planter sale instead.

Anyone interested in purchasing one of the planters, each decorated with four original paintings, can call the Arts Council at 250-787-2781, and indicate which they'd like to purchase.

Each of the planters is marked with a number, visible in the window of the Northeast News office.

They can also be purchased at the Arts Council website, <http://fsjarts.org/>.

BRONWYN SCOTT
reporter@northeastnews.ca

FORT ST. JOHN – The Fort St. John Community Arts Council is nurturing its ArtsPost programming with a healthy dose of vegetables, herbs and art.

The first ever Herbal Pots Fundraiser has kicked off.

Decorated planters, hand painted by local artists, are now on display at the Northeast News office, and are on sale for \$150.

Each will be filled with potting soil, and

will contain five seedlings, one of which will be a tomato plant. The rest will be herbal plants, like chives and fennel. Included in the package are two bags of potting soil, compliments of Canadian Tire.

"We think it's a wonderful Mother's Day present," said Sue Popesku, Community Arts Council member.

TAKE PART IN THE ARTS IN FEBRUARY

Coloured Ice Exhibit by Eliza Stanford Feb 3-9
at High On Ice Centennial Park

Art Classes Oil and Soft Pastels Feb 4
with Spectrum Studio at the Artspost

Laugh Your Ice Off Feb 5, 6, 7
At the Lido Theatre

Mike the Knight Feb 5
At the NPCC

Outerbridge Clockwork Mysteries World Feb 7
Renowned Illusionists NPCC

Live Theatre Pride and Prejudice Feb 13-21
With Stage North at NPCC

Valentine Show Dueling Pianos Feb 14
with FSJ Dance Society Lido Theatre 7pm

Open Workshop in Printmaking Feb 14-16
with Flying Colours and Printmaker Alain Costaz

Monday Night at the Movies Elsa and Fred Feb 16
With the Fort St. John Film Society at
Aurora Cinema

Barracuda—A Tribute to Heart Feb 19
At the Lido Theatre 7pm

Irish Rovers Feb 20
At NPCC

Open Forum: What is the Future of the
NPCC Feb 23

With The FSJ Arts Council and NPCC Society
at NPCC 7pm

Talk of the Town Feb 25
With 8 Distinguished Presenters Speaking
on Their Achievements NPCC

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Talk of the Town Feb 25
With 8 Distinguished Presenters Speaking
on Their Achievements at NPCC

North Peace Historical Society Annual
General Meeting Feb 25
At the Senior Citizens Hall

Black History Month Gala with
Steel Drum Band Feb 28
At North Peace Cultural Centre

Theatre Users Meeting at NPCC Feb 28

Monday Night at the Movies
October Gale Mar 2

With the Fort St. John Film Society at
Aurora Cinema

Stuart McLean and the Vinyl Café Live Mar 5
Live on Stage at NPCC

"Carding to Create Colour" Workshop Mar 7
with the North Peace Spinners and Weavers
at the Artspost

The Vagina Monologues Mar 13
with the Fort St. John Community
Resources Centre at the NPCC

The Big Bad Musical Mar 14
with Bert Bowes Middle School at the NPCC

North Peace Music Teachers Recital Mar 15
at the Evangelical Church 2pm

Monday Night at the Movies Rosewater Mar 16
with the Fort St. John Film Society at Aurora Cinema

Mar 23- Apr 2 Planet Kids Camp Mar 23 - Apr 2
with Artspace Classes and NEAT during
Spring Break at NPCC

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Feb 5, 2015

TAKE PART IN THE ARTS

Film Society Annual General Meeting Sept 9

With the Fort St. John Film Society 7pm
Contact filmsociety.media@gmail.com

Printmaking Exhibit "Karta 2" Sept 11-30

At the Peace Gallery North in the NPCC

Fort St. John Community Arts Council

Annual General Meeting Sept 16

at Artspost 10320 94 Avenue 7pm

Peace Country Comedy Fest with

Tim Nutt and Tommy Savitt Sept 18

At the North Peace Cultural Centre 8pm.
All seats \$20

Tapestry Weaving Workshop Sept 19/20

With the Spinner and Weavers
cpeebles@telus.net

Tequila Mockingbird Orchestra Sept 25

At the Lido Theatre 8pm show

"Where Art Starts" Studio Tours for

BC Cultural Days Sept 25/26

Behind the scenes at the Museum, NPCC,
Artspost, Kilnhouse and other artist studios
Contact the Arts Council at 250-787-2781
info@fsjarts.org.

Brian Burn N' Jamie Mahn Dueling Pianos Sept 26

At the Lido Theatre 8pm show

Pottery Classes Registration Now

With North Peace Potters Guild
contact 250-785-5550 scarab@xplornet.com

Art Classes of the Fall Session Registration Now

With the Artspace classes at the NPCC 250-785-1992

Painting Classes Registration Now

Spectrum Studios at Artspost 250-787-2781

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SEPT 10, 2015

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Brent Butt Comedian Oct 1

NPCC 7:30pm

Hudson Hope Harvest Dinner and Dance Oct 3

With the Hudson's Hope Museum

West African Summit Oct 4

NPCC 7:30pm

Monday Night at the Movies

Learning to Drive Oct 5

With the FSJ Film Society Aurora Cinema 7pm

Volunteer Recruiting Event for Performing Arts BC Prov Festival Oct 5

With the NP Performing Arts Festival 7pm NPCC

Regional Museums Gathering Oct 16

At Fort St John North Peace Museum
10am - 3pm

Annual Art Auction (32nd) Oct 17

With the Peace Gallery North at the
Pomeroy Hotel Ticket \$75 at NPCC

Monday Night at the Movies

What We Did On Our Holiday Oct 19

With the FSJ Film Society Aurora Cinema 7pm

Fort St. John Arts Council Meeting Oct 21

12 noon Artspost

Fundraising Dinner Event at Boston Pizza Oct 26

with NP Community Choir raising funds for
performance in New York

Art Exhibit "You Say Tomato..."

Oct 30-Nov 17

by Penny Boden and Judy Templeton at
Peace Gallery North NPCC

MacBeth directed by Dawn Ljuden

Oct 30-Nov 7

With Stage North at NPCC

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Oct 1, 2015

Art Class Registration Now Open - Fall Session

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Classes for Adults

Zumba with African Flair
American Sign Language
Watercolour Painting
Basic Sewing 1 & 2
Beginner Quilting
Serger 101 & 201

Kids Classes also available



Info: npcc.bc.ca or (250) 785-1992



SEPT 22, 2015

Reuse, recycle, rejoice: art council

Nov 4, 2015

FORT ST. JOHN — The Fort St. John Community Arts Council will begin its Christmas ornament sale on Nov. 21 at the Artspost.

The council dubs its Reuse, Recycle, Rejoice: Christmas Decorations the Second Time Around sale as an "environmentally friendly way" to decorate homes for Christmas. The council is accepting donations of lightly used holiday decorations for resale.

Holiday shoppers can pick up decorations from the council for a donation to the arts.

The Artspost will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekdays until Dec. 12.

For more information, call 250-787-2781 or email info@fsjarts.org.

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BRONWYN SCOTT PHOTO

FUNDING FOR THE ARTS: Marjo Wheat, Heather Truscott and Connie Desfosses of the Fort St. John Community Arts Council were before council on Oct. 19 to discuss their Base Budget Grant application. They're asking for \$21,757.

Oct 23, 2015

Street banners a success, council told

OCT 28, 2015

Bronwyn Scott
Staff Writer

FORT ST. JOHN — The Fort St. John Community Arts Council heard what they wanted to hear when members Sue Popesku and Eliza Stanford addressed city council about the council's street banner program on Monday.

This year, the arts council prepared 72 banners that were hung from city lamp posts in conjunction with the 2015 Art Walk, which features local artists' work in downtown businesses. The arts council wants to continue the program in 2016.

"I think it really went along well . . . [it helped] with the downtown revitalization, sort of sprucing it up and (enhancing it)," said Popesku.

The arts council had limited its requests from sponsors for the program last year, believing an agreement with the city had a stipulation that didn't allow them to make any money over and above the cost of the banners.

"We'd like to take that stipulation off, if you would, because any additional funds that we might have above and beyond the cost of the banners go to another program in the arts, which also benefits the community," Popesku said.

But Monday, Popesku and Stanford learned they'd been misinformed, and that no such stipulation exists.

"I believe there must have been some miscommunication on last year's program," said Wally Ferris, manager of community services with the city.

He added that all the city requires is that the amount of funds raised be transparent, so that staff and council are aware how much the arts council is generating off of city infrastructure, and that there be some form of approval process as to what the banners look like before being printed and hung for display.

Those requirements are no problem for the arts council.



BRONWYN SCOTT PHOTO

Eliza Stanford holds up a tote made of the same material as the street banners that hung from city lamp posts in the summer months. The banners will be turned into tote bags and sold once they're no longer used on city streets.

"We're very happy to be transparent... the total budget, everything is transparent," Popesku said in an interview.

According to Popesku, the staff member who had told them they weren't allowed to make a profit on the banners program is no longer with the city.

Stanford added: "I suspect that came from one certain person who took it upon him/herself to come up with that rule, and it was not anything official, he just slid it in there, and nobody remembers that obviously, so let's just move forward."

Looking ahead, the arts council hopes to expand and roll out 92 banners – 20 more than last year – for summer 2016.

The council will be looking for sponsors to help cover the \$9,000 it takes to have the banners designed by a local artist and printed, and hopefully generate a surplus that can roll into other arts programming. peacereporter@ahnfsj.ca

WILLIAM STODALKA PHOTO

Cadence Hernandez takes part in an art activity sponsored by ArtSpace at the Totem Mall tis past Wednesday. Various community groups got together for a Preschool Health Roundup to check on three and four year olds development progress and offer activities for children.

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The Perfect Mother's Day Gift

Hand Painted Herbal Pots \$150 each
complete with 5 seedlings and 2 bags of potting soil



Artist Eliza Massey Stanford



Artist Arlene Blair with Mary Parslow



Artist Suzon Tremblay



Artist Wendy Wheat



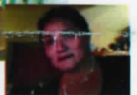
Artist Susan Wuthrich



Artist Beth Ardill



Artist Margaret Fenton





Artist Moria Clark



Artist Niki Hedges



Artist Penny Boden



Artist Barb Daley



Artist Kaye Paynter

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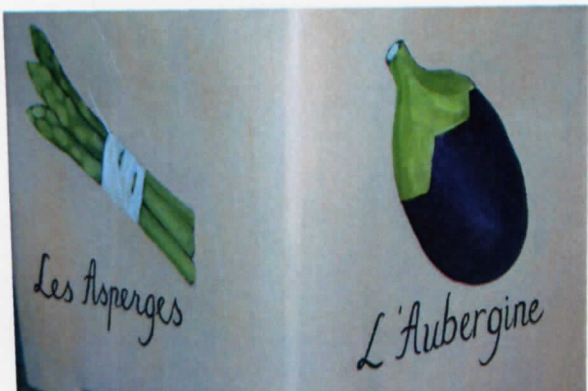
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HERBS SPICES VEGETABLES A RECIPE IN A POT

**Paint a Pot for the
Arts Council
with vegetable garden images**



Dear Artist,

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council invites you to join in a new project for the Arts in Fort St. John. Twenty garden pots complete with seedlings will be sold in the Spring to raise funds for the Arts Council and its activities.

Can you paint all four sides of a garden pot (shown below) with your best artwork of herbs, spices and/or vegetables? The images are your choice and should relate to ingredients put into savory recipes which include herbs, spices and vegetables.

Arts Council volunteers are preparing seedlings to include with the pots focusing in on a theme such as a salsa pot, a spaghetti pot and so on. Two bags of soil will be included with each pot.

The twenty pots will sell for \$150 each and the funds will help to keep the Artspost and office of the Arts Council open and provide support for other Arts Council programs.

Only 20 pots to paint
[please email
info@fsjarts.org](mailto:info@fsjarts.org)
if you wish to paint a pot and
arrange for a time to pick up
a pot at the Artspost
PAINTS INCLUDED

**YOUR ARTWORK AND YOU ON THE
WEB...**
Each artist will be featured on the Arts Council website with their photo and their painted pot. Brief information (max. 100 words) about each artist will be included. (artist may opt out of the personal photo)

POTS ARE 2 FEET x 2 FEET

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Artist to have pots by March 1
Painted pots returned by April 12
Painted pots on display until May 8
All pots sold by Mother's Day May 10

PURCHASE OF POTS STARTING APRIL 12

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