

Bassett named Peace Liard Regional Artist in Residence

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Haley Bassett is the 2020 Peace Liard Regional Artist in Residence.

The Peace Liard Regional Arts Council is pleased to be carrying out the second annual Artist in Residence Program. This program provides a northeast BC artist with a \$500 per week stipend for four weeks, mentorship from a professional artist/curator and a solo exhibition for which they are paid a professional CARFAC fee.

This year's applications were adjudicated by Salt Spring Island artist Genevieve Robertson, a visual artist with a background in environmental studies

Robertson, who will also serve as the 2020 mentor for the program, said, "I am looking forward to working with interdisciplinary artist Haley Bassett. Her application was thoughtful and showed a breadth of skill and experimentation that was impressive."

Haley is a Métis and Austrian-Russian visual artist from Dawson Creek, BC, whose practice delves into painting, sculpture, and social practice. Much of her work celebrates the culture and landscape of the Peace Region in northern BC, and she hopes to make a positive impact on northeastern communities by representing them in her work. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Emily Carr University of Art and Design in Visual Art.

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"Thank you to Donna Kane with PLRAC and the jurors for making this opportunity possible," said Haley. "I am excited and honored and looking forward to getting to work."

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