



arts beat

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Dawson Creek Hosts Peace Country Summer School of the Arts

Dawson Creek will be hosting its 5th annual Peace Country Summer School of the Arts throughout July and August. The Dawson Creek Art Gallery and Kiwanis Arts Centre have partnered to offer a wide variety of visual, performing, general interest classes, and workshops for all ages. Some of the programs offered include:

- Face Painting • Origami • Jewelry Making • Mask Making
- Pottery • Painting and Drawing • Mixed Media • Print

- Making • Sculpture • Photography • Oil Painting • Cartooning • Jazz • Yoga • Hip Hop • Musical Theatre • Lyrical Dance

Information is available at the Art Gallery at 782-2601 and at the Kiwanis Art Centre at 782-9325. All Dance program registrations are taken at the Kiwanis Arts Centre. All other registration at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery. Register right away so you are not disappointed!

Chetwynd Celebrates the Past with Commemorative Exhibits

Rene Poulin, Community Garden Coordinator, with Greenhouse Consultant Ruth Hill, informed a group of 20 people interested in the proposed Healing Garden to be constructed and operated at the Chetwynd Hospital of the organizers' plans. Those interested in being part of the steering committee signed their names, and will be meeting to discuss the many aspects of developing and maintaining the garden. Already promised decor is the donation of the Chetwynd Secondary School Art classes - tile panels to be mounted on the hospital walls facing on the garden. The Chetwynd Community Arts Council has obtained funding for the materials from the Peace River Regional District Area E Grants-in-Aid program. Work is to begin as soon as possible, and the garden will available for use by July. Truly a community effort.

A plaque commemorating one of Chetwynd's 'heritage' buildings was presented by the Chetwynd Community Arts Council to a gathering at the Little Prairie Presbyterian Church. Dedicated in 1956 and still on its original site, the church is now 51 years old, and still in use. Pastor and Mrs. Thiessen of The Lighthouse welcomed relatives of the

original members of that first congregation as they gathered to celebrate the achievements of the past.

In honour of the Little Prairie Ladies Club members who raised the money in 1960 to build the first Library and Health Centre in Little Prairie (renamed Chetwynd in 1962), a memory wall has been installed in the present Chetwynd Public Library on a wall of the Centennial Library which was opened in 1966. In marking the opening of yet another addition to the library, the Chetwynd Public Library and the Chetwynd Community Arts Council collaborated, providing photographs and historical information for the event.

On July 1, the Little Prairie Heritage Society and the Chetwynd Community Arts Council plan to celebrate officially the completion of the Memorial Rose Garden at the Museum grounds. Nine hardy roses memorialize the contributions of those who have served our community in a variety of ways.

Regional Artists Receive Recognition

Once again our region has completed a very successful Peace Liard Regional Juried Art Exhibition bringing together the talents of visual artists from throughout Northeastern BC for an opportunity to exhibit and talk to jurors about their work. Phoenix Theatre Society and the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council were the co-hosts for this event, which circulates through five communities on an annual basis.

This year three works were chosen for the EnCana Awards. "Wood Frog" by Peter Shaw was chosen for the Distinguished Award, "Wood Pecker" by Mary Mottishaw received the Recognition Award and "Prozacnation" by Emily Rose was chosen for the Student Award. As well, nine Honorable Mention Awards were chosen and they include, "Untitled" by Shirley Kerr, "Canadian Native" by Trish Croal, "It Must be Spring" by Eileen Bertelsen, "Taj Mirage" by Barbara J Daley, "Untitled" by Rochelle Nehring, "So Sweet" by Dawn Travis, "Pomegranates" by Donna Ony, "A Letter to Mom" by Earl L Brown, and "Heather's Boots" by Patricia Vossler.

As in previous years the event also included a People's Choice award, sponsored by the hosting committee, to be announced at the end of the exhibit. The Regional Juried

Exhibit will be on display at the Phoenix Theatre until June 15th.

Juror Carrie Klukas chose the twelve pieces from an inspiring group of high quality paintings. However, each and every artist that entered was a winner as the resulting exhibition was an impressive display of regional talent from throughout the Peace Liard area.

EnCana representative, Frank Gutkowski, was on hand to present the Distinguished, Recognition and Student Award.



New Arts Council Office in Hudson's Hope

The Arts and Cultural Society on the Edge (Hudson's Hope) and The Pearkes Centre are pleased to announce the opening of the new arts council office here at The Pearkes. We would like to welcome the new office staff, Kelly Albin of Chetwynd and Leisha Dale of Hudson's Hope and to acknowledge Service Canada's Job Creation Program as making this all possible. The new office phone number is 783-2393 and the email is tacsote@yahoo.ca.