

Peace-Liard Regional Arts Council
Shaping Today - Inspiring Tomorrow

Featured Artist:

Shannon Butler

Shannon Butler is an emerging ceramic artist who recently graduated with her BFA majoring in ceramics, from the Alberta College of Art and Design. She had the honor of receiving the Board of Governor's award for her work in clay. After graduation, Shannon attended the Medicine Hat International Artists in Residence Program, where she worked on an independent body of work with fourteen other artists from around the country.



Rococo and Art Nouveau movements. Both hand-built and wheel-thrown techniques are used in each piece in conjunction with fabric to entice and surprise the user while creating visual texture and layers of interest.



Shannon also indulges in making one-of-a-kind bowls, mugs, teapots, vases and even gnomes. She recently secured her first large commission of Christmas gifts for Dunn Hiebert and Assoc. She sells her work at both Peace Gallery North and the Dawson Creek Art Gallery.

Recently Shannon created a series of jewelry holders which challenge conventional ceramic forms. They are a celebration of clay, proportion, color, ornament, texture, imagination and function. Each piece allows the user to perform an otherwise everyday task in an exciting celebratory new manner. The work is meant to treasure personal jewelry while the user is not wearing it.

Whimsical aesthetics rooted from her imagination are explored in each unique piece. Shannon aims to exploit the voluptuous qualities that clay lends itself to so easily. Other characteristics of her work have been influenced by the aesthetics of both the

In May and June of 2007, Shannon exhibited at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery as a part of a collaborative show, themed *Wonderland*. Shannon also teaches pottery classes and is an active member of the North Peace Potter's Guild.

To look at Shannon's work online check out:

<http://www.myspace.com/shannonlovesclay>

To visit her travelling northern gnome page go to:

<http://www.myspace.com/betthegnome>

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Tumbler Ridge Brimming With Presentation Art

October in Tumbler Ridge is becoming quite the experience. The local drama group, Grizzly Valley Players, starts up regular meetings on September 3rd at the Community Centre, in Room 3. This is an open-registration adult theatre group (19+), so anyone can join year-round.

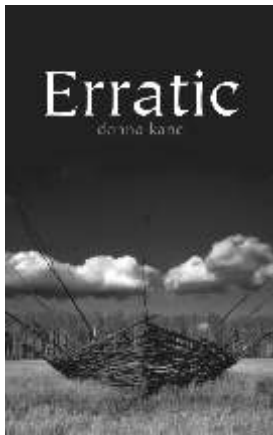
Contact director Erin Hanna, (250)242-3364 or email grizzlyvalleyplayers@yahoo.com

Immediate plans for this group will be the return of Rocky Horror Night on two Saturdays, October 20th and 27th. The cast of Grizzly Valley Players takes on the lead roles as they perform alongside of the original 1975 film. Included in the price of the ticket, are Audience Participation Packs - no outside materials please. Costumes are encouraged!



Cash bar opens at 6:30 p.m., show begins at 8:00 p.m. Pre-sale tickets go on sale in October and are available at the Community Centre, (250)242-4246 (cash only) or by calling Erin Hanna (250)242-3364.

Not restricted to adults is the annual Haunted House Experience, hosted by Theatre On The Ridge and sponsored by the District of Tumbler Ridge. Promising to be another freaky theme, the surprise subject will be announced closer to the date for that much-desired element of shock and horror. It will take place on Wednesday, October 31st in the Community Centre in rooms 3 & 4. Admission will be \$2 and repeat victims...er, customers are welcome between 7:00-9:00 p.m.



Book Launch: "Erratic" by Donna Kane

Dawson Creek resident Donna Kane has her second book of poetry coming out in September 2007. "Erratic" is published by Hagios Press (www.hagiospress.com) and the cover art is "The Ship" sculpture by local artist Peter von Tiesenhausen.

Celebrate the launch of "Erratic" on September 8th at the Sweetwater Festival in Rolla, BC.

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