

PLRAC arts beat

"Shaping Today, Inspiring Tomorrow"

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PLRAC launches web site: www.PeaceLiardArts.org

These days, it seems like most people go to the Internet first when looking for information. In largely rural communities, like ours, having an information source in our own homes can help us connect to the rest of the world, and to our own community. With this in mind, the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council recently committed to creating and launching our own web site to increase our connection to the arts in the Peace Liard Region.

www.PeaceLiardArts.org is now online and we're excited about it. The site not only makes available information on the regional arts council's programs and history, but provides information on each of the six community arts councils within the PLRAC. A useful links page also includes links to arts organizations that support the PLRAC both provincially and nationally.

The newest issue of the Arts Beat can be viewed online as well. Like all good web sites, the pages are easy to access and navigate for even the most computer-shy.

The feature which site visitors will likely find most useful is the event calendar. Bookmark this page and never miss an event again, with detailed information on visual and performing arts events throughout the Peace Liard region shown in a daily, weekly or monthly format. If you have an event to submit, you can conveniently do so via email addresses provided on the site.

Visit www.peaceliardarts.org today and get connected with the arts in your community!

High on Ice Results

This year's High on Ice BC Ice Carving Championship was absolutely amazing! Not only was the weather fantastic, but there were six professional teams and sixteen amateur teams participating, which made for some great competition.

In the Realistic Category, first place went to Alexey Schihtov for his sculpture of a rearing Pegasus. Second place went to Steve Buzak and Rusty Cox for their ice sunflower that was crawling with little ice ants. Both pieces were gorgeous and truly deserved the honors they received.

In the Abstract category, Ilya Filimontsev took first place with his highly imaginative

vision of a figure floating in the sun. Peter Vogelaar won second place with his rendition of the northern lights accented with stars and snowflakes.

In the Amateur competition, the People's Choice and Artist's Choice Awards went to ArcTech Welding -

Dave Diehl and Randy Jordon for their flock of flying geese. These talented carvers shared the Judge's Choice with Sonja Butts and Julie Foster and

their sculpture of an owl about to take flight.

High on Ice is getting bigger and better every year! See all you new carvers next year!

photography by Aleisha Hendry



Sun Figure - Ilya Filimontsev



Rearing Pegasus - Alexey Schihtov

Rocky Horror Night

On February 23rd & 24th, the cast of Grizzly Valley Players in Tumbler Ridge brings you front and centre into the wild and wacky world of The Rocky Horror Picture Show. This 1975 film has created a devout following for over 30 years! Cast will be in costume and all materials needed to join in the fun will be included in the price of admission. This is an adult function with liquor license, sorry no minors! Tickets are \$10 and will be sold at the front desk of the Tumbler Ridge Community

Centre. Tickets will NOT be available at the door, due to licensing restrictions. Friday night showing has an age limit 19-24 and Saturday night is open to ages 25-1000. Both showings are limited to 100 seats.

For further information, please call Erin Hanna (250)242-3364 or email

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Northern Lights - Peter Vogelaar

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Featured Artist: Aleisha Hendry

Aleisha Hendry is an emerging conceptual artist recently graduated from UBC-Okanagan in Kelowna, BC with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. Her main discipline is photography, but she has used various other mediums such as sculpture, graffiti style drawings, lithographic printmaking and spoken word performance to express the million and one ideas that run through her head on a daily basis.

Aleisha's photographic art is inspired by themes of sexuality and feminism, and she uses both darkroom and digital techniques to get her ideas across. Using issues that everyone, especially young girls, can relate to helps to humanize the photographs and draw the viewer in.

Future plans for Aleisha include grad school en route to earn her Master's degree. These days she is working on building up her portfolio to submit work to galleries

and gain recognition as an artist. In her grad exhibition at UBC-Okanagan she was honoured with a President's Purchase Award.

Aleisha currently resides in Fort St. John and can be contacted by email at studio_88_@hotmail.com.



Buddha Belly

Dawson Creek Hosts Regional Juried Art Exhibit

The Peace Liard Regional Arts Council is pleased to co-host the 25th annual Peace Liard Regional Juried Art Exhibit. This exhibit has offered regional emerging artists the opportunity to share their creativity with the larger community since 1982. Each year the exhibit is hosted in one of the six member communities in the Peace Liard Region.

The 2007 Regional Juried Exhibition will be held in Fort Nelson at the Phoenix Theatre. All media, sizes, and types of work will be accepted and the exhibit is open to artists from all cultures. However, only original art work that has been completed after January 2004 can be entered and work previously displayed in the Peace Liard Regional Art Exhibit is ineligible. Each artist may enter up to three pieces.

All regional artists are invited to enter in one of three categories: Open, Student, and Class Project.

A. OPEN Artists may submit original work to the open category that is representative of their own creativity and expression.

B. STUDENT This category is specifically for artists attending Middle or Senior Secondary Schools within the Peace Liard Region (home-school students can also

apply in this category).

C. CLASS PROJECT Work submitted to this category is created in a class environment under the direction of an instructor. The work can be by an individual artist or collaboration.

The PLRAC is pleased to have EnCana Corp sponsoring three awards; A Distinguished Award of \$1000, a Recognition Award of \$500, and a Student Award of \$250. This is the second year that EnCana has been the Award Sponsor of the Peace Liard Regional Juried Exhibit and their support is greatly appreciated. There will also be a People's Choice Award of \$300 sponsored by the Hosting Committee.

The public opening for the Regional Juried Exhibit will be held at Fort Nelson's Phoenix Theatre on May 12th, 2007. Everyone is invited to attend.

Entry deadline for this exhibit is April 18th, 2007 and forms are available through your Community Arts Council or local gallery.

Phone the Phoenix Theatre at 774-2241 or the Dawson Creek Art Gallery at 782-2601 for more information.

Contact Us!



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We would love to hear from you! If you have any comments or information to share, contact the



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