

# Artist Profile: Peter Shaw



Artist Peter Shaw

Recent winner of the Peace Liard Regional Juried Art Exhibition, Dawson Creek oil painter Peter Shaw's *Kiskatinaw Afternoon* is a masterfully painted landscape exploring the local river valley west of Dawson Creek. Shaw is a long time local resident who is entirely self-taught, and through perseverance and desire has mastered his medium, painting in a realistic representational style the land and its creatures.



*Beauty and the Beast*  
oil painting by Peter Shaw

Shaw is passionate about the Peace region's river valleys. A determined opponent of the Site C dam project, he feels that it is his responsibility as a regional resident to fight the development. Part of his mission as an artist is to document an area that may soon be covered by water.

Shaw is a member of the South Peace Art Society and exhibits regularly in the member exhibitions at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery.



*Wood Frog*  
oil painting  
by Peter Shaw



RJAE Honourable Mention - Caily Oldershaw - *Lucid*



RJAE Peoples' Choice Award winner - Donna Ony - *You've Got Mail*

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## Regional Juried Art Exhibition Winners

- Encana Distinguished Award** - Peter Shaw - *Kiskatinaw Afternoon*
- Encana Recognition Award** - Mike Kroecher - *Golden Afternoon*
- Encana Student Award** - Jessica Duris - *Insight*
- Peoples' Choice Award** - Donna Ony - *You've Got Mail*

### Chosen Awards (in no particular order)

- Mike Kroecher - *Reflections in Blue*
- Donna Ony - *You've Got Mail*
- Sandy Troutd - *Romancing the Tones*
- Mary Parslow - *Angels Watching Over You*
- Janis Herbison - *By Morning Light*
- Donna Ekman - *Lychee*
- Ann Musgrove - *Untitled*



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## Chetwynd Hosts 2010 Regional Juried Art Exhibition

65 artists showed 154 works at the 2010 Regional Juried Art Exhibit, held in the Cottonwood Hall, Chetwynd Recreation Centre April 8-11. Chetwynd Secondary School students mounted an exciting show with 12 students in grades 9-12 showing 35 works. Over 300 people visited the show, which was held on the same date and location as the Chetwynd Trade Show.



*Kiskatinaw Afternoon*, oil painting by Peter Shaw

The show started with an opening reception and awards ceremony and throughout the weekend visitors picked their favourite painting for the Peoples' Choice Award, provided by the Chetwynd Community Arts Council.

Saturday's event was a critique for the artists by jurors Jennifer Bowes and Marjorie Henn. Artists had opportunity to discuss their work with the jurors as well as the merits of the award winning artwork.

The Chetwynd Community Arts Council would like to thank all the groups and individuals who sponsored and supported the event, including Encana who sponsored the top three awards, Standard Bussing, the Chetwynd Recreation Centre, Simply Perfect Catering and the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council.

### Exhibition Winners continued...

#### Chosen Awards:

- Julie Vanderlinden - *Zebra*
- Tracy Wandling - *the secret life of Pansies*

#### Honorable Mention (in no particular order)

- Cailie Oldershaw - *Lucid*
- Janis Herbison - *Memories of Mom*
- Janis Herbison - *Old Lace*
- Donna Ony - *Do Not Disturb*
- Donna Ekman - *Proclamation*
- Helen Vokaty - *The Other Woman*
- Sandy Troutd - *True Colours*
- Gudrun Gunther - *Leigh Lake Waterfall*
- Kristie Mitchell - *Pistons*
- Judy Templeton - *Kiss of Light*

## Stage North Clears Another Season



One hundred and thirty members of Stage North Theatre Society have completed another successful year of productions in Fort St. John under the watchful eyes of the Stage North Board of Directors. The Peace River Zone Theatre Festival will be the last performances of 2 shows; *I, Claudia* and *Toronto, Mississippi*, to close down the season. Stage North is competing for awards with Dawson Creek, Tumbler Ridge and two other Fort St. John-based theatre companies at the Zone Festival on May 4-9 at the North Peace Cultural Centre.

New initiatives this year have brought more attention to Stage North. Professional director Michael Armstrong worked with the theatre company in September helping members to improve their acting and directing skills. Appointing a part-time executive director helped to better organize the theatre group. The first "Oscar Night" at the Lido Theatre was a fun event filled with entertainment and prizes.

Stage North will institute a season pass next year. Six great events for a special low introductory price will be sold in September.

Individual tickets will still be available but the season pass is definitely the most economical way to



*Elvis The King, played by Blair Scott, appears in Stage North's "Toronto, Mississippi."*

see the exciting line-up of performances. Stage North 2010-2011 Season will be announced in June.

Stage North got its name in 1977 when Brian Paisley was the drama teacher and director of Stage North for Northern Light College in Fort St. John. Drama productions have been familiar events in Fort St. John since the 1940's when local playwrights wrote and directed plays with local colour and stories. An original play from Fort St. John won the first provincial Hamber Award in the early 50's. Workshop Players were active in the 60's and 70's performing many shows for children in school gymnasiums.

Stage North extends its influence throughout the community by helping organizations with theatre productions, costumes, equipment and props. Long time member Terry Boyle works regularly with Charlie Lake School drama classes. Theatre technician Oliver Hachmeister assists many groups with lighting and sound techniques and trains young people who are interested in learning backstage craft. President Dale Hillman reported that Stage North members have shared their expertise in assisting a number of groups with their productions. Stage North has had the added pressure of finding new space for rehearsal, set construction, and storage for costumes and props since their current rental space is no longer available.

*submitted by Sue Popesku*



*"Mirror, Mirror on the Wall" sculpture by Emilie Mattson will be on the block at Dawson Creek Art Gallery's annual art auction May 7th.*

## Six Great Plays in Five Days of Festival

A week of plays by theatre clubs throughout the region opens on May 4 at the North Peace Cultural Centre in Fort St. John when the 2010 Peace River Zone Theatre Festival takes to the stage. Six different shows from the communities of Tumbler Ridge, Dawson Creek and Fort St. John will compete for an opportunity to represent the Peace Region at the provincial competition in July.

### Theatre Festival Schedule

The 2010 Peace River North Theatre Festival May 4-9, 2010, has an exciting line-up of plays from communities throughout the Peace Region. Adjudicator Andrew McElroy will be selecting one of the plays to represent the Peace Country at Theatre BC's Mainstage in Kamloops. Tickets are available at the North Peace Cultural Centre for \$10 each evening and festival passes are available.

May 4 *I, Claudia*  
produced by Stage North of Fort St. John

May 5 *Sex, Drugs, Rock and Roll*  
produced by Bridge to Broadway of Fort St. John

May 6 *The Melancholy Minstrel*  
produced by Fort St. John Players

Performances during the week start at 7:30pm with the Saturday matinee at 1pm and Saturday evening at 8pm. Saturday evening begins with a Meet and Greet at 6pm and all Saturday evening ticket holders are welcome. The Awards Ceremony will follow the evening performance. Adjudicator Andrew McIlroy from Vancouver will be selecting all awards and the Best Production of the Festival.

May 7 *Toronto Mississippi*  
produced by Stage North of Fort St. John

May 8 1pm matinee *Sylvia*  
produced by Dionysus Theatre of Dawson Creek

May 8 8pm *November*  
produced by Grizzly Valley Players of Tumbler Ridge

*All shows at the North Peace Cultural Centre in Fort St. John. Weekday evening curtain at 7:30pm, Saturday matinee at 1pm and Saturday evening at 8pm.*

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## Hang 'Em High Art Auction

On May 7th the Dawson Creek Art Gallery members invite you to join them for their Annual Art Auction. This year's theme is "Hang 'em High" a tribute to Spaghetti Westerns. Weaver Brothers Auctioneers will be bringing forward over 60 original works of art to the auction block, giving you the opportunity to be a proud owner of one or more of these incredible

works. You will also have the opportunity to win one of our fabulous door prizes. The evening includes a silent auction, entertainment and great food. Tickets for reserved setting are available at the Art Gallery for \$30 each. Room is limited so be sure to reserve early. To view the work go to the gallery's web site at [www.dcartgallery.ca](http://www.dcartgallery.ca)