

Peace-Liard Regional Arts Council
Shaping Today - Inspiring Tomorrow

Arts Network Launched in Fort Nelson

The Fort Nelson Arts Council has initiated a pilot project called the Arts Network. The Arts Network is a database (think address book, not website) of contact information containing the names of working artists and arts groups in the Northern Rockies Regional District. As well, it will contain the names of individuals interested in attending arts and cultural functions.

The creation of the Arts Network will aid in heightening the distribution of arts and cultural information in the community. The Arts Network will serve artists groups as a means of "getting the word out" when there are upcoming arts and cultural events. As well, it will give various groups, institutions, commercial enterprises and individuals a "means" for getting in contact with the artists of the Fort Nelson region.

If you would like to receive information about arts and cultural events in the Fort Nelson region, send your email address to artsnetwork@northwestel.net. Your email address will not be shared, it will be used for the sole purpose of sending you information on arts related events and activities in the NRRD.

If you are an artist (any medium), please mention this when you send your address to the Arts Network - this information will go into a separate database.

Chetwynd Receives Award for Art

At the 2007 Communities in Bloom celebration recently Chetwynd was awarded an Honourable Mention for Art in Public Places - Chainsaw carvings, murals, and tile panels are visible throughout the community.

Not yet installed are the tile panels recently completed by Laura Filgate and her Chetwynd Secondary School students; these are intended for the Healing Garden area at the Chetwynd Hospital which is presently undergoing refacing of the exterior walls. The PRRD provided funding for the materials, the District of Chetwynd will mount the panels - a joint project of region, municipality, school and arts council.



The ribbon is cut to officially open the Arts Post Too - the new home of the Fort St. John Community Arts Council. From left, Karen Goodings, chair of the Peace River Regional District, Lori Ackerman, Fort St. John councillor, Lisa Bush, president of the Fort St. John Community Arts Council, Larry Evans, Fort St. John councillor, and Fred Jarvis, mayor of Taylor.

Arts Post Too Opens in Fort St. John

It was standing room only as residents from Fort St. John, Taylor, Hudson's Hope and the Peace River Regional District took part in the ribbon cutting ceremony that officially opened the Arts Post Too, the new home of the Fort St. John Community Arts Council on the evening of Friday, October 5. The following day was filled with Raku pottery firing, spinning and weaving demonstrations, mural painting and kids' arts and crafts.



Heather Hannaford, left, moves pottery to the next step in the Raku pottery firing process with assistance from Shannon Butler.

Arts Post Too houses a pottery studio run by the North Peace Potter's Guild, workspace for two looms belonging to the North Peace Spinners and Weavers, as well as an office for the Arts Council, and meeting and work space for the Arts Council member groups.

Having a dedicated store front building raises the profile of arts and culture in Fort St. John. Even after the first month in the Arts Post Too, the phone and visitor enquires appear to have increased. We look forward to what the future holds for the arts in Fort St. John.

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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