

# Arts Notes

## Feature Gallery

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The Community Arts Council will be exhibiting the works of Dave Ebbett, Virginia Cyr and Ruth Hansen in the Feature Gallery at Studio 2880. The Opening Reception will be on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Dave was born in New Brunswick in 1955 to a Dutch war bride and a farming father. As the youngest of five he spent a lot of time playing sports and building models. Always restless, he travelled to Calgary and worked in the oil fields as far north as Inuvik, NWT. He began a roofing career that lasted for 35 years and which brought him from Calgary to Vancouver and finally north to Prince George. He retired in 2010 and began to turn his tinkering into a more serious hobby.

Dave enjoys using contrasting grains and exotic woods in his toys. His wood working ranges from boxes to chairs to intricate trucks, loaders, cranes and construction sites complete with construction logs. With his designs getting increasingly intricate with more working parts, Dave rarely makes two toys the same. His work is the product of his imagination and tested for quality by his nephew, who currently has a collection of over twenty toys.

Dave has contributed a great amount of the proceeds of his work to the Tim Horton Troop Coffee Fund for the

men in Afghanistan. He also donated the proceeds of his dart boxes to the Legion. Dave's love for his craft and its material is obvious. He is passionate about the wood and always uses different woods to create various colours on his toys rather than using paint to cover up the spectacular grains.

Virginia Cyr began knitting when she was a six-year-old living on a small farm in Manitoba. "I had a very patient mother who taught me how to



turn the heel of a sock and put a thumb in a mitt that winter," she says with a smile. "Knitting has held me in good stead ever since."

From planes, to trains, and automobiles, Virginia has used knitting as a way to pass time while traveling. She says her projects have been excellent conversation pieces, as complete strangers will often show an interest in what she's doing. And, she enjoys that the end result is a useable article.

Virginia has marketed her items solely at the Studio 2880 Gift Shoppe and Studio Fair for the last couple of years. In the past, she has taken a part in a number of craft fairs and had a stall at the Farmer's Market.

From simple to elaborate, from toque to felted hedgehog, Virginia loves the diversity of her craft. She says she'd like to be able to focus on producing just one or two items, "But with beautiful new wool and interesting new patterns always popping up, I'm always seeing something different I have to try." She says felting has become a favorite form of her art.

Virginia works from her home in Prince George, surrounded by a felted menagerie of lambs, llamas, owls, and assorted other animals.

Ruth Hansen is a Canadian artist living in Prince George, BC. A native of Denmark, she attended the Copenhagen School of Art for her basic art training. She then obtained a Bachelor of Education/Art from Simon Fraser University as well as a Fine Arts Diploma from the College of New Caledonia in Prince George. In addition to her extensive education she has also had the opportunity to learn under Heather Spears, Murray Johnson, Anne Meredith-Berry among others.

Ruth is accomplished in many facets of the arts though she works primarily as a watercolour painter and fibre artist she is also works in pastel and acrylic. Ruth shares her knowledge with many others by teaching drawing, painting, print making and felting classes.

## **Summer Day Camp of the Arts**

This year's Summer Day Camp of the Arts has been a blast. It was so much fun to watch the kids make the best of the rain and launch bottle rockets clear across the parking lot. There are still spaces left for the two camps in August if anyone wants in on the fun!

### **Week 5: August 2nd - 5th Culinary Delights!**

During this week your child will have the opportunity to bake or cook international foods and learn about the many different cultures around the globe! Your child will also be learning about what a healthy and balanced diet includes and how to maintain this type of diet by making nutritional choices. Cost is \$145

### **Week 6: August 8th - 12th Camp Rewind!**

Did you want to be Ooey, Goey and Slimey just one more time this summer? Did you want to be creative just one more time? How about more maps mysteries and riddle? Then you're in luck. We're spending this week of camp revisiting all of our favorite activities and games as we put the entire summer on rewind! Cost is \$160

For more information or to download a registration form please visit [www.studio2880.com](http://www.studio2880.com).

## Notes from the Executive Director

Projects, projects, projects! Thank goodness for projects, they are what is allowing us to do the wonderful changes to our complex and participate in happenings and events within our community. The most visual of our projects would be the two at 2880, Creative Fusion and our fabulous perennial flowerbeds! But, hold onto your hats-we have one project ending that will add more splashes of color and displays of our amazingly talented member artists-The 4 x 4 project. An apt name for a northern project I thought. More than 8 of our local artists are in the process as you read this, of creating murals depicting the many art forms that come under the CAC umbrella. We plan to install them in time for an unveiling for our **AGM September 28, 7:00 pm**. Speaking of the AGM, please mark your calendars for that date it is very important in writing future proposals that we have a good turn out fro the meeting. I will be adding a few bells and whistles for the AGM and a few door prizes too, not to mention home baking by yours truly. But I digress. We are almost ready to kick off an amazing project because the kids have done their planning and prepping. Get ready to watch the unfolding of the "Tagging is just a waste of good paint!" project on our storage building. This project could not even have gotten off the ground without the solid support from: Enhance PG, General Paint, Prince George and our very own Windsor Plywood. We invite you to stop by to watch the progress.

In early September we have some other projects that we are partnering in that involve anti-racism, antiviolence, Art for the HEALTH of it and a few we are waiting to hear back on. So all of you artists out there-I am giving you notice. Become a member with us and get ready to have some amazing experiences with us through our projects. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My door is always open and we can always make a cup of tea. @50-562-4526 or [executive@studio2880.com](mailto:executive@studio2880.com).

## From the Artist Liaison

What a summer we've been having! The rain and cooler weather may dampen some spirits but inside Studio 2880 we are enjoying hanging and arranging the beautiful artwork of the many local artisans who have been in the studio during this rainy summer...we have to think positively about these things. The work is beautiful so be sure to stop by and take a look.

Summerfest is coming up at the end of August at the Civic Plaza so be sure to check it out. The Community Arts Council will be having a booth promoting Urban Art and some fun ideas for using art to clean up our city. Please stop by and give us your input!

Crystie Tarr, Artist Liaison



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## Preschool of the Arts

Registration is open for the Preschool of the Arts that runs September 2011 to June 2012. Pre-School of the Arts is offering to options for classes: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:00 - 11:30 am and 12:00 - 2:30 pm as well as Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 - 11:30 am

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The Pre-School of the Arts is a licensed facility run by your Community Arts Council and operated by experienced licensed Early Childhood Educators. Together we are bringing to your family creative opportunities in a unique preschool program. It is a creative environment designed and equipped for a child's exploration!

Preschool of the Arts recognizes a child's need to talk, move freely and to satisfy a natural curiosity. They offer a rich and varied program providing opportunities for the child to develop physically, learn how to deal effectively with emotions, grow socially, be given intellectual stimulation and be provided with opportunities to explore different facets of the arts. Daily activities also contribute to language and a development of good self-concept. The Preschool of the Arts incorporates dance, drama, art, culture and music into the programming and brings in professionals to enrich the programs as availability allows.



Registration packages are available in the Studio 2880 Artisan Gift Shoppe and online at [www.studio2880.com](http://www.studio2880.com). For more information please contact the Community Arts Council at 250-562-4526 or by email at [info@studio2880.com](mailto:info@studio2880.com).

## Tagging is Just a waste of good paint! An anti-vandalism/pro ART project

*Hey, ugly storage shed behind Studio 2880...your days are numbered!!*

Our youth mural team is now in full swing, led by artists Milan Basic and Joe Marshall, they are quickly finalizing design concepts so expect some big visual changes to the Studio 2880 property shortly.

Big thanks again to Enhance PG for lending support through the Community Enhancement grant program and General Paint for their generous paint sponsorship. The kids are eager to begin phase 1, on the storage shed and look forward to many other community projects to follow. A great bunch of talented and community minded youth!

For more information on this project please visit our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tagging-Is-Just-a-Waste-of-Good-Paint/219487078073648> or Contact Lisa Redpath at [lredpath@studio2880.com](mailto:lredpath@studio2880.com) 562 6935



## PGX ART AT WORK

The PGX is coming!! Look for our local artists amongst all the fun at the PGX this year Aug 10- 14. The Community Arts Council is proud to partner on ART AT WORK bringing even more creative energy to our iconic fair.

Local artists from the Potters' Guild, Quilters' Guild, various individual artists and many more will be demonstrating and lending their inspiration throughout the PGX. Stop in for coffee and conversation and don't forget

the mini donuts...our artists love mini donuts!! Some of the artists that you will be seeing include:

Leanna Carlson, Mile Carte, Elizabeth Miller, Marie Fraser, Doug Lamb, Wood turners Guild: Bob Ramsey, Art Betke, and Ron Clemmons just to name a few, John Rogers, Pat Suter, Dan Moore, Lynda Anderson, Vivian Martin, Topaz Bead Gallery's Divas and Crystalynn Tarr.



There are still a few tents available so if you are an artist and are interested in participating please contact Lisa Redpath at [redpath@studio2880.com](mailto:redpath@studio2880.com).

## Prince George Genealogical Society

Many of the members of the Prince George Genealogical Society are busy travelling the world and visiting the graves of their ancestors. Some of us will be at our booth at the PGX on August 11<sup>th</sup> or at the Pine Centre Mall on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Come and visit us.

Our next general meeting will be on September 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Giles Presbyterian Church. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Members will be sharing their summer successes and seeking advice for problems with their research. Guests are welcome.

We are planning a full day seminar on beginning genealogy for October. Watch for details. For further information, contact Maureen McGee at 250-562-4876.

Posted by Maureen via e-mail

## Keith Carlson: Expressions and Experience

The public is cordially invited to view a gallery of Art work by artist Keith Carlson at the DBIA office, 1406-2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Brunswick Street, Prince George. The show and sale is called "Expressions and Experience" and continues until September 2. Office gallery show hours are 9:30am to 5pm Mondays to Friday. The Opening Night will be on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm.

Nature, urban life, the web of complexities and entanglements of life and experience -- see one artist's response when he uses the fundamental elements of his craft in a series of paintings.



Posted by Keith Carlson via email.

## **Two Rivers Gallery**

### ***Gallery Exhibitions***

***July 15 – October 9***

***Donald Lawrence, Mario Villeneuve & Matthew Wheeler: Frozen***

***Peter Dykhuis & Gil McElroy: Cold War Artifacts: Logroad: The Baldy Hughes Project***

### ***Galleria Exhibitions***

**Crystalynn Tarr: Views from the Trail - One Year from TOAP**

**Opening Reception: August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

In 2010 Crystalynn Tarr was awarded a scholarship from ArtsFest to the **Toni Onley Artists Project** at Island Mountain Arts in Wells BC. Her mentors that summer were John Freeman and Lyndal Osborne. This exhibition is the result of the growth in her artistic practice that was sparked in those 8 days of intense learning and exploration.

“It was at Wells that I wholly fell in love with art and decided to do a series of landscapes that I had seen in the backcountry, which is initially what this exhibition was all about.

As time went on and paintings and sketches began piling up I realized that there wasn't a single painting that I hadn't struggled with in one way or another. Often I would encounter a problem, would put the painting away, and then begin another or work through a difficult part on another piece before picking up the painting and continuing again. I also noticed the difference and progression in each painting and found it interesting when I looked at the first painting I made in Wells, and compared it to the one I had just completed. At this point, I realized that painting is a journey, and the exhibition is the result of that process. We constantly evolve as we experiment, learn new techniques, and try new things both on canvas and on the canvas of life.

Initially I had hoped to create a series of paintings in the same style, nice and uniform, and in one pretty package. What I bring instead is the first year of struggles, failures and successes of my journey as an aspiring artist. It has been one year since attending the course that has changed my life and pointed me in a direction of passion and fulfillment.”

**Matthew Wheeler: The Glacial Lens**

***September 8 – October 2***

**Opening Reception: September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

**Photography Workshop: September 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm**

*Matthew Wheeler: The Glacial Lens* presents photographs taken by the artist with an ice lens in a technique he pioneered in the 1980s. His process originated with a challenge given by Scientific American Magazine and the CBC: start fire with an ice lens. Inspired by the nature that surrounds him, he makes his own camera lenses with ice harvested from ponds and rivers or frozen glacier-melt water. It gives a lively character to his images, a flared and distorted impression of reality that transports viewers to a dream like state. But it also suggests a distinct approach to photography in which technology becomes more natural and experimentation is prioritized to let chance happen.

Join us for an opening reception and an artist's tour! Everybody is welcome! The artist will also offers a

three-hour workshop called *Breaking the Rules Letting Chance Happen*. Have you ever wanted to experiment with photography? Now is your opportunity!

Matthew Wheeler will be making his fourth and final stop at the Valley Museum and Archives in McBride from December 2nd to January 30st. The opening reception & artist's tour will be on December 2nd at 7 PM. His Photography workshop will be held on December 3rd from 1 to 4 PM.

Two Rivers Gallery would like to recognize the continued and generous support of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George for making this annual regional touring exhibition possible.

Posted on behalf of the Two Rivers Gallery via website and brochures and press release by Isadora Chicoine-Marinier.

## Groop Gallery

The Groop Gallery is announcing the new Call for Submissions - '**SOMETHING OLD; SOMETHING NEW**'. This theme may invoke imagery relating to the end of another year and a new year approaching, or it might inspire you to create a new piece with found objects? Re-create an old work into a new masterpiece? Possibly a memory from your wedding day? Parent and child?...**Your artistic license is encouraged!**

Please submit clear images with title, size, medium and price to: [melanie@anythingmetal.com](mailto:melanie@anythingmetal.com) or [info@groopgallery.com](mailto:info@groopgallery.com). The deadline for submissions will be on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and the Opening Night will be on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

There are a few changes for the Gallery's 'Groop shows'. There will be a reduced commission of 30% on the sale of any artwork. There will now be a \$20 exhibition fee for each artwork accepted, and will be payable upon delivery to the gallery. This fee however, will be deducted from the gallery's commission in the event of a sale in order to reimburse the artist. The fee is otherwise retained by the gallery to cover expenses and overhead costs.

'Groop Shows' are open to all established and emerging artists in the northern region, however delivery and retrieval of artworks to the gallery are the responsibility of the artist, and in a timely manner. Artwork left for more than 60 days from the close of a show may not be covered by insurance.

Artwork must be properly prepared for hanging or display or will be subject to rejection upon delivery.

Posted by Melanie via email

## News from Island Mountain Arts

### Exhibitions

#### *Toys in the Attic, Beasts in the Basement*

Melanie Desjardines, Maureen Hamilton, Elaine Kerr & Heather Kostovich

August 12th - September 11th, 2011

Opening Friday, August 12th, 7pm

Posted on behalf of IMA via their website

## Station House Gallery Exhibitions

**July 8 – August 27**

**Maiwa Foundation – *Common Threads***

Unraveling the world of textiles with a celebration of artistry, creativity, environment, design, tradition and identity. For more information please visit [www.maiwa.com/foundation/exhibitions.html](http://www.maiwa.com/foundation/exhibitions.html)

**September 2 – October 1**

**Marie Nagel – *Into the Landscape***

Plein Air paintings by Victoria artist Marie Nagel, formerly of Wells, that have been painted on location – or “en plein air”. To view the works of Marie Nagel please visit her website at [www.marienagel.com](http://www.marienagel.com).

Posted on behalf of the Station House Gallery via website

## Smithers Art Gallery

### ***Call for Submissions***

The Smithers Art Gallery is looking for submissions for 2012 exhibitions! They are looking for art in all mediums, and will also be taking submissions for several group shows this year. The deadline for applications is August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. For more information and to download an application please visit [www.gallery.smithersart.org](http://www.gallery.smithersart.org) or contact the Smithers Art Gallery at [info@smithersart.org](mailto:info@smithersart.org) or 250-847-3898.

### ***Exhibitions***

**Aug 2 – Aug 27:** Kaaren Soby/Susan Clay-Smith (painting, ceramics)

**Aug 30 – Sept 24:** Linda (Lundquist) Fraser (painting)

Posted on behalf of the Smithers Art Gallery via their website.

## Drawings for Caribou Joe

Leonard Frazer is looking for artists to do some illustrations for Caribou Joe. If you're interested please contact him at 250-562-7119.

Posted by Leonard Frazer via message

## Classifieds

***Artist's Magazines*** - There are three boxes of “The Artist's Magazine” to give away to anyone who would like to pick them up. If you're interested please call Brian Dofka at 250-596-2578.

***Loom and Spinning Wheel*** – There is a full sized loom and spinning wheel for sale. For further information please contact Karin at 250-962-5062.

## Topaz Bead Gallery Class Schedule

For more information please contact Topaz Bead Gallery at 250-561-1100 or visit their website at [www.topazbeadgallery.ca](http://www.topazbeadgallery.ca).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 closed	1 Open 10-6  Closed BC Day	2 Open 10-6	3 Open 10-6	4 Open 10-8  Diva Night 6-8pm	5 Open 10-8	6 Open 10-5  Feather Earrings 1-3pm \$20
7 closed	8	9 <i>Hemp friendship bracelets 2-4pm</i>	10 <i>Copper enamelling 2-4pm</i>	11 <i>Junk jewelry 2-4pm</i>	12  Viking Knit 6-8pm \$20	13  Stamped Copper Earrings 2-4pm \$20
14 closed	15	16 <i>Dried flower resin pendants 2-4pm</i>	17 <i>Anklets 2-4pm</i>	18 <i>Dog Tags 2-4pm</i>	19  Make your own Wire Links 6-8pm \$20	20  Wire Wrapping 12-2pm \$45 Precision Wire Wrapping 3-5 pm \$45
21 closed	22	23 <i>Aluminum 2-4pm</i>	24 <i>Feather earrings 2-4pm</i>	25 <i>Hemp friendship bracelets 2-4pm</i>	26  Beginner Beading Class 6-8pm \$100	27  Glass Bead Making 2-4pm \$55
28 closed	29	30 <i>Copper enamelling 2-4pm</i>	31 <i>Junk jewelry 2-4pm</i>	Sept 1 <i>Dried flower resin pendants 2-4pm</i>		

## Topaz Teen Diva Summer Schedule

Drop in/singles \$20 class, buy 2 for \$35, buy 4 for \$65, buy 8 classes for \$120 + HST

**Anklets:** includes \$3 in beads, basic clasp, jump rings and stringing materials.

**Dogtags:** Custom stamp your own dogtag. Includes copper for making 2 tags and jump rings

**Aluminum:** upcycle aluminum cans into earrings. Includes \$3 in beads and basic earring hardware.

**Feather earrings:** includes feathers and basic earring hardware

**Hemp friendship bracelets:** includes hemp, basic hardware and \$3 in beads

**Copper enamelling:** includes copper to make 2 pendants, enamel and jump rings

**Junk jewelry:** bring your "junk", includes basic hardware and \$3 in beads to design your own wearable art.

**Dried flower resin pendants:** includes 2 glass discs, dried flowers and resin to make your own earrings or pendant.

Other than the "junk jewelry" class, everything is included. Just bring yourself and your smile :)

These 8 classes for our Teen Divas will run all summer and keep rotating. You can do a makeup class if you miss one but it must be during the summer while these special classes are offered. There is no refund on classes.

Posted by Kate via email.

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