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Studio 2880 Gift Shoppe Mon. - Sat. 9:30 - 5:00

Feature Gallery

The Christmas tree is up and decorated with beautiful hand made ornaments and the Guilds are starting to bring in their work for the next exhibition in the Feature Gallery. The Community Arts Council is excited to be showcasing the amazing talents of the members that make up the Prince George Fibre Arts Guild, the Prince George Quilters' Guild, the Artists Workshop, the Prince George Potters' Guild, and the Prince George Woodturners' Guild.

It is a unique opportunity to celebrate all the creativity and talents that exist in so many facets of the arts. There will be stunning paintings, wall hangings, quilts, table runners, felting, pottery place settings and serving dishes, wood turned bowls, vases and much, much more. The room will be as if you just came home for Christmas.

The Opening Reception will be held at Studio 2880 on Thursday, December 8th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Christmas refreshments will be served and there will be 10% off everything in the Gift Shoppe.

It is a fantastic evening to celebrate the arts and the season, who knows, there might even be a demonstration or two lined up for the evening.

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From the Project Coordinator

With all the good fortunes of this past year, it always feels so good to take the time to reflect back on accomplishments. Alas, we have no time for that luxury here at the CAC, "onward and upward" a wise woman once told me. Now looking at the stack of new projects scribbled and re-scribbled in our notebooks we are feeling happily multi tasked. Here are just a few of the many we are working on:

Look for a completion this spring to Phase 1 (Ugly Shed Recovery) in the "Tagging Is Just a Waste Of Good Paint" project and an announcement on the 2012 Phase 2 location will be announced in May. Thank you once again to Milan Basic for all your time and creative energy.

Starting in January we will be introducing a brand new exciting initiative. The CAC will be partnering with the Prince George Airport and Groop Gallery to bring local art into the departure lounge area. "Art has Wings" is the tentative working title at this point. We look forward to showcasing many of our local artists within this project so stay tuned for updates.

The 100 year centennial of the PGX will bring our "Art at Work" program back this summer Aug 8-12. We are looking to expand the project significantly with more participation and resources so any artists interested please contact me in January.

And finally, our partnership with the Prince George Public Library has a very exciting new project in the works that I would love to share, but not quite yet! Details are still being worked out, but trust us you will love it!

Have a Wonderful Christmas!
Lisa Redpath, Project Coordinator

From the Artist Liaison

As mentioned by Lisa above, it has been an exciting year at the CAC with so many new projects going on. It has been fantastic to see the community's interest in public art increase and I am looking forward to seeing more of it pop up throughout downtown. With all the new and exciting things going on I would like to draw our attention to some of the established events that are coming up this year.

To kick off January we have Artists in the Schools and the first stages of the Arts Gallery of Honour. I will be sending out calls for entry for our popular and greatly anticipated Artists in the Schools. This is also the year to induct more community members into the Arts Gallery of Honour so this is a good time to be thinking about who has made a difference in the Arts Community. There will be awards for performing arts, visual arts, literary arts, art education and supporter of the arts. The potential inductees are nominated by the community and chosen by the committee.

In the meantime have a very Merry Christmas! Crystie Tarr, Artist Liaison

Studio 2880 Artisan Gift Shoppe

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...at the Studio 2880 Artisan Gift Shoppe that is. It is always exciting after Studio Fair; everyone brings in bins upon bins of pottery, wood bowls, hats, scarves, mitts, jewelry and anything else you could possibly imagine. One of our favorites is receiving all the decorations for our Christmas tree. It looks beautiful with the sparkling glass and pottery ornaments, bells, balls, gingerbread men, holly, birds and for those of us lucky enough to live in the north...mosquitoes!

To make your Christmas shopping more pleasurable this season, be sure to stop into the Artisan Gift Shoppe. It is chock-full of unique, high quality, hand crafted items that are suited to every budget. Beginning on December 12 we will also have hot homemade cider and refreshments to ease the stresses of the season.

Come in, take your time, and sooth your soul with the beautiful local art.

Thank You to all the Amazing Studio Fair Volunteers

We couldn't have done it without you! This year's Studio Fair saw over 8,000 people and 92 vendors and what a spectacular time was had by all. The vendors raved about Prince George and it's warmth and hospitality, so thank you to everyone who participated and helped make them feel at home. Thank you to the PG Potters' Guild, the PG Quilters' Guild, the PG Fibre Arts Guild, the Artist Workshop, Artist Co-op and the PG Woodturners' Guild for all your hard work all year to make this event possible.

Thank you to all the individuals who volunteered at the door, with booth relief, serving water and coffee and many other tasks throughout the weekend:
Adele Hoffman, Alice Graham, Amanda, Andrea Starck, Anita Connell, Anita Pratt, Anne R., Annette Hamilton, Barbara Ann, Barbra Senft, Bob Beattie, Bob Lasure, Bob Steventon, Brian Lewis, Carol Waldie, Carolyn Seer, Cat Sivertsen, Cat Van DeVorse, Cheryl Purves, Cindy Hararyn, Cliff Mann, Corrine Gibson, Dan Moore, Dawn Quinn, Diane Girard, Diane Sales, Donna Maskell, Echo Hordy, Elaine Kerr, Elaine Lamb, Elissa, Elizabeth Eakin, Elizabeth Tobin, Esther, Faye Dahl, Gail Fondall, Gail Thompson, George Brooks, Geri Angus, Gerri Urquhart, Greg Clarke, Jackie Pement, James Cardwell, Jeneane Akhurst, Jennifer Young, Jesse Bowen, Jill Affleck, Joan Forster, Joanne Mikkelson, John Engbrecht, June Swanky-Parker, Kate Cook, Kaytlyn Turner, Ken Turner, Kristin Vignal, Laura Sandberg, Laura Stauble, Laurie Kingston, Leanna Carlson, Linda Greenwood, Linda Hellenius, Lydia Prazma, Lyn Thibault, Lynn Box, Maddison Brown, Margaret Fullerton, Margaret Johnson, Marie Fresen, Marie Henning, Mark and Marg Hinchcliffe, Marna Tuffnell, Mary Lynn Lawrence, Maureen Beier, Melanie Magdzk, Mike Carte, Murry Krause, Myrtle Cameron, Nancy Doreen Alexander, Nicole Hawgland, Pam Hoecherl, Pat Dool, Pat Hatfield, Pat Johansen, Pat Sweet, Penny Fahlman, Rita Sexsmith, Robb and Bonnie Watt, Roxanne Ricard, Sandy Milne, Sharon Antonenko, Sharon Thring, Sherrice Lucier, Shirley Gratton, Steve Matlashewski, Sue Burrows, Terri Lee Rollings, Terri McConnachie, Tim Thompson, Tina Fraser, Tom Schwanke, Tracy Connor, Trish Wilson, Tynieka Urquhart, Virginia Cyr, Vivian Martin, Wendy Seury, and Wendy Stevenson.

Thank you to our event sponsors:
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Thank you to the door prize sponsors:
The office of Dick Harris, the Prince George Symphony Orchestra, Theatre NorthWest and the Coldsnap Music Festival.

Studio Fair can only be made possible with an incredible base of volunteers and the support of the community. Thank you Prince George for welcoming the vendors so graciously, I have heard countless stories of how the vendors were amazed at the friendliness, from fixing broken down trucks to the smiles and conversations at their booths. Thank you!

Two Rivers Gallery

Gallery Exhibitions

October 21 - December 31, 2011
Michael Hosaluk and Permanent Collection

Michael Hosaluk

Saskatoon based Michael Hosaluk is known internationally in wood turning circles, but he is also an accomplished furniture designer and sculptor. This exhibition is a response to being peg-holed as a wood turner and asserts those other aspects of his arts practice. Acts of Chairs focuses on the rudimentary form of a chair frame. In an artists's statement

Hosaluk writes: "My first thought was to approach the chair as anything but a chair, the chair metaphorically exploring our society and culture. The actor. Next, to deconstruct furniture and, in particular, the chair, into its minimal elements, to strip it bare of any suggestion and function, born into this world pure and innocent. Now my actors could play out roles and scenarios pertaining to all my whims and desires." Tongue-in-cheek and inventive, Hosaluk uses this form as a modular building block to create often interactive sculpture and installations.

Permanent Collection

Every year we stage an exhibition of work from the Permanent Collection giving us the opportunity to showcase some of the new works we have acquired. Almost all of the work in the collection comes through donations by artists who have exhibited with us in the past and forms a fantastic document relating to many of the projects we have hosted here.

The work in this exhibition explores the connections we make to the world around us. Including both representational, stylized and abstracted artwork, this exhibition focuses largely on the landscape, but goes deeper than a sense of physical place appearing to reflect the artists' emotional and even spiritual connection with their subject matter.

Posted on behalf of the Two Rivers Gallery via website,.

Groop Gallery

Exhibitions
Something Old; Something New

The Groop Gallery is exhibiting the works of many local artists in a new exhibition - 'SOMETHING OLD; SOMETHING NEW'. For the artists this theme has invoked a wide variety of imagery. You won't want to miss the opportunity to view the results of the local creative licenses.

The Opening Night will be on Friday, December 2nd from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. 10% of all sales proceeds on Opening Night will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Posted by Melanie via e-mail

Station House Gallery

December 2011

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Station House Gallery will be open seven days per week during the market so be sure to come down and find that perfect, one of a kind, handmade gift.

The Station House is always looking for new artisans for the Christmas Market. If you, or someone you know, is producing handmade items, please give the Gallery a call to set up an appointment for them to take a look, or just stop by. There is no table rental cost and the Station House does all the selling.

Posted on behalf of the Station House Gallery via website and newsletter.

Workshops in Williams Lake

Running Productive Meetings

December 15, 2011, DATE HAS CHANGED TO JANUARY 12, 2012 6pm – 9pm, at the Central Cariboo Arts Centre
Instructor: Graham Kelsey
Registration: No charge. Please register with the CCACS at 778-412-9044 or info@centralcaribooarts.com
If your constant complaint is that meetings go on too long and often don't achieve much, then this workshop will help you. Participants will learn the basics of preparing, chairing and constructively participating in meetings that are efficient, effective and stimulating.

Building an Artist Portolio

January 21, 2012, 9am – 12:30pm, at the Central Cariboo Arts Centre
Instructor: Cat Fink
Registration: Cost is $20 per individual, or $35 includes registration for "Creating Artist Proposals". Please register by January 13, 2011. This course requires a minimum of 14 participants to proceed. Register with the CCACS Coordinator at 90 Fourth Avenue North, Williams Lake / 778.412.9044 / info@centralcaribooarts.com (cheque or cash only).
This workshop is on the basics of creating your portfolio. Topics include constructing your curriculum vitae; creating a biography and an artist statement; recording images and details of your artwork; adding news and magazine articles and covers, book excerpts, exhibit invitations, and other documents. We will discuss keeping a master portfolio and tailoring a secondary portfolio to a specific audience. Handouts of sample documents will be provided for you to keep. Please bring your current portfolio if you have started one, or bring samples of what you wish to include

in your portfolio. This workshop includes time for quick one-on-one discussion of your portfolio or samples to help you get on track.

Creating Artist Proposals

January 21, 2012, 1:30pm – 5pm, at the Central Cariboo Arts Centre
Instructor: Cat Fink
Registration: Cost is $20 per individual, or $35 includes registration for "Building an Artist Portfolio". Please register by January 13, 2011. This course requires a minimum of 14 participants to proceed. Register with the CCACS Coordinator at 90 Fourth Avenue North, Williams Lake / 778.412.9044 / info@centralcaribooarts.com (cheque or cash only).
This workshop is on the basics of putting together a proposal for entry to group shows, solo shows, and residencies. Topics include how to read calls for entry, researching the gallery or organization, the individual elements of your proposal, presentation, and response from the gallery or organization.
Handouts of a sample proposal and sample calls for entry will be provided for you to keep. If you have previously put together a proposal in response to a call for entry, please bring a copy with you, including a copy of the call. This workshop includes time for quick one-on-one discussion of the elements of your proposal in relation to the call for entry.

Submitted by Leah Selk via e-mail.

Winter Solstice Downtown Celebration

There will be a Winter Solstice Celebration downtown Prince George on Wednesday, December 21st, 2011 at the Year-Round Indoor Farmers' Market, open at the corner of George and Third from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Join in the winter activities at Wilson Square (Courthouse) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Festivities will include a Handmade Lantern Display and an "Embrace Winter" Fashion Show that will connect local fashions with a theme. Each model will have a lantern as they walk, ski, board or sled down the runway.

The Groop Gallery will be open from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. as part of the celebrations and along with several other downtown businesses will be joining in on the festivities in their own unique way. If you are an artist interested in participating please contact Lisa Redpath at the Community Arts Council 250-562-4526 or Melanie Desjardines at the Groop Gallery 250-617-2940.

Leading up to the festivities, there will be a lantern making session on Saturday, December 10th at the Year Round Market at 3 p.m. in hopes that people will bring their handmade lanterns to light up the darkest day of the year on December 21st. These lanterns will be hung around the courthouse plaza.

To get involved please call Jovenka at 250-564-3859.

Posted by Jovenka via e-mail.

PG Genealogical Society

The next general meeting of the PG Genealogical Society will be on December 13th at St. Giles Presbyterian Church. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Come and see the books, magazines and DVD's we have for members to borrow. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm. We are planning a Christmas Social. Members are asked to bring a sweet or savoury treat to share and a wrapped gift for our gift exchange. We will be playing the Wright family game. Spouses and guests are welcome. Non-perishable items for the St. Giles Church hampers are appreciated.
For further information, contact Maureen McGee at 250-562-4876.

Posted by Maureen via e-mail.

Who Does She Think She Is?

Who Does She Think She is, is a movie about women and their struggles in realizing their dreams to become artists. If you click on the link you can view the trailer and then sign up.
It would be great if we could bring this movie to Prince George.

Tickets will be anywhere from $10-$15 each depending on how many people register! Please visit www.liveworkpg.com/movie/ and add your vote to bring this amazing movie to Prince George and receive and e-mail when tickets are available.

Posted by Shauna Harper/Maureen Hamilton via e-mail.

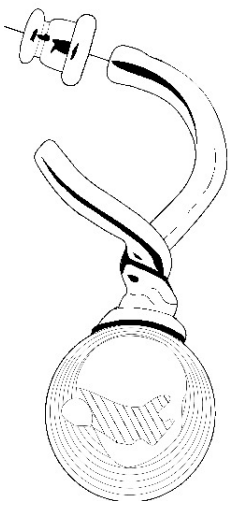
Topaz Bead Gallery

What better gift is there than the ones that have been lovingly hand made by the one who gave it? Topaz Bead Gallery offers some fantastic classes where you can make the perfect gift for your mom, grandmother, friend or yes, perhaps if you have time one for yourself as well. Topaz Bead Gallery has some fantastic classes to offer and if you check out their website and see a class you would like to take but it's not formally offered all you have to do is recruit five friends, request the class and voila, a great night out with friends!

December Schedule

Cluster Necklace
Thursday, December 1, 5-7pm , $20
Make one of those wonderful necklaces with the cluster of hanging beads and charms.

Bookmarks
Friday, December 2, 5-7pm, $20
Make 2! Customize with your favorite beads and charms. Make one for yourself and one as a gift!



Christmas Theme Bungee Bracelet
Saturday, December 3, 11-1pm, $25
Stretchy and fun! Learn to attach beads and charms, use a holiday or everyday wear theme.

Diva Night
Wednesday, December 8, 6-8pm

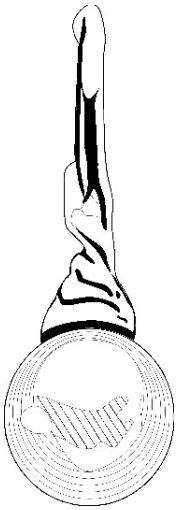
Jingle Bell Earrings
Friday, December 9, $20
Make 2-3 pairs of festive earrings! "Jingle all the waaayyy!"!

Feather Earrings
Saturday, December 10, 11-1pm, $25
Join Val as she shows you the tips and tricks of making these wonderful, feathery, colourful earrings. Add chains and charms and voila!

Lampwork Bead Making
Saturday, December 10, 2-4pm, $55
Play with fire, molten glass and make your own glass beads! How cool is that!

Wine Charms
Wednesday, December 15, 5-7pm, $20
Make 2! Learn to make these simple, colourful charms for your glasses and make and extra set of 4 as a gift!

Window Charms
Thursday, December 16, 5-7pm, $20
Using glass teardrops as a base for beads and charms. Makes a wonderful gift!



Christmas Bling Earrings
Saturday, December 17, 11-1pm, $25
Sparkly, blingy, festive and gorgeous. Make 2 pairs, give one as a gift!

Snowflake Earrings
Wednesday, December 21, 2-4pm, $20
A special class for our young folk ages 8-14. Make 2-3 pairs.

Elastic Bracelet
Thursday, December 22, 2-4pm, $15
A special class for our young folk ages 8-14. Make 1 bracelet, your choice of beads.

Topaz Bead Gallery will be open from 10 am-6 pm Monday to Wednesday, 10 am-8 pm Thursday and Friday and 10 am-5 pm on Saturday for the month of December. They will be open from 10 am-3pm on December 24 and 31, closed for Christmas and Boxing Day and will resume regular hours (10 am - 6 pm) on December 27th.

For more information and a description of the classes please visit www.topazbeadgallery.ca or call 250-561-1100.

Posted by Kate via e-mail

One-Act Play Writing Contest

Theatre In the Raw presents their 7th Biennial One-Act Play Writing Contest!

All One-Act Play submissions must be an original One-Act play (comedy, tragedy, drama or radio play), unpublished and unproduced. The play must be no longer than 25 double spaced typed pages equal to 30 minutes, with no more than 6 characters, presented in proper stage-play format. There is an entry fee of $25 for each play submitted, $45 for two plays, $75 for three plays and $90 for four plays.

The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2011 and the winners will be announced on June 30, 2012. The first prize in $200 cash, at least one dramatic reading or staging of the play at a Theatre In the Raw cafe/venue or as a part of a mini-tour program for the One-Act Play Festivals.

Second prize will receive $100 and third prize will receive $75. Honorable Mentions and Social Issue Plays Recognitions will receive a constructive critique.

For more information please visit www.theatreintheraw.ca.

Submissions can be sent to:
Theatre In the Raw
Artistic Director/One Act Play Contest
3521 Marshall Street
Vancouver, BC V5N 4S2

email: theatreintheraw@telus.net

Posted by Jay Hamburger via mail.

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All stained glass and supplies as well as tools and completed pieces are 40% off until Christmas. If you would like to purchase the whole studio including furniture, glass (1900 sq ft) and supplies and tools $7000. 250-962-5524 cmbertuc-

Coming Events

Tickets available at Studio 2880 ticket centre and in-house ticketmaster outlet.

A Benefit for AWAC
December 4
Twisted Cork
$15 in advance, $20 at the door

Feature Gallery Opening Night
December 8
Studio 2880
FREE

Joy, Joy, Joy
December 10
PG Playhouse
$15

Handel's Messiah Sing-Along
December 11
St. Michael's Church
A $15, Sr./St. $10

The Nutcracker
December 16-18
Vanier Hall
A $35.84, Sr. $31.36, U25 $24.64

WWE Smackdown
January 15
CN Centre
$67.75, $32.75, $57.75

Kickoff Celtic Kitchen Party
January 20
Ramada Hotel
$33.60

Girls Night Out
January 21
ArtSpace
$33.60

Watch out for Frostbite!
January 22
PG Playhouse
$33.60

FolkFest Reunion
January 25
ArtSpace
$33.60

Poets and Tunesmiths
January 26
Ramada Hotel
$33.60

Past, Present & Future
January 27
PG Playhouse
$33.60

Tribute to Mississippi Sharks
January 28
PG Playhouse
$33.60

Tonight at the Prom
January 28
Vanier Hall
A $32.48, Sr. $28, U25 $16.80

Hedley
February 13
CN Centre
$40, $58

Dirks Bently
February 17
CN Centre
$78.50, $60.50, $50.50

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