

## Pick a Painting Returns in October

The Dawson Creek Art Gallery is once again hosting its very popular fundraiser, "Pick a Painting", on display at the gallery October 19th to October 30th. During the exhibit anyone who wishes can purchase a \$100 ticket for a chance to "Pick a Painting."

On October 30th, there will be a celebratory "closing" for the exhibit with a bit of a twist. Keeping in mind the date, this event will be called Eat, Drink and Be Scary, an adult Halloween event with desserts and liquors, prizes for best costume (come dressed as your favourite fictional character) and best carved pumpkin. Why should the kids have all the fun?

All the names of those who have purchased their "\$100 chance" will be put into a hat and the fun will begin! The first name to be drawn will get to choose a picture of their choice, the next name drawn will choose...and so on!

This is a great opportunity to own a wonderful work of art from one of our local artists for only \$100! Anyone interested can call the Art Gallery at 250-782-2601 for more information or come down after October 19th to view the work and purchase a chance to win an original piece. Photos of the work will be posted on the website as well. [www.dcartgallery.ca](http://www.dcartgallery.ca)



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## Juried Art Exhibit Brings in Ninety-Nine Pieces

Artists and guests from around the Peace Liard region in North East BC were in Tumbler Ridge over the weekend of June 12-14 to take in the Peace Liard Regional Juried Art Exhibit. Ninety-nine pieces of artwork varying from acrylics, to oil, sculpture to photography and many other types of media were displayed at the Community Centre.

EnCana has sponsored awards for this exhibit for three years and was on hand to do the same this year. They awarded the following: Distinguished Award to Caily Oldershaw of Dawson Creek; Recognition Award to Helen Vokaty of Fort St. John and Student Award to Kalin Sitter, of Tumbler Ridge (TRSS). The Tumbler Ridge Community Arts Council sponsored the People's Choice Award, which also went to Caily Oldershaw, based on overall votes from anyone attending the show throughout the weekend. The Chosen Awards were given to: Peter Shaw; Darcy Jackson; David Thiessen; Sandy Troutt; Barbara J. Daley; Carla Hauber; Mary Parslow; Rosemary E. Landry; and Donna Ony. Finally, there were eight Honourable Mention Awards, which went to: Joan Zimmer; Karl Musgrove; Sandy Troutt; Janis Herbison; Alana Kolkert; Angeline Wren; Janis Herbison; and Mary Mottishaw.

Regional artists joined the artists walk-through with the jurors, Carrie Klukas and Marjorie Henn. Klukas also gave an Encaustic workshop on Saturday afternoon, with ten artists in attendance.

The coup of the evening for the local arts community was a statement by Councilor Kelly McManus on behalf of the District of Tumbler Ridge. He announced that, on discussion at the June 8, 2009 Policies and Procedures Meeting, that Tumbler Ridge Council has agreed on a good first initiative for the Legacy Reserve



Caily Oldershaw and winning painting "Be There"

Fund (endowment fund). It would be for the purpose of a venue for Arts and Culture, adding to the renovations of the Community Centre, as proposed several years ago. A more formalized theatre setting (stage and cinema) was mentioned, which would likely include proper audio-visual technical requirements.

The Peace Liard Regional Juried Art Exhibit was proof that the arts truly are embraced in Tumbler Ridge and so this announcement was a lovely close to the exhibit, as well as an encouraging beginning for a new chapter in the arts and culture endeavors of Tumbler Ridge.

## Artist Profile: Lynette Gullackson

Fort Nelson "eco-artist" Lynette Gullackson expresses her creativity by using found, natural objects or recycled items in new and innovative ways.

A crafter since childhood, Gullackson discovered pine needle basketry by accident. In 2005, Gullackson gathered a box of ponderosa pine needles during a visit to Stump Lake in southern BC. Upon her return to Fort Nelson, she used her sewing machine to make ten tiny baskets with lids. Gullackson later received a book on pine needle basketry, an ancient Native American art, and took the book home and taught herself traditional pine needle basketry.

Together with her sister Linda Doherty, Gullackson has collaborated on a series of baskets incorporating pine needle weaving and pottery. Doherty creates bases and lids in her Vancouver area studio, sends them north to Fort Nelson, where Gullackson weaves her pine needles to create the final shape and



finished product.

To date, Gullackson the basket artist and Doherty the potter have created over sixty one-of-a-kind baskets and have participated in juried shows in the United States and Canada. In July 2009, Gullackson and Doherty exhibited their art at the Circle Craft Gallery on Granville Island in Vancouver, their first solo exhibition. More information about the show can be found on the Circle Craft Gallery web site.

Gullackson and Doherty will be exhibiting some of their basketry at the Peace Gallery North winter exhibition, starting in November.



Left: Lynette Gullackson  
Right: Linda Doherty



## Labour Day Launch for Sweetwater 905

Set on the sprawling pastoral home of Emilie and Larry Mattson, Sweetwater 905 is a celebration of music, poetry, visual and performance art. Located 1.5 miles west of Rolla, BC, 15 miles straight north of Dawson Creek, the event brings together a wide range of talent from the community, the province, and beyond. This year, Sweetwater 905 will take place on September 4, 5, 6 -- the Labour Day long weekend -- and promises to be a

monumental, one could say, olympic, event. Everyone welcome.

This year we are featuring musical performances by Canada's loudest folk band, the Plaid Tongued Devils, Mamaguroove, Cameron Purvis & the Spartans, Cockshutt, In Roads and more. Filmmaker Nettie Wild will present her photography and latest documentary, "Bevel Up," along with Vancouver Street Nurse, Caroline Brunt.

## Tumbler Ridge Spooks it Up in October

October may seem overloaded at the end of the month, but preparations make fall a busy time for the member groups of the Tumbler Ridge Community Arts Council.

After the summer's break all of the groups return for another season, while the art club and theatre group continued year-round. The Tumbler Ridge branch of Northern Lights College took on an artistic venture and provided varying types of art-related classes for the youth in the community through the summer.

In October the rehearsals for Rocky Horror Night and Halloween Dance begin for the theatre group, with the Christmas play auditions taking place as well. This year the Grizzly Valley Players continue an annual tradition, taking stage alongside the cult classic Rocky Horror Picture Show, performing select musical scenes featuring the classic characters. The evening is performed as a licensed event, with a Halloween dance immediately after the film. Rocky Horror Night takes place on Saturday, October 24 at the Community Centre in rooms



4 and 5. Tickets will be on sale at the Community Centre as of October 1 or by calling Erin at 250-242-3364. Subject to change, tickets will be \$15 each and include both the show and the dance.

Continuing the Halloween theme, following the show and dance almost a week later, will be the

Haunted House Experience: Twisted Fairy Tales. Let the Grizzly Valley Players and Arts Council take you on a wild journey with your favourite fairy tale characters. There is one difference. These ones belong in your nightmares! Also planned within the Twisted Fairy Tales will be a room dedicated to Pirates of the Caribbean. Are you willing to meet Captain Jack Sparrow face to face? The Haunted House will tentatively take place the evenings of October 29, 30, and 31. Admission is \$3.00 per person. The theme of this Haunted House is controversial and an age recommendation of over 8 is advised. There will be plenty of enjoyment for adults, as many visual elements will be suited for the mature.

*submitted by Erin Hanna*

World renowned clown, Gerardo Avila will entertain the masses. Visual artists include Karl, Emilie and Dean Mattson, as well as Canada-wide talent from Paul Zacharias, Adrian Williams, and Perry Thompson. As well, there will be over 30 other performers and artists from BC and local regions attending and presenting.

Advance tickets are \$25/person for the weekend (\$30 at the gate) and this includes

camping on site (sorry no plug-ins). Tickets are on sale in Dawson Creek at the Art Gallery, Read's Books, Under the Willow, Peace Photographics, the Rolla Store and the Rolla Pub. In Fort St John you can pick tickets up at the North Peace Cultural Centre or Whole Wheat 'n Honey, and in Grande Prairie at the Centre for Creative Arts and The Rabbit Hole.

[www.sweetwater905.ca](http://www.sweetwater905.ca)