

BC Arts Week and More in Dawson Creek

April 8th and 20th to 22nd - the Kiwanis Arts Centre is pleased to present the Peace River South Festival of the Arts at various venues in Dawson Creek. Phone the Kiwanis Arts Centre for more information 782-9325.

April 19th to 25th - The Peacemakers Quilt Guild will have a display of Quilts and Lap Quilts that will be donated to the BC Children's Hospital on display at Under the Willow to celebrate Arts Week.

April 15th - The Dawson Creek Library will be hosting its monthly Seniors Tea at 1:30.

April 20th to 24th - The South Peace Community Arts Council will be hosting the 5th Annual Circus Camp for students, ages 8-18, who are interested in developing skills in the circus arts. Join today by enrolling at the DC Art Gallery or call 782-2601.

April 20th to May 9th - the Dawson Creek Art Gallery will be presenting "Mixed Media," its annual students' exhibition.

April 24th - The Dawson Creek Art Gallery is pleased to host an opening for the exhibit, "Mixed Media".

April 25th - Oma Productions presents "Blast from

the Past". Who will come out of the Time Capsule? \$18.00 advance tickets available at DC Art Gallery, KPAC & Olde Creek Store. \$20.00 at the Door.

April 26th - Mile 0 Quilt Guild will be holding its annual Quilt Show at the Kiwanis Arts Centre, 1-4pm. Admission is \$4 at the door.

April 29th - Honours Concert, Unchagah Hall, 7pm, featuring performances from a number of outstanding participants of the 2009 Peace River South Festival of the Arts.

April 30th - The Overture Concert Series presents its final concert for the season, Matilda and Patrick "Jamaican me Laugh", with Ventriloquist/Comedian Extraordinaire Patrick Murray, at 7:30pm at the George Dawson Inn. Phone 782-2601 for more information.

May 1st - The Dawson Creek Art Gallery will be hosting its 28th annual Art Auction at the Kiwanis Arts Centre. Over 60 works of art will be on the auction block. There will be silent auction items, door prizes, entertainment and refreshments. Viewing starts at 7pm and the auction starts at 8pm. Reserved seats only at the Art Gallery, 250-782-2601



Tumbler Ridge Celebrates Spring with Arts Events

A special note to all visual artists in regards to the annual Peace Liard Regional Juried Art Exhibit: it will take place in June, so for those who need that incentive to begin some wonderful works of art, please know the art show is still upcoming. You can expect to receive your Call for Entry the week of April 1. All pertinent details should be included in the Call for Entry or can be downloaded from the regional arts council's web site peaceliardarts.org.

Tumbler Ridge will have an exciting BC Arts and Culture Week, with focus primarily on the weekend. BC Arts and Culture Week is a province wide celebration, taking place April 19th-26th this year. This year will include the third annual Tumbler Ridge Junior Idol vocal competition on April 25th and also some live theatre from both the adult and youth drama groups in town.

This past September, the community was pleased to welcome an arts and drama teacher to Tumbler Ridge Secondary School. Tracy Krauss has already been very busy with the young people and become a great asset to the arts in this community.

The month of May will be quite busy for the adult drama group. A first time entry for the Peace River Zone will showcase the Grizzly Valley Players (Theatre On The Ridge) performing an original play, *The Forgotten House*, written and directed by Erin Hanna. The play will be performed Saturday, May 16th in Fort Saint John and then again May 30th and 31st in Tumbler Ridge.

Last but certainly not least, Tumbler Ridge Public Library is presenting a double feature through their "Itchy Feet" program on April 14th, featuring *Wild Flowers* (Kevin Sharman) and then *Cuba* (Moira Jones). Also in April, the Library hosts special guest Mike Nash for BC Arts and Culture Week promoting his book, *The Mountains Know No Expert*. Mr. Nash will be at the Library on Tuesday, April 23th. A week later, on Wednesday, April 29th, author Betsy Trumpener arrives to read from her book, *The Butcher of Penetang*. Three scheduled "Itchy Feet" take place in May. They are: May 12th - 'How to Eat Kangaroo Pizza' - New Zealand and Australia (Charissa Tonnesen and Jean Pawlucki); May 19th - Author Larry Jacobsen, 'Jewel of the Kootenays'; and May 26th - 'Krueger National Park' (Bert Shalekamp).

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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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Youth Art in Hudson's Hope

The week of April 20th to 24th, at the Pearkes Centre, The Arts and Cultural Society On The Edge will be hosting another Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition entitled *Visions and Stories*. This collection contains paintings and prints which explore some of the symbols and images we find in Native North American fine art, by artists (some non-aboriginal) interested in the imagery found in Aboriginal storytelling and art. The exhibition is open to the general public 9 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday. During this time TACSOTE will be collaborating with the Hudson's Hope School once again to encourage teachers and students to visit the exhibition.

On the evening of the 25th TACSOTE will close this year's Arts and Culture Week by holding an open house. A student body of work in claymation animation will be on display. TACSOTE helped sponsor this workshop and is looking forward to seeing the results! Another student group, *Disturbing the Peace*, will be staging a small improv session. *Visions and Stories* will still be on display. Coffee and tea will be served.

There is no charge for these events.

submitted by Patricia Markin

Chetwynd Arts Week Events

April 16th to 18th - Circus North in action - three days of stilt walking and other performance training for youth. Contact Marcie Fofonoff 250-788-2685.

April 19th - A Night of French Culture TBA

April 20th - Free Art Class at the Rec Centre TBA

April 21th - Northern Gardening Seminar at the Chetwynd Public Library 7-9 pm.

April 22th - Mike Nash, Author presentation, Chetynd Public Library, 7-9 pm.

April 23th - Honduras Report TBA

April 24th, 25th, 26th - Quintessential Quilters Retreat at Camp Emile.



"Darkness Has Lifted in the Muskwa-Kechika"
painting by Derek Houston

M-K Exhibit in Dawson Creek

May 12th has been slated as the opening date of the M-K Exhibit at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery. It's going to be a very exciting show, including work by the 2007 and 2008 M-K Artist Camp participants as well as artists who took part in the 2007 and 2008 expeditions through the Muskwa-Kechika. Work on exhibit will include video art, paintings, sculpture, poetry, prose, and music. Artists include Fort St. John artist and musician Garry Oker, internationally renowned artist Brian Jungen, and Governor General's award winning poet and essayist Tim Lilburn.

submitted by Donna Kane

Fort St. John's Flower Pot Project

In the past, the Fort St. John Community Arts Council has contracted a member group of the Arts Council or a coordinator to assist with the project. However, this year it will be shared amongst three member groups in a move that will no doubt lighten the load of the project while promoting partnership and interaction between fellow member groups.

The Flower Pot Project is a Communities In Bloom initiative shared by the City of Fort St. John and the Fort St. John Community Arts Council. Communities In Bloom is an international program that recognizes city beautification efforts.

Each year these flower pots provide colour and beauty to 100th Street and at the regional airport in Fort St. John. The flower pots are painted by local artists, and the City places the planters in the downtown core. After two years of decorating the streets, a flower pot is auctioned off to the community raising funds for the Arts Council.

Artist Profile: Shannon Butler

Since opening her Kilnhouse Studio in Fort St. John, Shannon Butler has relished the opportunity to pursue her art full time in her home community. A graduate of the Alberta College of Art & Design, Shannon's years of study have given her the technical skills to create her art in porcelain clay while exploring the ideas that most interest her - texture, vintage style and line.

In addition to creating art in the studio, Shannon teaches art to elementary students at Central Elementary School, is an executive member of the North Peace Potters' Guild and is currently



2008 Flower Pot Auction

We look forward to another season of beautiful pots and lovely flowers. And if you're artistically inclined, consider painting a flower pot yourself! You can call the ArtsPost for details on painting pots (250) 787-2781. The annual Flower Pot Auction will be held June 7, location and time to be announced.

submitted by Tara O'Donnell



applying for grants to allow her further creative freedom.

The Kilnhouse Studio is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10am to 6pm and is located at , located at 10510 - 101 Avenue, Fort. St. John, across the street from Moose FM.