

2009 Peace Liard Regional Juried Art Exhibit Results

Tumbler Ridge served as host for the 2009 Peace Liard Regional Juried Art Exhibit. This year's exhibit saw one hundred entries from the many talented artists in the region, and the exhibit was on display at the Tumbler Ridge Community Centre from June 12th - 14th, 2009. Jurors this year were K. Marjorie Henn of Beaverlodge and Grande Prairie's Carrie Klukas.

EnCana sponsored awards for the following:

Distinguished Award (\$1000) to Caily Oldershaw of Dawson Creek ("Be There")

Recognition Award to Helen Vokaty of Fort St. John ("Pedro")

Student Award to Kalin Sitter, of Tumbler Ridge ("Peekaboo").

The Tumbler Ridge Community Arts Council sponsored the People's Choice Award, which also went to Caily Oldershaw for "Be There."

The Chosen Awards are given in order to satisfy the annual production of an Arts Calendar, available through the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council. Those Chosen Awards went to: Peter Shaw, Darcy Jackson, David Thiessen, Sandy Troudt, 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 Troudt, Janis Herbison (two honourable mentions), Alana Kolkert, Angeline Wren and Mary Mottishaw.

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Caily Oldershaw's painting "Be There," winner of the Distinguished Award and the People's Choice Award



"Pedro" painted by Helen Vokaty, winner of the Recognition Award

Dawson Creek Hosts Peace Country Summer School of the Arts

Dawson Creek will be hosting its 7th annual Peace Country Summer School of the Arts throughout July and August. The Dawson Creek Art Gallery and Kiwanis Arts Centre have partnered to offer a wide variety of visual, performing, general interest classes and workshops for all ages. Visual Arts programs for children include Face Painting, Origami, Jewelry Making, Mask Making, Pottery, Painting and Drawing, Mixed Media, Print Making, Sculpture, and Cartooning. Adults can take part in Photography, Drawing, Sketching, Life Drawing, Encaustic, and Jewelry Making. This year the art gallery is running special programs for youth including Jewelry Making, Pottery and Mosaic's.

At the Kiwanis Arts Centre there will be Hip Hop, Jazz/ Musical Theatre, Lyrical Dance, and Open/Contemporary Dance. running July 20th to 30th. A Summer Ballet program with

Bernice van Dyken will run August 17th to 28th.

Information is available at the Art Gallery at 782-2601 and at the Kiwanis Art Centre at 782-9325. All Dance program registrations are taken at the Kiwanis Arts Centre. All other registration at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery. Register right away so you are not disappointed!



Fort Nelson Art Walk

On Sunday, June 21st, the Arts North Community Arts Council, with sponsorship from Hard Castle Developments, the Northern Rockies Plaza and the Phoenix Theatre, brought the downtown core of Fort Nelson alive with the city's first ever Art Walk.

Members of the community spent the day exploring the down town core where more than 15 local artists displayed their art in various locations. Together with their work, artists exhibited their creative talent in paintings, wood carvings, pottery, photography, fine hand

made jewelry and more. The walk began at Capp-a-lu's and various spaces in the Landmark Plaza, then carried on to the Tiki Room in the Fort Hotel, then to the Northern Rockies Plaza and the Phoenix Theatre.

Colorful Art Walk maps were made available to the community prior to the Art Walk to guide visitors through the walk as well as serve as commemoration of the day. As the Arts North Community Arts Council becomes active once again, expect to see more programs of this kind promoting the arts in the community!