



The Palette



North Perth Arts and Cultural Council Newsletter

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Our Vision:

to increase awareness, appreciation and support of arts and culture in the community of North Perth

Our Mission:

The North Perth Arts and Culture Council promotes and supports arts and culture opportunities by:

- *creating experiences for the community to appreciate arts and culture*
- *providing educational opportunities to further assist the artist*

Our Values:

*Artistic expression
Creativity
Individuality
Respect
Inspiration
Integrity
Collaboration
Mentoring*

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Kids' Summer Art Camp

North Perth Arts and Culture Council has undertaken an exciting endeavour with its first art camp for young people, planned for August 11 to 15th. Professional artists will share their expertise with upcoming artists in our community. We are committed to offering this camp as an annual event.

Six different courses will be offered: Four courses include five sessions, ongoing half-days from Monday to Friday; one course includes three sessions, half-days from Monday to Wednesday; one course includes two sessions, half-days from Thursday to Friday.



As both morning and afternoon courses are available, as well as part-week courses, it is possible for students to register for more than one course.

All courses will culminate with a short public program on Friday at 5:00 p.m. at the library, when students will perform or display their final accomplishments.

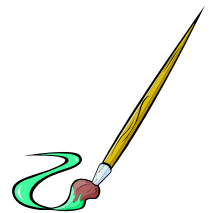
Costs: Five session course - \$75; Three session course - \$45;
Two session course - \$30.

Registration:

A separate mail-in registration page is included at the back of this newsletter. As class sizes are limited, please send in your registration as soon as possible. We require a minimum of 5 registrants to run a class. If the class is full, or there are not enough registrants, your payment will be returned to you by mail.

Courses offered:

1. **Beginning Watercolour Techniques:** (\$75)
5 session course: Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00
Instructor: Jessica Brooks
Minimum age: 9
Course description: Jessica will teach a variety of basic watercolour techniques including shading, colour mixing and masking. Focus on still-life and landscape painting.
Location: North Perth Library



2. **Vocal Music with Canadian Flare:** (\$75)
5 session course: Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Instructor: Nancy Skinner
Minimum age: 9
Course description: Nancy will teach a variety of Canadian Folk Songs. Basic vocal training including breathing and voice production techniques will be incorporated into the sessions.
Location: Listowel Central Public School



Kids' Summer Art Camp continued

3. Drawing with Deborah: (\$75)

5 session course: Monday to Friday 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Instructor Deborah Pryce

Ages: 8-12

Course description: Students will be offered an opportunity to practice and improve drawing basics: drawing in 3D; draw what you see; shading; light and shadow; composition; perspective and more. Opportunity will be provided to work both in and out of doors.

Location: North Perth Library



4. Learning the Art of Animation: (\$75)

5 session course: Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Instructor: Brad Willis

Ages: 8-12

Course Description: Topics include: introduction to animation; character drawing; drawing from life; BG painting/drawing, scanning/colouring characters, final output; commercials and movie making

Points covered include: 2D traditional animation; 3D computer animation; anatomy; principles of movement; squash and stretch; perspective drawing; expressions; posing; drawing from life

Location: Listowel Central Public School



5. Lights Camera Action: Photography for Students: (\$45)

3 session course: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Gary Moon

Ages: 10-13

Required: digital camera, preferably with removable memory card — basic point and shoot camera ideal

Course description: After the general orientation to the functions of the digital camera, students will be introduced to the basic principles of photography, learning to see the light and techniques used to produce above average photographic images. Tips on developing their 'camera eye' will be emphasized.

Location: North Perth Library



6. Native Flute: (\$30)

2 session course: Thursday and Friday 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Christin Dennis

Ages: minimum age 10

Course description: Christin will teach the young musicians how to grasp the basics of fundamental native flute playing.

Location: Christin Dennis Fine Art Gallery, 135 Main St. W., Listowel



A list of required supplies, as well as any other pertinent information will be sent to students prior to camp date.

Please do not send any peanut products with your children due to possible allergies of classmates.

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Bobbi Switzer

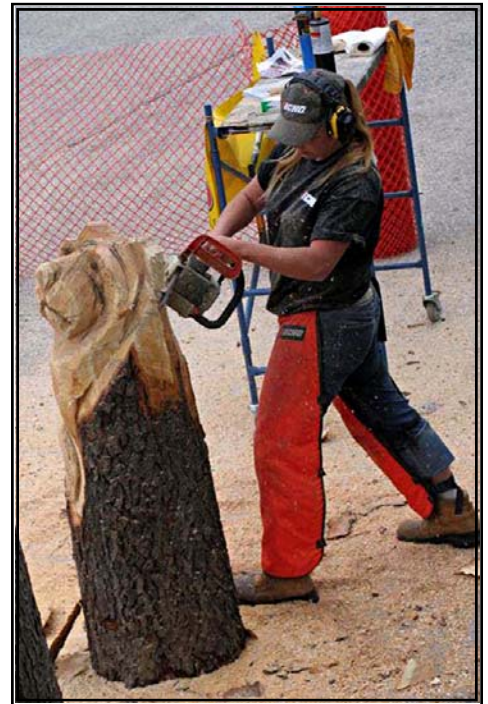
Local artist Bobbi Switzer is a woman of remarkable and varied talents. An accomplished chainsaw carver, children's book illustrator and sign maker, Bobbi juggles her three careers with a busy family on her farm in Clavery, Ontario, just south of Wiarton.

Bobbi has been hard at work the last few years building a name for herself as a master carver. She is one of only a few female chainsaw artists in Canada. Her creations can be seen around the Listowel area on front lawns, sign posts and park benches. According to Bobbi, the strong demand for her carving skills was as unexpected as it was gratifying, and it transformed her hobby into a thriving career.

She has been commissioned to carve seven benches in addition to the ones already installed in downtown Listowel. She recently opened the Clavery Chainsaw Carving Studio on her farm. With the addition of a petting zoo and an outdoor carving gallery this June, the Studio promises to become a popular tourist attraction. She plans to host outdoor carving demonstrations and to display various works by other local artists. Beginning on the May long weekend, she will also be conducting live carving demonstrations at Sauble Falls on Saturdays from 10am-1pm.

Bobbi loves the natural aspect and creative independence of chainsaw carving. "No one bothers you when you have a chainsaw in your hands," she says. "They just leave you alone to create." She states that a good carving, well maintained, can last seventy-five years outdoors, and much longer indoors. She hopes to expand into architectural carving, applying her unique touch to staircases, porch columns, and relief carvings in homes. She is careful to pace herself; carving only three days a week because of the physical toll it takes on her body. Other plans for the future include competing on the North American chainsaw carving circuit, once her three children are older.

The remainder of her time Bobbi devotes to designing signs for her business, Switzer Signs, in Atwood and to her children's book illustrations. She has an engaging, whimsical style, and has illustrated thirty books for Outskirts Press in the last two years. One of her books, "Aiden's Shoes", recently won an award from the Colorado Independent Publisher's Association, an honour that is sure to increase her profile in the competitive world of picture book publishing. Bobbi Switzer's books can be found on amazon.com, and other information, including the location and hours for the Clavery Carving Studio, can be viewed on her website, switzersigns.ca



NPACC MEMBERSHIP

Artists, as well as members of the public, who are interested in arts and culture in our community, are welcome to become members of NPACC. Membership is free and ensures you receive information about upcoming events by receiving this newsletter via email. If you wish to become a member, call Brenda Kaufman at 291-4167, or Gary Moon at 291-2583.

NPACC WEB PAGE

Our web site is being revamped and updated . The new domain name is www.NorthPerthArts.ca We are also working at an on-line membership registration link for artists who wish to register to be listed on the site, as well as individuals who wish to become members.



Upcoming Arts and Cultural Events

April

Sunday, April 20 - 2:00 p.m.

Mary Smith and Agnes Marie Henderson

CD Release Concert

Theatre 311, Listowel

Call Brenda at 519-291-4167 for details

Saturday, April 26 - Sunday, April 27:

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Art Tour 3

Maps for free self guided tour at

www.geocities.com/arttour_np

Call Gary at 519-291-2583 for details

May

Tuesday, May 06 - 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Joe and Merri MacCartney

(Author of 'Shiny Thinking, Shiny Life')

Talk about Understanding the Secret

at The Bookery 326 Main St. E., Listowel

Call Debb at 519-291-4996

Wednesday, May 07 - 7:00-9:00 p.m

Joe and Merri MacCartney

(Author of 'Shiny Thinking, Shiny Life')

Talk about Applying the Secret

at The Bookery 326 Main St. E., Listowel

Call Debb at 519-291-4996

Wednesday, May 21- 7:00 p.m.

Listowel School of Dance Spring Demo

at Listowel District Secondary School

Call Bev at 519-291-4497 for details

June - July

Sunday, June 9 - 2:00 p.m

Blazing Fiddles Concert

Also Linda Umbrico and Heather Shine

Theatre 311, Listowel

Call Brenda at 519-291-4167 for details

June 26-July 5

'The Long Weekend' by Norm Foster

Theatre 311

Call 519-291-2033 for tickets

August

August 11-15

NPACC Kids' Summer Art Camp

See information in this newsletter

September

September 18-27

'Misery' by Simon Moore

Theatre 311

Call 519-291-2033 for tickets

November

Sunday, November 30, 2:00 p.m.

Ali Matthews and Rick Francis Christmas Concert

Theatre 311, Listowel

Call Brenda at 519-291-4167 for details

Listowel Legion 2008 Public Speaking Contest Winners

Grades 4-6

1st Place: Caleb Warren

2nd Place: Holly Nelson

3rd Place: Erica Newbigging

Grades 7-8 Open Topic:

1st Place: Emma Warren

2nd Place: Kevin Stickley

3rd Place: no contestant

Congrats



2008 Optimist Oratorical Contest Winners

Grades 4-6 Open Topic:

1st Place: Rosemary Petersen

2nd Place: Lane Buchanan

3rd Place: Nathan Katerberg

Grades 7-8 Open Topic:

1st Place: Diane Eygenraam;

2nd Place: Janelle Los

3rd Place: no contestant

Grade 7-8 Optimist Topic:

1st Place: Ben Nelson

2nd Place: Amanda Dreise

3rd Place: Nicole Feenstra

Reminder!

North Perth Arts Council Concert Series 2008

Tickets are selling quickly - available in Listowel at:
Chocolates on Main, and The Bookery
\$20 per concert ~ \$50 for 3 concert series

All concerts at Theatre 311 at 2:00 p.m.

April 20:

Mary Smith and Agnes Marie Henderson
Sponsored by Veky's International Cuisine

June 9:

Blazing Fiddles
Sponsored by Crabby Joe's Tap and Grill and
Nally's Irish Bar

November 30:

Ali Matthews and Rick Francis

Details about the concerts are available in our January
newsletter on our website at NorthPerthArts.ca



Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation funds Kids' Summer Art Camp

North Perth Arts and Culture Council is honoured to have been selected by Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation to receive a 2007 Community Grant in the amount of \$2,100. This grant, awarded from the Ideal Supply Community Fund, will pay the instructors for our Kids' Summer Art Camp in August.

At the presentation ceremony, in Stratford on January 29, grants totalling \$27,100 were awarded to 14 applicants. Tim MacDonald, Chair of the Foundation, welcomed recipients and explained the mission of the Foundation is to enrich the lives of people in Stratford and Perth County by providing support to charitable organizations through grants made possible by responsible stewardship of endowment funds.

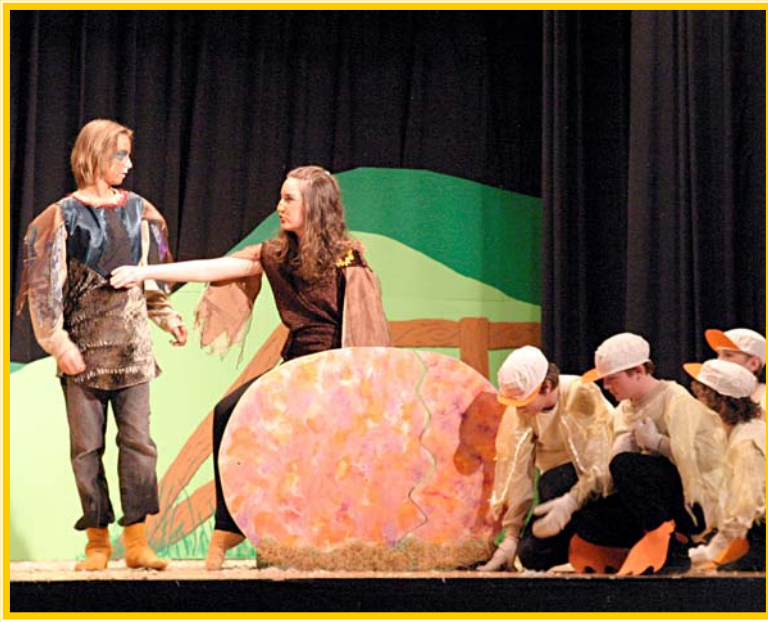
The Ideal Supply Community Fund of \$80,000 was gifted to The Foundation in 2006 in celebration of its 80th anniversary. This is an endowment fund from which the annual income is used to support a variety of organizations, causes and projects in Perth County.

Members of North Perth Arts and Culture Council attending the ceremony were impressed with the varied and vital projects the grants will support throughout our area. All municipalities in Perth County received grants covering many sectors including arts and culture, environment, social welfare, children and youth, health, seniors, and education and literacy.



Broadway comes to Listowel

by G. Moon



*(left to right) Tyler Kraemer, Carly Annis,
and the ducklings: Brett Meulensteen, Tommy Peacock,
Tyson Brockelbank, and Tommy Mayes.*

Families and friends of students at Central Public School were presented with the Listowel Central Players' production of the Broadway musical 'HONK' on April 9 and 10.

The production attracted more than 500 patrons over the two evening performances. Two additional performances for the students of Eastdale and Central school extended their audience reach. The forty-four students that make up the Listowel Central Players, auditioned for their parts last November. Rehearsals started in December to prepare for their time on stage. Producer/director, Tyler Schaefer, noted that the biggest challenge "was convincing the students their four months of hard work would produce a top quality performance." Mission accomplished!

Additional support by staff, parents and other students with technical and behind-the-scenes jobs also contributed to the success of the performances.

A pre-performance media release described the play this way: "Honk Jr. is a contemporary re-telling of Hans Christian Anderson's classic story, The Ugly Duckling. Ugly, whose odd, gawky looks instantly incite prejudice from his family and neighbors, is separated from the farm and pursued by a hungry Cat. Through his rollicking and harrowing journey kids learn that being different is okay, and that somewhere out there, someone's gonna love you - warts and all!"

The Listowel Central Players came together to accommodate the students involved in drama productions at the school. This was necessary because rehearsal and preparation time is time spent outside of school hours and not part of the regular curriculum. According to Tyler, "Their work is usually highlighted through a large musical. In previous years, the group has tackled works such as 'Fiddler on the Roof,' 'Oliver Twist,' and 'Treasure Island.' They also performed a comedic variety show at Theatre 311 titled, 'Twenty-Five Noncents.'

For Tyler, his responsibilities as producer/director paid dividends. Asked to describe his most rewarding moment in the process, he said, "seeing the smiling faces that show the pride the students have in their sense of accomplishment for a job well done."

We look forward to being entertained once again next year, when the curtain goes up on the stage at Listowel Central Public school.

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Registration Form

- If you are registering more than one child, please send a separate registration form for each child.
- You may include one cheque to cover more than one registrant in your family, provided the registration forms are clipped together with the cheque.
- Classes are limited in size: payment will be returned if class is full when we receive your registration.
- Minimum class size is 5 students: payment will be returned if not enough students register to meet these requirements.



- Please include cheque for total registration fees with this form and mail to:

North Perth Arts and Culture Council
C/O Brenda Kaufman
650 Park Ave. N.
Listowel ON N4W 3C1
(payable to North Perth Arts and Culture Council)

Name of student: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information:

Name: _____

Full Mailing Address with Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

	Amount
<i>Check courses student is being registered for:</i>	
Beginning Watercolour Techniques (\$75) Aug. 11-15: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Vocal Music with Canadian Flair (\$75) Aug. 11-15: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Drawing with Deborah (\$75) Aug. 11-15: 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Learning the Art of Animation (\$75) Aug. 11- 15: 9:30 a.m. to 2:00	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Photography for Students (\$45) Aug. 11-13: 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Native Flute (\$30) Aug. 14-15: 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Total	_____

I give permission for my child to be photographed for promotional use: Yes _____ No _____

Parents will be asked to sign a waiver absolving North Perth Arts and Culture Council from legal responsibility. This will be sent prior to the start date of the camp.

Parent/Guardian signature _____