



Our Vision:

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

Our Mission:

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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Listowel School of Dance had successful year

by Miriam Klassen

The 2007-2008 executive of the Listowel School of Dance is pleased to conclude another successful year. There were 100 dancers registered and the new studio space was well utilized with ballet and modern theatre dance lessons. Our Senior Artistic Director, Miss Jane Gibbon, is fully certified with the Royal Academy of Dance and an alumnus of our own school. Miss Ashley Mueller taught the modern classes and was the Director of our two companies. We also had two senior students, Miss Sarina Annis and Miss Madeline Kerr teaching some of the junior ballet classes.



We offer congratulations to the 23 students who took their Royal Academy of Dance examinations, Grade 1- Advanced 1, and all passed with very strong results. It was exciting to be able to offer most of these exams in our own studio.

Our two performance companies, Spectrum (senior, 4 members) and Kaleidoscope (junior, 5 members) had a very busy year dancing at various venues including tours of local elementary schools and seniors' homes, Health Care Heroes Radiothon, Christmas Wish Dinner, Lions Club Christmas Celebration, and the LMH Cradle Club.

In addition, each dancer had the opportunity to show what they have learned at the biannual demonstrations at Christmas and spring. This is always a special treat for parents, grandparents and friends!

Another highlight was the visit by Ballet Jorgen during which time students participated in workshops, master classes and were able to watch a special performance.

Parent participation is vital to the Listowel School of Dance which is entirely run by volunteers, and 100% funded by dance fees and fundraising.

Registration for next year's classes took place June 19. Those who still wish to register can contact the registrar, Vicki Dietrich at 519-291-6731 or for more information, check our website at: www.listowelschoolofdance.ca.

The executive is very proud of the high caliber of our school and its significant contribution to the arts in our community



Ballet
Jorgen Canada
in Studio:
Artistic director:
Bengt Jorgen

NPACC Concert Series 2008

The inaugural season for North Perth Arts and Culture Council's Concert Series is off to a great start. Two of the three concerts have taken place, with the final one set for November 30.

All were booked as Sunday afternoon events at Theatre 311 in Listowel. To date, the concerts have been well attended and greatly enjoyed.

Our thanks to Veky's International Cuisine, Nally's Irish Bar, and Crabby Joe's for sponsorship.

Raffle tickets have been available at each of the concerts, and will be at the final concert, for original paintings of Ruth Schlegal and Jim Tubb. The draw will be made at the November 30 concert.

The warm and intimate atmosphere of Theatre 311 provides the perfect venue for our performers. Plans are currently underway for the Series in 2009.

Mary Smith and Agnes Marie Henderson April 20



Agnes accompanied Mary in this concert which launched Mary's third CD, "Heartsong". Some of the pieces were Agnes's original compositions. This moving performance earned the gals a standing ovation in appreciation of the superb talent of 'our own'. Mary grew up in Atwood and currently resides in Goderich. Agnes was raised, and still lives, in Listowel.

Blazing Fiddles with Linda Umbrico and, Heather Schein June 8



Locals, Linda Umbrico on viola, and Heather Schein on piano, opened this concert with a moving performance that was warmly received by the audience.

The Blazing Fiddles presented a lively and energetic concert which had the audience toe tapping and hand clapping in response to their wide variety of music which ranged from classical to jazz and everything in between.

This group comes from the Hamilton area. If you missed this event you can catch the group on one of the Grand River Dinner Cruises.



The audience had the pleasure of being entertained by Listowel Community Strings during the intermission. See report and picture of this group on the next page.



Ali Matthews
Rick Francis

Ali Matthews and Rick Francis November 30

Those who attended our concert in April 2007 will remember how delightful this two-some is. Ali is a singer/songwriter from Stratford, famous on both the Canadian and international front. Rick, Ali's co-producer, accompanies her on acoustic guitar with an incredible and unique style. This will be a Christmas concert, and we look forward to our favourites from Ali's Christmas Album "On Angels' Wings" and hopefully a few new pieces. The concert is at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at Chocolates on Main and The Bookery, in Listowel.

LDSS Black Door Theatre concludes busy year



This past year was a busy and successful one for the members of Black Door Theatre, the dramatic arts students at LDSS. January's performances of *Little Shop of Horrors* played to enthusiastic audiences and helped the students prepare for their parts in the Sears Drama Festival. Ultimately, a cast and crew of eleven students presented *The Offering* in local competition. This production earned the students the opportunity to proceed to the Sears Regional Competition in Burlington.

Their hard work paid off. Two awards were earned during the regional competition. The Best Student Director Award went to Amber Daugherty. The Best Acting Award was presented to Maddie Kerr.

The students rounded out their school year with a spring show for children.

Mrs. Webster and Mr. Kuska were pleased with the results of this year's student efforts. They look forward to the challenges and rewards of next year.

Community Strings

- by Linda Umbrico

The Community Strings Program held its last meeting for this year on May 15, combining a recital and party for the end of term celebration. With family and friends to cheer them on, students played simple tunes, duets and classical excerpts.

For two years now, young violinists have been making their way to the music room at Central Public School every Thursday after school. Teachers Karen Shoemaker and Linda Umbrico run both beginner and more advanced classes. Some of the participants are from Central school, and others come from around the area. The program is intended as an introduction to playing the violin, making music and playing in ensembles. There is no charge to participate, as the organizers believe that everyone who is interested in playing music should have the opportunity to learn.

Next year, Linda Umbrico will run the program again, but Karen Shoemaker, who has moved to Elmira, will not be able to continue. Instead, some of the more advanced students will be assisting with the beginner class. Anyone interested in joining the program next fall should contact Linda Umbrico at Listowel Central Public School (519) 291-3250.



Community Strings provided intermission entertainment at North Perth Arts and Culture's concert June 10 which featured The Blazing Fiddles.

Kids' Summer Art Camp August 11-15



North Perth Arts and Culture Council is offering a Summer Art Camp for Kids from August 11 to 15th. Professional artists will share their expertise with upcoming artists in our community.

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

All programs 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.

For details, please go to our April issue of the Palette on our website: www.NorthPerthArts.ca. The registration form is included on the last page of this newsletter.

Our thanks to Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation for providing funding to pay our instructors.



STRATFORD and PERTH COUNTY

**community
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Patricia Turbitt Art Exhibition

August 28 - September 17

Watercolour paintings, egg tempera paintings, portrait drawings and giclée reproductions

Opening Reception

Thursday, August 28, 2008

7:00 to 10:00 p.m

Wine and Cheese

at

Christin Dennis

Photography, Custom Framing
and Fine Art Gallery

135 Main St. W. Listowel

519-418-4288

St. Mary's students in blues guitar program

- *Submitted by St. Mary's School*

Students in the intermediate grades at St. Mary's Catholic School in Listowel, are offered the opportunity to participate in an introductory blues guitar program.

Each year, several students are selected to participate in the Perth County Music Festival hosted by St. Michael Secondary School in Stratford.

This year two blues bands, consisting of both boys and girls, performed at the festival.



North Perth Parks and Rec needs input

Amy Gangl, Recreation Program Co-ordinator for the North Perth Parks and Recreation Department, is seeking information to help with an application to have North Perth registered as a Youth Friendly Community, through Play Works.

Play Works, the Ontario Partnership for Active Youth, is a group of organizations concerned about the future of our youth. It represents areas of sport, physical activity, civic engagement, arts and culture, rural youth, and recreation. The objective is to bring back the power of play to Ontario youth. The organization is dedicated to advancing this objective on local and provincial public and political agendas.

The group is concerned that places to play are becoming less accessible to youth; cutbacks mean fewer activities for youth; unsupervised activities for youth are risky; and volunteers and leaders are ready to burn out. This means less participation, which can mean more crime, drug use, loitering, and an increase in childhood obesity.

Amy is asking the community to advise her about any activities that support, involve, or speak on behalf of our youth, in preparation for her application. Two copies of any brochure/letter/document promoting such events are needed for the application. She would like these by early December.

Information can be sent or dropped off at:

The Municipal Office
330 Wallace Ave. N, 2nd Floor
Listowel ON, N4W1L3

Amy can be reached at 519-292-2056 if you require further information.
Email: Agangl@northperth.ca

Listowel School of Dance offers a Summer Camp

August 18-22, 2008 -Minto Dance Academy
August 25-29, 2008- Listowel School of Dance

Ages 4 to 9 9:00-12:00 noon
Ages 10 and up 1:00-4:00pm

Camp will be a fun filled week combining theatre, games, choral speaking, crafts, ballet, jazz and modern dance and more.

At the end of the week, campers put on a show for friends and family showing what we have done during camp.

For more information:
Miss Jane at notmarj@yahoo.ca or
call 519-807-7105



Artist Spotlight

– by Wendy van Leeuwen

John Looser

When a serious back injury ended his career in new home construction six years ago, John Looser turned his passion for woodworking and art into a unique carpentry business that has inspired people around the world.

John builds enormous and creative birdhouses from reclaimed materials, primarily wood from old barns. The front yard of his farm property in Cranbrook, is devoted to a gallery displaying his work. His birdhouses range in size from sixteen inches tall to an astonishing nine feet wide and eight feet tall, some with log-house style construction, turrets and elaborate roof lines. John also builds rustic arbors from branches, playhouses, garden sheds, planter boxes and wooden waterfalls. He is always looking for new projects and new ideas to explore, especially if they mesh with his commitment to recycling and reusing materials.

John has two grown children and is relishing his new role as grandpa to one-year-old Olivia. He loves the country life, and in his free moments he fixes muscle cars, collects antiques and pursues photography. Over the years he has also enjoyed the challenge of tending to sick animals; dogs, cats, and more recently, wild birds.

John's website, www.extremebirdhouse.com has introduced his art to the world, and he often receives emails from people who have been inspired to try woodworking for themselves.



Shelly Tomlin in juried show



Listowel artist, Shelly Tomlin, had her original photograph titled "Camouflage" accepted into the 3rd Annual All-Ontario Open Juried Show. The exhibit runs from May 27th to August 3rd:

The Orillia Museum of Art and History
Sir Sam Steele Building,
30 Peter Street, Orillia Ontario.

Congratulations, Shelly!



People who are interested in viewing John's birdhouses and other woodworking art are invited to visit his gallery 1/4 mile east of Cranbrook, fire #44054.



Upcoming Arts and Cultural Events

July

Wednesday, July 16

Sandra Waytowich - Spirit Artist Readings

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

at The Bookery 326 Main St. E., Listowel

By appointment: 519-291-4966

For details: www.bookery.ca

August and September

Wednesday, August 6

Sandra Waytowich - Spirit Artist Readings

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

at The Bookery 326 Main St. E., Listowel

By appointment: 519-291-4966

For details: www.bookery.ca

August 11-15

NPACC Kids' Summer Art Camp

See information in this newsletter

Wednesday, August 13

Jeannine Sanderson - Pendulum Dowsing Workshop

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

at The Bookery, 326 Main St. E., Listowel

Registration required

Call Debb: 519-291-4996

For details: www.bookery.ca

August 25-29

Listowel School of Dance Summer Camp

Call 519-807-1705 or

Email Miss Jane: notmar@yahoo.ca

August 28– September 17

Patricia Turbitt Exhibition

At Christin Dennis Photography, Custom Framing and Fine Art Gallery, Listowel

Opening August 28—7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15

Michael Dudley, local author, and Dustin Stendel, jazz musician

Poetry and Jazz Recital

Free admission

7-8 p.m. at The Bookery, 326 Main St. E., Listowel

Call Debb: 519-291-4966

September 18 & 25

Meditation Guidance Classes

7-8 p.m. at The Bookery, 326 Main St. E., Listowel

Call Debb: 519-291-4966

September 18-27

Misery — adapted by Simon Moore from a short story by Stephen King

8:00 p.m. Theatre 311, Listowel

Call 519-291-2033 for tickets

November

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

Ali Matthews and Rick Francis Christmas Concert

Presented by North Perth Arts and Culture Council
Theatre 311, Listowel

Call Brenda at 519-291-4167 for details

Tickets available at The Bookery and Chocolates on Main, in Listowel.

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.

Kids' Summer Art Camp Aug. 11-15

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: _____

Check courses for which the student is being registered:

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	_____

- 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.
- A list of supplies needed will be provided prior to camp date.
- Please do not send any peanut products with your child.
- No lunch supervision provided.

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

Parent/Guardian signature _____

