



# The Palette



North Perth Arts and Cultural Council Newsletter

September 2008

## 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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## Kids' Summer Art Camp a hit!

The first week-long Kids' Summer Art Camp, presented by North Perth Arts and Culture Council, was an overwhelming success. Judging by the response from family and friends who attended the Gala Show of the art created by the students, the instructors' efforts to encourage the young artists to expand their creative horizons were well worth it.

The classes in watercolor, drawing, basic animation, and digital photography attracted 26 participants, between 8 to 13 years of age.



According to NPACC Chairperson Brenda Kaufman, "The response to this first offering by the arts council was encouraging. We received lots of enthusiastic feedback from the students and their parents. The students were very proud to have their artwork displayed in the library gallery as a closing event for the week's program. They took great delight in talking about their work."

The art classes were presented in the Listowel Public Library and the animation program took place at Listowel Central Public School. Members of the public passing by the Library during class time would have noticed that the watercolor and digital photography students spent a lot of time outdoors, creating images in the immediate area.

Gary Moon, the facilitator for the digital photography group pointed out, "It was important to make the experience challenging and rewarding for the students. They were given a different creative experience." Watercolor instructor Jessica Brooks took her students outside to "enjoy the sunshine and great light for painting. The students picked different natural scenes for their painting."

With a positive response to this year's programming, plans are underway for the future. "We will be offering this type of programming again next year," explained Kaufman. "The suggestions for improving our arts programming and ideas for different themes will be looked at seriously by the council. We hope to offer some unique creative experiences in the future."

The program fees for the camp were affordable thanks to a community grant through the Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation from the Ideal Supply Fund.



Offering programs that encourage, enhance and educate the young students, youth and teens is part of the NPACC mandate. Information about how to get involved with North Perth Arts and Culture Council and upcoming programs are available on our web site: [www.NorthPerthArts.ca](http://www.NorthPerthArts.ca).

(see pictures on next page)

# NPACC Art Campers



Deborah Pryce demonstrates the technique of adding shape to a drawing while the students eagerly follow along. The students' drawing books and selected images were part of the end of session display at the Listowel Public Library.  
*Photo by Gary Moon*



Young students were given the opportunity to learn more about watercolor painting techniques from local artist and instructor Jessica Brooks.  
*Photo: by Mark Robinson*



Parents and friends were on hand to view the display of art-work created by the students of the Kids' Summer Art Camp. Onlookers share the vision of photography student Tyson Brocklebank.  
*Photo by Gary Moon*



## Parents' comments about the camp:

"My kids loved it!"

"My daughter enjoyed thoroughly and can't stop talking about it."

"Many thanks. My kids were full of stories and pride."

"Congratulations to all for an excellent experience. You provided a great variety of classes to choose from. Judging from the excitement and chatter, you've ignited many young talents."

"Smiling faces, proud parents, and the work exhibit says it all."

"Thank you for providing this unique opportunity."

"I certainly hope this camp can run again next year!"

# NPACC Concert Series 2008



North Perth Arts and Culture Council has presented two successful concerts to date in our 2008 series. Mary Smith, vocalist and Agnes-Marie Henderson, songwriter/musician, warmly entertained the audience at the CD Launch Concert of Mary's 3rd CD, *Heartsong* on April 20. Some of Agnes's original compositions were also featured.

Blazing Fiddles made their debut in Listowel on June 8, providing lively entertainment with a wide variety of tunes. Local musicians, Linda Umbrico and Heather Schein, opened the concert and Listowel Community Strings played during the intermission.



## ***Ali Matthews and Rick Francis Christmas Concert November 30***

Multi-award winning recording artist, Ali Matthews has been a performing songwriter since her teens and has built a strong following across Canada and beyond. She has released 4 critically acclaimed CD's since 2000 and her music can be heard on radio stations across Canada. Writing and performing on both piano and acoustic guitar, she blends mature and sensitive lyrics with evocative, compelling melodies.

In October of 2005, Ali was awarded *Woman of the Year* by the City of Stratford for her outstanding contribution to the arts in her community and across Canada.

On stage, Matthews has teamed up with co-producer and guitarist, Rick Francis, creating a slick acoustic duo with a captivating sound. The stage show explores a wide range of musical styles including elements of folk, pop, rock, jazz and country.

Her CD, *Window of Light*, a collection of all original material, received a staggering 7 nominations for the 2006 GMA Covenant Awards – more than any other nominated artist. Ali won four awards, including Folk/Roots Album of the Year, Folk Roots Song of the Year and Country/Bluegrass Song of the Year.

We look forward to hearing our favourites from her Album *On Angels' Wings*, as well as some new compositions. Tickets are \$20, available at Chocolates on Main and The Bookery in Listowel.

Source: <http://www.alimatthews.com>. A sneak preview of her music is available at this site.

## ***Artistic talent melds with Canada's national sport***



CBC has invited Canadians to become part of hockey history. A call for submissions for the 2008-2009 Hockey Night in Canada opening anthem has been made. Two local composers took up the challenge.

Agnes-Marie Henderson's composition 'Momentum' can be heard on the web at <http://anthemchallenge.cbc.ca/mediadetail/313405>.

Gord Galbraith's entry, 'Red Line Ready' can be accessed at <http://anthemchallenge.cbc.ca/mediadetail/319751>

### ***Cast your votes!***

Top contenders will be announced at <http://anthemchallenge.cbc.ca> in the near future. Finalists will be determined by a selection process by the producer, judges, and advocates. Fan favourites will be part of the determining factor, as well as entries deemed outstanding by the producer and judges. Canadians will then choose the official anthem through an on-line voting process, which starts October 4 on that site. Complete rules are on the website.

Log in now to listen to Agnes and Gord's compositions. The more 'hits' they get, the better. Be sure to check back and cast your vote in October.

# Kid's Summer Drama Camp

## *Submitted by Crystal Daughtery*

This past summer I ran two drama camps for kids at Theatre 311 in Listowel: a camp for ages 7-12 from July 7th until the 18th and another for ages 12-16 from July 21st to August 1st. Camps went from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and the kids spent this time experimenting with improve, character development, blocking and other acting techniques that they used to put together a final production to present to family and friends at the end of the camp. The camps provided the opportunity for the students to build confidence, make friends and have fun.

This is the second year for the drama camp. My dad thought up the idea of the camp as a fun summer project. Thanks to my helpers, many of whom also assisted last year: my sister Amber, my brother Mackenzie, Brandon Dekok, Jordan Tucker, Ben Warren, and Max Woghiren.

Big thanks to TD Canada Trust for sponsoring the camp and providing the funds to help make this a fun experience for all campers.

## Editor's note:

*Crystal is in fourth year at the University of Waterloo, majoring in Honours Psychology. She has been taking drama classes and was involved in UW's production of 'The Vagina Monologues' last year.*

*She attended Listowel District Secondary School and was a member of the Black Door Theatre from grade 9 through grade 12. During that time Crystal was also involved with the Sears Drama Festival and won an award for excellence in acting in her final year.*



## ***Ontario Arts Council Information***

- Kathryn Townshend has been appointed as the Director of Research, Policy, and Evaluation for the OAC.
- The Council is the province of Ontario's primary funding body for professional arts activity.
- Since 1963, the OAC has played a vital role in promoting and assisting the development of the arts and artists for the enjoyment and benefit of Ontarians.
- The Council aims to provide information to the arts community and to decision-makers that help increase understanding of the value of the arts.
- To find out about research done by and for the Ontario Arts Council: <http://www.arts.on.ca:80/Page50.aspx>
- To find out about granting programs and awards of the Ontario Arts Council: <http://www.arts.on.ca:80/Page16.aspx>



## From Harriston

### • **Basement Café Series:**

Harriston Public Library, Lower Level Auditorium:  
88 Mill Street Harriston

We have a great line up! Tickets \$15 each, with season tickets for all three shows at \$40 each

#### **September 27:**

**Gregg Lawless:** A super singer/songwriter/guitarist, one of the musicians selected by the Government of Canada to entertain the troops in Afghanistan over the past years. Besides being one of the busiest musicians in Toronto, he has played CBC's Vinyl Café, is a regular at Hugh's room and has a side career as a children's music educator/entertainer. He's funny and has a great stage presence.



Photo by  
David Newland

Tickets: Judy Tuck: judytuck@sympatico.ca  
Call 519-338-3756 Or Juanita@juanitawilkins.com

### • **Minto Heritage Gallery**

*Atop the Library in Harriston*

#### **September 12 to November 1, 2008:**

**Slaughterhouse by Manhood Automotive**  
Artists Amy Bélair and Chantal Héroux are painters, sculptors and stained glass artists working in collaboration, creating pieces with forgotten, discarded and found objects, giving new meaning and instilling renewed value into old and common things.

A multi-themed exhibition of two and three dimensional work. These women are an art movement unto themselves. Provocative and exuberant! There will be an artists' reception October 3rd.



Amy Bélair (left) and  
Chantal Héroux (right)

## ***Karli Purcell headed for fame***

Karli Purcell is a gal with ambition and talent. With a host of musical achievements in her wake, this 16 year old Grade 12 student is bound to make her hometown proud. Her dream is to become a Country recording artist and she is off to a good start.

Karli placed fourth in the teen category at the Ontario Country Music Singing Contest in Blyth in May, and 1st in the equivalent competition in North Bay last year. Two-time winner of the Palmerston Idol competition, she has set her sites on auditioning for Canadian Idol next year. Those who attended the RCMP Musical Ride last June in Listowel, will remember that Karli sang the National Anthem.

She says she has been singing as long as she can remember, using the living room coffee table as her stage when she was a little girl. By 9 Karli was performing publically and in competitions.

Karli composes and writes much of her own material, and also plays the piano and guitar.

She was asked to perform at the International Plowing Match in Teeswater. Tyson Vines, Reid Berfelz and Ryan Thompson are providing her instrumental back up.

Currently, Karli is applies her musical talents in several areas at the high school: as a member of the Choral Ensemble, Chamber Choir, and Double Trio. She is in the choir at Knox Presbyterian Church and was a member of the Cross Tones, a signing group affiliated with the church.

Karli is available to perform at singing events in the area. She is accomplished in many different genres of music. To contact her call her at 519-291-1767, or email karli\_4\_21\_@hotmail.com.

Friends of the North Perth  
Public Library  
present



## *PUTTING ON THE RITZ*

**Fourth Annual Fundraiser**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 25, 7- 9 p.m.**

Musical entertainment with  
***HARMONIOUS CREATIONS***

prize draws, auctions, displays and  
refreshments!

**TICKETS \$10/person**

North Perth Public Library  
260 Main Street West, Listowel, ON  
519-291-4621

Local visual artists are invited to showcase  
their talent at this event. No donations  
required. You may hang your work in the Car-  
negie area of the library any time during the  
week of October 20th up until October 24th,  
and pick up anytime during the week of  
October 27th.

If interested, contact Sheila Durand at the  
above phone number

## **NPACC Raffle Tickets**

for  
two original paintings, one from each of:

**Jim Tubb  
and  
Ruth Schlegel**

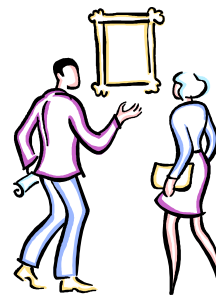
Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Available at The Bookery  
326 Main St. E. Listowel

Paintings are on display at The Bookery

Final draw will be made  
***Sunday November 30***  
***at the***  
***Ali Matthews Concert***  
at Theatre 311

Tickets will be available  
at the concert



## ***Artist Spotlight***

***- by Wendy van Leeuwen***

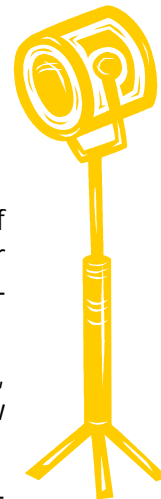
**Amanda Stratton** is living her dream of capturing special moments in time through the lens of her camera. A native of the North Perth area and a graduate of LDSS, Amanda developed her love of photography into a business in 2007. Living Proof Photography specializes in lifestyle environmental photography (informal portraits) and event photography, including weddings.

Amanda's photos are engaging, warm and personal. Her website, [livingproofphotography.ca](http://livingproofphotography.ca), showcases some of her work and includes a blog where customers and friends can get to know her.

Amanda loves it when people come up to her on the street to say that they have seen her website or are following her work. She finds creative energy in her interactions with people, and believes that the strong sense of community appreciation for the arts makes this area a great place for cultural pursuits.

Amanda gives back to her community through her involvement in Smiling Eyes, an organization of photographers who offer free photo sessions to people who have been diagnosed with cancer.

She has two young daughters, Bria and Marissa, who of course are her favourite subjects, and she enjoys listening to music and playing the drums in her free time. "I think the world is a beautiful thing," she says, "and I want to experience as much of it as possible. I intend to take my camera along for all of it."



## How to promote yourself as an artist

By Gary Moon,  
Photographer

*This is the first of a four part series which will be appearing in the Palette*

### Part 1:

#### The Business/Calling Card:

So, you are at an Art Show and see an artist's display you like. You talk with the artist a bit. You would like to talk further with them about common themes in your work.



**DILEMA:** How do I contact the artist? How do I pass on my contact information? It's usually who has a scrap of paper and a dull pencil to try and scratch out a hastily smudged phone number or later illegible email address. There is an easy, clear and professional solution.

**SOLUTION:** You have an attractive, clearly designed business card or calling card to hand out. These days, getting properly designed, full color business cards or calling cards is easier than it used to be. The price is affordable, and a business deductible expense.

Your business card is important. It performs two important functions. It presents your image, or brand, in its design and can include an artwork image as well. Secondly, it presents, in a concise and easy to read format, your relevant contact information. Your name, studio or business name, phone number and email address are the most important. Additionally your postal mailing address and web site can be included.

I have amassed a collection of well over two hundred arts related business cards. I use them to follow up with additional correspondence. I also admire the designs. Is there an idea here I can incorporate in my next business card? In the creative world, if you see an idea you like and use it, that is copying. If you see it used more than once and use it, that is research.

When promoting yourself, selling your art and your image, presentation is everything. Make sure your card speaks positively for you. Better papers, full color, glossy stock works well. A softer texture paper to compliment your art sample can be a plus.

While this example cites a visual artist using a business card, the same scenario applies to performers and musicians as well. The little card is a quick, clear means of passing on contact information for follow up and future sales.

## Music Therapy in a Palliative Care Setting

North Perth Community Hospice is presenting a work shop for caregivers or anyone interested in music therapy. This will take place at the Listowel Kin Station on Friday October 3 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Registration is \$10 and seating is limited. Call the hospice office at 519-291-5141 to register.



**Jubal's Daughters**, Anita Leschied and Averil Spence-Clarke will be running this workshop. They will demonstrate on the vibroacoustic chair, harp and flute and discuss the practice in a palliative care setting.

"Harp therapy is a relatively new field of research and practice which explores the beneficial effects of the timbre of the harp...revered as a healing instrument by many cultures for thousands of years. When therapeutic harp music is played recipients may receive beneficial effects, such as increased relaxation, improvement in sleep, decreased pain and anxiety, stabilization of vital signs and improvement in mood. An end-of-life music vigil can also help a patient achieve a peaceful transition."

### NPACC MEMBERSHIP

*Artists, as well as members of the public, interested in arts and culture in our community, are welcome to become members of NPACC by linking to the public membership form or the artist membership form on our website at*

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

*Or call Brenda Kaufman: 291-4167*

*Or Gary Moon 291-2583*

*Membership is free and ensures you receive information about upcoming events by receiving this newsletter via email.*

*Members are entitled to submit information about arts and cultural events on the webpage and in the newsletter, in accord with NPACC guidelines.*

*To submit for newsletter*

*email: [the\\_macleonnans@sympatico.ca](mailto:the_macleonnans@sympatico.ca)*

*To submit for the website*

*email: [admin@northpertharts.ca](mailto:admin@northpertharts.ca)*



## **September**

**Wednesday, Sept 17**

### **Me and My Camera**

3 week course - learn how to use your digital camera and improve basic photography skills.

Weather permitting, one day shooting session

\$45, limited space.

Call Gary Moon LPPO, 519-291-2583

**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

**Thursday, September 25**

### **"Together We're Better" celebration**

3rd Annual event. Guest speaker, Wendel Clark

6:30 p.m. at Listowel Ag Hall

Contact Community of Character Foundation

Council: 519-291-1350

**Monday, September 29**

### **Mother Goose Program**

6 week program focused on rhymes, songs and stories. Activities to encourage language development and interaction for adults and their young children.

(Sept. 15 - October 27)

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Listowel Library

Contact Community of Character Foundation

Council: 519-291-1350

## **October**

**Saturday, October 4**

### **Family Bookmaking**

For parents and children aged 3-6

Preregistration required

10:00 - 11:30 p.m. at North Perth Day Care Centre

Contact North Perth Early Years: 519-291-2056

**Monday, October 6**

### **Baby Picasso**

Learn how to increase your baby's brain development through art and sensory experiences.

10:30 - 11:30 Listowel Ag Hall

Contact North Perth Early Years: 519-291-2056

**Wednesday, October 8**

### **Advanced Photography for the Digital Age**

3 week course. Move up to the next level of digital photography. Learn the wow factor for great images.

Weather permitting, one day shooting session

\$45, limited space,

Call Gary Moon LPPO, 519-291-2583

**Thursday, October 23**

### **Putting on the Ritz**

Presented by Friends of North Perth Library

Musical entertainment— Harmonious Creations

Tickets \$10

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at North Perth Public Library

260 Main St. W.

Call 519-291-4621

## **November**

**Saturday, November 1**

### **Michael Dudley and Tristan Holmes**

An evening of spiritual poetry and Jazz

At The Bookery Café, 326 Main St. E., Listowel

Call Debb: 519-291-4966

**Saturday, November 1**

### **Visit alpaca farm and tour fibre mill**

1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Shears to You,

5128 Line 90, North Perth

RR 2 Palmerston

Call 519-343-2242

**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.

## **December**

**December 4-13**

### **'Move Over Mrs. Markham'**

by Ray Cooney and John Chapman

8:00 Theatre 311, Listowel

Call 519-291-2033 for tickets

**Friday, December 12**

### **An Old Fashioned Christmas**

Michael Dudley and Edna (Mitts and Muff)

Performing classic Christmas stories for young and old. At The Bookery Café, 326 Main St. E. Listowel

Call Debb: 519-291-4966