



## 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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## **NPACC presents watercolour workshop with Linda Bester**

North Perth Arts and Culture Council is offering a two day Watercolour Workshop May 1 and 2, 2010, featuring visual artist Linda Bester. Both days will include demonstrations of watercolour painting techniques in Linda's unique style. Her clear and concise teaching methods make the workshop appealing to both the novice watercolourist as well as the more advanced painter. A Pleine Aire session is planned - weather permitting.

With her affinity for vibrant colour and her delicate attention to the play of light and shadow, Linda's paintings evoke a gentle, yet passionate perception of her surroundings. Whether that perception is inspired by the serenity and beauty of a crisp winter morning, or a startling depiction of a European streetscape, it is captured with the intention of being shared and enjoyed by others.

Linda is proficient in watercolour, oil, acrylic and pastel. Her subject matter is as varied as the world around her and combines natural and man-made elements in harmony with one another. A prolific and accomplished artist, her work can be found in many private and corporate collections worldwide.

Linda shares her talents through workshops with the Southampton Art School, The Blue Mountain School of Landscape Painting and through workshops and private lessons at the Bester Retreat Studio.

The workshop will take place May 1 and 2, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Listowel Golf Club. Lunch is included to ensure the artists' only concerns are painting, creating and having fun! Registration fee prior to April 7 is \$150; after that \$175. Cut off date is April 24th.

Artists must supply their own materials. A list will be available upon registration. Space is limited, so register early to assure your creative spot!

## **Summer Art Experience 2010**

North Perth Arts and Culture Council is offering its third annual summer art program for youth. This year's program will be similar to that offered in 2009, with the young, up-and-coming artists exploring the world of creativity through a different medium each day. Instructor, Keith Devries, will inspire and guide the artists through a fun filled week of exploration and development of various artistic techniques to completion of several art projects.

Aug 9-13, 2010

Christ Anglican Church, 295 Main St. W. Listowel, ON

Session 1: Ages 7-10 Mornings from 9-12 am

Session 2: Ages 11-15 Afternoons 12:30-3:30 pm

Fee: \$75.00/ student

Registration forms will available on our website in May  
and in the next issue of The Palette.

For more information call Brenda 519-291-4167 or email

[info@NorthPerthArts.ca](mailto:info@NorthPerthArts.ca)



# ***NPACC 2009 Concert Series concludes with a sold out performance***

The November concert featured ***The Waterloo County Carollers*** in a concert of festive seasonal music with a Victorian twist. Many favourite Christmas selections were performed by eight members of the group. For many in the audience it was a time to enjoy, once again, the talented performance of Wallace Township native, Carol Treitz.



*Above: Sentimental Journey  
Left: Waterloo County Carollers  
Photos by Gary Moon*

Also performing in a reunion appearance was ***Sentimental Journey***, a group of talented female vocalists from the Listowel area who were audience pleasers as well.

This sold-out concert was part of the series of four concert programs offered by North Perth Arts and Culture Council during 2009 that drew over 350 patrons.

Other concerts in that series included The Royal City Saxophone Quartet; internationally recognized bass/baritone Brian McIntosh accompanied by his wife Karen Shelstad on piano; and a concert featuring local musicians organized by Paul Dekker.

Preparations are almost finalized for the 2010 Concert Series and will be announced shortly. For information on these and other programs and events visit [www.NorthPerthArts.ca](http://www.NorthPerthArts.ca)

## ***North Perth Arts and Culture Council Membership***

Artists, and members of the public interested in arts and culture in our community, are welcome to register as members of NPACC on our website

[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, as well as occasional updates via email.

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

To submit for newsletter or website send info to: [info@NorthPerthArts.ca](mailto:info@NorthPerthArts.ca)

# Artist Spotlight

By Wendy vanLeeuwen



Photo by  
Brandi Friesen,  
Osler, Saskatchewan

**Becky Reesor** is a self-described 'music nerd' who began playing piano and composing as a child of six. Practicing had its ups and downs. She recalls a "horrible recital experience in which I had learned my song 'by heart' but halfway through I couldn't remember... I promptly sat down and cried." Becky persevered and by the time she reached her high school years at Listowel District Secondary School she was performing in festivals and gaining valuable experience playing during church services. She says the affirmation she received from her church family at the Listowel Mennonite Church has significantly influenced her approach to music.

Becky currently attends the Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg, where she has nearly completed her Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance and Music Ministry. She appreciates the school's emphasis on critical musical thought, which has helped her to focus on making her music significant and meaningful to herself and others. She is dedicated to performing music that has value and purpose. She enjoys performing for an audience, and also with other musicians. She was able to share what she has learned during her stint as an intern music and worship pastor at the Listowel Mennonite Church in the summer of 2009.

Becky has a wide variety of interests, including soccer and other sports. She enjoys learning about sustainable agriculture and is passionate about social justice. She relaxes by playing games and engaging in creative endeavours like sewing, knitting, dance and singing.

In the future Becky plans to pursue more opportunities to perform, teach and lead in worship. She has been exploring jazz, and is interested in performing in restaurants and at events. She is considering what to do following completion of her degree; whether to pursue further studies or worship learning opportunities, launch a professional music career or follow other interests.

In mid-June she will participate in a concert in Listowel with Agnes-Marie Henderson at Knox Presbyterian. It promises to be an exciting and varied show, with solo and double piano works, and involvement by other local musicians and visual artists.



## Skill Development Course for Artists

The Royal Conservatory, with the support of the Ontario Arts Council, is offering the **Artist-Educator Foundations Course** for artists who are engaged in arts education or would like to learn more about arts education.

The 30 hour course prepares artists to work in schools and/or community settings.

The Ontario Arts Council is subsidizing the course so artists can enroll at a registration fee of \$60. For more information, dates and location of sessions <http://register.rcmusic.ca> follow the links: browse courses, professional development, artist-educator

To register, individuals must apply by completing the application form at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/PM9NNZG](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PM9NNZG)



## Upcoming Arts and Cultural Events

*For your entertainment and participation:*

### **Book Clubs at North Perth Public Library**

Led by NPPL librarians

The first Monday of each month at 1:00 pm

The second Thursday of each month at 10:30 am.

The last Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

No charge

Call 519-291-4621 to register

### **Film Circuit Series**

The Toronto Film Festival quality films are screened the third Monday of the month

from September to May at 7:15 pm

Norgan Theatre, Main Street in Palmerston

Single movies and series packages are available.

**March 15: An Education**

**April 19: The Young Victoria**

**May 17: Cooking with Stella**

For complete movie listings contact [gduff@wightman.ca](mailto:gduff@wightman.ca)

### **Meet the Artist: Ira Vilonik**

Ira received recognition in Israel and has continued creating in oil and acrylic paints since her arrival in Canada in 2008.

View her new work, listen to music by Christine and Company and enjoy a glass of wine at

Christin Dennis Photography, Fine Art Gallery and Custom Frames, 135 Main St. W., Listowel ON

**March 12 ~ 7 - 9 p.m.**

Call 519-418-5555 or [www.christindennis.com](http://www.christindennis.com)

**Ann Legault-Heiter and John Heiter** speaking about Plant Addiction: Recognize the Signs of a Plant-aholic

at Listowel Horticultural Society monthly meeting

Listowel Legion Home, 565 Elizabeth St. E, Listowel

**Tuesday, March 2 ~ 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

Annul membership \$10

Contact Eric Hewison at [ephewison@omniglobe.ca](mailto:ephewison@omniglobe.ca)

Or call 519-291-2519

### **Stratford Concert Choir**

St. Matthew Passion - J.S. Bach

Catharine Sadler, soprano; Heather Jewson, contralto,

Lenard Whiting, tenor; Martin Elliot, bass; Dominik

Franken, solo violinist

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Stratford

**Sunday, March 28, 2010 ~ 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

Tickets 519-393-6879

**Sandra Van Cromvoirt** (nee Coghlin of Listowel)

Book signing & performance

launching her newly published book, *The Farties*

**Saturday, March 13, 2010 ~ 3:00 p.m.**

The Bookery Café, 272 Main St. E., Listowel

519-291-4996 [www.bookery.ca](http://www.bookery.ca)

**Sears Drama Festival** hosted by Listowel District Secondary School - "Stage Salutes Screen"

Each evening offers 3 themed performances

**Wed., March 24, 7:00 pm** "Martial Arts"

**Thurs., March 25, 7:00pm** "Spaghetti Westerns"

**Friday March 26, 7:00 pm** "Classic Horror"

**Saturday March 27, 3:30 pm** "Film Noir"

In the gymnasium at LDSS

Admission \$10 per night: \$30 for all four nights

Tickets and more info: 519-291-1880

**Chuck Chapman** from Guelph, speaking about Iris at Listowel Horticultural Society monthly meeting

Listowel Legion Home, 565 Elizabeth St. E, Listowel

**Tuesday, April 6 ~ 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

Annul membership \$10 Contact Eric Hewison at

[ephewison@omniglobe.ca](mailto:ephewison@omniglobe.ca) Or call 519-291-2519

### **Listowel Central Players**

present 'Treasure Island'

the tale of young Jim Hawkins' adventures in search of treasure, based on the Robert Louis Stevenson classic. A story filled with pirates, sailors and X marks the spot.

Listowel Central Public School auditorium

**April 14 and 15 ~ 7:00 pm**

Tickets at school office starting in March

**Yvonne Hertzberger** (author of Back From Chaos)

Book signing & performance

reading excerpts from the sequel to Back From Chaos

Friday April 23 ~ 7:00 p.m.

The Bookery Café, 272 Main St. E., Listowel

519-291-4996 [www.bookery.ca](http://www.bookery.ca)

### **Tribute to Canada**

All Canadian concert featuring choral and instrumental gems from our heritage.

Central United Church, Stratford

**Sunday, May 16 ~ 3:00 pm**

Call 519-393-6879 for tickets

### **Proof, by David Auburn**

Theatre 3-11

311 Main St. E, Listowel ON

**May 27 to June 12 ~ 8:00 pm**

Call 519-291-2033 for tickets

### **Think About the Environment**

Listowel Horticultural Society

Bus trip to Colour Paradise Greenhouses

**Tuesday, May 4, 7:30 pm**

For more info contact Eric Hewison at 519-291-2519

or [ephewison@omniglobe.ca](mailto:ephewison@omniglobe.ca)

# Opportunities for Artists



## Opportunities for young artists:

### Canada Day Poster Challenge

Students aged 5 to 18 invited to design a poster that illustrates pride in Canada. Prizes! Finalists' artwork to be displayed at the Canadian Children's Museum at the Canadian Museum of Civilization from June to September 2010. **Deadline March 15.**

Information at Canadian Heritage website: <http://www.pch.gc.ca/special/canada/dafc-cdpc/102-eng.cfm#> Go to 'events and initiatives'.

### Fourth annual Youth Drama Camps

Instructor: Crystal Daugherty  
Theatre Three-Eleven, 311 Main St. E. Listowel  
**July 5-16 and July 19-30 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
Youth aged 7-16 eligible for either camp  
Games, improv, scene and character work, camp finale open to the public  
For more info call Crystal at 519-503-6115 or email: [cldaughe@artsmail.uwaterloo.ca](mailto:cldaughe@artsmail.uwaterloo.ca)

### NPACC presents Summer Art Experience

Instructor: Keith DeVries  
**August 9-13**  
Christ Anglican Church Auditorium, Listowel  
Ages 7-10: mornings 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon  
Ages 11-15: afternoons 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
\$75 per student  
Call Brenda at 519-291-4167 or email [info@NorthPerthArts.ca](mailto:info@NorthPerthArts.ca)

## Calls for Submissions

### The Made of Wood Show

Juried and invitational shows in Erin Ontario  
April 17 to May 9, **Deadline March 15**  
Demonstrations, seminars, booths, woodturning, festivities  
Call for entry to be posted on website at [www.madeofwoodshow.com](http://www.madeofwoodshow.com)

### One of a Kind Show and Sale in Toronto

Application deadline for Christmas 2010 show is **March 24, 2010**  
[apply@oneofakindshow.com](mailto:apply@oneofakindshow.com) or [www.oneofakindshow.com/apply](http://www.oneofakindshow.com/apply)  
For info contact Valerie Roy at 416-960-4514

### Studio Factor in Drayton

welcomes submission of professionally finished and framed (if appropriate) works for the showing and selling at The Drayton Tulip Festival May 14-15, 2010  
Artists required to incorporate 'tulips' into their work in some manner - not necessarily as the central theme or focus

### Deadline April 23

Contact Donna Hirtle at [studio\\_factor@bellnet.ca](mailto:studio_factor@bellnet.ca)  
1-888-716-0888 or 1-519-638-0888

### Make your own movie contest

The Reel Challenge Contest: an initiative of the Canadian Film Centre, supported by the Copyright Collective of Canada; administered by iThentic  
All application forms and supporting materials must be received electronically **by April 26**  
For guidelines, prize information and application form visit: [www.thereelchallenge.ca/](http://www.thereelchallenge.ca/)

**Theatre Ontario** distributes an Auditions Email Bulletin every two weeks, offering opportunities throughout the province, with both community and professional theatre. Audition notices are also accepted. One must become a paid member to take advantage of this.  
Contact Brandon Moore at or 416-40-4556 ext.15 or [www.theatreontario.org/](http://www.theatreontario.org/)

## Artist Workshops

### NPACC Watercolour Workshop with Linda Bester

May 1 and 2  
Opportunity to learn new water colour techniques, including a pleine aire session if weather permits.  
For more info call Brenda at 519-291-4167 or email [info@NorthPerthArts.ca](mailto:info@NorthPerthArts.ca)

The following workshops are offered at **Off the Wall, Stratford Artists Alliance, 163 King St. Stratford**  
Call 519-275-2554  
[info@stratfordoffthewall.com](mailto:info@stratfordoffthewall.com) or [www.stratfordoffthewall.com](http://www.stratfordoffthewall.com)

### 1. Introduction to Scenic Painting

Instructor: Frances Key, Trained at Cobalt studios, New York  
Students will complete 2 or 3 projects incorporating techniques such as marbling, wood grain, splatter, texturing, sponging, scumbling, and linear application using professional tools.  
**Dates: March 6,7,13,14** (two weekends)  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$275

### 2. Sculpture and Mould Making

Instructors: Glenn Elliott, former prop builder, and artist Susan Murar  
Bring your creative ideas to life by learning modeling and carving techniques.  
Finish with mould making process allowing for completion of your piece and duplication.  
**Dates: to be determined** by wishes of those who register (two weekends) 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Cost: \$275 plus \$25 material fee

### 3. Artistic Welding

Instructor: Frank Holte, former Head of Props, Stratford Shakespeare Festival  
Students will learn welding and bending techniques  
**Dates: To be determined** by wishes of those who register  
Cost: \$375 + \$40 materials

# Who's Doing What Now?

## **Sandy Van Cormviort (nee Coghlin)**

Author of 'Meet the Farties'

Talking with Sandy, one gets the impression she has had an exuberant and fun loving spirit ever since she was a girl growing up on a farm just outside of Listowel. She always loved to dance, write songs, and tell funny stories. With a natural flare for the dramatic, Sandy recalls "When I was in a performing mood I would serenade the cows, horses and any other animals that happen to be in my sight. I know to this day the animals loved it!"

After graduating from Listowel District Secondary School, she attended Hairstyling School in London. This provided a career that brought great pleasure. Eventually Sandy returned to Listowel and opened a hairdressing shop in her home where she raised two daughters, Rhonda-Lee and Jennifer. Her love for fun instigated and encouraged lots of laughter with both her family and clients. Sandy knew someday she would be doing something that focussed on making people laugh.

Deciding to move on, after twenty-five years of hairdressing, she purchased her initial CURVES fitness centre in 2000 and went on to open four more in the area. She was directly involved with the operation of all. She remembers, in her Goderich location, "hooting and hollering in the centre of the work out-room to keep the ladies laughing." After eight years she sold her businesses.

During that time, her creative instinct was demanding to be released. In response, Sandy wrote a musical comedy for the stage. From that play, two locals artists, Mary Smith and Agnes Marie Henderson recorded one of her songs, 'Let's Fly' for Mary's 3rd CD. Sandy remembers, "I was so honoured and thrilled that my good friends liked it enough to record it."

Sandy's family inherited her unique sense of fun and became the inspiration for the book 'Meet The Farties'. Sandy describes it like this: "My little granddaughter, Skye-Blue, was visiting one day and said 'Watch out Grandma! Here comes.... Magnificent Mary!' and with that came a little toot. We laughed so hard and started making up more names, and then the family got involved and the real laughing began. I thought, 'If we have this much fun with this maybe others will too.' And the little 'Butt' family came to be. "



Sandy's material is never crude. 'Meet the Farties' is a book about a family of 'Butts', teaching manners about their gassy adventures. The book is loved by children and teachers are using it as an opportunity to help their students learn how to graciously handle one of those difficult challenges of life. This self published book was launched September 2009. Since then, Sandy has appeared on many radio programs and been featured in newspapers. The Fartie Lady, as she is known, recently did a story telling at the Waterloo Children's Museum in Kitchener. This is the first in a series of 10-15 books, as Sandy has over sixty little Butt characters to introduce. Her next book is about the little Butt who started it all, Magnificent Mary. Sandy is planning to add to the merriment of this whole theme by writing and introducing songs to go along with the Butt family tales.

'The Farties Ladies' (other than Sandy, the rest of the contingent remains a surprise) will be at the Bookery Café, 272 Main Street East, in Listowel, on March 13 at 3:00 pm, doing an animated reading of 'Meet the Farties'. Sandy will be signing books.

Visit Sandy's website at [www.thefarties.com](http://www.thefarties.com)