



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:

*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



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

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

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

Artist Spotlight

By Wendy vanLeeuwen

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.



Photo by
Brandi Friesen,
Osler, Saskatchewan

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



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

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

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

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

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 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

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

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

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

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

One of a Kind Show and Sale in Toronto

Application deadline for Christmas 2010 show
is **March 24, 2010**
apply@oneofakindshow.com or
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
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/

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/

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

The following workshops are offered at **Off the Wall,
Stratford Artists Alliance**, 163 King St. Stratford
Call 519-275-2554
info@stratfordoffthewall.com or 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