



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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Culture Days in North Perth - September 24-25

All across Canada, communities are preparing for the September launch of Culture Days: the first-ever nation wide celebration of our vibrant arts and culture sector. Over 200 events are scheduled for Ontario alone.

North Perth Arts and Culture Council has joined the movement. On September 24 and 25 we present "Off the Wall" - an opportunity for the public to experience the diversity of artistic talent in our community. Join us for an uncommon experience in the common room at the new Perth Meadows Seniors' Complex, 710 Nelson Avenue South, in Listowel. We're open Friday from 12 to 8 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm.

Come see the winning submissions for our Amateur Photo Competition and show your appreciation at the awards presentation taking place at 1:00 pm on Saturday. Preview the art which has been donated for auction for our Art Sense fundraiser on October 2nd. Visit with local visual artists working on site, and learn about their various techniques. Enjoy readings by local authors and performances by local musicians. Celebrate the wealth of artistic talent right in our own neighbourhood!



Other events will take place at various venues in North Perth. All events are open to the public and free of charge. For updates on the programs and events planned, check our web site, NorthPerthArts.ca

Join the Culture Days movement!

We encourage individuals, groups and organizations to join the movement, by offering a free arts and cultural activity on September 24th and/or 25th. Amateur or professional cultural creators (artisans, musicians, educators, animators, historians, architects, designers etc.) have a unique opportunity to share their love of the craft with the public. Anything goes! Open your studio and workshop doors, set up an outdoor event, offer a class - invite people to see and appreciate the behind-the-scene steps in your creative process. Information and on-line registration forms are available at www.culturedays.ca. Registration is free.

NPACC will help spread the word by advertising your event on our web site and through emails to our member directory. Send us your info at info@NorthPerthArts.ca



North Perth Arts and Culture Council

invites entries from residents of North Perth for an

Amateur Photo Competition

as part of

Art Sense 2010

Subject Theme: The Five Senses

Categories by age: 12 and under; 13 to 19; 20 and over

Submission deadline August 13, 2010

Guidelines and entry forms on website NorthPerthArts.ca

- Winning photos will be displayed and prizes awarded at Culture Days as outlined above
- All photo submissions will be displayed at Art Sense 2010 on the evening of October 2 at Elma Memorial Community Centre
- Winners will be notified prior to time of prize awarding

Full house for Blazing Fiddles

Local singer/songwriter, Karli Purcell, opened the Blazing Fiddles concert performing a variety of selections from country to jazz.



Blazing Fiddles drew a large and appreciative audience on June 3 at Trinity United Church, in Listowel. The concert was sponsored by the Listowel Rotary Club and North Perth Arts and Culture Council. Left to right: Jeff Taylor, violin; Brielle Goheen, violin; Chris Kettlewell, stand up bass; Adam Poot, piano.

NPACC watercolour workshop

The Listowel Golf and Country Club was the perfect venue for the Hi Sook Barber watercolour workshop on May 1st and 2nd. Due to illness, Linda Bester was not able to present the workshop as advertised. Fortunately, Hi Sook came to the rescue.

Her free flowing style and fast but precise techniques amazed the artists. Two major and three minor works were completed by all attendees.

Hi Sook is definitely an artist we will have return for additional workshops. Linda Bester will be rescheduled for a future time.

Stay tuned for dates, as you won't want to miss them!



Workshop participant, Joanne Grant, receives useful tips in technique from workshop facilitator Hi Sook Barker. Valerie Chessel, in background, works on one of her projects.



Enthusiastic painters

Front: Lynne McLeod, Joanne Grant, Vesna Brandon.
Back: Carol Reid, Barb Wilgar, Bonnie Skelding, Rosemary Galloway.

Perth Arts Connect is composed of Perth County artists and artisans, businesses and organizations and those who support and appreciate the arts. It is dedicated to raising awareness and showing the diversity of the arts, culture and heritage in the county. Those interested in arts and cultural events in Perth County are encouraged to sign up to receive the PAC newsletter. Visit perthartsconnect.ca





Member News



Wendy vanLeeuwen won the award for Best Children's book published in 2009 by a Canadian Christian author for her book *Terrific Tuesday*. She received the award at The World Guild's 2010 Canadian Christian writing awards gala on June 16.

Wendy said "it was quite an honour and I was pleased and surprised that the book has gone so far." She attended the ceremony at the World Vision headquarters in Mississauga, with her husband, Marcel. It was a special thrill for Wendy to meet and chat with Canadian children's author, Jean Little who won the Leslie K. Tarr Lifetime Achievement award.

Herbie Kuhn, in-house announcer for the Toronto Raptors, presided over the event. As he announced each category, an excerpt from the winning piece or book was read before the winner was announced. As Wendy hadn't attended with the expectation of winning, you can imagine her amazement to hear the opening lines from her book. She hopes the World Guild Award will open doors for her when she finds time to begin another novel.

Congratulations, Wendy!

Andrew Knowlton and fellow company members of The Classical Theatre Project were recently nominated for two Dora awards. Their production of *Twelfth Night* was nominated for Outstanding Production, and the ensemble earned a nomination for Outstanding Performance in the "Theatre for Young Audiences" division. On par with the Tony awards for Broadway, the Dora Mavor Moore Award ceremony brings the highest recognition to Toronto Theatre. Andrew and his company were thrilled to receive the nomination and take part in the festivities surrounding the event. Their vaudeville rendition of the Shakespearean classic had Andrew singing, tap-dancing and playing the honky tonk piano. Classical Theatre Company performs to student audiences, with the aim to show young people that Shakespeare can be fun, accessible, and most importantly, inspiring.



Andrew is currently playing Sebastian, in a different style of *Twelfth Night*, in a two week run with the Canopy Theatre. Staged outside on the campus of the University of Toronto, the production has been well attended.

Artist Spotlight

By Wendy vanLeeuwen

Art has been Keith Devries' passion since childhood. With the encouragement of his high school art instructors, Keith honed his skills and entered an Honours Fine Arts Degree program at the University of Waterloo. He recently returned from a school term abroad, in England, and will complete his degree next spring. He hopes to continue his schooling at a faculty of education and become a secondary school Fine Art and History teacher.



Keith Devries

Keith enjoys painting and sculpture, with a particular focus on drawing and sketching. His work has been displayed locally and in some shows at the University of Waterloo. In 2009 he received the Auggie Corvino award from UW in recognition of his artwork achievements.

Keith is currently preparing for his role as instructor for the NPACC Summer Art Experience program for youth during the week of August 9-13. "I'm really excited about this year. I want the theme to be open to allow each student the freedom to choose the specific characters and settings that they work on. At the same time I hope to guide them to develop their work in more advanced, artistic ways." He is proud to be part of a community that encourages involvement in the arts.

Art sense

2010

North Perth Arts and Culture Council
Presents

Art Sense 2010

a FUNdraising evening

designed to *TANTALIZE the SENSES*
showcasing area performing and visual artists

Doors open at 5:30 for auction viewing

Dinner at 7:00

Saturday, October 2, 2010

Elma Memorial Community Centre

- Full course dinner by Alex Petter's Culinary Fool Catering Company
 - Live entertainment throughout the evening
 - Live and silent auctions of artwork and donated merchandise
- Viewing of photos submissions for our Amateur Photo Competition
 - Arts focused fun centres for those who choose to participate

Tickets: \$50 each

\$360 for a table of 8 (until September 8th)

Available in Listowel

Starting on August 2nd at:

Chocolates on Main, The Bookery

Selinger's Music



Reserved seating

Seating will be reserved only for tables of 8.

Gather your gang and get your tickets early if you want to sit together.

Make sure the ticket vendor has the name of the person reserving the table for our seating chart.

North Perth Arts and Culture Council

presents

Summer Art Experience 2010



For Youth Aged 7-10 and 11-15

Instructor, Keith DeVries

will encourage students to explore

"The Fantasy World"

by developing their own creative story through origami, acrylic painting and various drawing techniques, including caricature



August 9 - 13, 2010

Christ Anglican Church auditorium

295 Main St. W. Listowel ON

Session 1: Ages 7-10 ~ Mornings, 9:00 am to 12 noon

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

\$75 per student

Registration Form on website:

NorthPerthArts.ca

*Thanks to the Optimists of Listowel
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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 monthly emails about upcoming events, and quarterly issues of this newsletter by email.

Members are entitled to submit information about arts and cultural events for our web page, monthly coming events notices and the newsletter, in accordance with NPACC guidelines listed on our website.

To submit for newsletter or website send info to:

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