



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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Sneak Peak for the 2013 Concert Series

The North Perth Arts and Culture Council is thrilled to be partnering with the Rotary Club of Listowel for the first concert in the 2013 Concert series. They are both thrilled to be presenting accomplished and Listowel native violinist, Sarah Pratt Parsamian, who will be performing on Saturday, January 12th at 8pm at Knox Presbyterian Church in Listowel. The LDSS Chamber Choir will open the concert.

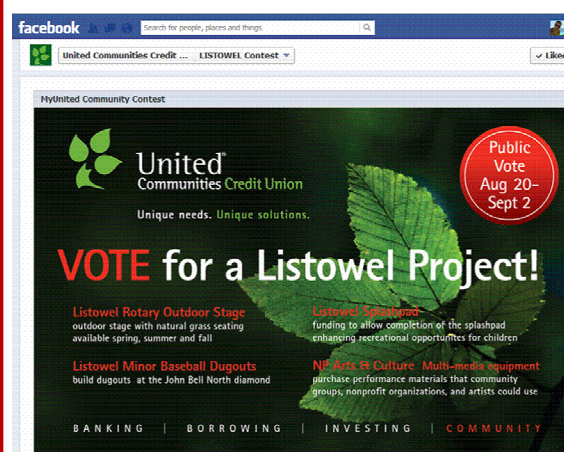
Sarah is the daughter of Doug and Cathy Pratt of Listowel, and lives in New York City with her husband and two children. Her career is nothing short of impressive. She currently is employed by the New York City Opera Orchestra and has appeared as guest soloist with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. Recital appearances include the British Art Museum (New Haven, CT), Bargemusic (NY, NY), the Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber Music Society and Stratford Summer Music Festival. She has also appeared as guest concertmaster with Hartford Symphony Orchestra, Florida Orchestra, and New Haven Symphony Orchestra. She is a Prizewinner in Jeunesses Musicales International Violin Competition and Canadian National Music Competition. Sarah will be guest concertmaster with Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony in January as well.



Mark your calendars now. Reserve your advance tickets by emailing info@NorthPerthArts.ca with your name, number of tickets and phone number for confirmation. The rest of the concert series will include a Paddyfest/Celtic concert in March and a third concert in June. Complete details and tickets will be available in November.



NPACC finalist in United Communities Credit Union Grant



NPACC worked to enhance our community by applying for a Listowel Project Grant through United Communities Credit Union. The proposal included purchasing audio and visual equipment that would be used at NPACC events and available to non-profit organizations. As of the printing of the publication, the results had not been published. Regardless, NPACC would like to thank all those who took the time to support arts in our community and voted for the NPACC project.

NPACC proudly celebrates



culture days

September
28-29, 2012

CELEBRATING ARTS + CULTURE FROM COAST TO COAST TO COAST

ARTISTS SHOWCASE:

The **North Perth Arts Council** will be interactive in the Church Hall at Christ Anglican Church, 295 Main Street West, Listowel, conveniently located across the street from the North Perth Library Listowel Branch and Stratford-Perth Archives building.

Our visual artists will be displaying their art work and talking about 'how they do it' including demonstrations. Drawing, painting, mixed media, stained glass, & photography will be displayed.

The performing artists/musicians will be showcased as well. Experience the visual arts. Hum along to the music. Celebrate Culture Days September 28th and 29th in North Perth. For more information, contact North Perth Arts & Culture Council at www.NorthPerthArts.ca

CALLING ALL SINGERS: "With Voices Singing" Anglican Church, 2:00 pm Sat Sept 29

North Perth Arts & Culture Council invites all local choirs, (school, church, community and even family singing groups) to join together on Saturday September 29, 2012 for "With Voices Singing" a choral celebration. Choral Showcase 2:00 pm

There will be a variety of music styles, from traditional to contemporary, to inspirational presented. It is an opportunity to sing for a new audience, and to listen to other groups perform.

Come together, join the special Culture days community choir to learn a new piece at 3:30 pm and at 4 pm

"Consider Yourself at Home" from Oliver will be performed by the "With Voices Singing" choir.

The event will take place in the Anglican Church in Listowel, where there is plenty of space for both audience and participants. The bonus is, you can enjoy the artwork, demonstrations and other activities that are part of the Culture Days program in the church hall before or after you sing. This is the second year for **With Voices Singing** - how much fun it is, will depend on YOU.

Genealogical Puzzles:

-finding the missing pieces.
"Archival Resources and On-Line Resources"

A Culture Days presentation by the Stratford Perth Archives and North Perth Public Library

Beginner's Kit ** Refreshments ** Research time

Saturday September 29, 2012
2 pm to 4 pm

This is a FREE event
Stratford Perth Archives
260 Main Street West
(basement of library building)
listowelarchives@perthcounty.com

THE GREAT LIBRARY LOCAL HISTORY SCAVENGER HUNT

September 28, 29, 2012
(During regular library hours)

(Fri 10am to 5 pm Sat 10 am to 3 pm)

Drop by the library and follow the clues to find the various historical postcards of our area hidden in the Listowel Branch Library.

Name the person, place, or event. Enter your complete ballot in the box provided. One entry per person please. Every correct entry has the opportunity to win a pair of tickets to the Capital Theatre in Listowel.

North Perth Arts Council and Friends of the Library 3rd Annual Photography Contest

"Come and see the talent of local photographers of all ages at the North Perth Arts Council Photo Contest display at the North Perth Public Library. All photos will be displayed for public viewing during the nationwide Culture Days celebration Fri., Sept. 28th, from 10-5. and Sat., Sept. 29th, from 10:30 -3:00. Contest winners will be announced Sat.. at 12:30 pm.

Summer Art Experience



It was a thrilling ride for young artists attending NPACC's Summer Art Experience 2012 as they were whisked away, by Mrs. Donna (Donna Hirtle of Studio Factor Drayton), to join the circus for a full week of exploring different mediums with the theme "Under the Big Top." Daily jester drawing became a favourite method to stimulate the creativity as artists remained posed in positions of tight rope walkers, animal trainers, clowns, etc. while the artistic tools quickly moved to capture the likeness of these imaginary poses. Through instruction in watercolour and acrylic painting, Mrs. Donna empowered the painters to create wonderful works on paper and canvas. Mask making had brilliantly covered faces depicting all kinds of people and emotions.

Through the generous donation from Spinrite yarns, the artists created textile art depicting the big top tent ceiling with the perspective of looking from the ground up into the wires and colours. Line, form, contrast, colour, and composition were all covered in Mrs. Donna's outgoing, enthusiast style. A mini survey answered it all. What did you like least about the week? Answer: ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IT ALL WAS GREAT!



Afternoon session: Donna Hirtle artist facilitator, Blair Im-mink, Hiruthika Ravi, Ashley Ritter, and Halle Horn.



Morning session: FR Lindsey Conners, Quiana Streicher, Brooklyn Werth, Sheldon Weale, Dayna Beirnes, Donna Hirtle, Niki Oliver, Jolyne Horn

We extend an huge thank you to Mrs. Donna for again sharing her artistic knowledge, talent and enthusiasm and for accepting all glitches with tremendous flexibility! We wish to also acknowledge the extreme presence of community co-operation as Julia, Sherri, and all the library staff opened the library's already crowded facility, on very short notice, to allow our art week to continue without a moments hesitation at their venue. The library also offered a display area where the artists proudly showed their favourite creations for 2 weeks. These inspired youth are looking forward to next years program already. Where or what should we explore next?



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

Membership is free and ensures you receive information by receiving this newsletter, as well as monthly coming events, by email.

Members are entitled to submit information about arts and cultural events for the website, our e-mails to our members, and our newsletter in accordance with NPACC guidelines listed on our website.

To submit for newsletter or website send info to: info@NorthPerthArts.ca



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Artist Spotlight

Karli Purcell

By Wendy vanLeeuwen

Karli Purcell is a local girl whose love for music and hard work is opening doors to a promising future.

Karli grew up on a farm in Wallace Township. With much love and support from her parents she pursued piano and voice lessons throughout childhood, and achieved a Grade 8 Royal Conservatory of Music certificate in piano, and Grade 6 in Voice. Now at the age of 20, Karli is entering the final year of a Bachelor of Music Education degree at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo. When she is not working on school work she enjoys song writing. "This has been a passion of mine for a few years now," she says, "and it is an incredible way to express yourself. For me it is an outlet for healing, and self-discovery. I write about everything that inspires me. Whether it's a heartbreak, a rainy day, or facing a fear, it all comes out in my songs. My goal and purpose as an artist and songwriter is to write music that others say 'Hey! I'm feeling that too.'" Karli's favourite genre is country and folk music, and aspires to a career in Nashville as a singer and songwriter.

Recently, Karli participated in a semester abroad in Osnabrueck, Germany, and is full of enthusiasm about the experience. "I came away from feeling full of life, more self-aware, confident, and independent, all things that have greatly affected my writing. I think everything we go through in life affects what our music is going to sound like, and it's really an incredible thing to see that happen."

She has had plenty of experience on the stage despite her youth, performing in various festivals and events around the area. She has entered talent contests across the province since she was nine years old, experiencing much success. She recently finished in the top ten in the Ontario Youth Talent Search, as well as first in her category in the Ontario Open Country Singing Contest. She keeps a positive attitude even when she doesn't perform as well as she would like, using the feedback she receives to improve her performance skills. "You just have to keep working hard, and believing in yourself until you get where you want to be. It is my hope that music becomes a full-time profession for me in the future."

Karli Purcell has a music fan page on Facebook where followers can receive updates on upcoming performances as well as video and music links from her work. She also has a YouTube channel, karli-musiclove with a number of music videos available to view. Her next performance will be at the Wellesley Apple Butter and Cheese festival on Saturday September 29th from 1:30 until 2:00 pm. She can be booked for events via email at purcell.karli@gmail.com



Welcome new NPACC director, Warren Wray

Warren Wray is a resident of Atwood who loves the arts and wants to ensure that arts are promoted in the community and to youth. He notes, "I see the value in providing arts programming to the community because I have benefited from the arts, myself."



In recent years, he has graced the Theatre 311 stage for three performances and has performed with the Grey Wellington Theatre Guild, where he will be performing in "Job's Blues" in November. He has led drama camps for youth and enjoys teaching drama in his profession as a primary teacher, a job he has held for nine years.

Warren's love of performing developed during his time spent with the Blyth Festival Singers. On a particular performance, he had a silent role that involved reacting to a person attempting to woo him. The audience benefited from Warren's expressive nature and reacted accordingly. From that moment, Warren was hooked.

The NPACC is thrilled to have Warren's insight and board experience.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Listowel Central PS Band Program

Linda Umbrico, a veteran music teacher of eleven years (all at Listowel Central), works diligently to bring new and engaging ideas and activities to her kindergarten to grade eight program. Both Listowel Central and Listowel District Secondary School had been primarily vocal music programs until LDSS started a large fundraising campaign and brought instruments to the arts program at the high school.



Linda Umbrico leads the Listowel Central band at their inaugural performance.

In that moment, Ms. Umbrico saw an opportunity. She started purchasing used instruments with her own funds and donating them to her program at Central. While in the music store of Long and McQuade, she was told about a Musiccounts grant offered by CARAS (Canadian Association of Recording Arts and Sciences). The application process was very involved and includes letters from parents, principals, and community members. Through this diligent support and Umbrico's ongoing leadership, Listowel Central secured a \$10 000 grant.

LCPS has purchased: a drum set, saxophones, clarinets, flutes, trumpets, and trombones. Grade sevens and eights are now experiencing the challenges and joys of learning an instrument. In combination with the continued vocal program, Umbrico notes that learning to play an instrument develops ear training, phrasing, a sense of great accomplishment, problem solving, and patience.

This past year, the first Listowel Central band was formed and played numerous successful pieces at a year end sharing assembly. The joy of the success was felt no more than Umbrico herself.

The efforts by a passionate teacher and the support of the community have helped ensure greater arts experiences are provided for many youth. At Listowel Central, it is simply "music to their ears!"



Upcoming Event: 2013 Juried Art Show

The North Perth Arts & Culture Council in partnership with North Perth Public Library Listowel Branch and Stratford Perth Archives, Listowel Branch announces a timely arts and heritage project in the community.

Embracing the theme COMMUNITY HERITAGE of NORTH PERTH, artists residing in Perth County are invited to produce artwork that features; an interesting location, portrait of a notable citizen – past or present, historical building, a point of interest, reflection on the lifestyle, an event or an artistic impression of local heritage within the North Perth municipality.

Acceptable works can be oil, watercolour, acrylic, pencil, charcoal, pastel, sculpture, photography, mixed media, computer art or textile/fabric art. Artwork will be accompanied by a 125-175 word artist's statement describing the work and what artistically and locally influenced the artist to create it. Use of the Listowel branch Stratford Perth Archives to assist in project research is strongly encouraged.

RECOLLECTIONS: Deadline for entries is January 3, 2013. The Juried Show will be presented to the public during Heritage Month February 2013 at the library, with opening reception and display of juried entries February 1, 2013. The winner of the Community Choice will be announced Wednesday February 20, 2013.

Two Levels for entrants.

1) Students Grade 7 to 12.

Entry Fee: \$5.00 for up to two entries.
Accepted entries will receive a Certificate of Acceptance

2) Adults 18+ Certificate Cash

Entry Fee: \$20.00 for up to two entries.
\$10 for NPACC member artists
Accepted entries will receive a Certificate of Acceptance plus will be eligible for the cash awards

1st place \$250.00 2nd place \$125.00
Community Choice as voted by public viewing the show. Best Student \$50 Best Adult \$50