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North Perth Arts &  
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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:**

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Integrity, Collaboration,  
Mentoring

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# President's Message

We are excited about this, our second edition of the new format and distribution system for *The Palette*. Thank you for the many positive words of encouragement as the North Perth Arts & Culture Council continues its mandate to encourage, educate and enhance the arts and culture climate in our community.

You will see from the items included in this issue that NPACC has provided several opportunities so far this year. Whether it be workshop, concert, or art show, our local arts community is being served, with events that the general public - our audience - can experience and appreciate.

This issue covers many of the events that have happened so far in 2013. It will also prepare you for the variety of events being offered during the major Culture Days national arts celebration which is fast approaching on September 28th in North Perth. Not just art and music, but the Listowel branch of the Stratford Perth Archives are presenting the first ever Listowel Fairview Cemetery walking tour, *Stories and Stones*. And you thought the cemetery was just a nice quiet place to walk your dog! You will be amazed at the stories of the lives of the people you pass by.

The North Perth Arts & Culture Council is a volunteer board of eight people, whose ongoing work keeps the concerts, art shows, educational opportunities and fun going from year to year. These board members are already working on the planning and organizing of the events for 2014. While we have given you a sneak preview to the Kitchen Ceilidh for March Paddyfest week, there are other events in the works which will be detailed in the next issue of *The Palette*.

Thank you for reading *The Palette*, for buying our tickets, and attending our events. It is this encouragement that keeps us going as we work with other community partners to promote the arts, music, culture and history in North Perth. For ongoing information about NPACC visit our website, [www.NorthPerthArts.ca](http://www.NorthPerthArts.ca)

*Gary Moon*  
Chair NPACC



**EVENT***Culture Days*

*Music .. Art ... History ... and  
Culture all come together*

*Saturday September 28th*  
*10 am to 4:30 pm.*

*Founded in 2009, Culture Days is a non-profit organization dedicated to building a national network of cultural connections devoted to providing Canadians with opportunities to participate in, and appreciate, all forms of arts and culture. Through an annual national celebration each September, hundreds of thousands of artists and cultural organizations in hundreds of cities and towns come together and invite Canadians to participate in free interactive and "behind the scenes" activities to discover their cultural spirit and passion.*

**For more details, check out the website  
[www.NorthPerthArts.ca](http://www.NorthPerthArts.ca)**

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# CULTURE DAYS

## *Schedule*

### ***Visual Arts Display & Demonstrations***

10:00 am to:4:30 p, Listowel Anglican Church Hall  
Culture Days Visual Arts display and sale with artist demonstrations. Watercolour, Painting, Drawing, Photography and more. Lunch booth on site.

### ***Culture Days: Fairview Cemetery Walking Tour***

1:00 pm to:3:00 pm, Fairview Cemetary  
STONES AND STORIES, Fairview Cemetery Self-guided Walking Tour, a Culture Days event, is presented by Stratford-Perth Archives and North Perth Arts and Culture Council in co-operation with the North Perth Cemetery Board. Brochures and information available at the Davidson Ave. N. and McDonald St. E. gate. Be prepared to walk on uneven ground. Parking is permitted along the street by the Main Gates and in the area by the maintenance storage shed.

### ***Culture Days Poetry Reading -***

1:00pm, North Perth Public Library  
Poetry and music are best heard performed live. The North Perth Public Library, Listowel Branch invites you to hear CHARLES MOUNTFORD, Poet in Residence at the Stratford Public Library, read from his work at the Listowel Library branch.

### ***3rd Annual With Voices Singing***

2:00 pm to:4:00 pm, Listowel Anglican Church Hall  
Culture Days 3rd Annual With Voices Singing Choral and Vocal Music Showcase. Local talent showcase at 2 pm. Join the come together choir at 3:30 pm. to rehearse The Happy Wanderer. Performance at 4 pm. Lots of fun.

### ***4th Annual Amateur Photography Contest Winners announced***

12:30 pm, Listowel Branch of the North Perth Library  
Celebrate Culture Days in North Perth. View the entries in the 4th Annual Amateur Photography Contest. Winners announced at 12:30 pm. Theme: The World As I See It. Presented in partnership with Friends of Listowel Library.

**EVENT**

# *Workshop*

## **WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP WEEKEND**

"This year, the April Watercolour Weekend Workshop featured an inspiring program with artist Marion Anderson. ( [www.marionanderson.ca](http://www.marionanderson.ca)), an enthusiastic instructor of watercolour painting techniques with over 30 years of experience sharing her knowledge.

A dozen watercolor artists from North Perth and beyond attended the two day weekend in April. On Saturday, the participants had the opportunity to work a half sheet wet on wet floral image. Sunday followed up with a workshop session of a close-up hydrangea bloom traced from her template, then painted using a spirit card applied as the under painting. It sounded complicated, but those present attested to the advancement of the artists vision, and execution, to try new and unique techniques for their own further exploration. Facilitator Marion Anderson put them at ease and set the off on a process of learning and discovery.

The April Weekend Workshop was the first program offered to the community by North Perth Arts Council. Over the years this arts experience has appealed to those artists from beginners to more advanced in experience. Many of those who have attended the workshops have remarked to organizers how the workshop has improved their self confidence in the media of watercolour, and spurred them on to accomplish more with their artworks.

Plans are in the works for next year's workshop so check the art council web site [www.NorthPerthArts.ca](http://www.NorthPerthArts.ca) for more details later this fall.





# EVENT

# Workshop

## SUMMER YOUTH ART EXPERIENCE

The theme this year, "The Time Traveller," attracted an enthusiastic and talented group of youth ages 7 to 13. Daily technique topics changed to allow the participants to explore a different period in time as well as a different artistic technique or principle.

Facilitator, Donna Hirtle, has worked in this program for the Arts Council for the past three years and brings an infectious enthusiasm for art creating a positive influence on the young artists. Eight young artists were encouraged to draw, paint, mix colors, and research different styles of art throughout the millennia time line.

Each summer, the students get plenty of hands-on experience working with a variety of artistic media, and are encouraged to develop their creativity and vision at a more challenging level of accomplishment. They proudly shared their work with their parents each day.

This year the level of participation was down slightly over previous years. North Perth Arts Council reminds parents that participation in and early registration for any of the programs offered by many organizations in town is very important. There is a lot of work involved organizing these special programs for the youth in our community, and your support by participating in these programs is greatly appreciated.



# EVENT *Concert Series*

## **NORTH PERTH ARTS COUNCIL 2013 Concert Series 3rd ANNUAL KITCHEN CEILIDH**

The March 13th concert featured highly spirited Celtic music performed by Kettle's On. The trio of talented musicians from Perth County, Paul Tratnyek, Teresa Seliske and James Bickel, wowed an enthusiastic audience as they shared the Paddyfest spirit. The evening's concert included traditional Celtic music as well as some popular Canadian maritime folk tunes. There was plenty of hand clapping, toe tapping, and singing along. The musicians also shared their tales and newly learned music from a winter trip to Ireland in search of more traditional music tunes.



### ***Mark Your Calendars: Advance Notice***

NPACC 4th Annual Kitchen Ceilidh takes place Wednesday March 12th, 2014. Join us for this annual celebration of our Celtic roots during Paddyfest celebrations in Listowel.

A wide variety of traditional and popular tunes will be performed by the popular trio, "Kettle's On." The evening's gathering will also include an expanded selection of audience sing-along selections which proved very popular last year. And, new for 2014, will be performances by Irish dancer Niki Louvelle.

Tickets go on sale later this fall. Details on this and other 2014 events will be on our website [www.NorthPerthArts.ca](http://www.NorthPerthArts.ca)



# EVENT *Concert Series*

## **NORTH PERTH ARTS COUNCIL 2013 Concert Series Royal City Saxophone Quartet**

The Royal City Saxophone Quartet, under the direction of Ernie Kalwa, provides an entertaining evening of well known ragtime, jazz and classical selections, for the final concert on May 13th. This was a return engagement to Listowel filling the request for more opportunities to enjoy live performances of this style of music.



The quality of the concert performance was definitely enhanced by the musical talents and playing abilities of the members of the quartet. Ernie Kalwabaritone and bass saxophones, Bradley Moggach soprano and alto saxophones, Larry Moser alto saxophone, and newest member Danielle Becksaxophones, clarinet, flute and piano.

The audience was entertained by a surprising wide variety of musical selections, written or newly arranged for the saxophone quartet. Each musician and their particular instrument were showcased in performances captured the audience's interest. From classics to the circus big top, the concert was highly entertaining.

The concert series continued to attract a loyal and appreciative audience who this past year enjoyed the talented performances by Sarah Pratt, violinist; Kettle's On, a Celtic trio from Perth County, and Royal City Saxophone Quartette, a lively jazz ensemble.

North Perth Arts Council continues to bring to the community a variety of musical concert experiences featuring a cross section of professional musicians, who perform on the concert stages, in musical theatrical productions and in the recording studios across Ontario.

For information about upcoming events including concerts visit our web site, [www.NorthPerthArts.ca](http://www.NorthPerthArts.ca)

# EVENT

# Art Show

This was the first time the North Perth Arts Council had organized and presented this type of arts event in the community: RECOLLECTIONS: Juried Heritage Art Show

North Perth Arts & Culture Council in partnership with North Perth Public Library Listowel Branch and Stratford Perth Archives, Listowel Branch invited local artists to participate in this arts and heritage project. Embracing the theme COMMUNITY HERITAGE of NORTH PERTH, artists residing in Perth County are invited to produce artwork that features; an interesting location, historical building, a point of interest, reflection on the lifestyle, an event or an artistic impression of local heritage within the North Perth municipality. There was a class for Student artists and for Adult artists.

Acceptable works could be oil, watercolor, acrylic, pencil, charcoal, pastel, sculpture, photography, mixed media, computer art or textile/fabric art. Artwork was 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 was strongly encouraged.

Six artists submitted 8 artworks in the adult class. They were juried by Debbie Thompson Wilson of Guelph. The entries and winners were on display for the Month of February during normal business hours.



*First place was awarded to Patricia Turbitt for her entry The Heritage of Hockey.*



*The community choice award as voted by visitors to the library exhibit went to Sally Coxon for her entry Sugar Bush.*



*Second place was awarded to Christin Dennis for his entry Pump House: Past and Present*



# ARTIST

## *Craig Zurbrigg*

By Wendy VanLeeuwen

Craig Zurbrigg is a homegrown musician who has found many opportunities for musical expression in the North Perth area. He is a self-taught singer, guitar and bass guitar player who loves to get together with friends and play some music. More than two decades ago one such collaboration with friends evolved into the rock band ZAMM, currently comprised of Craig on bass and vocals, Mark McKechnie on rhythm guitar and lead vocals, Brian Askett on lead guitar, and Bill Fitzgerald on percussion (with drummer Chris Newman filling in on occasion). The band has been a major focus in Craig's life, and has become well known in the south and mid-western Ontario music scene, participating in events such as Pad-dyfest, the Wallace Township 150th anniversary celebrations, benefit dances, Relay for Life and buck and does. Craig also hosted an open mike night at a bar in Kitchener for 3 years with Mark McKechnie. ZAMM's style "has grown and evolved over the last couple decades," says Craig. "We started by playing new rock music we liked, and over time, we have developed our own sound. While we play predominantly cover songs, each song to a lesser or a greater extent has our own 'spin' on it." Fans can find the band online at [www.reverbnation.com/ZAMM](http://www.reverbnation.com/ZAMM) or [www.facebook.com/Zammband](http://www.facebook.com/Zammband).

According to Craig, his goal as an artist is "to have as much fun as I can while making music that people can enjoy." Residents of North Perth will have an opportunity to enjoy ZAMM's music at the bandshell in the Listowel Memorial Park on the afternoon of Saturday September 7th as part of the Community Kickoff in support of the new North Perth Recreation Complex. This is a free event from 11 am to 7 pm with a wide variety of fun and entertaining activities for the whole family.

Craig lives in Listowel with his wife Patty and makes his living as a businessman, spending his days operating the M&M Meat Shop in Hanover. After work, his passion is motor sports, including auto racing and motor cycling. Until recently he raced competitively at Sauble Speedway in the Late Model class and raced in a travel-

ling pro late model series in competitions throughout Ontario. When asked about future plans, Craig says that he would like to make a dent in a long bucket list of adventures. That list will certainly include playing and experiencing music wherever possible



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## The Benefit of NPACC: *A member's viewpoint.*

"Since becoming a member of the NPACC, I have enjoyed participating in Art Sense 2010 and Culture Days at the end of September for the last 3 years.

This spring because of an ad in the Palette, a friend and I were able to take the most amazing 6 day workshop in Hamilton, Ontario. We met and interacted with people from a great variety of art forms: actors, actresses, video-ographers, singers, musicians, print makers and numerous forms of visual art.

Through the skilled guidance of our teachers, Sarah Dickinson and Karen McClellan, we learned to brainstorm, plan, and interact, no matter what our discipline.

It was an awesome experience! Thank you NPACC for making it possible!!



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# 4th Annual Amateur Photography Contest

North Perth Arts & Culture Council and  
Friends of Listowel Branch  
North Perth Public Library

invites entries for the 4th Annual PHOTO COMPETITION  
from residents of North Perth and registered members of the North Perth  
Arts Council (anyone can become a member, at no charge, by registering  
online at [www.NorthPerthArts.ca](http://www.NorthPerthArts.ca) become a member)

## **Contest Theme**

***THE WORLD AS I SEE IT (Landscapes, Colors, People, Action, Adventure)***

Amateur Division

Photography Ages 12 and under Ages 13 to 19 Ages 20 and over

Computer Manipulated Photographs (a more creative artistic approach)  
Ages 12 and under Ages 13 to 19 Ages 20 and over

OPEN Division: No Specific Theme

Photography or Computer Manipulated Photography

Open to amateur or professional 18 years old or over.

**Submission Deadline Sept 14, 2013** at the Listowel Library

All submissions will be displayed and prizes awarded at the Listowel Public  
Library branch during Culture Days, Saturday September 28, 2013

Winners will be notified of time and location of prize awarding.

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*Guidelines, and entry forms are  
downloadable from our web site  
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# ARTIST OF THE *Month*

During each month this year, The North Perth Public Library Listowel Branch in partnership with the North Perth Arts and Culture Council, will feature the works of a visual artist in the library lobby showcase, during regular opening hours. North Perth artists will be displaying paintings in all media, photography, drawing, sculpture, mixed media and fabric art.

Take time to view each of the monthly displays. Learn more about the local artistic community, and see examples of their work ... many will be for sale.

The Artist of the Month program at the library is building with lots of good response from the public. They like it and so do we. The North Perth Library is also pleased with the success of the ongoing monthly displays. The program is being extended and so we are asking for artists to commit to having their work on display. We are now booking February 2014 to December 2014. Contact [photoman@porchlight.ca](mailto:photoman@porchlight.ca) to reserve your month.

## **SCHEDULE:** *(subject to change)*

August	Eva Robertson
September	Donna Hirtle
October	Osvaldo Huber
November	Rosemary Galloway
December	Helena Janzen
January	Debbie Thompson Wilson
February	TBA
March	Amy Vines
April	Craig James
May	Kelly Martin



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

Membership is free and ensures you receive information by receiving newsletters and monthly 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.*

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