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North Perth Arts &
Culture Council Newsletter

Message from the Chair

This is something new for NPACC, as we publish a Spring newsletter edition as part of the local newspaper. I encourage you to read over our reports of events so far this year and more importantly, read about our upcoming programs in the summer months. A new program is participation of some of our artist members to provide an 'art' element to the Annual Listowel Horticultural Society Garden Tour on Saturday July 5th. The presentation of a variety of art media in the outdoor garden surroundings enhances the appreciation for watercolour paintings, and landscape photography as examples. The ticket information will be announced by the Listowel Horticultural Society in the very near future.

NPACC is pleased to continue the Youth

Summer Art Experience in August, as well as we remind you to get your best images from this summer ready for entry in the 5th Annual Amateur Photography Contest held in partnership with the Friends of the Listowel Library.

And, the final touches are coming together for the Culture Days celebration on Saturday September 27th.

Remember to mark these dates in your day planners today, and commit to celebrating the arts in North Perth.

As always, keep checking with our web site, NorthPerthArts.ca for registration forms, and read your email updates for the latest details about our events.

Gary Moon
Chair

Artists show their stuff at NPACC presentation

Along with members of the NPACC, an intimate group of about 10 visual, performing and musical artists showed up at Central P.S. on April 29. As part of the NPACC's mandate "Encourage, enhance, and educate", Gary Moon, chairperson, prepared an interesting evening for all. His presentation centered around the business of art. Audience members were informed about topics such as municipal requirements, business registration, financial management and a reminder of the importance of both promotion and advertising.

He encouraged members to consider NPACC's free opportunities for self promotion occurring at this May's Springwork's event, Culture Days in September, as well as the Art and Bake Sale in November.

The last topic to be discussed was the importance of building a portfolio. Business cards, clear prints, an information sheet with the artist's biography, as well as an up to date resume are all key items to have on hand when in the business of promoting your art form.

Attending members were given the opportunity for "Two Minutes of Fame" in which they were invited to share examples of their work. The group was introduced to some children's portraits and botanical acrylics by Rosemary Galloway, prints by photographic artist Peter Daize, Carol Mason's



Gary Moon, chair of NPACC and professional photographer, shares a variety of business tips for artists.

Rosemary Galloway was one of many artists who shared the work they do as well as their process in becoming an



whimsical gourds, stained glass by artist Barb Harper, and pencil crayon pet portraits by Sally Coxon. Becky Reesor put in a plug for interested artists wanting to promote their work by participating in a collaboration of art and music at upcoming musical celebrations she is currently planning.

Events such as these are excellent opportunities for interested community members to come out and listen, learn, share, or just sit back and be amazed at the variety of talent right here in North Perth.

Toes tapping at Irish singing and dancing experience

The North Perth Arts & Culture Council put on their fourth annual Kitchen Ceilidh on March 12 at Knox Presbyterian Church in Listowel, featuring Perth County's own "Kettle's On".

Back by popular demand

this entertaining Celtic trio has a gift for capturing melodies and telling stories that create the energy, warmth and richness of a kitchen party. They entertained the audience with toe tapping music that included traditional and contemporary folk songs. This talented trio used a variety of instruments including the fiddle, guitar, piano, accordion, black flute, and vocals to keep the audience wanting more.

Local dancers Niki and Leslie Louvelle, open champion Irish dancers, were added to the program this year. Dressed in traditional Irish clothing, they entertained the audi-



ence with slip jigs and reels using both soft and hard toed shoes and intricate high kicking steps. The audience also had a chance to get up and do a little jig themselves.

A sing-along feature was also added to the program this year to make the show even more fun and interactive. The audience was encouraged to not only tap their toes, but join with the trio in song. Irish favourites "Song of the Mira", "Molly Malone" and "Black Velvet Band" were sung with an enthusiasm that had the walls ringing with Irish cheer.

Community welcome to share their creativity in art squared

The North Perth Arts and Culture Council is proud to be hosting the first annual Art² ArtShow be creative and express your art idea in one square foot! That's right, you can submit

any piece of 2-D work mounted on 12in x 12in firm backing or create a 3-D sculpture that could fit into one square foot. All mediums are welcome. Artists may submit a maximum of two entries and art work must be created within the past two years.

Entries will be accepted on Thursday, October 30 from 5pm to 7pm at the North Perth Library, Listowel Branch. The show will open on Saturday, November 1 at 10 am. How do we determine the winners? The public gets to vote for the People's Choice Awards of 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$25 and 3rd - \$15. Winners will be announced on Friday, November 20.

The possibilities are endless. Want more details? Go to the website for the entry form and official rules - www.NorthPerthArts.ca

Be there or be square!





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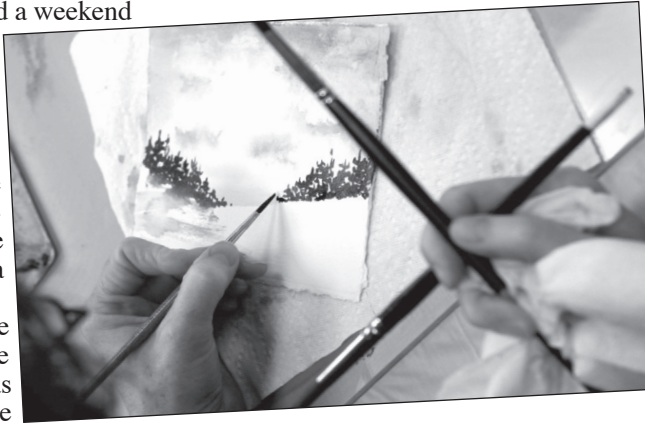
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Brushes were blazing at watercolour workshops

A small but enthusiastic group enjoyed a weekend of watercolour painting at the end of April. With the help of instructor Lorraine McDonald of Fergus, a different subject was explored each day. On Saturday we learned different techniques for painting skies and on Sunday we painted water. The mornings were devoted to several small studies on the theme, then in the afternoon we did a painting incorporating that theme.

Lorraine's relaxed and friendly style made for a fun-filled experience. We learned about technical terms such as "blobbing" and "smooshing" and the potential in "happy accidents". There was a great deal of laughter and positive interaction. Lorraine tried to relay her own soft and simple style with the



isfying paintings. Lorraine had us display our work and did a critique at the end of each day, where she pointed out the successful features and made suggestions on how

words, "put down that brush, Carol". She thus encouraged us to let the paint do the work and not to overwork our paintings.

From the one beginner, to casual painters, to a couple of more dedicated artists, everyone came away from the weekend with two very sat-



to improve our work. Her enthusiasm and encouragement made each of us feel very positive about our ability as a watercolour artist.



NORTH PERTH ARTS MEMBERS PART OF REGIONAL ART SHOW

The Minto Art Gallery featured photography by 9 area photographers. North Perth Arts members Gary Moon, Darlene Greydanus, Cliff Smith, Pete Daize and Mark Robinson (absent from photo) were invited to participate in this Gallery Exhibit presented by the Minto Arts Council.

5th Annual photography competition a great opportunity for all types of photographers

The North Perth Arts & Culture Council, along with the North Perth Friends of the Library, will be holding their fifth Annual Photography Contest this fall. The contest theme is "The World Around Us", which could include landscapes, colours, people, etc. The Amateur Division has 2 sections: Photography and Computer Manipulated, with 3 age groups as follows...12 & under, 13-19, 20 & over. There is also an Open Division which any photographer, amateur or professional, who is 18 years of age or over, may enter. The 2 sections, Photography and Computer Manipulated, also apply to this division.

Our contest is in conjunction with Culture Days, which is being held on September 27. It is open to residents of North Perth, as well as registered members of the NPACC. All submissions will be displayed, and prizes will be awarded, at the Listowel Public Library on this day. The deadline for submissions is September 10, 2014 and guidelines and entry



NPACC Photo Competition winning entry by Anne Broadbent

2012 winning photography by Anne Broadbent

forms are available at www.NorthPerthArts.ca. As you explore this beautiful country of ours this summer, think about using your talents to create a submission...you can have fun and make a little money too!

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Art camp **am** 7-10 or **pm** 11-15
9-12 12:30-3:30 register or miss it

draw | paint | sculpt | create | stretch
visual abilities + think outside the box \$75 / student

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SpringWorks Theatre and Art Festival builds arts community

This year North Perth Arts Council took part in the county wide SpringWorks Festival, by presenting an Arts Showcase for the community, in Knox Church Hall on Saturday, May 10.

The showcase display and sale featured local visual artists, an area creative writers group, and a performance opportunity for aspiring student musicians. The visual arts display included watercolour painting, oil painting, photography, pen and ink drawing, coloured pencil artworks, and gourd art.

Local music teachers Sue Mason (piano), and Fred Haight (guitar) presented ten of their students for an audience pleasing performance. And, local singer/musician Becky Reesor also performed. There is a lot of talent in North Perth to be seen, heard, and enjoyed.

An enjoyable feature was the option to enjoy a light lunch, while spending time

listening to the musical performances, and browsing the various artists' displays.

The day went very well overall, with new residents becoming more aware of the North Perth Arts & Culture Council and its many projects in the community and our regular supporters enjoying the new work presented by the artists. The artists and musicians attending also developed a stronger connection with each other, and some future co-operative projects are in the planning stages.

To keep better informed of the events of the North Perth Arts Council, bookmark our website www.NorthPerthArts.ca, become a creative or general member of our not for profit arts organization, or like us, follow us on Facebook group North Perth Arts and Culture Council.



A dozen creative artists and musicians took part in the SpringWorks Festival Arts Showcase.



Guitar teacher Fred Haight, was part of an impromptu music circle with eager students Ege Cetin and Jordan Graber, after their performances for the appreciative audience.



Alphabet photography a fun way for kids to present their artistry

An additional section has been added this year to the NPACC and Friends of the Library Photography Competition, and it might look a little like this print. Alphabet photography is a creative art form that has the person behind the lens looking at the world with a new set of eyes.

This year, students can submit a 3 letter word or their initials using alphabet photography. The work must be 4X6 images and posted on a black Bristol board of a 8X16 inch size. Date of submission is September 10 and can be handed in at the front desk of the Listowel library.

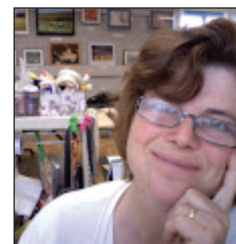
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Youth can share in animal arts experience this summer

NPACC is once again presenting a summer arts opportunity with a week long arts camp in August. Drayton artist, Donna Hirtle, will once again engage and inspire youth with her organized, positive, and creative teaching.

This year's theme is "Walk on the Wild Side." Hirtle notes, "There has always been an appetite for the exotic, the untouchable, the wilder greener spaces and places." Hoping youth will be able to use a knowledge base about animals, the half day workshops will try and guide youth to be a "thinker" and "seeker." The week will feature a variety of media potentially including: acrylics, clay, printing/screening, and murals.

There will be two sessions. Ages 7 to 10 will have the morning workshop while ages 11-15 will be in the afternoon. The cost of the week is \$75 and will cover all materials. The workshops will take place in the Christ Anglican Church Hall. Registration is due July 26 and is limited. For further questions, please go to northpertharts.ca or call Gary Moon at 519-291-2583. Studio Factor owner and artist, Donna Hirtle, has engaged students in the past and will, once again, lead this year's Summer Art Experience for youth.



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A student from the 2013 Summer Art Experience explores her creativity.

