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Winter 2014

North Perth Arts &
Culture 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:

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Integrity, Collaboration,
Mentoring

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COVER PHOTO:

"The Guardian of the Jewels" by
Debbie Thompson Wilson.

Debbie's pieces are based on
historic examples from medieval
and renaissance manuscript il-
luminations. They are not copies
but adaptations. She uses tradi-
tional materials to create them,
such as 23 k gold leaf, waterco-
lour and gouache on calfskin vel-
lum (what all books were made
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Chairman's Message

In this issue of *The Palette*, we look back fondly at our recent programs, and look ahead with excitement to the events planned for 2014.

NPACC continues its popular concert series, with the Annual Kitchen Ceilidh on March 12th. Join us in this celebration of Listowel Paddyfest. Music is provided by Celtic trio Kettle's On, from the Stratford area.

Joining them will be local Irish dancer Niki Louvelle. Other concert performers are in negotiation at publishing time, as work continues to bring a variety of musical experiences to the community.

The spring Watercolour Workshop has a different format this April. You can participate for either day, or both. Instructor Lorraine McDonald has planned a workshop, well worth attending. Check it out.

NPACC also looks forward to the Summer Youth Art Experience, Springworks Arts Showcase, Culture Days, and the Annual Amateur Photography Contest. This year's contest will feature a special photo challenge contest for the youth category. And work continues on a program to bring the creative members in all media together to share their creative ideas and enthusiasm for all the arts.

Please take the time to read this issue, mark your calendar for the special events so you don't miss them, and for the latest information and details on the events check our website, www.NorthPerthArts.ca

Gary Moon
Chair NPACC



EVENT RECAP

Artist Members Meeting

In an attempt to reach out to local artists, NPACC hosted an "Artist Members Meeting" to connect and collaborate with artists as well as inform them of all NPACC has to offer. NPACC's vision is to increase awareness, appreciation and support of arts and culture in our community. To do so, we need to connect with artists and help promote their talent, skills, and products. NPACC can help artists by building connections, promoting their work at events, sharing events through emails, assisting with skill development, and more. Beyond that, NPACC helps build a community and culture that supports artists and their work. If you have any interest in what NPACC does or how you could assist, benefit from, etc., please email info@northpertharts.ca.



**For more details, check out the website
www.NorthPerthArts.ca**

EVENT RECAP*Culture Days*

The NPACC was excited to, once again, take the lead on the North Perth participation in Culture Days. 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 three-day 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.

This past September, North Perth residents were provided with the following opportunities:

- Visual Arts Display and Demonstration
- 4th Annual Photography Contest
- Fairview Cemetery Walking Tour
- Poetry Reading
- 3rd Annual “With Voices Singing”

NPACC was excited to see participation increase. Numerous people particularly enjoyed the cemetery walking tour with many requests for guides following the event.

This year, Culture Days will take place on Saturday, September 27, 2014.





Culture Days 2013 saw an increase in public attendance to the various programs offered. All events and show cases were free to attend. Volunteer Susan James, and NPACC director Warren Wray welcomed visitors to the Artists Showcase and passed out information about NPACC.



Culture Days included the display and presentation of the winners of the Amateur Photography Contest, which ran in partnership with the Friends of North Perth Library. In this photo, NPACC director Vicki MacKenzie and Friends member Val Weber presented the winners with their certificates.

EVENT RECAP

Art and Bake Sale



The Art & Bake sale attracted a crowd of shoppers who enjoyed baked goods and the variety of art work geared for the Christmas season. Osvaldo Huber, Carol Mason, and Sally Coxon were among the dozen artists selling work that day. Watch for a return of this popular event this upcoming November.

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NPACC would like to recognize the generosity of Hoyes Michalos in signing on to be "Concert Series 2014 Sponsor." Their donation of \$1000 will help cover the insurance and other miscellaneous costs of running public events and is the second year in a row they have contributed. Scott Schaefer, trustee with Hoyes Michalos, was in Listowel to present a cheque to NPACC treasure Pat Turbitt in December. A former resident of Listowel, he notes the value of arts, "Hoyes Michalos is committed to supporting communities and people in need. By giving back, we know we are making a difference. As someone who grew up with Black Door Theatre at LDSS, I know first hand the value of arts in a community. We hope this partnership assists NPACC in their endeavours."

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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

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.

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



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ARTIST

Bev McLaughlin

By Wendy VanLeeuwen

Bev Werth McLaughlin's artistic touch can often be seen around the town of Listowel, as well as in her own home and in the homes and gardens and photographs of her many fans and customers. She is a self-taught artist who started her home-based business 23 years ago when she was a stay at home mom and artist selling sweatshirts decorated with her own unique hand-painted designs. A number of years later she was asked by a friend to paint some stones for a baseball tournament. They were a 'home run' and people began asking for more painted stones. Her eye for design and her imagination is evident



in the wide variety of fun, colourful and whimsical designs she paints on the stones. They continue to be a popular item among the merchandise on display in her home and on her Facebook page. Her memories stones and personalized stones are also often requested by her customers.

Bev was born and raised in Listowel, the sixth child of nine, and now has three grown children of her own and a grandson. She has worked in retail in the past and enjoys the merchandise aspect of retail and designing window and store displays. Her cheerful painted window designs have been appreciated by many a retailer and shopper in downtown Listowel. She also paints on wood and many of her paintings on wood have been displayed around town during the Christmas season.

"One of my hobbies is my home," Bev says. "I love decorating inside and out. I also love woodworking and creating new pieces from old." She is excited about her newest creative venture, designing props for wedding, birthday and engagement photos. These will be available for rent in the spring of 2014 and by request.

UPCOMING EVENTS*Concert Series*

The celebration of traditional Celtic Irish music continues with our Annual Kitchen Ceilidh on Wednesday March 12th at 8pm, at Knox Church Hall in Listowel. It is an enjoyable way to experience Listowel's Paddyfest.

The performance features Kettle's On, a Celtic trio of musicians from Stratford, Ontario, whose music embraces the life and depth of traditional and contemporary Celtic/folk songs. They have a gift for capturing melodies and telling stories that create the energy, warmth and richness of a kitchen party. They were a real crowd pleaser last year and have accepted our invitation to perform again this year.

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Our Annual Kitchen Ceilidh featuring Kettle's On continues to draw an appreciative audience. The March 12 performance this year will also feature local Celtic dancer Niki Louvelle.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Concert Series

Irish broadcaster, producer and music historian, P.J. Curtis commented on their latest CD recording. "From first to last note, I was utterly engaged, not just with the groups obvious instrumental and vocal prowess and virtuosity - but their equally obvious passion for the music they deliver here with such fiery drive, imagination and taste."

An added bonus this year is the appearance of local Irish dancer Niki Louvelle. Niki is an Open Champion Irish Dancer, currently training with Gilchrist Canavan School of Irish Dance in Toronto. She has been performing at many area Irish celebrations since 2005, as well as dancing at the Championship competition level since 2009.

Lots of Celtic Music, Irish dancing, and even an audience participation song or two; all make for a great evening's entertainment.

Check the North Perth Arts website for more information and ticket sales outlets. Advance adult tickets are \$20, \$25 at the door. New this year will be a student ticket price of \$10 at the door.



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Upcoming Events

Concert Series –

Kitchen Ceilidh – March 12

Watercolour Workshop

– April 26, 27

Summer Art Experience

– August 11-15

Photography Contest

– September

Culture Days

– September 27



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UPCOMING EVENT

Watercolour Workshop

WATERCOLOUR WEEKEND

NPACC will be hosting the annual Watercolour Weekend on Saturday, April 26th and Sunday, April 27th. The location has been changed and we will be using the library at the Central Public School on Binning St. W. in Listowel. The instructor will be Lorraine McDonald of Fergus and you can preview her work at www.lorrainemcdonald.com. Lorraine works in a lovely soft style for her flower studies and landscapes, but also uses a more dramatic effect in some of her paintings.

We are planning a slightly different format for this course. The mornings will be devoted to a workshop style where we will do three or four small studies on a theme followed by a painting in the afternoon which will incorporate that theme. Possible subjects for the workshops could be:

- Clouds: cumulus, stormy and sunset.
- Water: wavy, still with reflections, running stream.
- Trees: maple, willow, pine or spruce.

We would be happy to receive any feedback on these or other themes that participants might be interested in. Email Pat Turbitt at ptturbitt@wightman.ca with your comments.

A list of materials and the final choice of themes will be sent out in the early spring. NPACC has not finalized costs, but is excited to note that the price will be lower with all the same value in opportunity.



Guest artist demonstrating techniques during Watercolour Workshop. This April, Lorraine McDonald will be the facilitator.

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