



THE SMITHERS ART GALLERY

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What's Up at the Gallery: A Celebration of the Visual Arts in the Bulkley Valley

March/April 2010

March at the Gallery

- Students' show at the Gallery
- Sculpture workshops at Smithers Secondary Saturday March 20 and 27 from 10am– 1pm

Coming Up in the Gallery:

- Mar. 30 - Apr. 24: Curtis Cunningham (photography)
- Apr. 27– May 29 Quilters' Show (fabric)

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Students' Art Work on Display at the Gallery During March

This month's exhibit is a showcase of students' art work, representing nine schools in the Bulkley Valley. The show features art work from Telkwa Elementary, St. Joseph's Elementary, BV Christian Elementary, Walnut Park, Lake Kathlyn, Muheim, BV Education Connection, BV Christian High School and Smithers Secondary School. The exhibit is a variety and interesting display of art work ranging from paintings, sketches, drawings, photography and 3D sculpture. Come visit the show from Tuesday - Saturday noon - 4pm.



Valley Schools' Art Show

At Your Gallery March 2 - 27, 2010
Opening Reception: Friday, March 5, 7-9pm

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Spring Break Kids' Art Camp

The Spring Break Art Camp is running at the Smithers Art Gallery from Monday March 8 – Friday March 12 for ages 7 - 11 year olds.

A variety of instructors are teaching exciting activities such as leather work, abstract art, card making, tile work, and sculpture. We are very fortunate to have a grade 12 Smithers Secondary student, Robin Lough assisting for the week!



Sculpture Installation Series Workshops



Last issue we described the Gallery's sculpture project culminating with the dream of eventually having a sculpture garden on the grounds surrounding the Gallery. We applied to the Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation for a grant and we received funds to begin Phase I of the project. This phase includes a series of lectures and workshops on sculpture topics, themes, techniques and materials.

Perry Rath already gave a talk about sculpture. This month we are inviting participants to actually begin sculptures led by Perry in two parts!

The workshops will be held at Smithers Secondary School on March 20 and 27 as described below.

In this 2-part workshop, participants will contribute to two projects, initially conceived by Perry, to get into the mode of being involved in installation development. They will brainstorm and develop a third project collaboratively as a group. These projects will be part of an exhibition later at the Smithers Art Gallery, and potentially in other venues further afield.

Session 1: Sat. March 20 10am-1pm

Participants will engage in two installation projects initiated by Perry, with materials brought from home to contribute to the development of these projects. We will also engage in the dialogue around the creation and development of such projects, from a personal level to a community/collaborative level, and ranging from the vantage point of use of materials/objects to that of meanings/concepts/themes. Reviewing the current projects and planning a project for the next session will also be discussed, including any other materials to bring to the next session.

Participants are asked to bring:

- fabric pieces/discards or old clothing
- scrap pieces of twine, yarn, string, rope
- old cans of household latex paint that you don't need, but are still usable
- large household paintbrushes (just for use -- you will get these back)



Session 2: Sat. Mar 27 10am-1pm

Participants will continue with the projects begun in Session 1, reviewing and reassessing the artistic intentions, messages, and formal visual qualities expressed by their current form. We will also bring other materials as we discussed in the previous session, with the vision of creating our own, entirely new and collaborative piece, or collection of pieces, as determined by participants.



Quilter's Show: Quilters in the Bulkley Valley will be having an exhibit from **April 27 to May 29, 2010**. Quilts made by quilters in the Bulkley Valley will be featured. Are you interested in submitting a cherished quilt? Contact the Gallery.

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North Coast Artists' Co-op Presents....Legacy and Lace

The Ice House Gallery in Prince Rupert is hosting a regional Art Show May 1– May 31 as part of Prince Rupert's 100th year celebration. Prince Rupert is also holding a reunion during the same month.

The Co-op is calling all artists using any medium from the Queen Charlotte Islands to Telkwa to participate in exhibiting their work.

The theme is entitled, "Legacy and Lace" and will have 5 different categories:

Paintings (acrylic, oil, watercolour, mixed media, etc.)

Wall Hangings (felting, fibre art, etc.)

Photography

Three Dimensional (pottery, wood sculpture, glass work, etc.)

Wearable Art (jewelry, fibre and quilting, weaving, knitting, etc.)

If you are interested in having your work exhibited (and/or sold), you must complete an application form and contract which must be sent to the Gallery no later than **April 1, 2010.**

If you have any questions, please contact:

North Coast Artists' Co-op at

The Ice House Gallery,

Unit 190– 215 Cow Bay Road

Prince Rupert, BC

Phone: 250-624-4546

Email: icehouse@citytel.net

Web: www.icehousegallery.ca

Curtis Cunningham

From **March 30 to April 24, 2010**, Smithers' photographer Curtis Cunningham will exhibit a collection of his scenic images entitled "PICTURESQUE". His images focus primarily on the Smithers and Telkwa area, but also include scenes from as far west as Kitimat and Prince Rupert. An opening night reception will be held at the Smithers Art Gallery on Thursday April 1st from 7 - 9pm. Contact the Smithers Art Gallery for more details. Please visit www.photistry.com to view more of his fine art images.

If you know about or are planning an upcoming art workshop, an art event or exhibit within our community, please contact the Smithers Art Gallery at 250-847-3898 or info@smithersart.org and we will let our members know about it!

Calling All Artists!

Anne Havard is compiling a brochure of local artists. If you would like to have your name and contact information included please call Anne at 250-847-0214.



PICTURESQUE

Scenic Images of the Northwest
by Curtis Cunningham

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