

GNWT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

This newsletter is created by the Government of the Northwest Territories and is designed to help the NWT arts community stay up to date with the current "happenings" in the industry.

There are two GNWT Departments that have shared interests in supporting the arts — **Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI)** and **Education, Culture and Employment (ECE)**. ECE supports the creative aspects of the arts, while ITI's primary role is helping the business side of arts.

ECE's Role in Supporting NWT Arts

Since 1985, ECE has supported the NWT Arts Council as it strives to stimulate and promote northern art. The Council's role is to provide recommendations to the Minister of ECE regarding financial awards and workshops. If you would like to apply for funding, please consult the Arts Council website for an application at:

pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/artscouncil

ECE also has a Support to Northern Performers' Program designed to aid in the development and promotion of performing arts and artists in the NWT at local and regional public festivals and events.

Consult the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre website at:

pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/programs/index.asp

ITI's Role in Supporting NWT Arts

ITI recognizes the importance of tradition and the economic potential of the NWT arts and fine crafts industry. ITI's support is provided through the Support for Entrepreneur and Economic Development (SEED) Policy. ITI, through the NWT Arts Branding Logo, also supports marketing and promotional efforts nationally and internationally by bringing awareness to the importance and value of traditional arts and fine crafts in the NWT. For more information please visit ITI's website at:

www.iti.gov.nt.ca/artscrafts

NWT ARTISTS DATABASE

If you are an NWT artist or organization who is interested in having a FREE online profile listed on the NWT Artists' Database, please contact us at:

**Phone Toll Free:
1-877-445- 2787 (ARTS)**

**E-mail: nwtarts@gov.nt.ca or
Visit our website:
www.nwtarts.com**



ATTENTION ARTISTS AND TRADITIONAL FINE CRAFTERS WE CAN HELP YOU BUILD YOUR BRAND

Identify your artwork as created and produced in the Northwest Territories. Join with other artists and enroll in the NWT Arts Branding Logo Program to help market your art, fine craft or performances. This Program provides common visual identification and representation for all artists to market their arts and fine crafts.

Price tags, stickers, posters, tent cards and electronic copies of the logo are available for free to those who are registered with the Program.

For more information about the Program and how to join, please visit www.nwtarts.com, email nwtarts@gov.nt.ca or contact your local Industry, Tourism and Investment office toll-free at **1-877-445-2787 (ARTS)**.



ARTISTS' NEWSLINE

SPRING/SUMMER 2010

Northwest Territories Visual Artists leave their mark at Canada's Northern House in Vancouver.



CNH visitors admire beadwork by NWT visual artist Lucy Yakelaya. A. Cartwright/GNWT

The recent 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver BC proved to be an opportunity of a lifetime for ten visual artists from the NWT. From February 13 - 27, 2010, the cultural contingent made Canada's Northern House their home as they proudly demonstrated their talents to thousands of visitors.

Two artists from each region in the NWT were selected by an independent six person panel with a view to providing a balanced, informative and interactive showcase of the NWT's various genres of contemporary and traditional art.

Artists were placed into two groups and each travelled for one week at a time.

Week 1 Artists:

Cecile Deneyoua, moose/caribou hair tuftings from Hay River; Mary Okheena, printmaking from Ulukhaktok; Janet Grandjambe, beadwork and fish scale art from Fort Good Hope; Jamie Look, contemporary stone jewelry from Yellowknife; and John Sabourin, carver and painter from Fort Simpson.

Week 2 Artists:

Brandy Wilson, foliage prints from Fort Smith; Elizabeth Drescher, traditional sewer from Inuvik; Lucy Yakelaya, beadwork from Fort Good Hope; Jennifer Walden, painter from Yellowknife; and Karen Cumberland, birchbark basketry and fish scale artwork from Fort Liard.

Each day a constant flow of enthusiastic spectators from all over the world took turns crowding around the artist demonstration and exhibit areas. People were amazed at the types of unique materials, such as moosehide, antler, and porcupine quills, that artists used to create their beautiful pieces. Some artists also led youth workshops at the West Vancouver Recreational Centre.

Over 100,000 people visited Canada's Northern House during the Olympics.

For more information on Canada's Northern House, please visit: www.canadasnorth.com



Onlookers watch closely as Jen Walden works on a painting J. Thiemesen



GNWT FUNDING SUPPORT FOR ARTISTS IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

SEED FUNDING

Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment

The Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment supports artists in the NWT by providing funding through the SEED (Support for Entrepreneurs and Economic Development) Policy.

There are five SEED categories geared to providing basic contributions for business start-up, skill improvement and expansion.

The Micro Business element of SEED awards contributions up to \$5,000 for self-employment activities, aimed at traditional economy, arts, film and similar self-employment activities.

NWT ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING

Department of Education, Culture and Employment

NWT Arts Council contributions support and encourage the continued development of visual, literary and performing arts in the NWT.

Funding is available in three basic categories for all disciplines: Creative Development, Creation and Production, and Public Presentation. Three levels of support are available: up to \$5,000, between \$5,000-\$10,000, and over \$10,000. Deadline for applications is February 28 of each year.

SUPPORT FOR NORTHERN PERFORMERS

Department of Education, Culture and Employment

This program helps promote and develop northern performing arts by providing financial contributions for the performances of NWT performing artists at festivals and events occurring in the Northwest Territories. Deadline for applications is March 31 of each year.

For more information about these and other funding opportunities available, please visit: www.nwtarts.com/Funding.aspx or phone toll free: 1-877-445-2787 (ARTS)

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ARTS FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

People in the Northwest Territories love to get together and celebrate. The Northwest Territories is home to a variety of unique festivals and events that celebrate and showcase the diversity of our people, culture and arts. Visit: www.nwtarts.com for more events listings.

ABORIGINAL DAY

June 21, 2010

NWT-WIDE

A day to recognize and acknowledge the valuable contribution of Aboriginal peoples in Canada. In the NWT, we are particularly proud to honour the Dene, Métis and Inuvialuit. Communities across the NWT will celebrate this day by participating in annual festivities which have grown to include music, dance, artwork, traditional games and traditional foods. Check with your local band or community office for details on National Aboriginal Day events.

OPEN SKY ARTS FESTIVAL

June 25-27, 2010

FORT SIMPSON

An annual celebration of the vibrant arts below the treeline. There is something for all, including outdoor concerts, traditional Dene and contemporary arts and crafts, exhibits, demonstrations, workshops, theatre and dance performances.

Phone: (867) 695-3005

Web: www.openskyfestival.ca

HAY DAYS

June 19-21, 2010

HAY RIVER

The first ever Hay Days will be an eclectic mix of culture and the arts. A wide array of musicians from the area and across the NWT will come together to entertain both the young and old.

Phone: (867) 874-6522

MIDWAY LAKE FESTIVAL

July 30 – August 2, 2010

FORT MCPHERSON

This annual music festival takes place on Midway Lake, 30km south of Fort McPherson. This festival features traditional Gwich'in singing, country music, and dancing.

Phone: (867) 952-2330

GREAT NORTHERN ARTS FESTIVAL

July 9-18, 2010

INUVIK

Experience this cultural festival and participate in a variety of visual and performing arts events including displays, workshops, live performances and artists' demonstrations.

Phone: (867) 777-8638

Fax: (867) 777-8601

Email: gnaf@town.inuvik.nt.ca

FOLK ON THE ROCKS

July 16 -18, 2010

YELLOWKNIFE

This annual folk festival features entertainers from across the NWT, southern Canada and the U.S., including Inuit, Métis and Dene singers, drummers, and dancers and Inuit throat singers. Displays of arts and crafts, music and songwriting, workshops and a children's stage.

Phone: (867) 920-7806

Web: www.folkontherocks.com

MACKENZIE DAZE CELEBRATION

July 29 – August 1, 2010

FORT PROVIDENCE

This popular community festival features many cultural activities and includes jet boat and canoe races.

Phone: (867) 669-7000

SOUTH SLAVE FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL

August 12-15, 2010

FORT SMITH

Four full days of live entertainment, music and dance featuring talent from Northern performers.

Phone: (867) 872-4732

NORMAN WELLS MUSIC FESTIVAL

August 13-15, 2010

NORMAN WELLS

This first ever music festival will host many musical acts from the Sahtu Region and beyond.

Phone: (867) 587-3721

Email: rec_programmer@normanwells.com



Folk on the Rocks Music—Main stage/GNWT

HAPPY DAZE

Mid August

BEHCHOKO

A weekend of horseshoe tournaments, log splitting contests, drumming, traditional dances and a youth carnival.

Phone: (867) 392-6604

DENINOO DAYS

August 19 – 22, 2010

FORT RESOLUTION

Traditional food, games and activities held at the Slave River Delta.

Phone: (867) 394-4556

OLDTOWN RAMBLE AND RIDE

July 30 – August 1, 2010

YELLOWKNIFE

Featuring open art studios, exhibits, demonstrations, performances, and storytelling.

Web: www.oldtownyk.ca

NWT ARTS WEEK

September 10—26, 2010

YELLOWKNIFE

7th annual Arts Week celebrations and Exhibit at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. Two weeks of art centered activities including demonstrations, workshops, lectures, forums, seminars, studio tours, and a meet and greet reception.

Web: www.auroraarts.ca