

THE PAS ARTS COUNCIL 2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT

The following were elected to the Executive at the Annual General Meeting held October 26, 2015:

Andrew Legeny - President
Barbara Shaw-Ings – Vice President
Elma Dean - Secretary
Jan McDonald – Treasurer/Touring Chair

Elaine Bollman remains Past President

MEMBER GROUPS

The following are member groups/programs of the Arts Council:

AG Society
Arts Guild
Aurora
Carrot Valley Community Club
Christ Church Concert Group
Homecoming 2017
Kelsey School Division Band Boosters
MBCI Arts Club
Sam Waller Museum
Scott Bateman Drama Club
Some Crafty Chicks
Storytellers Film Festival
The Pas Community Choir
The Pas Music Club
The Pas Music and Fine Arts Festival
The Pas Regional Library
The Pas Square Dancers
Theatre 53

EXHIBITIONS

During Culture Days, September 25, 26, & 27 *The Great Five* a local art show was held in the Susan MacCharles Gallery of the Sam Waller Museum. On September 25 & 26 Framed Expressions hosted an exhibit with local artists. On Saturday, September 26, 4H displays were held at the AG Grounds along with displays of baking and canning. A local *Quilt Show* was held in the Metis Hall Club Rooms and was co-sponsored by Some Crafty Chicks.

The Pas Arts Council and the Sam Waller Museum co-sponsored *The Great Five* a local exhibit, during September; *We Were Taught Differently*, April - May; *Welcome to the North*, a local exhibit, was held June – August. These exhibits were held in the Susan MacCharles Gallery.

The Pas Arts Council held an *Arts and Crafts and More Sale and Exhibit* on November 26 in the Métis Hall.

The Carrot Valley Community Club hosted a Country Craft and Bake Sale on November 27 in the Carrot Valley Hall.

The Margaret Barbour Collegiate Art Program held two student art shows during the MBCI Band Concerts and the Scott Bateman Middle School Art Program held a student art show.

The Arts Guild held the Northern Juried Art Show April 7 – April 9 with 166 adult entries and 46 youth entries.

FILM AND VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

The Storytellers Film Club held a Film Festival on March 20 in the Legion Hall.

FESTIVALS

The Pas Music and Fine Arts Festival was held in April with Vocal/Choral, French Speech, Piano, Drama, English Speech, Dance, Fiddle and Band. Over 900 participants took part.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Provided a grant to Ecole Opasquia School to help with the production of *Annie*.

The Pas Arts Council awarded one scholarship for Piano to Jane Dunham for the Peace Gardens.

Provided a grant to the Kelsey School Band Boosters for the Scott Bateman Middle School Band to assist with travel to Regina to participate in the Regina Music Festival. Provided a grant for the Margaret Barbour Collegiate Band trip.

The Northern Juried Art Show provided two youth scholarships for the Peace Gardens, recipients were Elsie Bear and Fallon Wadelius.

The George Darke Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Catryna Muilenburg. Catryna has elected to defer the award; she has three years to use the award.

READINGS

As part of Culture Days, The Pas Regional Library held Pajamas Tales with readings by Emma Lees, Alyssa Kennedy and Fallon Wadelius.

Maureen Brown and Rhonda Head read from their book *First Lady Native* at the Sam Waller Museum on November 7.

PERFORMANCES

The Christ Church Concert Group hosted *Star Shine* on Friday, September 26, in Christ Church. This event was part of Culture Days.

The Asenekak Casino sponsored a *Tribute to Elvis* with Don Constant as part of Culture Days activities.

The Ag Society hosted Vague de Cirque on October 14 and 15.

The Pas Regional Library hosted the *Haunted Twilight Theatre* with the MBCI drama students.

On November 13, violinist Jasper Wood and guitarist Daniel Bolshoy from Prairie Debut performed at the Norlite Hall.

The Pas Community Choir performed *A Silent Night for All the World* December 6 in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Cathedral. The choir also performed at Senior's Day, Festival of Trees, and at St. Paul's Personal Care Home.

Scott Bateman Drama Club performed *The Girl that Fell Through a Hole in her Sweater* on February 11 & 12 in the Scott Bateman Middle School.

Aurora and guests performed *Aurora Ten* in celebration of their tenth anniversary on April 16 in the Westminster United Church basement.

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Theatre 53 performed *Anne of Green Gables* May 14, 15, 16 and 17 in the Margaret Barbour Collegiate Gymnasium.

Homecoming 17 hosted *Rave On: A Buddy Holly Tribute* on May 14 in the Legion Hall.

The MBCI and SBMS Bands performed December 14 & 16 and June 6 and 15.

The Margaret Barbour Collegiate Jazz Students hosted a Jazz Night on May 6 in the MBCI Cafeteria.

The Pas Music Club held two student recitals December 2 and March 3.

The Sam Waller Museum sponsored the Home Routes series in the Rotary Room with Rick Fines September 20, October Brown October 20, Scott Cook November 18, Coco Love Acorn February 4, Andy Cohen March 4, and The Young Novelists April 9.

The Music and Fine Arts Festival held the Grand Concert on April 27 in the Kelsey Community School.

The Opasquia Ag Society hosted Northern Expressions and Friends on June 30.

WORKSHOPS and CLASSES

During Culture Days a Children's Craft Workshop was held at The Pas Regional Library Annex; Quilting Demonstrations were held with Gerry Bialowski at the Quilt Show; children's crafts were held during Family Fun Day at Christ Church Hall with Cheryl Antonio facilitating.

The Community Choir held a fall session and practiced for *Anne of Green Gables* in the spring.

Theatre 53 held weekly practices for their performances.

The Scott Bateman and Margaret Barbour Drama Clubs practiced for their performances

Aurora rehearsed weekly for their performances.

Square Dancing classes for beginners and mainstream dancers were held September – May, at St. Paul's Residence. A windup was held.

The Pas Arts Council co-sponsored the Sam Waller workshop sessions in the Rotary Room of the Sam Waller Museum: jewelry making, ceramics, oil painting, landscape painting plus visual art and craft sessions for children were held throughout the year. Paint Nights were held in the Wescana Inn with facilitators Amanada Krouse and Lorie Galenic.

Craft Weekends were held December – July in the Metis Hall Club Rooms.

Daniel Bolshoy facilitated a Guitar Workshop with the guitar students of Margaret Barbour Collegiate on November 13.

Two sessions of Australian Locker Hooking and Zuckin Mitts were held February 18 and March 3 in the Henry Budd Centre.

A Square Dance Workshop was held with caller Brad Slepicka on February 16 in the St. Paul's Personal Care Home.

Tom Alrich facilitated a Live Model Demonstration and a Painting Basic class during the Northern Juried Art Show. In addition, he gave a tour of the winning pieces and a Personal Journey talk.

The Arts Guild met throughout the year and spearheaded the 2016 Northern Juried Art Show.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Pas Arts Council co-ordinated Culture Days in The Pas September 25, 26, & 27. On Sunday September 27, a Family Fun Day was held in the Christ Church Hall with face painting, kids' crafts, Jigging and Square Dance demonstration by Derick Dick and a bouncy house.

Chase the Chill was held in November at the Christ Church Hall. Scarves were hung in front of The Pas Regional Library and Town of The Pas office for those in need.

Co-ordinated the tuning of 22 pianos in the area by Tim Harwood Jones from February 1 – 6.

Elaine Bollman worked on creating a new website with assistance from Marion Jenkins and Bonnie White. The new Wix web site has proven to be more user friendly and allows for on-line sales.

The consignment area at the Visitor Information Centre was put on hold until funds could be found by the Chamber of Commerce for staff to run the Visitor Information Centre.

The Arts Council hosted a volunteer appreciation supper at the Tri-It Kitchen at the Halcrow Lake Golf Course. The supper was held on May 30 following the last meeting of the 2015/16 fiscal year.