

Arts Activities Newsletter 2000-2001

August/Sept 2000

Minister Meets with Directors on September 27th, 2000

Directors met with Hon. Ian Waddell, Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture at the Hudson Bay Lodge. We voiced our concerns over the BC Arts Council's perception of the BVCAC not providing specifically targeted projects to the First Nations in our community. We also expressed our view that our BVCAC volunteers are just that, volunteers, none of our members are paid for their services and more is being asked of us at every turn. We already provide an immense number of volunteer hours, many of them professional hours for accounting services.

During the meeting, a director made the suggestion that if more funds became available, they could be targeted to festivals throughout the province. Or as an alternative, increased funding in the form of basic assistance grants to the arts councils could be provided so the communities can determine how to best serve the arts. Thus the grass roots level arts and culture programs would then be encouraged and developed, rather than just "special project" funding projects that come and go.

Treasurer Travails

The BVCAC Treasurer worked on a member group's books, encompassing 3 years of financial statements! She spent numerous hours and lent her expertise to help out a fellow member and society get back on track.



October

Concert Etiquette Refresher

The Arts council made a cassette tape regarding theater etiquette to play before all performances at the Della Herman Theatre.....(what is it with talking on cell phones, disruptive mid-performance pee breaks, watch alarms that play obnoxious tunes??).



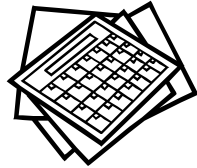
Charitable Status

Registration for Charitable Status was made to Revenue Canada so that in the future, donations and funding sources could be supported by charitable receipts.

November

A Bigger, Better Calendar

The Town of Smithers and Chamber of Commerce now include the arts community in their expanded Calendar of Events”.



Annual Chit Chat with Council

The BVCAC met again for the annual Grant in Aid application process with the Town of Smithers. Additional funding was included in the application for the Smithers Art Gallery to cover increases in operational costs.

The Affordable Rec. Guide is out
Affordable Recreation Guide includes the BVCAC as a participant.

Wink Wink, Nudge Nudge

Sell out of 6th Annual Variety Show put on by the BVCAC was the biggest and best ever with the Monty Python theme a huge hit. All proceeds go to the BVCAC Bursary for students furthering their education in the arts.



Dancing Fever

BVCAC co-sponsors a show with Janet Harris' Creative Roots Performing Arts.

Death and Smashing Thumbs

BVCAC directors help construct sets for the Smithers Senior Secondary's production of "Murder's in the Heir".

Pushing the PD

The BVCAC continues to support a professional development day at the local schools to get teachers psyched about teaching arts....

January

Gussy up Della

Fundraising began in earnest for donations to the Della Herman Theatre upgrading of curtains and lighting/sound equipment. Bank account opened and deposits made.

Sunshine Coast Tour

Arts Council granted \$1,500 to the BV Youth Fiddlers and Bongo Fury to assist with travel expenses on their musical tour to venues on the Sunshine Coast as ambassadors of the Bulkley Valley arts community.



Representation on Another Board

Arts Council director is appointed a position on the Social Planning Advisory Council.

February

Trailer not to be trashed

BVCAC president met with the School District #54 principal, drama teacher, secretary/treasurer to draft a user policy for the trailer, which is to continue being utilized for theatre storage and dressing rooms. In addition, discussions are to occur in the immediate future to draft policy regarding equipment use in the theater, specifically related to purchases by the BVCAC for the theatre.

Boost the Band Boosters

The BVCAC supported the BV Band Boosters with deficit financing up to \$1000 for their trip to Edmonton – 60 students in the band and choir attended a week of workshops and concerts.



Swinging for the School District

The high school production of “Crazy for You” gets a kick from the BVCAC through the hiring of a dance instructor to teach students the “swing jive”.

March

How about a festival?

In partnership with the Town of Smithers, BVCAC submits an application to host the 2004 Festival of the Arts.

Publishing Problems

Local valley publisher was rescued by the Arts Council grant of \$1,000 to offset printing costs and enable a new book to get off the press.

Curtains are for Certain!



Fundraising continues for the theater but the curtains have been ordered. The old curtains are shredding and fraying and must be replaced for our theatre used by the high school and community.

Dinner Theater Sold Out

All 4 shows of the BVCAC and BV Players cooperative venture, dinner theatre at the Logpile Lodge were sold out.

April

Water Walker Film Festival-

BVCAC sponsored the event with funds raised going to drama students and the photo club.



Arts and Culture Week

The BVCAC supported a re-visiting of Monty Python.

May

Dance Fever hits again

Creative Roots gets sponsorship from the BVCAC for their biannual recital.

What the heck is the BVCAC and what do they DO?

BVCAC President develops a “flow chart” and some introductory material for new arts council members and directors to outline the roles, responsibilities, policies etc. of the BVCAC.

Webbing the Arts

Discussions held with BC Arts Council rep and local directors on development of our web page to encompass not only our art activities here in the valley but for all the Northwest region, by way of user-friendly database input. Funding sources to be sought out.



Thanks Volunteers

As it is the Year of the Volunteer, T-shirts of “ I VOLUNTEER” were given to the board directors and members in appreciation of all their long hours of contribution to the arts

June



Momma Show a great success!

The BVCAC supported local moms who produced the “Momma Show”, consisting of a multitude of diverse styles of art forms, by local moms, by providing financial assistance.

Student Bursaries

Once again, the BVC Arts Council doled out some cold hard cash (\$1500) to deserving local students pursuing post secondary education in the arts.

