



Arts Activities Newsletter 2001-2002

May/June 2001

Dining with Foundation

Two directors attended the BV Foundation dinner to represent the BVCAC. They had been invited because we received a grant from the Foundation and were asked to speak at the dinner.

Della's Monies in the Pot

The last of the funding finally arrived for the 'Gussy up Della' Herman Theatre. The technician from SD#54 finalized the quotes and ordered the remaining equipment.

August /September

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Our resourceful president took the task in hand and found us (BVCAC and members) a great deal on photocopying. We have been loaned the copier for free and only pay for paper plus 2.5 cents per copy. This is the best deal around and the news has been spread to our member groups.

Calling all Python Freaks

Rehearsals began in September for our 7th Annual Variety Show, which was a Monty Python theme for the second year. Two performances are scheduled this year as last year's was such a huge success.

Treasurer Seeks Retirement

After 10 years of keeping the books, our treasurer is trying to retire so she can keep up with her other volunteer jobs and full time work....sounds reasonable??? Recruitment has begun but it's a hard position to fill and a hard act to follow, as we have been lucky to have an actual accountant and teacher doing the work.

October

Alcan Has Money in the Can

Directors and an art gallery representative met with an arts assessment team hired by Alcan to investigate potential places and projects supporting the arts that they could provide funding for along Highway 16. After 2 hours of discussion of the arts programs, groups and services in our community, this team promised to send us a copy of the report. Alcan will hopefully take this information and dole out some much needed and much welcomed cash for the many beneficial arts programs and initiatives.

November

Wink Wink, Nudge Nudge, Deja-vu

The 7th Annual Variety show fundraiser was the most successful yet and featured part 2 of our Monty Python theme, "The Final Rip Off". The two sold out shows raised \$7000 for our bursary fund.

Directors on Board

3 BVCAC directors attended Gavin Perryman's workshop "Building Healthy Boards" on how to form a 'board' and many of the ideas will now be incorporated into our meetings and agendas.

Yummy Mystery

We agreed to co-sponsor with the BV Players for a murder mystery dinner at the Logpile Lodge in the spring.

La La La La La

\$500 was awarded to Elaine Edmison and Sharon Carrington for a vocal workshop along with guaranteed deficit financing if required. This allowed participants to pay only \$120 for 2 days of vocal instruction.

Sundays at Central Park

\$1500 was granted to the Smithers Art Gallery as our contribution to fundraising for the "Central Park Sundays" program, oriented to families and promoting the arts.

Stolen Monies

The BVCAC granted local bookstore and ticket sales agent \$200 to help recover the cost of arts events/concert ticket monies stolen from the store.

January 2002

Dance Student Gets Funding

A local 7-year girl whose parents have recently lost work was granted monies to enable her to continue dance lessons.

February 2002

It is all right, you can say vaginal!

Directors shared their directing and acting skills to the Northern Society for Domestic Peace's production of the Vagina Monologues. It was a huge success.

You say you want a new constitution?

A director consulted with Positive Living Northwest to discuss information regarding creating their society and constitution.

Foundation Seeks Input

The Vancouver Foundation called our president to discuss initiatives by members of the Arts Council. They were looking for third party input before making a decision regarding the Art Gallery's funding request for Central Park Sundays.

March 2002

Band Monies

The BVCAC supported the Smither's Community Band's fundraiser with a grant of \$435 for theatre and sound system rental.

Calling All Actors

"You and Your Performance", a workshop for actors was supported by a grant of \$600, enabling more participants to afford to attend.

We admit it, sometimes we need help too!

The BVCAC hired a local contractor to assist the directors in working on our charitable status application....a good example of an arts related activity helping the local economy.

Website is Rolling Along

The BVCAC website funding is now in place and development of the arts calendar will start soon. Funding was received through a grant from the BC Arts Council.

April 2002

Who's Touring?

A director was invited to attend the meeting of Northwest Regional Touring Committee, comprised of reps from Kitimat, Terrace, Prince Rupert and Smithers. Discussions focused on entertainment groups that will be touring the Highway 16 corridor. The BVCAC granted \$150 towards this meeting for supplies and coffee for the guests.

Another Student Receives Grant

One worthy applicant was awarded a \$1000 bursary to go towards pursuing post secondary education in visual arts.

Boosters Needed a Boost

The BVCAC agreed to assist the BV Band Boosters with over \$7000 for their trip with 37 Grade 7 band students to Calgary to participate in the National Band Competition.

Helping Arts Activities to be Affordable

A Director attended a meeting with 30 other community representatives to discuss the Affordable Recreation program. He outlined our policies and processes to assist low-income families and students to participate in the arts.

June 2002

Momma Show a Repeat Success

The BVCAC supported local moms who produced the "Momma Show", consisting of art by local moms by providing financial assistance of \$300 for arts supplies.

Helping Drama at the School

A director helped out the drama students and teacher at Smithers Secondary School by repairing set pieces for re-use. He also helped to re-organize the trailer so sets could be stored and retrieved with ease.

Two Years of Work Pays Off!

After two years of application processes and working with Revenue Canada, a Charitable status was granted to BVCAC.

Local Writer Gets Published Again!

A local writer was granted funds to publish his second book - a history of Telkwa High Road. He will be using a local printing business to complete "all but the binding".