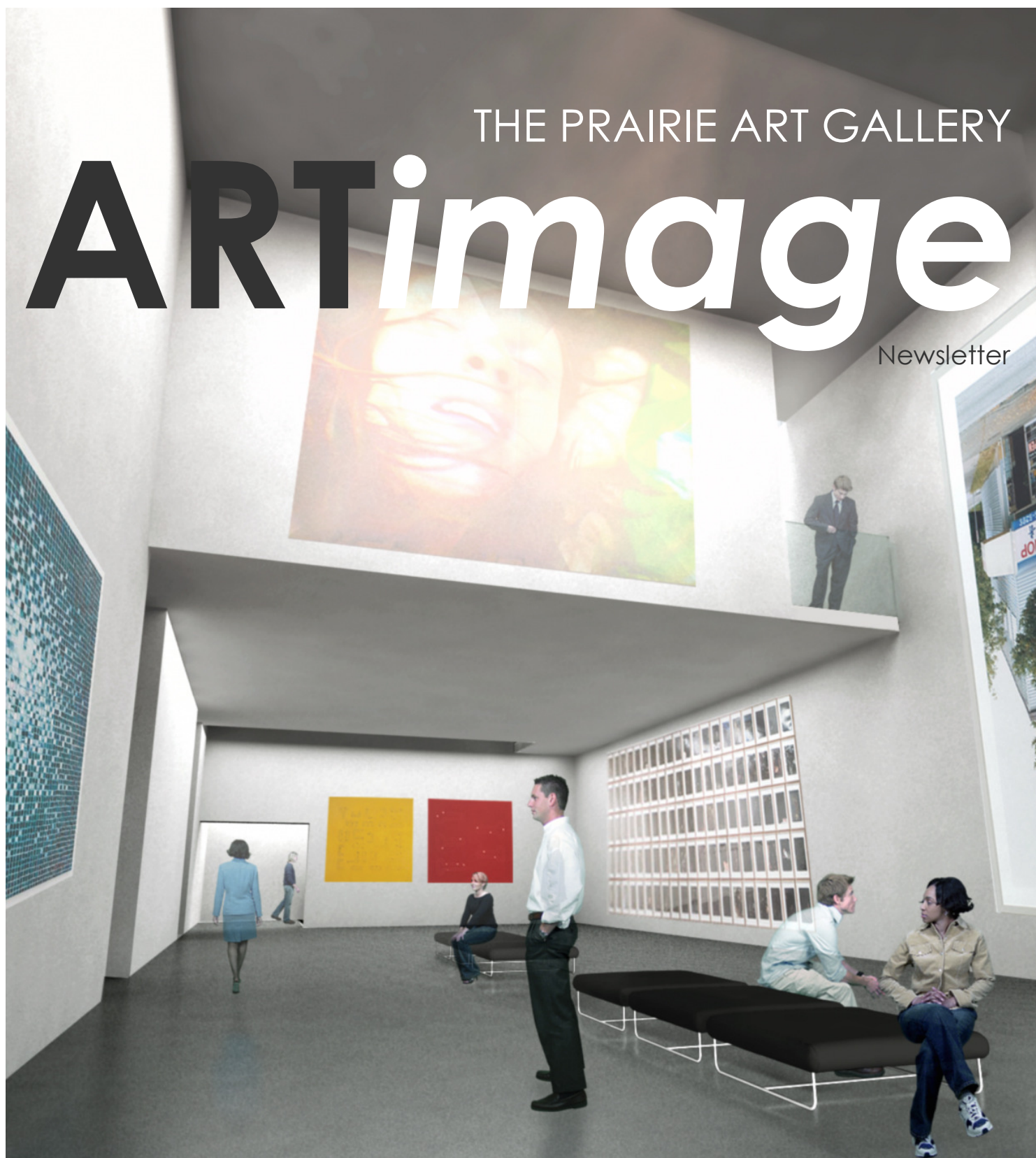


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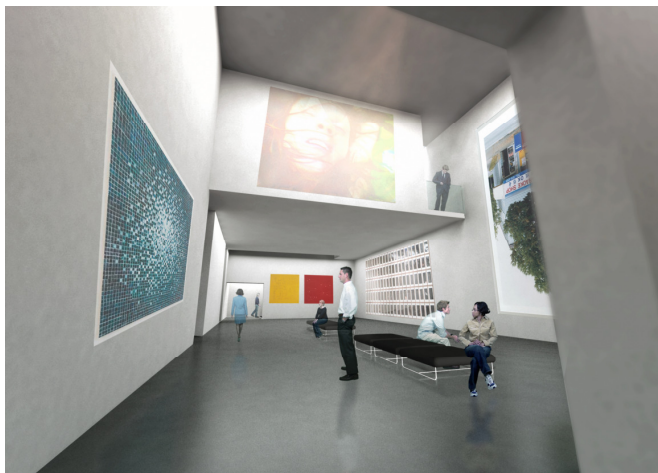
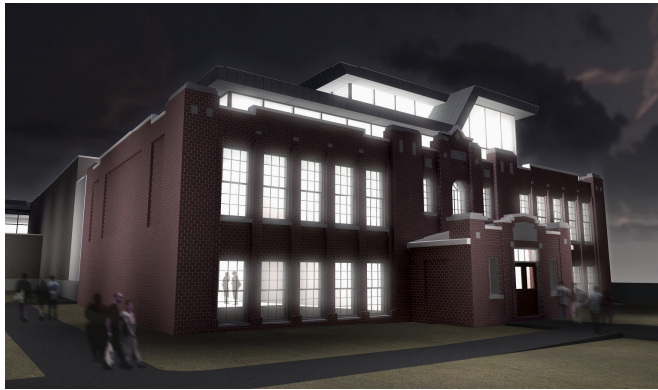
Artist's rendering of the interior
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Artist's rendering of the interior view of the Prairie Art Gallery.
Photos: Teeple Architects

GALLERY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Construction has begun on the restoration of the Grande Prairie High School building. Chandos Construction of Edmonton is the general contractor of the \$6.7 million project designed by Teeple Architects Ltd. of Toronto. Construction is anticipated to take 16 months with The Montrose Cultural Centre entering construction beginning in the Fall of 2010. This phase will include The Prairie Art Gallery's previous location in the historic 1929 Grande Prairie High School building to be connected to the Montrose Cultural Centre.

City council awarded the project to Teeple Architects Ltd. of Toronto, who also designed the Montrose Cultural Centre, home to The Prairie Art Gallery, the Grande Prairie Public Library, and Esquires Coffee House.

The fate of the Gallery has been debated since the partial roof collapsed in March 2007. Last December the Minister of Cultural and Community Spirit Lindsay Blackett sent the city a letter supporting the provincially-designated historic site be repaired. In May 2009, the City of Grande Prairie got news of a \$5.6 million grant for the Gallery's repairs from the federal and provincial governments through the Build Canada Fund.

Please Note:

Beginning in September 2010, the construction project will require that the Gallery's art exhibitions in the Montrose Cultural Centre be temporarily interrupted. The gallery's office hours may be temporarily effected as well. The staff would like to thank the public for their patience during this time of transition.

Events

Grande Prairie Street Performers Festival July 23 - 25, 2010

Visit The Prairie Art Gallery during the 2010 Street Performer's Festival! Gallery staff and volunteers will be downtown with chalk drawing that is open to visitors of all ages.

View four different art exhibitions:

- *AutoPark* by Laura St.Pierre is an outdoor performance installation located downtown
- *Le Jardin du sommeil* by Canadian artist Spring Hurlbut at The Prairie Art Gallery
- *The Wild Side of Art* on view at The Prairie Art Gallery
- Children's Art Exhibition featuring the art work created by the students of this year's summer art camps (more info on next page)

Alberta Arts Days

September 17 - 19, 2010
AlbertaArtsDays.ca

Grande Prairie is one of five featured sites in Alberta and there will be art events held throughout the city. The Centre for Creative Arts will be coordinating the city wide efforts to celebrate the arts in Alberta.

The Prairie Gallery Society Annual General Meeting

Monday, June 28, 2010 at 7:00 pm
Rotary Community Room, Montrose Cultural Centre
9839 - 103 Ave

Exhibitions

SPRING HURLBUT: Le Jardin du sommeil **June 4 - August 22, 2010**

Opening Reception: June 4, 2010

The moving sight of about 100 cribs and cradles lined up in orderly fashion in The Prairie Art Gallery will summon up memories of hospitals, orphanages, dormitories, school-rooms, cemeteries—images that telescope the cycle of life: birth, life and death.

Le Jardin du sommeil (1998) is a remarkable installation by Canadian artist Spring Hurlbut.

This exhibition is part of the MOMENTUM series, a touring project from the Collection of the Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal. The MOMENTUM series has been made possible with the financial support of the Department of the Canadian Heritage through its Museums Assistance Program.



Laura St. Pierre: AutoPark **July 23 - October 31, 2010**

An outdoor performance installation debuting in Grande Prairie at the Street Performer's Festival and continuing through the summer at the Montrose Cultural Centre. *AutoPark* is an outdoor performance installation in which the shells of four defunct cars are transformed into terrariums - portable, partially enclosed growing spaces. Containing flora, these low tech greenhouses highlight the perceived conflict between our current standard of living and the changes necessary to improve environmental conditions.

The Wild Side of Art **July 1 - September 5, 2010**

The Wild Side of Art is an exhibition of art works from The Prairie Art Gallery's permanent collection. The subject of animals captures our hearts and attention by looking at the lighter side of life, or perhaps a wilder side of life.

Upcoming Exhibitions

Narrative Quest

Contemporary Albertan Aboriginal Art from the permanent Collection, and organized by the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.

(opening November 2010 if building construction permits)

Summer Art Camps

Get wild this summer! Join the art instructors at The Prairie Art Gallery and celebrate animals of the world. Learn about animals and the environments they live in with fun, creative, and educating art activities.

Week-long, half day camps

9:00 am - 11:30 am
6 - 12 years old

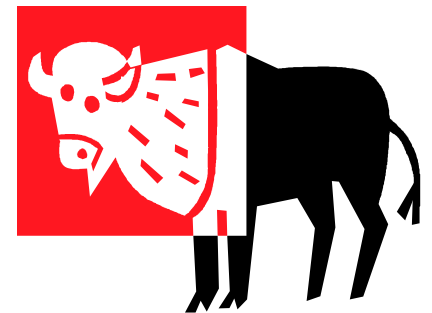
Cost: \$87 Non-Members
\$70 Members

Class size: Max. 8 students

To register, please call The Prairie Art Gallery at (780) 532-8111.



The Wild Side of Art



Ocean July 5 - 9, 2010

Explore the plants and animals of the ocean. Create fun art projects and see the beauty and mystery of Earth's ocean environments.

Safari July 12 - 16, 2010

It's time to grab your Safari hat as we explore the wild side of art. Each day we will discover different types of animals that roam, swim, crawl, run, and fly through the Savannah.

Bugs July 19 - 23, 2010

See the world of bugs and insects with the eyes of an artist. Discover the wild colours and shapes of different bugs to create your own visual works of art.

Children's Art Exhibition

Saturday, July 24, 2010
1:00 - 4:00 pm

View the art work created by the children who attended this year's summer art camps. The art work will be on view in The Prairie Art Gallery's interactive zone called The Green Space. We invite children, parents and the public to a special reception held during the Street Performer's Festival.

TOURS

The Prairie Art Gallery offers guided tours of our current exhibitions to all families and community groups. Please contact Sabine Schneider by emailing sabine@prairiegallery.com, or calling (780) 357-7487 for more information and bookings. We require 1 - 2 weeks advance to ensure staff availability.

COST: \$40.00 / 1.5 hour tour
\$30.00 / 1 hour tour
\$15.00 / half hour tour

Interactive activities to compliment the tours: Activities vary according to exhibition theme.

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Has the event already passed?



Everyone is welcome to visit and explore The Prairie Art Gallery's new interactive space called The Green Space. Visitors of all ages have the opportunity to enjoy responding to the current exhibitions through various art activities designed for reflection and inspiration.

Activities in The Green Space are free and open during gallery hours.



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Gallery Hours:

Monday - Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday - Saturday 10 am - 6 pm
Sunday 2 pm - 5 pm

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ART INSIGHT TOURS

We invite you to join us for a free tour and learn more about The Prairie Art Gallery and our past, present and future. We invite you to attend as we share our story in a special 1 hour tour in a small group setting. We encourage you to bring a friend, colleague or loved one. We are excited about what is happening at The Prairie Art Gallery and know that you will be too.

Upcoming 'Art Insight Tour' dates are listed below. We look forward to sharing an interesting hour with you soon, so book early as space is limited!

To book your tour please call Rob Swanston at (780) 357 - 7486.

- Tuesday - July 6th at 11 a.m.
- Tuesday - July 20th at 11 a.m.
- Thursday - August 5th at 11 a.m.
- Thursday - August 19th at 11 a.m.
- Tuesday - September 7th at 4 p.m.
- Tuesday - September 21st at 4 p.m.
- Thursday - October 7th at 11 a.m.
- Thursday - October 21st at 11 a.m.
- Tuesday - November 2nd at 4 p.m.

Did You Know?

The Grande Prairie Public Library was founded in 1939, and The Prairie Art Gallery was founded in 1975.

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