

THE PRAIRIE ART GALLERY

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CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION



As the restoration of The Prairie Art Gallery continues forward, our location within the Montrose Cultural Centre is entering a new phase of construction.

Our location within the Montrose Cultural Centre will be closed for construction beginning **September 2, 2011**.

Starting September 19, our temporary office will be in the Kin Gallery, located in the lower level of Centre 2000 at 11330-106 Street. Our office hours will be Monday to Friday, 9 am - 4:30 pm.

We are scheduled to return to our location in the Montrose Cultural Centre on **November 15, 2011**.

We will continue to be available by phone and email. Thank you for your patience during this time of transition.



SUCCESSFUL ART CAMPS

Thank you to all of the children who attended this year's Art Quest summer art camps. On Saturday, July 23 we held an exhibition reception to showcase the art work they created. Thank you to the children, parents and the public who attended our special reception held during the Street Performer's Festival.

ART QUEST



FUN TIMES AT THE FESTIVAL



Thank you to the volunteers and visitors who joined us at the 2011 Street Performers Festival in July. We hope you all had a great time.

The exhibition "Evy and Betty" made its debut at the festival. The show was in a shipping truck to bring art to the visitors of the festival and to promote our TREX program of travelling exhibitions. We have 12 exhibitions that ship to a different venue each month in a truck very similar to this one.



Did you know?

164,098 people visited the Gallery's travelling exhibitions last year between April 2010 - March 2011. Wow! That's a lot of people!

Upcoming Events

Fall 2011

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Alberta Arts Days are here!

See pages 4-5 for details!

Winter 2012

We're anxiously awaiting the completion of construction and we're excited to open our doors to the public in 2012. We hope you'll join us for our grand opening in early 2012.

April 2012



32nd Annual Art Auction

Montrose Cultural Centre

Programs

ARTIST IN THE CLASSROOM

This year's Artist in the Classroom booking catalogue is now available. View it online or phone Tanya Freed at (780) 357-7488 at the gallery for more information.

Artist in the Classroom is a great way for artists to give your students or community group a fun and educational art experience.



Exhibitions

EXHIBITIONS IN GRANDE PRAIRIE & AREA

We're very excited that several of our travelling exhibitions from our TRES program will be on display in Grande Prairie and area this fall! Learn more about TRES on page 7.

Tina Martel: evolve

Curated by Todd Schaber of the Prairie Art Gallery
September 2011: Grande Prairie Public Library

Liberation from Natural Forms: Ronald Kostyniuk and his Neo-Constructivist Style

Curated by Todd Schaber of the Prairie Art Gallery
September 2011: Alexander Forbes School, Grande Prairie
October 2011: Beaverlodge Elementary School

Offspring: The Lindoe Legacy

Curated by Les Pinter of the Alberta Society of Artists
October 2011: St. Joseph's High School, Grande Prairie

Evy and Betty: Celebrating our Peace Region Matriarchs

Curated by Lynn LeCorre-Dallaire of the Prairie Art Gallery
November 2011: Beaverlodge Regional High School

Out on a Limb

Curated by Shane Golby of the Art Gallery of Alberta
November 2011: St. Patrick School, Grande Prairie

Tours

ART INSIGHT TOURS

Please join us for a free Art Insight tour at The Prairie Art Gallery. The tour takes you behind the scenes to see how we inspire the community by exploring ideas and works of art and preserving them forever.

We will take you into the vault and view the permanent collection, discuss upcoming programs and exhibition plans and examine how we are continually exploring the world of art for the best it has to offer our community. We also have an exciting look at the progress of the restoration of the old Grande Prairie High School and the future gallery space.

For more information about tour dates, please call Rob Swanston at (780)357-7486.

Available All Weekend

5 Alarm Photography Competition and Exhibition

Location: Centre for Creative Arts

Viewing Hours:

Friday 9am – 5pm

Saturday 11am – 3pm

Sunday 12pm – 4pm

Free admission

East vs. West Photography Competition and Exhibition

Location: Centre for Creative Arts

East vs. West is a "Competition of Interpretation." 18 Photographers from different parts of Canada compete in 50 of the same categories. Its all about motivation and interpretation.

The Competition: 18 Photographers. 50 Categories. 100+ Models. 27+ Hair and Make-Up Artists, 10 Fashion Designers, 9 Months to Complete.

Viewing Hours:

Friday 9am – 5pm

Saturday 11am – 3pm

Sunday 12pm – 4pm

Free admission

High Art: Passport to the Peaks

Location: Teresa Sargent Hall, Montrose Cultural Centre

Viewing Hours:

Friday 10 am – 6 pm

Saturday 10 am – 5 pm

Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

The exhibition "High Art: Passport to the Peaks" serves as a documentary of the Passport to the Peaks program which has become a part of Alberta's history. The work created by artist Robert Guest and Dr. Keith Darcel cements the relationship between fine art, sport and personal achievement.



Like "Alberta Arts Days - Grande Prairie" to follow all the action!

Alberta Arts Days

Sept 30 – Oct 2 AlbertaArtsDays.ca

Discover Experience Celebrate

Alberta Arts Days is an annual celebration of our culture, heritage, artistic diversity and provincial pride.

This is Grande Prairie's third year participating in this exciting festival of the arts. Thousands of Albertans discover and experience the importance of arts and culture to a healthy and vibrant Alberta.

Friday, September 30

Dragon Stew

Location: Grande Prairie Public Library

Time: 4 – 5 pm, Free admission

Performance for children by local duo.

Concert in the Library featuring "The Stray Crows"

Location: Grande Prairie Public Library

Time: 1 – 2 pm, Free admission, Bring your lunch

Saturday, October 1

Crafts for Kids Drop-In

Location: Grande Prairie Public Library

Time: 1 – 4pm, Free admission

"Drummer Girl" Book Launch

Location: Grande Prairie Public Library

Time: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Free admission

Karen Bass book launch and reading of "Drummer Girl", published by Coteau Books. For Adults & Teens with a performance from the Grande Prairie Composite High School Band.

Reel Shorts Film Sneak Preview

Location: Second Street Theatre

Time: 1:30 - 2:45 pm (Runs 66 min.) Free admission

This entertaining package of short films includes a festival favourite Peace Region film from the 2011 Reel Shorts Film Festival and advance screenings award-winning arts-related films.

Family Workshop: Mask Making

Location: Montrose Cultural Centre

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The Prairie Art Gallery is hosting a free mask making workshop where families and children can drop-in to design and make their own mask to wear and take home. Drop-in anytime between 1–5 pm and get creative with us!



Wearable Art Show

Saturday, October 1

Location: Centre for Creative Arts

Showings: 4:30 pm & 7 pm, Free admission

Doors open 30 mins before show times, limited seating. This high energy performance features a catwalk style showcase of unique, wearable art pieces created by local artists.



Cultural Costume Party

Saturday, October 1

Location: Teresa Sargent Hall, Montrose Cultural Centre

Time: 7:30 pm – 1:00 am, Free admission

You are invited to join us! The Prairie Art Gallery is hosting a cocktail party to celebrate our unique blend of peoples and passions. Guests are welcome to wear traditional cultural attire or dress up as their favourite super hero or movie character. Costume-free guests are welcome to join the party, but we invite you to express yourself and what you love by using your fashion!

Sunday, October 2

Film Screening, Prairie Tales

Location: Grande Prairie Public Library

Time: 1:00 pm, Free Admission

Puppet Show

Location: Grande Prairie Public Library

Time: 2 - 3pm, Free admission



View a full listing of events at

www.abartsdaysgp.ca

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- Dance
- Theatre
- Photography
- Sculpture
- Aboriginal Arts
- Poetry
- Film
- Pottery
- Painting
- Arts & Crafts
- Quilting
- Culinary Arts
- Music
- Storytelling and more





Photo: Chandos Construction

The Restoration Project

The construction and restoration of The Prairie Art Gallery began in August 2010 with the removal of the existing interior structure and portions of the brick exterior.

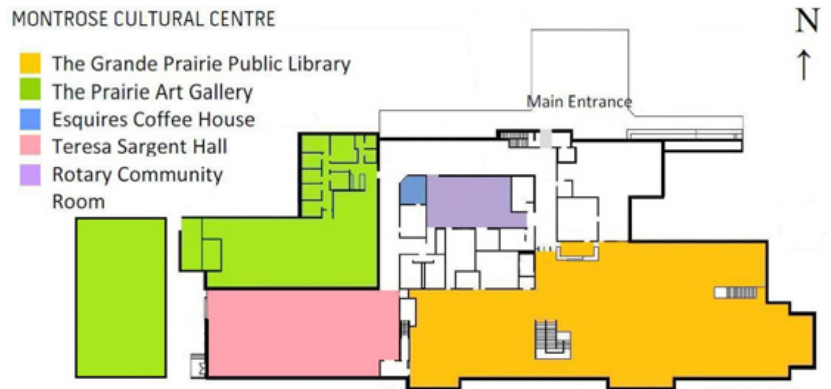
The project also included renovations to the Teresa Sargent Hall in the Montrose Cultural Centre. In May 2011, a new second-floor walkway was completed in the Teresa Sargent Hall that will connect to the new section of the gallery.

With the steel structure complete, construction has now begun on the new interior structure within the existing brick façade with the pouring of the concrete second and third floors.

The rebuilding of the damaged exterior brick wall began in August 2011 and continues into the fall season.

Also in the fall of 2011, our location within the Montrose Cultural Centre is entering a new phase of construction. This will include work to our reception area resulting in our location temporarily closing for approx. 2 months beginning **September 2, 2011**.

Thank you for your patience during this time of transition.



The completed building will include a total of 7 exhibition spaces (five located in the restored building), a new classroom and workshop, as well as additional storage for the permanent collection of art. Visitors will be able to enter through the gallery doors located within the Montrose Cultural Centre. Above images: Artist rendering of the exterior and interior views of the Prairie Art Gallery. Photo: Teeple Architects

ANOTHER YEAR OF TREX BEGINS!

We're happy to bring you another exciting year in TREX exhibitions! The crates of this year's new exhibitions are packed and shipped to the venues where each month they travel to a new destination.

Exhibitions are available to be booked by venues like schools, churches, art centres, galleries, hospitals, and libraries.

If you're interested in booking an exhibition, please contact Lynn at The Prairie Art Gallery at (780) 357-7484.

NEW BOOKING CATALOGUE

The 2011-2012 TREX catalogue is now available from the gallery and online. The new catalogue showcases the 12 exhibitions that are now available for bookings for venues in Region 1 (NW Alberta.)



SHARE WITH US!

A new blog called **Muse** is now on the Prairie Art Gallery's website and we're looking for submissions from venues of our travelling exhibitions. **Muse** is designed to capture the visual and written responses from the audiences of our travelling exhibition program.

If you are a participating school, library or venue in Northern Alberta (Region 1), and you enjoy looking at the artwork that arrives in crates to your venue, then you may wish to respond through artwork, poetry, writing or any creative expression.

Who can submit? Anyone who has experienced a TREX exhibition and it has inspired them to create new work.

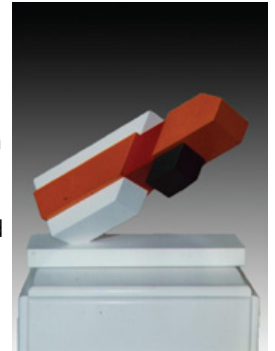
Send submissions and questions by email to lynn@prairiegallery.com.

Available: September 2011 – August 2012

LIBERATION FROM NATURAL

FORMS: Ronald Kostyniuk and his Neo-Constructivist Style

Ron Kostyniuk's innovative approach to the visual arts has won him critical acclaim both in Canada and abroad. Informed by the natural and applied sciences as well as philosophy, Kostyniuk is an artist who is truly dedicated to working with the Neo-Constructivist/Neo-Structuralist style. Curated by Todd Schaber of The Prairie Art Gallery.



Tina Martel: evolve

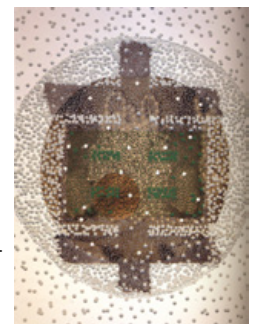
Martel, with the assistance of her team, layered 1,800 sheets of hand made paper over five Smart cars to produce full size paper casts. The casts no longer exist but the

documentation of the process and the final pieces created have been printed large-scale to allow the viewer to experience some of the immersive process that the exhibition provided.

Curated by Todd Schaber of The Prairie Art Gallery.

hole/whole: Kim Huynh

Pearls/oysters are derived from oceans, which are an integral part of the eco environment. On one hand these pearls are cultural commodities valued globally. On the other hand they represent an ecosystem, increasingly exhausted by the amount of toxicity in the human footprint. Curated by Todd Schaber of The Prairie Art Gallery.



EVY AND BETTY:

Celebrating our Peace Region Matriarchs, The Euphemia McNaught and Evelyn McBryan Collection

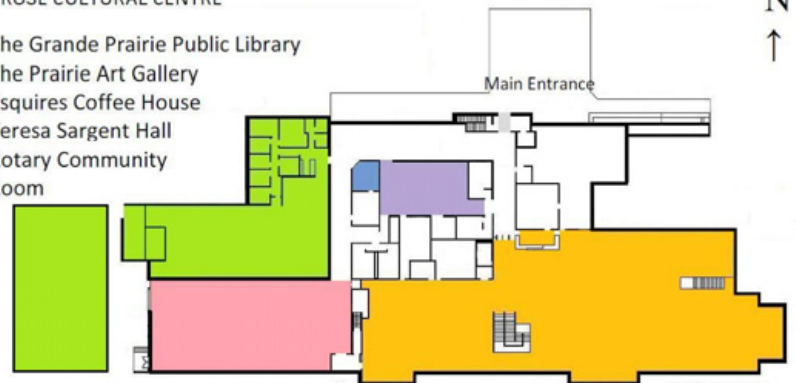
The Prairie Art Gallery recognizes Evy McBryan and Euphemia (Betty) McNaught for their artistic achievements and significant contributions to arts and culture in the Peace region. Their legacy defines an art community rich with creativity, art mentorship, and community spirit through art clubs, organizations and art advocacy. Curated by Lynn LeCorre-Dallaire of The Prairie Art Gallery.

The Montrose Cultural Centre opened its doors in June 2009. It is home to The Prairie Art Gallery, the Grande Prairie Public Library and Esquires Coffee House. It is a place for the community to gather in support of the arts and literacy in Grande Prairie.



MONTROSE CULTURAL CENTRE

- The Grande Prairie Public Library
- The Prairie Art Gallery
- Esquires Coffee House
- Teresa Sargent Hall
- Rotary Community Room



Join Us on Facebook!

Join us on Facebook to receive regular updates from the gallery, view great photos from our exhibitions and events and share artistic events happening in Grande Prairie and the Peace region.

GALLERY FUN FACTS:

Between April 2010 - March 2011:

12,534 people visited the Prairie Art Gallery

1,500 students were visited by the Gallery

2,032 school children participated in gallery programs

At least **261** artistic & cultural events were held by the Gallery

97 volunteers donated at least **2808** hours

All this while being unexpectedly substantially **closed** to the public for **150 days** (41% of the year)

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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