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1. From the Office

Folks have been coming out of the woodwork. I received another seven Aestival Festival donations in the office since last I posted. To top that off, we still have seventeen items that are in transit, quite amazing. Here are the latest...

- 93 Chris Tyler
vase/serving dish
- 94 Alison Cude
wine carafe \$75
- 95 Clifton Woolens, Liz Miller
Handdyed & handwoven scarf. Warp of tencel, silk & rayon. Weft, reeled silk \$105
- 96 Renovators Resource Inc., Alison Philbey
Custom made at Renovator Resource in Halifax; mirror from recycled wood trim. Size is 24" square & Book "The Resourceful Renovator" by Jennifer Corson \$116 & \$20
- 97 Light my Fire Studio, Judy Parsons & Bill Drane
Nova Scotia Tartan candles, \$45
- 98 Margi Hennen
"Charlotte" fibre art doll \$200
- 99 Pauline Kemp
Wisteria bowl & blue vase \$70

The Aestival Festival decorations and program are in the works. If you have not dropped off your donation, or at the very least sent me the description/value, I desperately need it at this point. I want to sleep next week, so any information you can send me is greatly appreciated.

Ticket sales for Aestival Festival are better proving to be quite succesful. I have oversold tickets in the office, so am anxiously awaiting the return of

tickets from our able volunteers. At this point I am taking names for anyone interested in a ticket and will confirm availability on Monday, once we have all the outstanding volunteer tickets back in the office.

That being said, don't forget, you are still welcome to attend as a guest of a ticket holder, no purchase necessary :) You can of course buy Final Five tickets, perhaps a drink at the bar and this year you can strut your stuff as a bidder during the live auction. I've promised our auctioneer Ken Schwartz of Two Planks and a Passion that we've got great crowd.

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I am out of the office on Friday, June 6th, working from home for the weekend, cutting out flower shapes for our Aestival bid cards and designing our program for the event. I will be available off and on via email throughout the weekend.

Don't forget, the NSDCC has a closed office day on Wednesdays. Leave a message or send an email and I will get back to you Thursday.

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2. New & Renewing Members
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Welcome to our new and renewing members...

Stay tuned next week for the new list.

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3. Members' News
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Barb Robson's quilt "Waternish Star" has been accepted into the Canadian Quilters Association's National Juried Show at The Rooms in St. John's, NL from June 2-7. This annual show is held in conjunction with Quilt Canada 2008. "Waternish Star" was pieced and quilted by hand, has almost 4,000 pieces and was inspired by a quilt in the Nova Scotia Museum collection.

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4. Exhibitions, Lectures & Gatherings
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Peer Gallery welcomes three new members: Diane Wile-Brumm, Ursula Bohlmann and Sally Warren.
Works by gallery artists can be found on our new website:
www.peer-gallery.com

On exhibition now are new works by member artists.

Gallery hours: daily, 10:30 - 5:30

Peer Gallery
167 Lincoln St
Lunenburg
NS

Ph: (902) 340-3131

GALLERY PAGE AND STRANGE
1869 Granville Street, Halifax NS 902.422.8995

NEW ARTIST: MELISSA KUNTZ

Check out <http://www.nscad.ca/walterostrom> for information on the upcoming gala to celebrate Walter Ostrom on his retirement from NSCAD University.

2nd Annual
Knit in Public Day
Biscuit Eater Caf,
Orchard St
Mahone Bay

Saturday 11:00 am and on.
June 14th, 2008

Bring: Your friends, your knitting, your appetite, a lawn chair, hat & sun block (we're having sun! this year)

Spindlers and Spinners welcome!

For additional info: edanica@ns.sympatico.ca

INTERNATIONAL BACK TO BACK CHALLENGE
Saturday June 7 at Gaspereau Valley Fibres
830 Gaspereau River Road

A team of seven, including a shearer, members of the local Potluck Spinners and Weavers Guild and Gaspereau Valley Fibres knitters will compete in an international challenge to be the fastest team in the world to shear the sheep, spin the wool and knit a sweater. Shearing starts at 8:00am and spinning and knitting goes until the sweater is finished!

Tickets will be sold for a draw for the finished sweater and money donated to cancer care at the Valley Regional Hospital.

There are teams entered from Ontario, Japan, Scotland, New Zealand, and Australia. Come and see how fast the local team can work and have a chance to win a beautiful, pure wool, handspun and knit sweater.

There will be needlefelting demonstrations and fleeces for sale throughout the day as well.

For more information visit www.gaspereauvalleyfibres.ca or call (902) 542-2656.

We hope you can join us to cheer on our team and enter the draw for the sweater that is knit. Marilyn Rand has volunteered one of her lovely Romney/Cotswold cross ewes so the sweater should be wonderful. A team is also coming from P.E.I. to join the fun. They will be spinning a fleece and weaving a shawl.

Gwyneth Jones of Shearlings will be on hand to demonstrate the art of needlefelting. You will have the opportunity to create a small creature (bird, fish, or whatever) with wool and felting needles. Fleeces from Lamb's Run Farm for sale as well.

5. Markets and Events

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Aestival Festival of Crafts
June 13, 2008
St. Mary's Boat Club, Halifax
1641 Fairfield Road (off Jubilee)

Viewing begins at 7 pm; the draw begins promptly at 8 pm.

aestival - adj. belonging to or appearing in summer 105 pieces of fine craft donated by NSDCC juried members. One hundred tickets sold. Throughout the evening of June 13th, 2008 numbers from 1 to 100 will be drawn, you'll have 20 seconds to select one object from all the craft displayed. A raffle will be held to determine who takes home the Final Five items. Every ticket holder is guaranteed to go home with a great piece of fine craft tucked under his or her arm. And both ticket holders and their guests are eligible to purchase tickets on the Final Five Lottery.

Enjoy door prize draws, raffles, entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar. This year we'll be adding a bit of a twist to the evening, Ken Schwartz of Two Planks and a Passion fame will join us for a spectacular live auction of select items from our members and supporters. All ticket holders and their guests will have an opportunity to get in on the bidding action.

The Aestival Festival donations are rolling in. To date we have 99 items in the office, and another 17 artists have committed to donating items for the event. Spread the word, when people get hold of the list we'll be hearing talk of scalping tickets on Ebay and Kijiji...

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From Leslie Armstrong on behalf of the Market Advisory Committee

Fashion Show at the 2008 NSDCC Christmas Market
Plans are underway for the 2008 NSDCC Christmas Market Fashion Show
(see your yellow "Expression of Interest" sheet in the Xmas Show package). The Show is for exhibitors and for items that you can wear or carry. This is the time to start designing and constructing some new wearable art pieces that may be one-of-a-kind art pieces or may turn into a new product line! Take a chance and make a buzz! (Just remember that New Products that differ significantly from your product line should be juried prior to being offered for sale in your booth. If in doubt, please call the NSDCC office.)

We're looking for contemporary, original artwear, fashions, and accessories. This can include leather products, jewellery, hats, gloves, dresses, handbags, coats, scarves, t-shirts, boots--anything you can wear or carry. That idea that's been in your head for a while--do it!

The reason we're planning a Fashion Show is to renew interest from the media and the public and be seen as a craft show where one can buy contemporary, new work. Fill out your yellow form to tell us (Lesley Armstrong & Joanne Vincent) that you're interested.

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Joanne Vincent

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6. Call for Proposals & Submissions
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EMMA Collaboration. The EMMA Collaboration is gearing up to for the week of July 29th to August 4th. This invitational collaboration brings together 100 craft artists in a variety of mediums, including wood, ceramics, blacksmithing, and glass for a week of fun, learning and collaborative creation in a beautiful and rustic setting near Big River, Saskatchewan. We are constructing a "stand-by" list of potential participants in the event that someone now registered for the event is forced to cancel. If you:

- ú Are a skilled craft person,
- ú Enjoy working with others in a collaborative process (at least some of the time),
- ú Want to both learn and share your own knowledge,
- ú Like a good time, and
- ú Enjoy good times, good food, and good companionship in a semi-wilderness setting, then

EMMA may be something that you'd like to consider. To learn more about EMMA, go to www.saskcraftcouncil.org <<http://www.saskcraftcouncil.org>> and follow the link to EMMA. To be considered for the waiting list, send us an e-mail telling us about yourself to trentw@sasktel.net <<mailto:trentw@sasktel.net>>.

Thanks

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Executive Director

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SCC appreciates the support of its members, Saskatchewan Arts Board, SaskCulture Inc., Saskatchewan Lotteries, and Saskatchewan Department of Culture, Youth & Recreation.

Nominations Open for Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia's Masterworks Arts Awards

The Nova Scotia Masterworks Awards Foundation invites nominations for the 2008 Lieutenant Governor's Arts Award. All forms of contemporary arts and cultural activity, with a strong connection to Nova Scotia, are eligible.

In noting the call for nominations, Her Honour the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, O.N.S. said "The award showcases art that informs, entertains and challenges. All the things great art should do and must do."

Ronald Bourgeois, Chair of the Foundation, noted that at \$25,000, the prize ranks with top Canadian cultural awards, having the same monetary value as the Governor General's Arts Awards. He went on to say: "I am honoured and excited as Chair of the Nova Scotia Masterworks Foundation to see the Award enter its third year. Since its inception the Masterwork

Award has recognized exceptional works by inspiring artists. I look forward to this year's nominations. I wish to thank all those who will nominate works and encourage the arts community to take advantage of the great opportunity that is the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia Masterworks Award."

In the two years since its inception, the Lieutenant Governor's Arts Awards have celebrated a diverse range of contemporary art. Last year, Glynis Humphrey won for her video installation "Breathing Under Water". In 2006, the award went to "Le Petit Cercle", an outdoor children's theatre, created by Ted Cavanaugh, Richard Kroeker, Roger Mullin, and Alden Neufeld of Dalhousie University's School of Architecture with 23 designer-builders from the community of Cheticamp.

To be considered for the 2008 awards, nominations must be postmarked on or before July 15, 2008. A complete description of criteria, and the nomination form for the \$25,000 prize, are available from the website at www.nsmasterworks.ca.

The Nova Scotia Masterworks Awards Foundation gratefully acknowledges the support of The Craig Foundation, the Province of Nova Scotia, and premier sponsor Scotiabank. Senior Vice-President, John Oliver said today, "Scotiabank believes that arts and cultural programs pull together community members in a positive way; by sharing the talents of diverse groups, by supporting the development of individual artists and by giving the public a greater appreciation of different cultural perspectives around them. We are proud to be involved in the 2008 award and to celebrate the richness of arts and culture."

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For further information:

Jenny Baechler
(902) 229-3837

The American Craft Showr 2009 Season - Now Accepting Canadian Artist Applications!

One Deadline For All Shows: July 31, 2008

The American Craft Council is excited to open it's applications to Canadian artists for the first time. If you produce original and handmade work in ceramics, glass, metal, jewelry, clothing and accessories, furniture and lighting and more, apply to The American Craft Showr 2009. It's an opportunity to exhibit and sell your work across the United States to thousands of craft buyers, collectors, and enthusiasts who attend the shows. Artists juried in will gain access to the Council's nationwide network of marketing and public relations firms, be featured on the Council's website year round and published in the show directories.

Pick and choose among the annual wholesale show (in Baltimore) and the six retail shows produced throughout the year in Baltimore, Atlanta, St. Paul, San Francisco, Charlotte, and Sarasota. All applications will be reviewed under a rigorous jury process; results will be announced in September. Deadline: July 31, 2008. Apply online at www.zapplication.org.

A complete prospectus is available at www.craftcouncil.org/apply. And the Council staff is available to help with your application. Email shows@craftcouncil.org, or call us at 800.836.3470.

Note: If you are new to the digital world, you may seek additional help.

We recommend the professional services of Larry Berman who is available at a very reasonable rate.

www.bermangraphics.com.

800-350-9289.

- The American Craft Council

www.craftcouncil.org/apply

7. Funding & Opportunities

Portia White and Prix Grand-Pr, Nomination Deadlines Changed

Nomination deadlines have changed for two of the province's art prizes.

The deadline for the Portia White Prize has been changed to July 15. The \$25,000 award promotes excellence, innovation and expression in the arts.

The deadline for the Prix Grand-Pr, has been changed to Aug. 15. The \$2,000 award recognizes artists whose work reflects Acadian cultural values and traditions.

"These changes will improve the processing of applications and ensure peer juries have adequate time to review nominations before the recipients are announced at the annual Creative Nova Scotia Conference and Awards Gala in the fall," said Bill Dooks, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage.

Prix Grand-Pr, nominations will now be accepted for artists or artistic groups working in any medium, instead of one discipline each year. Given the small size of the Acadian artistic community, this change will allow for more nominations.

All of the changes were recommended to the minister by the Nova Scotia Arts and Culture Partnership Council, based on input from peer juries and staff.

More information and nomination forms for these and other art prizes can be found at www.gov.ns.ca/dtc/culture/culture_prizes.asp .

CAFKA is now accepting applications for the position of Executive Director.

CAFKA (Contemporary Art Forum | Kitchener & Area) is an international biennial thematic exhibition of artists' projects, screenings, talks, and symposia centred in and around Kitchener City Hall. CAFKA is the centerpiece of a region wide visual & media arts festival developed in partnership with galleries and museums throughout the Region of Waterloo.

The Executive Director will work closely with CAFKA's Artistic Director, Board of Directors, Committees and the City of Kitchener to present CAFKA. O9: Veracity in September 2009.

Duties include (but are not limited to):

- o Preparing grant applications and developing a comprehensive fundraising strategy in conjunction with the Fund Raising Committee and overseeing and participating in its implementation.
- o Preparing grant reports and ensuring that all the conditions for funding have been satisfied.
- o Working with the Board of Directors on the development of organizational systems and maintenance of CAFKA's committee structure.
- o Working with the Public Relations Committee, CAFKA's Artistic Director and our partner organizations to develop and implement a comprehensive PR strategy for CAFKA, including media relations and publications (both in print and online)
- o Developing budgets for 2009 and 2010.
- o Liaising with the City of Kitchener events staff and committees.
- o Attending all regular Board and Committee meetings and keeping the Board informed about our financial status and the development of the event and the organization.
- o Working with the Education Committee to develop / facilitate programs for schools and the public, ensuring that we offer programs that will attract and involve local schools and universities.

The successful candidate will have an interest in contemporary art, possess superior communication skills (written & verbal), and must be proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel). The Executive Director will act as an ambassador for the organization both within the local arts and culture community and beyond. An understanding of contemporary artistic practice and previous experience working in the non-profit cultural sector is an asset.

The base salary for the position is \$865.00 / week, additional compensation may be negotiated based on the candidate's experience. There is also a bonus based on performance. The contract is for 16 weeks. The extension of the contract is dependant on a performance evaluation and the

organization's financial situation.

Please submit a cover letter outlining your qualifications & Resume/Curriculum Vitae to:

CAFKA Hiring Committee
141 Whitney Place, Studio 7
Kitchener, ON
N2G 2X8
(519) 744-5123
board@cafka.org

This position will be posted until a suitable candidate is found.

For more information about CAFKA please visit www.cafka.org

For further information contact:
Rob Ring, Artistic Director

(e) rob@cafka.org
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Cultural Olympiad launches Artist Registry

VANOC has created an artist registry for individual artists and ensembles interested in participating in Cultural Olympiad and/or other Olympic and Paralympic Games programs. Designed as a programming resource, the registry will also serve as a central artist database that VANOC can reference for the development of future events. Submission guidelines are available at

<http://www.vancouver2010.com/en/CultureEducation/CulturalOlympiad/ArtistRegistry>

8. Education & Learning

Beginner's Spinning Workshop

July 5 and 6, 9AM-4PM, includes healthy and interesting lunch and refreshments, at The Spinner's Loft, West Jeddore, NS, \$200+tax and materials.

902-889-2829, info@thespinnersloft.ca www.thespinnersloft.ca

Jacqueline Steudler

Artist, Art Therapist

NEW: Art Therapy Studio in Halifax, 5571 Cunard Street, phone studio: 422-

5159

- Art Therapy with both groups and individuals
- Professional workshops
- Art Based Community Development

(902)861-2079

www.artjst.net

info@artjst.net

9. Classifieds

4 Harness Leclerc table loom for sale with some accessories.
Call Barb at 902-464-0373, leave a message.

Studio space for rent, \$135/month. Full jewellery studio including casting, polishing, stone cutting gear. Call Chris Shute, 441.5054.

For Sale:

I have an industrial serger (High Speed Overlock) machine (GN2000 Typical) for sale that I've had for my small business that makes hand made clothing. This serger does a great rolled hem and there are other stitches it can do but it's limited to 2 or 3. The stitches are adjustable for length and width. It's amazing fast and smooth running! I bought it nearly new a few years ago from a dealer in Bridgewater for about \$1,500.00. I'm selling it for only \$700.00 or best offer. It would need to be picked up but I could also deliver it for an extra charge. It will fit in an ordinary mini van if the seats are removed but it's very heavy.

This machine can be used in a factory or by anyone who just uses a serger a lot and wants real power and speed. It costs about the same as a domestic model so it's a really good buy. This machine will last a lifetime. It works perfectly and has no missing or damaged parts.
Call Katherine Munro: 902-406-6470

FOR SALE:

2827 cone art kiln (10 cubic feet) with bartlett control plus
infinite switches with kiln sitter for extra control. Kiln comes with
some shelving and stilts. This kiln will fire to cone 10. Great for

someone firing to cone 6 - 8. Price: \$800

Please email Juliette at

julallan@nb.sympatico.ca for more information or appointment for viewing.

Hilda deWeever and Jan De Graaf touched base with the following information...

For Sale, well established Studio and house on the #1 Hwy in the Annapolis Valley with 2 1/2 acres.

Asking \$175,000.

Since 1979 a thriving home based weaving business, but suitable for any craft business.

We are not selling the weaving business, just the house, studio and property.

For more information and email please go to

<http://www.deWeeversWovens.com/house>

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