



# Whistle Stop Gallery News Letter

April 2007



**S**pring is here and our tourist season has already begun. Thank you for continuing to wow our visitors with the quality and variety of our home grown talent. There is always room for more.

If you are planning on going away this summer bring your work in to the Gallery and we will store it securely for you and bring it out as needed.

## 75th Anniversary

**A**s we prepare to welcome home the many former residents of McBride we are preparing the Gallery and Train Station to be part of the Celebration! Some ways that we could contribute include (but are not limited to):



- Artist displays and working demonstrations
- Historical event (such as Station opening event)
- Studio tours
- Art classes
- Craft Fair

Old fashioned photo with face cut-outs for people to have their photo taken in period costume  
Ideas and enthusiasm are welcome. - contact the Gallery with yours!

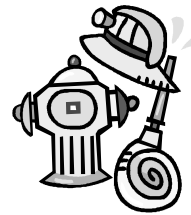
## Train Station Mural Project

**M**atthew Wheeler has finished the train station murals and they have been installed. Thank you to everyone who came out to the unveiling. If you haven't had a chance to see them, be sure to drop by the station for a look.



## Paint the Town Beautiful

**T**he mural project is going ahead - we have funding from Arts Now - Legacy 2010, BC Gaming Commission, The Elks and the Village of McBride. This will enable us to plan for three to five murals this year. We will be working in cooperation with McBride Secondary School, interested businesses, the Village and the community of McBride. Exploring our heritage and unleashing our creativity - we are going to paint the town beautiful! For more information on how YOU can become involved please contact the Whistle Stop Gallery or Stefi Mclean



## Fire Hydrant Project

**T**he Whistle Stop Gallery Society would like to organize an 'adopt a fire hydrant' campaign for the unloved and unlovely fire hydrants in McBride. Our members and volunteers will paint the fire hydrants to look like little people - firemen, train engineers, emergency services personnel, policemen, Dalmatians etc.

In cooperation with the Village of McBride - which has generously offered to match our donation of \$150 to the project, we will have this project finished in time for the 75th Anniversary and do the work in May and June.

For more information or if you have any ideas for these or any other projects and want to help, call the Gallery at 569-8891.





## News and Notes

Our newsletters are now posted on our website  
[www.whistlestopgallery.org/members](http://www.whistlestopgallery.org/members)  
Along with our year end report and annual plan

Denise Lamming has been hired to help staff the Gallery and is a welcome addition to our family. Drop by and introduce yourself when you have time.

We have several new members and are always on the lookout for talented Valley residents. If you know one, tell them to drop by the Gallery and take a look at what we have to offer.

### Whistle Stop Art Walk

The Art Walk was a great success this past summer. Some things however do need more thought and improvement. First is the display procedure. We will be working more closely with businesses to ensure that the artwork is attractively and properly displayed. Businesses that do not have proper displays will not have the artwork and we will give others the chance to display a piece. In the coming months the Gallery will work to find the funding for outdoor kiosks and secure display units in order to protect the artwork and give the public the opportunity to see it.

Second are the ownership issues. We will be asking the artist if they wish to donate the work to the Gallery on the condition that it remains public art work. All of these pieces over the next few years will become part of a larger art display in town, including town murals, sculptures, studios and gardens. If you have any questions or want to contribute an art piece please call the Gallery.

### *To The Artists.*

*It is the start of another great summer and another successful year. Our little family of artists continues to grow, visitors continue to be amazed at your artistry and residents keep showing off the Gallery to their friends and relatives.*

*The Gallery, in partnership with the Regional District of Fraser Fort George is working to market the area as an arts and cultural destination. We have attracted Province wide attention for our talent and craftsmanship. From art awards to television specials our artists are getting rave reviews.*

*We are not finished yet though -- like any good thing it is a work in progress... We have many projects on the go and our members are working hard to make the Robson Valley a beautiful place to live and work. Put those creative juices to work, pick a project and pitch in! Your enthusiasm and support are what it takes to make your mark.*

*Mc Bride.*

*Have a great summer*

*Dannielle Alan*

