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**Art Station News**  
**May 28, 2009**

## *TONIGHT! Exhibition Opening*

### **Color of the Kootenays**

**Gallery opening on Thursday May 28, 7pm at The Arts Station**



May is set to be a color filled month, as another exhibition from a local artist opens at The Arts Station. 'Colours of the Kootenays' is a show of artwork by Fernie artist Janice Edwards, opening on Thursday May 28 at 7pm.

After landing in the Kootenays from Toronto 11 years ago, Janice continues to be inspired by the western landscape and the mountains in particular and this love is certainly highlighted in her work. Janice is a colourist, enjoying the interplay or effect of one colour upon another. Those who know Janice's earlier work might be surprised by this, her first solo show, 'Colors of the Kootneys', since in the past she has painted almost exclusively in watercolour - a demanding medium with quite a

different finished product than the brightly painted acrylics of this show.

Janice's exhibition opens on Thursday May 28, 7pm at The Arts Station and runs until June 23. For more information on the gallery, contact The Arts Station at 250.423.4842.

## *TONIGHT! Exhibition Opening*

### **Mountain Culture Photography**

**Gallery opening on Thursday May 28, 7pm at The Arts Station**

A new and striking photography exhibition is coming to The Arts Station. This time, the artist is Ben van der Valk, a self taught photographer that has been shooting photography for a little over a year and a half.

Originally from the little town of Parry Sound Ontario, on the shores of Georgian Bay, Ben migrated to the beautiful mountains of British Columbia in 2000, to pursue his love of action sports and fell in love with the mountain culture.

At first he settled on the coast, but needed a change in scenery and decided to come to Fernie in September of 2007. That fall he bought his first camera and soon it became a passion. He says "My love for being outdoors in the mountains and everything it has to offer is where my



inspiration comes from and being able to capture those memories on camera is what I strive for.”

In his first exhibition at The Arts Station, he has certainly managed to do just that. Ben’s exhibition runs until June 24th.

For a sneak look at what he has to offer, check out [www.bennyvphotos.com](http://www.bennyvphotos.com) or for more information, contact Oz at [admin@theartsstation.com](mailto:admin@theartsstation.com) or 250.423.4842.

## *Film screening*

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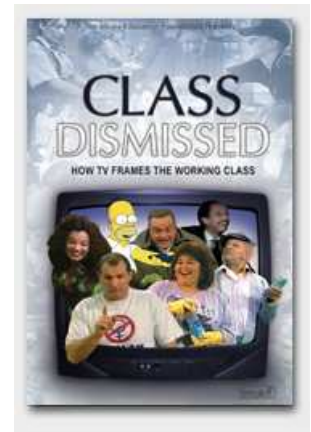
### **Class Dismissed**

**June 1, at 7.30pm**

A film about the struggles faced by the North American working class and how corporate media presents a distorted view of working people.

*Class Dismissed* navigates the steady stream of narrow working class representations from American television's beginnings to today's sitcoms, reality shows, police dramas, and daytime talk shows.

Featuring interviews with media analysts and cultural historians, this documentary examines the patterns inherent in TV's disturbing depictions of working class people as either clowns or social deviants -- stereotypical portrayals that reinforce the myth of meritocracy.



## *Arts & Letters*

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### **Jump on Board the Orient Express**

**Saturday June 20, Fernie**

**An Art Station Program**



The Arts & Letters committee (a joint venture with the Library & Art Station) is planning a fundraising event on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> to raise funds to enhance and sustain the arts and culture programs for children & seniors in our community.

On Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, one hundred guests will enjoy a sumptuous evening. Once all baggage is checked in London (the Arts Station), guests will travel to Paris (the Fernie Heritage Library), for champagne and a splendid four-course dinner.

Culminating in Vienna (the Library Garden) with a midnight waltz, guests will have experienced evening of culture and romance, replete with literary readings, an intriguing art and luxury item auction, a divine meal and stimulating company.

Tickets go on sale on June 1<sup>st</sup> and only 100 tickets will be sold. Tickets will be sold at both the Fernie Heritage Library and at the Fernie Arts Station. For further information, please contact the Library at 250-423-4458 or the Arts Station at 250-423-4842.

All proceeds raised will support and enhance community, children's and senior's programming.

For more information about helping, participating or attending the event, contact Gail Adams [gailco99@telus.net](mailto:gailco99@telus.net) or 250.423.7122

## *Fernie Writers Conference*

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### **Fernie Writers Conference Turns Three.**

The Fernie Writers Conference brings together award winning writers, aspiring writers and emerging writers, for two weeks of workshops, social gatherings, panel discussions and evening readings. In its third year, the Conference continues to grow adding programs and additional workshops to meet the increased interest of writers in the western Canada and the Northwest US. As always, the readings, panel discussions and gatherings are open to the public at no charge.

This summer sees a major venue change. Through the generosity of the Fernie Arts and Culture Council, the Arts Station Gallery and Theatre will be hub for the afternoon discussions and evening readings. The Theatre will host the afternoon panel discussions and the author's evening readings running from July 13 to July 25. The gallery will host most of the conference receptions.

To meet the broadening interest in genre writing, new workshops have been added in Creative Non-Fiction (Sid Marty and Jon Turk) and in Young Adult Fiction (Luanne Armstrong). An additional poetry session, the first weeklong poetry offering, will be led by Ron Smith, poet and publisher of Oolichan Books. Ron's session will offer poets with a collection of work the opportunity to work with an award winning poet and publisher in shaping both individual poems and shaping a collection into a cohesive book. Oolichan titles have been nominated for the Governor General's Award four out the last five years and took the top prize in 2006 with John Pass's **Stumbling into Bloom**.

A Book Arts section the first week will offer a two-day workshop in letterpress printing, and one-day sessions in book design and a papermaking. The Book Arts workshops may be taken as a block or as individual workshops.

For full details on the Fernie Writers Conference, please visit the website at [www.ferniewriters.org](http://www.ferniewriters.org).

## *Children's Classes*

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### **Sounds of Summer**

#### **Percussion for young-ones - 45min. with Jana Ross - Kindermusic**

Mondays: July 6, 13, 20 @ 1000am  
Saturdays: July 11, 18, 25 @ 1000am  
Monday's: August 10, 17, 24 1000am  
Saturdays: August 14, 21, 28 @ 1000am

Classes suitable for ages: 2-5 years, each workshop running over 3 classes. Music and movement is what it's all about – rhymes, movement games, stories, and simple dances involved. We will explore several types of instruments, learn some basic music theory, and discover different genres of music. Come prepared to have tons of fun, relax, learn, and most of all enjoy the gift of music with your child(ren).

\$45/family (up to 2 children); Single drop-in session \$20  
**Register NOW! Call The Arts Station 423.4842 or pop by**

## *Facebook*

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Join in and get involved. The Fernie Arts Station has recently joined. Are you a member too? If so, why not both befriend us and join our new group aptly called, "The Fernie Arts Station". We'll keep you updated on forthcoming events and excitements and in return, we'd love you to invite all your friends to join too.

We look forwards to seeing our small-town Fernie Arts Station group spread its artistic wings across the globe...

## *Art Starts Now | May 2009*

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### **Artist in Residence Grant for Schools**

#### **Call to all BC schools!**

Bring an artist into your classroom to work on a long-term art project in the 2009/10 school year with an Artists in Education, Component 2 grant. **This matching grant of up to \$1,800** is available to BC schools for hands-on art projects that link across the curriculum and are created with professional artists of any discipline. The grant covers artist fees and materials.

Successful applications are student-centered projects that give young people a voice, and add meaning and relevance to their learning and their lives.

**DEADLINE: JUNE 5, 2009**

For more information, please contact: Kate Varney, Program Coordinator at [kate@artstarts.com](mailto:kate@artstarts.com) or call 1.888.878.7144 ext.7.

## *Columbia Basin Culture Tour - August 15, 2009*

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### **A project of the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance**

#### **Call for Artists, Art Galleries, Heritage Venues**

**Columbia Basin** – Registrations currently being accepted for venues in the Columbia Basin to participate in the Columbia Basin Culture Tour (CBCT). The CBCT is a day long celebration of culture taking place August 15, 2009 from 10 am to 5 pm.

The CBCT is a self guided tour showcasing local arts, culture and heritage offered at no charge to the general public. The focus of the event will be for the public to pick up a tour guide/map and use it to visit a number of locations such as artists' studios, museums, art galleries cultural centers and heritage sites throughout the Columbia Basin.

This event is an opportunity for people to meet the participants "behind the scenes". During the event attendees may: visit artists studios that may not regularly be open to the public, have an opportunity to purchase works directly from the artists, visit art galleries and museums to view special interpretive displays, demonstrations or performances or meet local artists, curators and historians in attendance at the participating venues.

**FINAL VENUE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 29, 2009**

#### **Register by May 11 and save!**

\$40.00: Early Registration (full registration package received by May 11)

\$50.00: Registration (full registration package received between May 12-29)

Registration information is available online at [www.cbculturetour.com](http://www.cbculturetour.com), or by phoning the CKCA at 1-250-505-5505 or toll free at 1-877-505-7355.

## *Did you submit an entry to the Banner Project 2009?*

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### **And would you like your CD back?**

Well fell free to pop by The Arts Station next week and collect it. Don't be too long, or they'll be sent to the heavens...

## *Job Opportunity*

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### **The following job is open to College or University Students only**

#### **Gallery and Special Events Manager**

#### **Island Mountain Arts Society, Wells, BC**

**Start date:** May ASAP, Duration – 14 weeks, Wage - \$12.50/hour, 35 hours per week.

**Job Description:** The student will organize the set up/tear-down of exhibitions and special events such as literary readings, slide presentations, concerts, coffeehouses, student receptions, the ArtsWells Festival and outdoor activities. Prepare and distribute publicity materials (print, radio, posters, etc.) for special events and IMA programming; Handle, process and report on all monies received for special events; Operate event concession/canteen, including ordering of stock, preparing coffee and processing daily cash outs; Maintain the IMA Report Binder containing a publicity file, event reports and other summer information; Develop new programming as required; Assist with all aspects of daily office duties such as answering phones, emails, filing, photocopying, etc., and other duties as assigned.

Island Mountain Arts is a vibrant arts organization that provides innovative cultural programming in north central BC. In addition to the Public Gallery, the organization annually presents the ArtsWells Festival and the Summer School of the Arts, the International Celtic Harp School, the Toni Onley Artists' Project for Emerging and Professional Artists and a variety of additional events and workshops. IMA's Public Gallery features exhibits by artists from western Canada and beyond. For more information see [www.imarts.com](http://www.imarts.com)

Wells is a tiny community 80 km east of Quesnel, near Barkerville Historic Town and Bowron Lakes Provincial Park. It is known as a destination for the arts, heritage and outdoor pursuits. For more information see [www.wellsbc.com](http://www.wellsbc.com)

This job is a great opportunity for someone looking for experience working in a Public Gallery, organizing events, tourism, media relations, public relations and a vibrant and dynamic team atmosphere.

Please email your cover letter and resume to Artistic Director, Julie Fowler at [media@imarts.com](mailto:media@imarts.com). For questions please feel free to call 1-800-442-2787.

*That's all 'til next week...*

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