

CRAFT COUNCILS

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A word from a disappearing Editor: New Executive, new gallery, many new members answering the call for entries in The Annual Show and ... a new Editor!

Martha Creighton is taking over from me as of this issue. Martha is a weaver and bobbin - lace-maker who is also an experienced newspaper woman, and it feels good to put a job I have enjoyed to much into such capable hands!

It has been a most interesting and rewarding year - a chance to meet and get in contact with so many nice people from all over the province! I want to thank the many people who have helped to keep Craft Contacts ticking over, with your letters, your news items, your encouraging words! Good craft-making to all of you! And good luck to Martha!

Barbara Lambert.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT:

President elected Walter Dexter,
2962 140th Street, Delta, B.C.
Phone: 536-1145

1st to 4th Vice-President respectively,
Joyce Cammidge, Stan Clarke, Charlotte Trende,
Judy Cramner

Treasurer: Terry Mooney
Secretary: Stan Tait

Area Representatives: Penny Levesque, Port Alberni; Eleanor Cailles, East Kootenays; Elaine Genser, Prince George; JanMcLeod, Terrace; and Frances Hatfield, Okanagan. All above persons addresses are in the CABC Directory.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Gail Rogers is our permanent staff Executive Secretary. She joined us in early September after a summer in which many members volunteered to work on a weekly basis in the office. Many thanks to them and specially to Sheila Graham who is now on a well deserved vacation after nobly working in the office as Executive Secretary. We are happy that upon her return she will be a willing volunteer. Thanks Sheila for your assistance.

Rebecca Davies, Marketing Chairperson, said the slide and print registry is now in the reference library and has already been used.

Jean Lay, Education person, reported books were ordered and are now in our reference library. She also advertised the CABC by means of posters and contacting sponsoring groups such as adult education departments and art councils.

Charlotte Trende, reporting for Hiro Urakami said plans for the juried B.C. Crafts Annual is going ahead. Support for prizes has been received from major Guilds and the Design Council of B.C. has given \$300.00 in certain categories.

Anyone interested in a full report of the Annual Meeting and/or a detailed Treasurer's report is requested to come into the office.

CANADIAN CRAFTS COUNCIL:

Remember applications are now out for World Craft Council Meeting in Oaxtepec, Mexico - June 6th - 12th 1976. Attendance limited to 900 persons. SO REGISTER NOW! Write Suite 16, 46 Elgin St., Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5K6. Brenda Davey, is organizing a group flight to Mexico. Write to Brenda at 882 Friar Crescent, N. Vanc. V7G 1M7 or phone 929-3136.

B.C. CULTURAL PROGRAM-ARTS B.C.

Provincial Secretary announced four regions now have trained organizers who will be arranging regional conferences hopefully in November. Regions include Northwest, Kootenays, Caribou and North Coast Island. Plans under way to create 8 to 10 more regions.

Arts BC is available through B.C. Cultural Programme, 466 Superior Street, Victoria, B.C.

REPORTS - REVIEWS - REQUESTS;

Belated Kootenay Report: Kootenay Crafts 75 had a successful showing in Selkirk College last May and beginning of June, after which the show travelled 1,000 miles around small communities in the Kootenays. Reception was good, and many requests for a return visit next year have been received. We finished in the black!

Riondel and Fruitvale both had successful and interesting fairs. Many new craftspeople have been moving into the Kootenays. At least three new outlets for crafts have opened and are looking for crafts on consignment. Mrs. Koel, "Creations 2", 808a Baker Street, Cranbrook is one. Another is in Riondel, and the one at Yahk has done good business all summer. In Yahk a group of local craftspeople are busy setting up for winter activity, classes to include pottery, jewelry, leathercraft, sand candle making and carving, and spinning are planned, stimulated by Bob and Lady Smith and Lauralee and Donna. Bob is a gold and silversmith and his shop is worth a visit.

Kootenay Christmas Faire is planned for Dec. 5,6, and 7th in the Nelson Civic Centre with the usual happy musical sounds for accompaniment.

Booths are available, write Faire, Box 63, Nelson, B.C. It is sponsored by the Kootenay Cultural Society.

Creston is planning a pottery workshop with a potter from Banff. No more details available at the moment.

The Kootenays now have an Arts Organizer, Jack Anderson, Court House, Nelson. He is working in conjunction with the B.C. Cultural Programme and has a conference for the Kootenays planned in Creston, Prince Charles Secondary School, 10:00 am, Saturday, Nov. 8th. All Arts Councils,

Recreation Groups, Artists, Craftspeople, and interested residents are urged to attend. Representation at the Regional and Provincial levels will be dependent on this meeting. There are lots of decisions to be made. Watch for the local community meeting before this date.

Eleanor Cailes

REQUEST:

Any kind photographer who can assist the CABC members in taking slides of completed craft pieces (pottery, fabric, jewellery, glass etc.) please offer your help. Write CABC office, please label letters "Photo Service".

Here's an idea for a photographer- could you apply for a LIP or OFY Grant to travel about the province photographing craft pieces for B.C. Crafts- persons, especially those who do not have photographic equipment?

SELLING YOUR CRAFTS, by Norbert N. Nelson, is published in cooperation with the American Craftsmen's Council. This book is an absolute must for all craftpersons selling their work.

Whether you sell by consignment, wholesale or retail, absolutely every aspect of selling crafts is covered by Mr. Nelson. From reasons for developing a "line", to methods of pricing, to display techniques, every page is loaded with tips for improving sales.

For \$3.95 this book can be obtained from the publisher, VanNostrand Reinhold in Toronto or the CABC has a reference copy in the office, Vancouver.

"Review by Terry Mooney"

WORKSHOPS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Li Hane Johnson

Nov. 1 and 2 - at "The Wool Shed", Fulford Harbour, Saltspring Island.

A week-end workshop in dying with lichens, indigo vat, berries and barks. Bring your own wool or purchase at the "Wool Shed". Spinners available. Fee \$20.00 including lunches. Accomodation available. *Box 2 - 105 100*

Sat. Oct. 25th: Malaspina College, Nanaimo, B.C. CERAMICS '75 SEMINAR. Leaders in the ceramic field will participate in a stimulating program, which will include lectures in a wide variety of specific disciplines. Participants are invited to bring a piece of their work for display in the "Jury Show". REGISTRATION FEE is \$15.00. By cheque or money order, before Oct. 18th. Send to Ceramics Seminar, Art Dept., Malaspina College, 375 Kennedy Street, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 2J3. In the event of a mail strike

please telephone 758-2036. Guest lecturers include: F. Carlton Ball, (USA), Gerda Spury, (Austria), John Porter, (Alberta) and leading British Columbia potters.

Until Dec. 19th - Mondays and Wednesdays, 10-12 am. Workshops in yarn arts at KITS HOUSE, 7th and Vine. Phone 736-3588. \$.50 a day. Join in anytime. \$.50 a session. Macrame, Weaving, Batik, Tie Dye, Crochet, Hooking etc.

WHAT DO YOU WANT IN THE WAY OF WORKSHOPS?

The Craftsmen's Association would like to arrange workshops to fill the needs of our members. Please write in and let us know your needs etc.

Nov. 1 - A PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP - A course on learning how to copy your work for proper presentation. Film and camera tests for proper resolution. Coincides with entry delivery for Craft Annual. The Workshop Director is Emily Grice, Saturday, Nov. 1, 10 am - 4 pm. \$.50 per person for registration. Vancouver Vocational School, Rm. 320. Phone CABC office 681-9613 for registration, no one without prior registration will be able to attend.

Bring your own:
Camera Equipment including, empty camera, light meter (if any), tripod (if any), cable release, blackfelt pen, short roll of slide film. Please bring your lunch.

NORTHWEST COAST INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS: 508 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. line drawing, graphics, painting classes are now in session.

BURNABY ART CENTRE: All crafts represented in separate courses, phone centre for information.

PLACE DE ARTS: 166 King Edward, Coquitlam, B.C. V3K 4T2
Classes in weaving, basketing, stained glass, macrame, drawing, music and quilting. Phone or write for brochure. Phone 526-2891

UPSTAIRS GALLERY: This is your gallery. It is now officially open and is in our office. Shows on and coming:

Sept. 27 - Oct. 17 - Production Items
Oct. 20 - Nov. 7 - Hornby Island Instruments (submit Oct. 17)
Nov. 10 - Nov. 28 - Keeping Warm (submit Nov. 7)
Dec. 1 - Dec. 19 - Toy Show (submit Nov. 28)
Jan. 5 - Jan. 30 - Jute and Spun Wool Hangings (submit Jan. 2)
Feb. 2 - Feb. 27 - K'san Indian Handwork (submit Jan. 30)

COMING EVENTS:

Oct. 1 - Oct. 14 - Place Des Arts - Figure Drawing Show by Students of Giselle Uritam.

Oct. 2 - Oct. 19 - Surrey Art Gallery - Landscapes, Edward Porter of Nova Scotia and George Casprowitz of Surrey.

Oct. 7 - Oct. 25 - Mido Gallery - Annual Tapestry '75

Oct. 27 - Nov. 8 - studio, 1255 56th, Delta, Weaving display, if interested in displaying please drop in.

Oct. 15 - Oct. 29 - Place Des Arts, 166 King Edward Street, Coquitlam.

Ceramics in geometric and organic Forms, by Ron Hilliard.

To Oct 20 - Art Deco, 1925-1935 - Centennial Museum, 1100 Chestnut St.

Vancouver, B.C.

Oct. 30 - Nov. 5 - Place Des Artes; Chinese Brush Paintings - Flowers, Birds, Figures by Betty Gendi.

Oct. 24, 25 and 26 - Aberthau Cultural Centre, 4397 West 2nd Ave., Vancouver, B.C., Greater Vancouver Weavers and Spinners Guild - Sale and Fashion Show. Admission \$1.00. Friday 6-9pm, Sat. 10-5pm and Sunday 1-5pm.

Nov. 3, 4, and 5th - "Gold and Silver Jewelry" by Terry Mooney, Place des Arts, Coquitlam

Nov. 20 - Dec. 3 - Place des Arts, Coquitlam, "Weaving Plain and Fancy" A show by Joanne Ryeburn.

Dec. 5 - through 21 - Annual Salon of the Metiers d'art du Quebec. This year craftsmen from Quebec are offering craftsmen from across Canada an opportunity to participate in this highly polished professional show where a vast amount of business is done and orders are taken for the entire year. Twelve kiosks are being made available for non-Quebec residents at a cost of \$500.00 each, rental. All negotiations must be made through the Canadian Crafts Council, and as the closing date for application has been given as October 10 we suggest that anyone seriously interested telephone CCC at (613) 235-8200.

Unfortunately news of this marvellous opportunity came in very late this year. However the marketing committee will follow this up and attempt to give B.C. Craftsmen a chance to become involved in plenty of time for next year's show.

March 21, 22, and 23 - 2nd annual Vancouver Spring Gift Show, Exhibition Park, Vancouver, B.C. Any craftsperson interested in contacting wider markets by sharing booth space is asked to write in to the office as soon as possible. Mark your envelopes "Gift Show c/o Marketing".

CHRISTMAS FAIRS:

East End Cultural Centre - Dec. 12th - 23rd
Burnaby Art Centre - Dec. 7th - 14th - 21st For further information please call Murray or Annette Anderson Ph. 521-6836

EVENTS OUT OF TOWN:

Seattle, Washington: Claes Oldenburg - Sculptor, "Six Themes" Through Nov. 9th, Modern Art Pavilion, Seattle Centre, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm Tuesday to Sunday, Thursday open until 8:00pm. Adm. \$1.00 Thurs. ~~f~~ree. Sculpture in fabric, aluminum and steel.

ADVERTISEMENTS:

Coquitlam Crafts - most craftsmen's supplies, weaving, spinning, candle-craft, beading, macrame, batik. Large book selection. Linn Black spinners, LeClerc looms, local and imported raw wools, cotton, wool and synthetic yarns, dyes and waxes. Mail order filled. Drum carders now available. 946 B Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, B.C. Ph. 522-111.

CONTENTS OF POTTERY STUDIO FOR SALE: Please call Maureen Wright, 1155 Nicola St., Vancouver, B.C. V6G 2E4. Ph. 685-2888 or 736-3235

Temporary Firing Space in Stoneware Gas Kiln required desperately. Please call 685-2888 or 736-3235.

For Sale in Surrey near White Rock well treed 5 acres with two bedroom house, separate guest cottage and 25'x25' heated and well lit pottery studio. Almost new 35 cubic foot downdraft gas kiln. Ideal location for aspiring potter-craftsman. Contact Walter Dexter, Ph. 536-1145.

"?? Bookkeeping, Income Tax, Typing, Telephone Answering, etc. Reasonable rates any one or all of above - 931-3551.

RUN OF THE MILL FIBERS AND YARNS - Weavers supplies and weaving and pottery for sale, 15222 Pacific Avenue, White Rock, ph. 536-6422.

Wanted - 45, 54, or 60" 4 harness, counterbalance floor loom - Judy Fortin, Ph. 738-9497 or 987-0856.

FIBRES STUDIO - 2913 Spring St., Port Moody, B.C. - New expansion for the Cammidge family who are moving their weaving and quilts to the above address.

ADDENDA TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:

John Charnetski, President, gave his report on the year's accomplishments. He emphasized that now we have our office and gallery, the people operating in that space are of utmost importance. Citing the well-known fact that craftspeople are too busy to be concerned with the necessary background work in an office, he hoped the Association would soon be able to hire an Executive Director and an Education co-ordinator, as well as a full-time Secretary. He also stressed that the President of the Association must be from the lower mainland, where the greatest concentration of craftspeople are living.

Peggy Schofield, Liaison Officer, announced that 1976 funds requested from the B.C. Cultural Fund included \$700.00 per month for a full-time Executive Secretary, \$10,000 per year for an Education co-ordinator, \$20,000 per year for an Executive Director, whose job it would be to promote actively the fine work done by craftspeople in the Association as well as seek new ways of supporting the society so that there would not be so much heavy reliance upon grants. Additional funds requested covered rent, expenses for travel and promotion and expenses for the education co-ordinator. Peggy said that it was obvious that means must immediately be sought to raise funds. Also, the need for volunteers at

the office is real, even if each person could only spend three hours per month. Walter Dexter suggested that anyone present who was able to volunteer should sign up before leaving the room.

John Charnetski, as official representative of the CANADIAN CRAFTS COUNCIL, said the organization was suffering the same growing pains we were. Their main concern this first year has been the business of crafts: getting a business-oriented publication put together and seeing to it that sales tax briefs were sent to the Federal Government. Concern about the duty-free entry of certain handicrafts from abroad has been expressed and there will doubtless be some success in giving the craftspeople of Canada a fair advantage. General benefits of Canadian Crafts Council membership, besides the direct representation to government are the sale of books at a discount, educational services and a national craft magazine. (It was pointed out by Deirdre Spencer that a new magazine, "Crafts Canada", published by Gwen Sands, former editor of "Craft Dimensions", which was conceived mainly as an Ontario crafts periodical, is now on the newsstands at \$2.00 per issue. Deirdre Spencer is the west coast correspondent and will receive news and reviews at #18-1350 Edgemont Blvd., North Vancouver, B.C., Phone 987-0229. John revealed the new membership fees for the Canadian Crafts Council, which needs more members. (For every dollar in memberships, the Federal Govt. pays \$7.50). If a person belongs to an affiliate organization such as the CABC, \$5.00 automatically comes off the basic \$25.00 individual membership in the CCC, you pay \$20.00 which includes membership in The World Crafts Council. (Formerly a separate \$5.00 fee).

OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO A CRAFTSPEOPLE IN B.C. is the opening of The HORNBY ISLAND INSTRUMENTS, Monday, October 20th, 1975, 8:00 pm. at The Upstairs Gallery, #801-207 West Hastings St., Vancouver, B.C. The five Craftsmen participating will be showing hand-made Harps, Dulcimers, Guitars (Acoustic and Electric) and innovative instruments.

The Potter's Guild of B.C. will be holding their HYCROFT SALE on Friday, November 21st, 1975 at Hycroft, 1489 McRae, Vancouver, B.C. For further information please call 263-0390 or 261-1139.

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