

Chair Report
Prince Albert Arts Board
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This has been a great year for the PAAB. With continued support from the City of Prince Albert, we have been able to offer key events that honour artists and the community of Prince Albert. Our arts landscape is shifting because of the COVID-19 crisis, but we continue to advocate for and support the arts in our incredible community.

Prince Albert Arts Hall of Fame Gala was successful once again this year. We were proud to induct Prince Albert Community Players (Performing Arts), Bruce Rusheleau (volunteer) and The Watsonairs (Music). The Arts Hall of Fame website has been updated. We are currently open for applications for nominees for 2020. Please consider artists and groups who would be a great addition to our Hall of Fame.

The P.A. Arts Board is proud to have officially unveiled a digital interactive display on March 3, 2020, which showcases those artists, volunteers, and organizations who have been inducted. The display also allows the public to learn about those who've been honoured. This permanent display is housed at the EA Rawlinson Centre, and is able to be moved to different locations throughout the building. The unveiling was well attended by past inductees, artists, councilors, community members, media, and PAAB representatives.

Our second major event of the year was the Parts for the Arts, held Feb 1, 2020. This year we did something fun for the participants and the presenters. We had the presenters and the participants participate in a "speed dating" session where participants were given 10 minutes with each presenter. It was fun, lively, and greatly informative for the participants. Lunch was provided by My Place Catering – Randy Whitter, and our keynote speaker was a local author – Mary Ann Kirkby. Mary-Ann is a member of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers, she spoke of growing up Hutterite and their way of life.

Work by the PAAB on the goals/objectives of our strategic plan continues. Like other not for profit boards, there are many challenges we face as a volunteer board—time and resources being a couple of them. However, we are dedicated to the continued support and advocacy of the Prince Albert and Area artistic community and the community at large. One of the main goals I would like to see this year is a continued dedicated effort by our Board to get out in the community and make many groups and artists aware of who we are and what we do in the community.

At this time during the COVID 19 pandemic, we are dedicated to bringing artists and the community together to emphasize the importance of the role of the arts in our community during this difficult time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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