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Gallery of Grande Prairie
enriches our community,
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FEATURED EXHIBITION



Heather Shillinglaw: Buffalo Girl

November 20, 2015 - February 14, 2016
Curated by Todd Schaber

Inspired by the healing power of plants and the importance of preserving our environment, mixed media Edmonton-based Métis, Cree/Dene artist Heather Shillinglaw is proud of her heritage. Painting the past, present and future of our landscapes, she layers the canvas with both flora and fauna embodying healing within its cellular structure. By embedding real materials into her mixed media artworks, she symbolizes in time and place how the healing powers and traditions

change and evolve within society. Referencing how her ancestors lived off the land using plants and animals for survival, Shillinglaw communicates the spirit and condition of the land as it is both preserved and destroyed.

Shillinglaw has learned from elders, medicine women and cultural sharing. She has studied indigenous medicinal plants and sustainable community practices. Shillinglaw received her Bachelor of Fine Art from the Alberta College of Art and Design in 1997. Her artwork can be found in many private and corporate collections. Large-scale public works include the Fort McMurray TOTAL Aboriginal Interpretive Trail where her newest permanent public art piece entitled *Sky Spirit Courage of Mother Bear* can be found.

Her exhibit *Buffalo Girl* consists of three bodies of work: The installation *Whispers in the Forest* is an interactive series of photographs taken in the Primrose Air Weapons range, which the viewer walks through as they hang from above. *Kokum Quilts* represents an interpretation of traditional quilts as large-format, multi-panel paintings. *Open Doors* is an installation created specifically for the Gallery 3 space at the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie.



FACILITATING THE ART EXPERIENCE

Engaging with the works in AGGP's current exhibitions, students practice careful observation skills and learn about interpreting a work of art. Interactive activities in response to the exhibition in the gallery space are often part of an Art

Gallery visit. Hands-on take-home projects are a great way to ground and enhance student's own art experience. Principles and elements of design are emphasized and integrated in AGGP's educational programming.

INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

Option 1: 1 hour Interpretive Program

Groups who spend one hour at the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie often combine visiting the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie and the Grande Prairie Public Library at the same time. It is particularly beneficial when two groups from one organization visits the Montrose Cultural Centre at once because they can alternate between both institutions: while one group enjoys a tour of the Library, the other group appreciates the art showcased at the Art Gallery. That way they learn about two important community resources at the same time!

Cost: Free

To reserve an elementary library tour, please e-mail jfehr@gppl.ab.ca or call **Jacob Fehr at (780) 357-7497**. The Library accepts tour bookings in pre-determined time-slots of 10:00 am, 11:00 am, and 1:00 pm.



Option 2: 1.5 hour Interpretive Program

This is the minimum time to combine a facilitated tour with a take-home hands-on art project inspired by current exhibitions.

Hands-on art projects emphasize a contemporary mixed-media approach. The projects are age-appropriate and based on the principles and elements of art and design. These experiential components allow for student's own experience of the exhibitions to be enhanced and grounded.

Cost: \$ 2.50 material recovery fee per student; a minimum of \$ 30.00 per group.*

Option 3: 2 hour Interpretive Program

This program is similar as 1.5 hour interpretive program. It, however, allows for more time to complete the artworks or to see another exhibition. This program concludes with an appreciation of the artworks students have created in response to one of Art Gallery of Grande Prairie's current exhibitions.

Cost: \$ 2.50 material recovery fee per student; a minimum of \$ 30.00 per group.*



Option 4: Integrated Arts Retreat

Enjoy the day with your students at the Art Gallery. This custom-designed educational initiative allows for an extraordinary experience of making and sharing art in a nurturing environment. Engagement with our current exhibitions and take-home hands-on art projects are included as suitable to your group. Duration: All day, as agreed with Art Gallery of Grande Prairie's Curator of Education and Public Programs.

Cost: \$ 120 per group

Includes all art material and facilitation costs.
Max. of 22 students per group.

Please Note: 1 (teacher/adult) : 10 (student) ratio is required for all School and Community Groups visiting the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie.

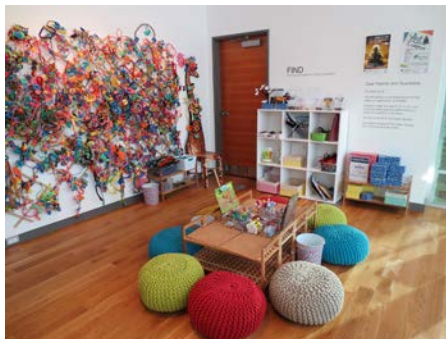
* Material recovery cost per student can be waived if funding poses difficulty for group.

The Carlstrom Family Green Space

The Green Space is an interactive gallery and self-directed studio space where visitors can enjoy responding to the Art Gallery's exhibitions through free, self-directed art projects that are designed to encourage reflection, creativity and inspiration.

The Art Gallery of Grande Prairie (AGGP) has recently received a generous donation and long-term commitment dedicated to The Green Space from the Carlstrom family of Grande Prairie. In December 2014, the space was renamed The Carlstrom Family Green Space.

A walk through The Carlstrom Family Green Space is always part of an Art Gallery interpretive program at the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie. This way students learn about what is available to them and their family in the community.



Contact Us

For additional information and to reserve a program, please e-mail sabine@aggp.ca or call Sabine Schneider, Curator of Education and Public Programs, at (780) 357-7487. We ask you to get in touch at least 2-4 weeks prior to coming with your group.

Please provide us with the following information:

- Organization's name
- Contact person's e-mail and phone number
- Requested date, time and duration of your visit
- Alternative date and time of your visit
- Number of visitors in your group
- Please specify grade level or age of your group members if you are coming with a school or community group under the age of 18.

Information on the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie's current exhibitions and upcoming events can be found on our website and Facebook page.



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