

Congratulations to the Community Arts Council staff, board, volunteers and funders for some really great news and initiatives this year! So many positive outcomes have been achieved and 2025 promises to be even more successful.

I think this year has seen more activity at Studio 2880 than any other time in its history! My heartfelt thanks everyone who made our events so successful. Highlights include:

- Gourmet Festival/Northern Hospitality event
- Art Battle
- Numerous Night Markets
- Studio Fair
- Arts North Workshops
- Knox Centre performances and master classes
- Numerous Feature Galleries
- Art Workshops and Children's programs
- All of our tenant and guild classes and events that keep our facility active and thriving
- and much, much more!

In addition to all of the public events, the Executive Director and Board the have been working behind the scenes on the following initiatives!

- Developing and implementing an updated Strategic Plan;
- Developing and implementing a Risk and Safety Plan;
- Working with our tenants, members and arts organizations; funding bodies; provincial and municipal governments, and consultants on redevelopment of the Studio 2880 site;
- Helping lead the Downtown Civic Core planning process with our arts community and the City of Prince George to design and implement a new arts complex in the downtown civic core plaza;
- Developed an operating agreement with the City of Prince George for the CAC to undertake management of the PG Playhouse;
- Securing a multi-year funding agreement with the City of Prince George.

I am very proud and honoured to have worked with such a great team for the past several years as your President and look forward to helping in the future as your Past President! Special thanks to CAC staff Lisa Redpath, Christina Watts, Sue Johansen, Janet Riggs, Seth Phillips, Shelby Richardson, Rob Hall and of course, Eli Klasner who makes this all possible every single day! A heartfelt warm welcome to our new Gift Shop Coordinator, Anna Oh. Please introduce yourself when you have a few moments and give her a warm welcome to the team!

I wish you all a great holiday season and hope to see you in the next coming weeks.

Karen Heathman

President, CAC