

Steinkamp first in 2010-2011 to fund artists in school program

Maarten Steinkamp is the first local business owner to help fund the Arts-Council-Haliburton Artists in the Schools Program.

"This year, 13 artists are ready to go," said Gail Stelter, Arts Council Education Coordinator. "Our goal is 174 sessions in 29 classes for almost 600 students. We have the artists; we have the students; we don't have all the funds. With Maarten Steinkamp's contribution of a full sponsorship of \$1,500, we will be able to provide six artists sessions to one classroom (it costs approximately \$9.60 per student per session). This figure also includes artist fees, art supplies and travel.

Partial sponsorships of \$750 and \$500 are also available."

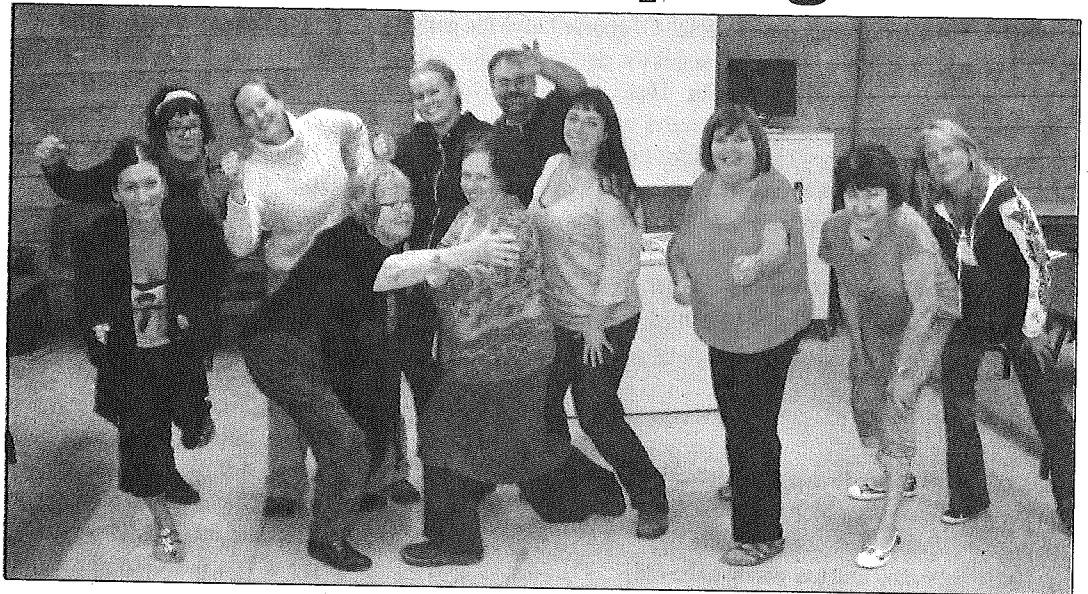
Since 2004, the Artists in the Schools program has been providing opportunities for children in Haliburton County to learn from artists who live in their community. Ceramic artists, puppeteers, actors, musicians, dancers, painters, sculptors, print-makers, percussionists, jewelry artists, storytellers, artist blacksmiths, glass blowers, and fabric artists have all designed and delivered sessions to students at all five of the county's elementary schools. In the 2009-2010 school year, 11 artists provided 100 sessions in 18 classes for 365 students.

The Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands: Artists in the Schools Program is seeking partnerships with Haliburton County businesses, community groups and organizations.

"Art and culture play a significant role in the life and economy of our local communities, but many of the children attending our small elementary schools live in rural settings or live in poverty. Elementary schools in Haliburton County are places where our children gather, but limited budgets and resources restrict the creative experiences the schools can provide for their students," added Stelter in a press release.

As a 'Classroom Sponsor' for the Artists in the Schools program, a business, community group or organization will receive media coverage, a partnership announcement to Arts Council contacts, an invitation to see a class in action, verbal acknowledgement of the partnership at all Arts Council events, logo recognition in the Arts Directory & Map and in the school curriculum, and a pair of complimentary tickets to the annual Arts Honours Gala – a celebration of arts in the Haliburton Highlands.

Gail Stelter is coordinating the Artists in the Schools Sponsorship Fundraising Campaign. If you would like to schedule a presentation, obtain more information or become a sponsor, please contact Gail at gail@haliburtonarts.on.ca or call the Arts Council office at 705-457-8033.



These artists are ready to go! From left, Julie Barban, Jennifer Wanless-Craig, Jackie McChesney, Chyna Schell, Ron Evans, Erin Lynch, Gail Stelter (coordinator), Arlene Johnston, Andrea Hillo in front: Fay Wilkinson, Lisa Barry. Photo by Kim McBrien

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