

ArtReach Bulletin # 13 – Winter 2007-08

A busy start to the school year included an exhibition of Canada Council prints and a series of workshops for students and teachers in Baddeck and surrounding areas at the Alexander Graham Bell Museum. As well, we were delighted to bring the program to Wagmatcook First Nation School and, accompanied by aboriginal artists, Dozay and Raven Davis, engaged students in various printmaking techniques. Their resulting art works traveled to AGNS and are on view in the Corridor Gallery until January. A highlight of the process was a visit to AGNS by the artists themselves who were greeted by gallery staff and personnel from the Department of Education who toured the exhibition and engaged students in conversations about their impressive works.



At the end of November, *ArtReach* will travel to the Western Branch of AGNS to conduct a workshop with teachers from the Tri-County Board, then head to Par-en-Bas, Tusket to work with francophone high school students. 2008 will see possible exhibitions in New Minas, Bridgewater, Truro, and Chester.

ArtReach offered a successful series of teachers' workshops this past fall in which participants examined a variety of works at AGNS using them as a springboard for discussion and the development of skills and strategies to enhance students' powers of observation and informed response. Each week we examined different pieces of original art and identified devices such as concept, composition, colour, identity, and media, that are used by artists to make visual statements. This was followed by an art making experience. We are planning to offer similar sessions in the Spring so watch for details in *ArtReach* Bulletin #14.

A recent discussion around education programs at AGNS has led to plans to provide teachers with information and lessons connecting both current and permanent exhibitions with Nova Scotia curriculum. To this end, we include **an important survey** with this bulletin. Please take time to download, complete, and attach to us. **Rewards offered!**

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Art Gallery of Nova Scotia - Education Programs Survey for Teachers

It is important to us at AGNS that we continue to offer invigorating educational programs that are current, affordable, and relevant to your school curriculum. With that in mind, we would ask your indulgence in taking a few moments to fill out and return the following survey. If you provide your name at the bottom of this form, you will receive a **complimentary pass for two** to [*Life as a Legend: Marilyn Monroe*](#) opening on December 15.

School Board _____

Grade Level _____ Subject _____

- 1) Do you bring your students to AGNS?
Yes No Sometimes

- 2) If the answer to #1 is *Yes*, do you prefer a Gallery-guided or self-guided tour?
Why?

- 3) If the answer to #1 is *No*, can you tell us, in a few words, why not –
transportation costs, relevance to curriculum, time constraints, other?

- 4) Bearing in mind that, like schools, we are also constrained by funding issues,
please suggest steps that the education staff at AGNS might take to further
develop overall school tour programs and provide interesting, dynamic
experiences for you and your students?

- 5) General Comments

Name:

E-Mail address: