

Notable AX

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As I write this, the *Jeepers Peepers* exhibit, AX's first, is launching tonight, and our gallery will now be open Tuesday to Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We can't wait to share the newly-renovated gallery space with the public. It's free, and we encourage you to please stop in at 12 Maple Avenue to take a look.

Jeepers Peepers is a spring-themed collaboration between AX, the New Brunswick Museum, and 17 artists from across the province. It will be in the gallery until mid-August, there's no charge to see it, and it's amazing. There are so many different ways to express the feeling of spring, and these artists have expressed that in such a varied way.

Knocks Café, operated by Ruth McEachern, is also opening its doors to the public. The licensed restaurant sublets space from AX, which helps us with our operating and programming costs. We're pleased to welcome Ruth to the building and we wish her all the best of luck!

Things that Go Croak in the Night – June 22, 7pm

Don McAlpine, Head Curator of the Department of Natural Science at the New Brunswick Museum, is offering a presentation this Thursday night, called "Things that Go Croak in the Night (and some that don't): New Brunswick Amphibians and Reptiles". Don's talk will highlight the fascinating resin amphibian collection that the New Brunswick Museum has included in our *Jeepers Peepers* exhibit. Don's even going to play some frog and toad calls for us! This event is also free to the public – please spread the word and bring a friend.

Youth Programs at AX

AX is offering our first youth programs later this summer! Enrolment is limited, and the program is offered to students aged 7-11. The cost is \$125 per week, per student, and will feature artists such as Tammy Morris, Kelly Cooper, Beth Powning, Bonny Hill, and Phyllis Corbett. This means students will get instruction in all kinds of art forms, from drama to music, visual arts to literary arts, and more. The program will be run primarily by our summer students, with several hours of instruction time offered by local artists like those listed above. We've already had people reserve space for their children, so if you're interested, please don't delay as spots are filling quickly. You can register by visiting www.axartscentre.ca, and clicking on the Workshops and Programs tab. Or stop by AX, Tuesday-Saturday, 10-4 and register in person!

Spaces for rent

The building at 12 Maple Avenue is still under renovation, but the 2nd and 3rd floors are almost completed. These floors will include a workshop space, a retail art studio, and art

studios and a common area on the third floor. These spaces are available for rent – if you'd like a tour of them, please come in and see me at the centre, or drop me a line at info@axartscentre.ca.