

Notable AX

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It's been a little over a month since we opened our main floor, and renovations have progressed to a point that we're now able to use our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. Things are really beginning to roll along at AX, and our guest book already has an abundance of signatures and encouraging feedback.

There were almost 200 people through the doors at our Jeepers Peepers exhibit opening on June 16 – what a great show of support from the community. In fact, we've had more than 600 people tour the gallery since we opened last month. For a brand new arts and culture centre, this is astounding, and it bodes well for the future.

We have several artist studios for rent and a lovely new workshop space, so be sure to come in for a tour – 433-8351 or [info@axartscentre.ca](mailto:info@axartscentre.ca). If you haven't had a chance to check out the gallery yet, visit us at 12 Maple Avenue. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. We also encourage you to check out Knocks Café, a new licensed restaurant on the premises. Knocks is open Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., and Thursday to Saturday, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Starting August 3, “Choice Cuts” – Open Mic Readings at AX, 7:00 p.m.**

If you're a writer who'd like to share your work, or a listener who simply wants to come out for an evening to be immersed in original literature, we hope you'll build AX open mic literary readings into your schedule.

On the first Thursday of every month, at 7:00 p.m., AX will host “Choice Cuts,” open mic readings in the gallery at 12 Maple Avenue. Each reader will have up to five minutes to read from their own writing, whether it's poetry, fiction, or non-fiction, and all levels of writer are encouraged to participate, whether you're a rank beginner or a seasoned writer. Each open mic night will be hosted by a local author – Gerard Collins will host our first open mic on August 3, and Beth Powning will host the September 7 event.

We encourage everyone, writers and listeners alike, to join us for Choice Cuts at AX. Open mics offer a fun, supportive environment in which to share your work and hear original writing by local authors. For more information, visit our website, [www.axartscentre.ca](http://www.axartscentre.ca).

### **August 6, Mark and Beverly Davis – Classical Guitar and Mandolin**

We're thrilled to announce this intimate benefit concert at AX on Sunday, August 6, 7:30 p.m., with proceeds going to the centre.

Mark and Beverly have performed together since 2001 as a classical guitar duo and have added new repertoire for mandolin and guitar. Both musicians have played with

the New American Mandolin Ensemble, of which Mark is the founder and artistic director, since 2014.

International concert tours have taken Mark and Beverly to the *Festival Mandolines de Lunel* (France), *Eurofestival Zupfmusik* (Germany), *Festival Ciudad de Cristal* (Spain), the Sydney and Perth *FAME Festivals* (Australia) and the *Festival Internacional de Plectro La Rioja* (Spain).

Tickets are \$25 and are on sale at AX now. These tickets are moving quickly, so come in to get yours ASAP to be sure not to miss this concert.

### **AX Youth Camps July 24 – August 18**

We still have room in our youth camps for children aged 7-11, beginning July 24 and ending on August 18 at our centre, 12 Maple Avenue in Sussex.

Each week-long camp will include lessons in art, drama, music, creative writing, physical activity, photography, science, and nature, presented by expert instructors such as Tammy Morris, Kelly Cooper, Bonny Hill, Phyllis Corbett, Kathy Hooper, and Beth Powning, working with our summer student employees. Enrolment is for a full week at a time, with daily sessions running Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 3:00. The cost is \$125 per week, including materials. Enrollment is limited and will be on a first come, first served basis, so don't delay! You can download a registration form at [www.axartscentre.ca](http://www.axartscentre.ca), or visit the centre at to register in person, Tuesday to Saturday, 10:00 – 4:00.

For more information about any of our programs, visit [www.axartscentre.ca](http://www.axartscentre.ca) or simply drop by the AX front desk.