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‘Can You See Me?’

Hobbema student photos garner national attention

The Nina Haggerty Centre was proud to host photo exhibition, *Can You See Me?*, in the Stollery Gallery in May. Rarely is front page news from Hobbema a good news story, but on May 25 the students succeeded in their goal to put a positive face on life in their Montana Nation community.

Students from Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit School used photos to send an affirmative message to the world, publishing a 21 page book to counter act the more common image of drugs and violence. They were responding to concerns from an Ottawa school planning a student exchange after a Google search to find out more about their Alberta destination.

The BookMaker Club formed in response, meeting every Monday throughout the year. The images they captured show the community from their perspective. The Edmonton Journal gave front page coverage to the project and Stollery Exhibition. The story was picked up by national media and as a result copies of the book have sold across the country. And those students from Ottawa? They visited the community this June.



(Above) One of the 11 student photographers is interviewed by the media, and students enjoy signing autographs at the Opening Reception for *Can You See Me?*

Lantern Mania takes root in studio

Gearing up for lantern parade on September 10 at 10:00 p.m.

Plans to launch *Aurora* - Nina's inaugural festival of light and drumming - have really taken off. A series of workshops are planned, prizes are being established and artists in the studio Collective have really taken a 'shine' to the idea, already creating over 50 lanterns. The event kicks off Fri., Sept 10 at 10PM from the Carrot Café, ending at the Old Alberta Cycle Building.

Thanks to a City Area Revitalization grant, the Centre is hosting free lantern making workshops every Saturday from July 31 to August 28 (12 - 4 PM), and on Monday, August 30 (6:30—9:30 PM). Join in the fun, and plan to shine your light as we celebrate our first anniversary on the Avenue with *Aurora*. Registration is free. Call the Centre for more information.



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can be powerfully expressed
through the arts."*

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Nina Approved for September Casino

The Nina Haggerty Centre will host its first Casino at Yellowhead Casino on September 24 and 25. This is a much needed opportunity for the Centre to shore up operations this year and next. Proceeds from this 2-day event are likely to be \$70,000! Please call Anna Rambow at the Centre (780-474-7611) if you can help us out by volunteering for a shift.



IN THE GALLERY

You Lookin' At Me? July 10 - Aug 5

Artists from the Nina Haggerty Collective have been hard at work exploring linocut print making with Artistic Director, Paul Freeman.

The result is an impressive collection of self portraits that succeed in their honesty.



**Please join us for a free
reception with live music
and refreshments:**

**Thurs July 15:
5 - 7 PM**

Extended Gallery Hours:

Mon - Fri: 10:00 am - 2:30 pm
Thursdays: 4:30 am - 2800 pm
Saturdays: 1 - 3 pm
For more information:
Call 474-7611 or visit
www.ninahaggertyart.ca

"A good portrait is incredibly hard to create, there is too much temptation to pander to the individual rather than portray them as they really were."

Philippe Halsman

Expressions of Hunger Venue for the Works Festival

Expressions of Hunger showcases the winning entries in an interactive photography and literary contest sponsored by the Edmonton Food Bank. The images, poetry and prose raise awareness of the very real and human face of poverty that exists, not in a far off third world county, but right here in our own city.

The exhibit runs to July 7 in the Stollery Gallery. Donations to the Food Bank are welcome.

