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# Nina News

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## It's not a dream. We really did it! NHCA Now Open on the AVE

The first artists returned to the Nina Haggerty studio Monday, glad to be back at work and eager to see the new space. Movers delivered our equipment and packed boxes the previous Tuesday, giving staff only a few days to set up. Things were still a bit disorganized, but artists took it in stride and it was soon business as usual.

The new studios are bright and roomy, custom designed for our use by Rockcliff Pierzchajlo Architects. Delnor Construction completed the project on time and on budget and project developer EICHS (Edmonton Inner City Housing) and the City of Edmonton worked hard with Nina Board executives to get the paper work completed in time for moving day.

The Nina Haggerty Centre has been given a remarkable opportunity and are committed to providing programming that maximizes the full potential of the artists in our Collective, and to making a positive and significant contribution within our new community.



(Above) Leona Clawson arrives at the new studio. (Below) Eager to be back at work, it was soon business as usual in the studio. Yvonne DuBourdieu was on hand to film.



### STAFF/BOARD LIST

- Lead Artists: Marta Beranek, Jon Corbett, Paul Freeman, Cindy Fuhrer, David Janzen, Steph Jonsson, Cynthia Sentara, Susan Seright
- Board Members: Jeni Adler, Paul Bellemare, Yvonne DuBourdieu, Curtis Gillespie, Ailien Holdis, Connie Moores, Roberta Moro, Svetlana Pavlenko, Harold Pearce, Brian Webb
- Exec. Director: Wendy Hollo  
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### Grand Opening/Public Hours Come to Grand Opening on September 25

The studio is open to the public during normal operating hours (Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.). The artists are always happy to show you their latest project. The Stollery Gallery is also open during studio hours. The Centre hopes to offer evening and weekend gallery hours once we have resumed operations.

Please join us for our first exhibit and Grand Opening Celebration on Friday, September 25 as we host the **No Tie Gala Art Show and Sale**. Collaborating with Arts on the Ave, this event also kicks off the Kaliedo Festival. See page two for more information.



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is best expressed through the arts."*

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# IN THE GALLERY

## *No Tie Gala/Nina Grand Opening*

Kaleido, an annual family arts festival, is a major highlight of the Arts On The Ave calendar. This year, Kaleido takes it to the streets. Artists will create across the various landscapes of Alberta Avenue, dancing on vertical surfaces and rooftops (the east wall and roof of the new Nina Haggerty Centre). There will also be theatre inside a moving vehicle, fire & lanterns by night and an airbrushed VW mini-bus in the back alley. Romeo and Juliet perform in a playground and music is played on car parts.

And it all kicks off with the **No Tie Gala** (Art Show and Sale) on Friday, September 25 at the Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts. Thrilled to be at the epicenter of this fabulous festival, the Nina Haggerty Centre and Arts on the Ave have collaborated to coordinate the Grand Opening of the Nina Haggerty Centre with this event.



### **No Tie Gala/Gallery Hours:**

Gala/Grand Opening Friday, Sept. 25 from 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Ribbon Cutting at 8:00 p.m.

Call 780-474-7611 for details

Gallery Hours During the Festival:

Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Festival Information is available at [www.artsontheave.org](http://www.artsontheave.org)

Minister **Lindsay Blakett** and **Mayor Mandel** will be on hand at 8:00 p.m. (Sept. 25) to cut our giant ribbon. Watch for live gargoyles on the rooftop, jazz inside and some of the happiest people on the planet.

## Nina Board, staff and community leaders share their histories, passions and dreams

Three days into the move, Nina Haggerty Board and staff took time out to engage in conversation with leaders from the local community. Interested in creating common understanding, City, community and Nina Haggerty Centre shared their histories, goals and hopes for the future. Judy Allan (City of Edmonton) provided an overview of the *Alberta Avenue Revitalization Plan*, while Christy Morin described how a few residents discovered they could parlay shared interests and common backgrounds (theatre) into positive change for their community. Christy is now President of

*Arts on the Ave*, a thriving grassroots coalition of over 200 multi-disciplinary artists invested in the transformation of 118 Avenue into a community arts district. Mari Sasano (Editor) shared the story of the Rat Creek Press, a monthly community newspaper. Jeni Adler Magat, Curtis Gillespie and Paul Freeman explained the genesis and growth of the Nina Haggerty Centre.

Participants shared ideas and identified the challenges and opportunities created by the move to the new facility. Watch for updates in the Rat Creek Press.



Nina Board members, staff invited leaders from the community met to share histories and identify opportunities for collaboration.

