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TOO MUCH ART FOR ONE WEEKEND - artsPeak 2009

'*Too Much Art For One Weekend*' was the catch phrase being presented by the organizing committee of artsPeak 2009 at their Open House Event held Wednesday November 5th at Elevation Gallery. The Open House was the kick off event for artsPeak 2009 and organizers were very pleased with the turn out as some 40 people turned out to hear the latest news.

One idea that gathered a lot of attention is that due to the unparalleled success of the 2008 Festival, the committee is now considering expanding the annual arts festival to include two weekends in June of 2009. "We had a lot of people tell us that our 2008 program was so rich, so exciting that we could shift some activities to include another weekend and add activities during the week. In this way, festival-goers wouldn't miss out on any of the fabulous offerings we have in store for 2009" said artsPeak Event Coordinator, Ric Proctor.

"Specifically, we are considering the presentation of the artTour event on the weekend of June 13 and 14. This will allow us to give this festival favorite a higher profile and also make it possible for the artists involved in artTour to attend other festival events the next weekend." continued Proctor. "We are currently gathering feedback on this concept, but, to date the response has been very positive."

Other changes in store for 2009 include the relocation of the Festival's Information Kiosk and Street Performers Festival to Marra's Way and Friendship Park, across the street from the Canmore Senior's Association Drop In Centre." The idea is to allow people to find a number of our key festival activities all in one part of town. With the always popular artFair and artLens exhibits at the Drop In Centre and the Street Performers right outside the doors, we expect this to be a very active and exciting location." said Proctor.

The committee has also reached an agreement with the Canmore Community Cooperative Workshop to host the artZone workshops series which offers free classes designed to introduce a wide range of artistic genres to festival attendees. "With the growth of the COOP as a community gathering place, this is a natural fit for both organizations and we are very excited about the possibilities for artZone in 2009" commented Keltie Manolakas, Past Chair of artsPeak.

Not all of the events will change and Manolakas said that "Our continued partnerships with Elevation Gallery, The Canmore Artists and Artisans Guild, The Town of Canmore and the Canmore Camera Club are examples of the building blocks of the festival's foundation. We are moving forward from a very strong base and we welcome new ideas, new activities and new members to join us for artsPeak 2009"

Anyone interested in suggesting ideas or in joining the artsPeak 2009 team can contact, Ric Proctor, Event Coordinator @ 403-678-6436 or ric@ricproctor.com.

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