

Focus on Nunavut

Side and Cultural Events

February, 2010

Event: Arts & Crafts Sale

When: February 4-6, 2:00 – 5:00 pm for G7 delegates, 6:00 – 8:00 pm for the public

Where: St. Jude's Anglican Parish Hall (grey building, purple and green trim)

Cost: No entry fee

Meet Nunavut artisans, see them at work, browse art from across the territory and find the perfect piece to take home. Souvenirs and art are offered for sale by the artist. You may ask to have your photo taken with the artist. The Nunavut Arts & Crafts Association organized sale will be held at the Anglican Parish Hall, near NorthMart and the Nakasook School.

Event: Art from the Permanent Collection

When: February 4-7, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Where: Building 212, Nunatta Sunakkutaangit Museum

Cost: Free admission, donations accepted

Visit the Nunatta Sunakkutaangit Museum to view art and artifacts from the permanent collection. The Museum specializes in Baffin regional culture, history and art. Interpretive tours of the facility are offered, if requested. End your visit with a stop in the gift shop.

Contact: Brian at museum@qiniq.com or call (867) 979-5537

Event: Drum Dancing and Throat Singing Demonstration

When: February 4, 7:00 pm

Where: Unikkaarvik Visitors' Centre, Building 220

Cost: No cost

Hear the traditional music of the Inuit with Annabella Piugattuk and Elisa Kilabuk. Annabella and Elisa will demonstrate drum dancing and throat singing. Afterwards, browse the Unikkaarvik's wildlife display, traditional family display, or watch a northern film.

Contact: info@nunavuttourism.com or (867) 979-4636

Event: Information Sessions

When: February 4 and 5, throughout the day

Where: NTI Boardroom, 3rd Floor of the Igluvut Building (Royal Bank Building)

Cost: No cost

Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) is holding information sessions about current Inuit issues for local and international media during the G7 meetings. NTI is the organization that represents Inuit under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. NTI's mission is to foster Inuit economic, social and cultural well-being through the implementation of the NLCA.

Contact: Franco Buscemi, fbuscemi@tunngavik.com or (867) 975-4939

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Event:	Inuit Camp
When:	February 5 & 6, throughout the day
Where:	Parking lot beside the Legislative Assembly
Cost:	No cost

Experience life as it used to be and visit the traditional Inuit camp. On Friday, witness the building of two igluvigak (snow houses). Architects and engineers marvel at the igloo's ingenuity. Drifting snow is compacted by the wind on the south side of hills. Cut into blocks and stacked in a spiral like a beehive, the snow adheres to itself.

On Saturday, visit the Inuit families in their igluvigak, see traditional tools in action, watch as a qamutiq is built, play traditional games, listen to traditional stories, experience the warmth of a qulliq lamp, ask questions, and have your photo taken with your Inuit hosts.

Event:	Nunavut Press Club
When:	Friday, February 5, 5:00 pm
Where:	Building 212, Nunatta Sunakkutaangit Museum
Cost:	\$10 entry fee, \$2 per slice of pizza, cash bar

The Nunavut Press Club welcomes all visiting journalists. On Friday, February 5th, please join us at a special gathering of the Nunavut Press Club. Our guest speaker is Senator Dennis Patterson, former Premier of the Northwest Territories. He served as Member of the Legislative Assembly for Frobisher Bay and Iqaluit, NWT Minister of Education, Justice and Municipal Affairs and was chosen as the fifth consensus Government Leader (now termed Premier) from 1987 to 1991. Patterson was appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Stephen Harper in August 2009. Meet Nunavut journalists, enjoy pizza and network.

Doors and cash bar open at 5:00 p.m., pizza at 6:15 p.m., guest speaker at 7:00 p.m. Capacity limited to 55.

Event:	Nuutuittuq Concert
When:	February 6, 8:00 pm
Where:	Nakasuk School, across the street from NorthMart
Cost:	Tickets are \$25, on sale at Arctic Ventures or at the door (subject to availability)

Celebrate with some of Nunavut's best performers. Nuutuittuq is Inuktitut for Polaris, the ultimate guiding star and the concert will feature some of Nunavut's most amazing artists. The concert features: children's author and storyteller Michael Kusugak; internationally acclaimed circus acrobats Artcirq; throat singers Maria Illungaiyok and Lois Suluk-Locke; drum dancer Dettrick Hala; multi-talented performing and visual artist Celina Kalluk; Greenlandic mask dancer Laakkuluk Williamson; break dancers Benny Sanguya, Saila Qayaq, and Christine Lamothe; musicians Ellen Hamilton and Chris Coleman; and popular local youth group Inuksuk Drum Dancers. Contact: Heather Daley at heather@alianait.ca or call (867) 979-6468

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