

## STUDIES IN WRITING STUDENTS MAKE THE TOP TEN

Columbia Basin Trust - March 13, 2010: Forty-four young writers took part in Columbia Basin Trust's (CBT)

creative writing challenge and ten are closer to winning the \$1,000 cash prize.

CBT's SCRATCH Writing Challenge asked youth ages 15-29 to submit works of 3,000-5,000-word fiction with appealing characters, a dynamic plot and magnificent style.

Three of the top ten entries were written by Selkirk College Studies in Writing students: Julia Caceres Booth, Chace Kabatoff and Melinda Pederson.

Throughout the three-month challenge aspiring authors had the opportunity to receive individual mentorship and participate in workshops on creative writing hosted by students from Selkirk College's Studies in Writing program. Similar workshops were delivered to four high school English classes.



Studies in Writing faculty member Almeda Glenn Miller.



Studies in Writing finalist Julia Caceres Booth.

For the full story, visit: http://www.cbt.org/newsroom/?view&vars=1&content=News%20Release&WebDynID=1352.



## **ACE-IT** STUDENT TAKES **GOLD** AT PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

LV Rogers student Brendin Zozman shone brightly at the provincial Skills Canada BC competition in Abbotsford and the national Canadian Skills competition in Waterloo, Ontario, bringing home gold medals in the secondary school category for electrical wiring.

Zozman is currently enrolled in the Transitions to Trades (Electrical) program offered through Selkirk College, which is part of the Accelerated Credit Enrolment in Industry Training program (ACE-IT).

To read the background story on Brendin's success, visit: http://selkirk.ca/about/news/name-21409-en.php.

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## Weekly NEWS

## LOCAL WOMAN AWARDED

**Castlegar News - May 11, 2010:** Selkirk College instructor Jane Green was provincially recognized at a May 5 conference in Vernon for her exceptional contributions towards community inclusion for people with developmental disabilities.

She received Community Living BC's WOW Award for being a role model and mentor to a future generation of support workers. Green is remarkable and embodies the epitome of inclusion and heartfelt care that is essential in the human services field.

For the full story, visit: http://www.bclocalnews.com/kootenay\_rockies/castlegarnews/community/93495504.html. To view a video of Jane and her nominators, visit: http://www.wowclbc.ca/index.php?a=2010-06.

## **PATH** waits for restoration

**Nelson Star - May 26, 2010:** Nelson City Council is taking a closer look at a proposal which would see Selkirk College students and a local erosion control specialist band together to restore a portion of shoreline along the city's West Waterfront Pathway.

Several spurs of land were created along the pathway in the 1990s in response to declining fish habitats and loss of shoreline. However, much of the created land has eroded over time.

Community volunteers say now is the ideal time to repair the most damaged spur, as rock is currently available from a highway blasting project taking place west of Nelson. They've asked the city to acquire 40 truckloads of the fill and store it until students from Selkirk College's Integrated Environment Planning program can repair the spur next April.

For the full story, visit: http://www.bclocalnews.com/kootenay\_rockies/nelsonstar/news/94973154.html.

## MEXICAN STUDENTS ENJOY EXCHANGE WITH SELKIRK

Selkirk College's School of Renewable Resources in Castlegar has recently hosted three exchange students from the Universidad Tecnologica de Tulancingo (Tulancingo Technical College) in Mexico.

The students, Oswaldo Aviles, Victor Valderrama and Salvador Gonzalez, arrived in Castlegar on May 9 for three weeks to learn about renewable energy, to improve their English and to experience life in Canada. A group of Selkirk College Renewable Energy students will be travelling to Mexico in September to study renewable energy and Spanish at the Mexican college.



For the full story, visit: http://selkirk.ca/about/news/name-21897-en.php.

## EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

Approximately one year ago, the Employee Engagement Action Plan was made available to the College community. At that same time, a commitment was made to provide implementation progress reports on a regular basis, the first being issued in October 2009.

A report that updates progress made up to May 2010 was recently discussed with the Implementation Advisory Committee and shared with the Board of Governors. This report can now be seen at http://selkirk.ca/media/aboutwebsection/departments/humanresources/ EES-Action-Plan-May-2010-Progress-Report-Final.pdf.

As you will see, we have been able to move ahead with the Action Plan on a number of fronts. A couple of areas which are of particular significance are the completion of a Communications Audit and an accompanying Action Plan, a review of College committees' effectiveness and the

announcement of a leadership workshop for all supervisors and managers in August. It has been decided that the focus of this workshop will be communications.

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The next Progress Report will be issued in October 2010. Most of the initiatives, many of which are policy and process developments as outlined in the Action Plan, will be completed in 2010-2011. We are also examining other ongoing criteria and measureables that can be implemented on an ongoing basis to monitor our engagement with one another.

Thank you for any actions that you take on a regular basis to continue to improve our workplace.

Marilyn

## GRAPEVINE MOVES TO **BI-WEEKLY** PUBLISHING DATES

The Grapevine will be published **every two weeks** for the remainder of the spring and most of the summer. The schedule for publishing is as follows:

June 14 June 28 July 12

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It will also be published on September 13 (three week span due to Labour Day, Orientation Day, etc.).

Note that the deadline for submissions is at noon on the Thursday prior to the publish date.

If you have something urgent to communicate to the college in between the Grapevine publish dates, please contact the Communications Coordinator, Carrie Voysey (250.505.1398 or cvoysey@selkirk.ca), to chat about options.





## CURRENT JOB POSTINGS

These are the current job postings for employment at Selkirk College:

### CHAIR—THE MIR CENTRE FOR PEACE (Competition #32):

Ends Monday, June 14, 2010

With the position of Chair, the opportunity now exists to further develop the Mir Centre as a leader in initiatives, projects and programs in such possible focus areas as restorative justice, conflict analysis, human security, and peace-building.

#### LEARNING SKILLS COORDINATOR (Competition #31):

Ends Friday, June 04, 2010

The Learning Skills Coordinator will develop and deliver the study skills and all other diverse activities to support the students and staff relating to the Student Access and Support department.

For full job descriptions, visit: http://selkirk.ca/about/departments/hr/postings/jobs.

## COLLEGE PENSION PLAN CONTRIBUTION RATES ARE INCREASING

The College Pension Plan member and employer contributions rates are increasing on September 1, 2010. This contribution rate increase follows a review of the plan's finances, which occurs every three years. Contribution rate adjustments are periodically required to ensure the pension benefits all members have been promised will be available upon retirement.

Effective September 1, 2010, new rates will be:

#### **EMPLOYEE RATES:**

8.94% on pensionable earnings up to the current year\*\* Yearly Maximum Pentionable Earnings (YMPE). 9.69% on pensionable earnings up to the current year YMPE.

#### EMPLOYER RATES:

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9.79% on pensionable earnings up to the current year YMPE.

\*\* Current year YMPE for 2010 is \$47,200.

In summary: The rate increase will be 0.23 per cent of pensionable salary for active members while employer rates will increase by 0.33 per cent of salary.

#### Complete purchases of service before September 1, 2010, to save!

Purchase of service costs are based on salary and contribution rates. On September 1, 2010, when contribution rates increase, purchase of service costs will also increase. Purchase of service applications received by Selkirk by August 31, 2010, will be processed using the current contribution rates.

For more information about purchasing service, or about the rate increases, please see the plan's website at www.college.pensionsbc.ca.

Thank you.

Michele Laurin, BBA HR - Pension & Benefits

## TRAVEL TO CUBA REQUIRES HEALTH INSURANCE

Effective May 1, 2010, all visitors travelling to Cuba will require proof of out-of-country travel health insurance upon landing. If visitors do not hold insurance from an approved carrier/assistance provider at the point of entry into Cuba, they will be required to purchase insurance for the duration of their stay. Plan members are encouraged to carry with them a copy of their Manulife ETA and/or combined Manulife ETA/drug (One) card, along with the attached letter from Mondial Assistance confirming travel insurance coverage.

Visit this website to learn more:

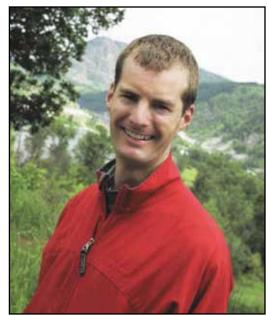
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## EMPLOYEE COMINGS & GOINGS

Derek Marcoux has accepted the position of School Chair for the School of Renewable Resources (RRS) for a three year term commencing August 1, 2010. Derek replaces Peter Schroder, who is stepping down after two exemplary terms as RRS School Chair. Please join us in welcoming and congratulating Derek as he steps into this important position.

Also, join us in thanking and congratulating Pete for his excellent service as Chair. Pete will be assuming full time instructional duties within the School.



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## SELKIRK CELEBRATES ABORIGINAL AWARENESS WEEK

Over 1,000 children and teens from across the West Kootenay were bused in from their schools to enjoy Aboriginal Awareness Week activities at the Mir Centre for Peace from May 17-20. Individuals were encouraged to visit the various learning stations that were available, which provided historical displays and emphasized cultural activities such as storytelling, aboriginal craft and yummy bannock!



## SELKIRK WINS FIRST PRIZE ... AGAIN!

The Selkirk College float won another first prize at the Kaslo May Days parade on May 24. Watch it float down Kaslo's main street on Selkirk's YouTube channel: http://www.youtube.com/profile?user=selkirkcollege#g/u.



## SELKIRK PLANTS ITS MILLIONTH TREE

Castlegar News – May 18, 2010: Selkirk College planted their one millionth tree on May 14.

With the forestry program entering its 45th year this September, past and present students, faculty of the college and representatives from the Ministry of Forests, as well as other supporters gathered at the Mir Centre for Peace before taking a walk through the forested grounds to the site where the tree would be planted.

## For the full story, visit:

http://www.bclocalnews.com/kootenay\_rockies/castlegarnews/community/94214474.html.



## **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DINNER**

The annual Selkirk College Employee Recognition Dinner was held on Thursday, May 27, at the Castlegar campus. The following long service employees were honoured:

#### **20 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Nadeen Arishenkoff, Ginny Brownlie, Tina Castellarin, Bob Falle, Sue Hill, Cheryl Hodge, Bonnie Horswill, Corrine Major, Gilles Parenteau, Mark Spielman

#### **25 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Christina Faint, Bonnie Piderman

#### **30 YEARS OF SERVICE**

John Armstrong, Ray Brock, Cathy Mercer, Ray Preston, Barb Simmons, Gordon Turner

#### **35 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**Barb Butchart** 

#### The following retirees were honoured:

Harvey Batting, Judy Deon, Lorill Harding, Kim Kratky, Corrine Major, Kathy Markin, Lyle Olsen, Sam Oudomsouk, John Rowell, Wayne Schweitzer and Peter Wood.





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Step 1: Go to www.selkirk.ca under Staff Resources, and click on Find Faculty/Staff.



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## **SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION (SEO) TIPS**

#### Tip #1

Read all of your content, including **titles** and **descriptions**, out loud. If you stumble over words, so will your audience (potential students and customers). Rewrite until everything reads smoothly.

#### Tip #2

Next time you are working on an important page, remember to spend plenty of time working on that all important headline text. This includes both the Title Tag and your main <H1> header on the page which is in most templates the Name and Heading fields (preset to H1) of our Content Management System. Little changes to heading text can make a huge impact.



## KOOTENAY GALLERY - MODUS OPERANDI, IDEAS AND PROCESS

The next exhibition hosted by the Kootenay Gallery will be *Modus Operandi, Ideas and Process*. Sarah Lawless, Marilyn Lee, Peter Galonski, Wendy Allen and Maria Medina, each working in very different mediums, will share their individual artistic practice, design processes and inspirations.

This exhibition will run from June 11-July 25 with an opening reception being held on Friday, June 11, at 7:00 pm. Admission is free and the artists will be in attendance.

The Kootenay Gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 am–5:00 pm and Sundays from 12:00-4:00 pm. The Kootenay Gallery is located across from the Castlegar Airport, adjacent to the Doukhobor Discovery Centre on Heritage Way. For more information visit the gallery website at www.kootenaygallery.com or phone 250.365.3337



"Out for a Spin" by Maria Medina.

## CASTLEGAR **GYMNASIUM** SUMMER HOURS

Castlegar gymnasium hours for the summer are 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Monday to Thursday. The last day the gym will be open is July 15.

If you have any questions, please contact Rod Fayant at 250.365.1372.

## **RE-IMAGINING** LEARNING WITH COLLABORATIVE TECHNOLOGY

### A Selkirk College Webinar with Julia Leong, Apple Distinguished Educator, November Learning Associate

You are invited to attend a Selkirk College Webinar entitled "Re-imagining Learning with Collaborative Technology" with Julia Leong—a technology integration specialist who fosters teacher professional development programs. The webinar will take place on Tuesday, June 1, from 8:45-10:00 am, in room S113 at the Castlegar campus.

Julia inspires technology infused learning that engages teachers to examine their practice and to encourage students to demonstrate knowledge in multimodal ways. Julia's sessions are highly creative and designed to make you question and reflect how your role as a teacher changes with technology, and leave inspired to teach and learn in new ways.

She will be focusing on why collaboration tools are significant, how students are using them and the implications for teaching and learning with these tools. Other topics include:

- Web-based word processing that allows people to work together in really real-time
- Screen casting to record activities on the computer screen for playback later
- Cloud computing Google Apps
- Organizing and tagging all those files

This webinar is being offered in partnership with KAST (Kootenay Association of Science & Technology) for the Human Services Provincial Articulation group. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptops. All are welcome!

If you want to attend off-site, login to https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/406453771.

## KOOTENAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS-

## SUMMER COURSES FOR AGES 17+!

## May-June 2010

• Mishra School of Classical Indian Music Vocals, Sitar, Tabla, Harmonium, Advanced Guitar/ Violin, and Indian Music History sessions.

## Starting Week of July 5, 2010

- Acrylic Creative Play Mirja Vahala
- Introduction to Jewellery Anna Clark
- Potter's Wheel David Lawson

## Starting Week of July 12, 2010

- Blacksmithing Kevin Ktratz
- Introduction to Making Glazes and Firing the Kiln
   David Lawson
- Wire Jewellery Techniques Joan Irvin

## Starting week of July 19, 2010

- Drawing the Real and Unreal Jim Holyoak
- Pottery: Altered States Jim Etzkorn

## Starting the week of August 9, 2010

- Blacksmithing Kevin Kratz
- Champe-leve Enamel Jewellery Karin Marita Jones
- Damascene Inlay –Silver and Gold on Steel Karin Marita Jones
- Develop your Personal Painting Style Mirja Vahala

## SUMMER COURSES FOR AGES **7 AND UP!**

## Starting Week of July 5, 2010

- Designers Dream Bag (ages 8+)
- Little Potter (ages 7-12) Eryn Prospero
- Senior Director's Seat (ages 14-18) Amy Bohigan
- Young Potter (ages 13+) Eryn Prospero

## Starting Week of July 12, 2010

- Designers Dream Bag (ages 8+)
- Little Potter (ages 7-12) Eryn Prospero
- Theatre Sports and Improv. (ages 8-12) Evie Clare & Karen Agnew
- Young Potter (ages 13+) Eryn Prospero

## Starting week of July 19, 2010

- Clowning (ages 8-12) Evie Clare & Karen Agnew
- New Film Camp (ages 8-13) Amy Bohigan

## Kootenay School of the Arts (KSA) SUMMER SCHOOL (July 5 – August 23)

## ADULT WORKSHOPS

- Blacksmithing
- Clay ceramics
- Drawing
- Jewellery
- Music
- Painting, and more

## YOUTH WORKSHOPS

(age 7-18)

- Clowning
- Film
- Pottery
- Theatre
- Lip-syncing, and more

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#### **REGISTER NOW!**

Call 1.877.552.2821 or visit selkirk.ca/ce.

## Starting week of July 26, 2010

 Character Development and Lip-syncing (ages 8-12) - Evie Claire and Karen Agnew

## Starting the week of August 9, 2010

- Art Camp (ages 7+)
- Director's Seat (ages 11-12) Amy Bohigan
- Production Crew (ages 8-10)

## PLAN YOUR SUMMER NOW!

Visit www.selkirk.ca/ce for course information.

To register or for more information, call 1.877.552.2821 or 250.352.2821, or email artsce@selkirk.ca.



## ALUMNUS NOW AVAILABLE!

The Selkirk College Alumni Association has produced the Spring 2010 edition of AlumnUS—the newsletter that helps keep alumni connected. To view or download, visit: http://selkirk.ca/media/studentswebsection/alumni/Alumnus. Spring2010.pdf.

## CALL FOR GALA 2010 AUCTION TEAM PROPOSALS - DEADLINE JUNE 1

Gala 2010 is offering the opportunity for faculty and staff to raise funds for their program to support projects, competitions, field trips and student awards. This year, we are hoping to "change up" the Gala auction.

We are looking for a team of five to seven staff/faculty from one program to coordinate, ask communities and friends for donations and run the auction on November 27.



The team will work with the Development staff to prepare a letter to donors and a complete a plan for the auction portion of the Gala. The program would receive funds raised from the silent auction for their program and students.

We will also need a group (preferably students from a different program) to decorate Christmas trees with decorations that are in our storage room. The decorating will take place on the day before the Gala, November 26, at Mary Hall. The trees will be part of the silent auction with 50% of the "tree fund" going to the program that prepared the trees for the auction.

A third proponent we are adding to this year's Gala is to have our fine arts and trades programs more **involved.** We are asking these programs to prepare up to five one of a kind, handmade pieces that will be auctioned during the live auction portion of the event. The program will be paid for the materials, agreed prior to building or creating the piece, and 50% of the live auction funds will go back to the program that created the piece for the Gala auction.

The Gala is a great opportunity to raise funds for and showcase our programs and this new strategy will support that effort. If you are interested in working the Gala auction in any one of these capacities, please apply to Pat Henman or Joyce Buckler in the Development Department. Your proposal should include your program name, number of volunteers and what the funds will be used for. **The deadline for applications is June 1, 2010**.

If your program would like to participate in the live auction portion of the Gala please send a confirmation. The exact piece your program or school will enter into the auction can be finalized in October 2010.

Thank you very much.

Gala Coordinators, Development Department

Pat Henman 250.505.1324 phenman@selkirk.ca

Joyce Buckler 250.505.1386 jbuckler@selkirk.ca

# CLASSIFIEDS

#### FOR SALE:

Limited supplies of yoga wear, soft shell jackets and shirts now available at the Castlegar Campus Bookshop. Drop by and check out the selection!

### FOR SALE:

Moving to a townhouse and must sell—new electric lawn mower and weed whipper (best offer) and large trampoline with nearly new skin (\$400 OBO). Call Barry at 250.505.1384/bauliffe@selkirk.ca.

### FOR SALE:

Heilsa two-person Infrared Sauna (brand new)! Asking \$850.00. Email angelbird100@hotmail.com if you need more information.

### FOR SALE:

ATTENTION GRAPE GROWERS! Do you lose fruit to wasps? Kootenay Covers will have a limited number of rolls of specially designed wasp netting in 12' and 16' widths for the summer of 2010. Keeps birds out too. It goes on easily and can be used year after year if stored properly. Protect your fruit naturally, without any poison or spray. Call 250.353.2264 or email mroberts@kootenaycovers.com.

#### FOR SALE:

Do you have a cherry tree that loses fruit to worms, wasps or birds but you don't want to use spray? A Kootenay Cover will protect your fruit without any poison or spray completely organic, re-useable year after year. Won't harm insects or birds. Call 250.353.2264 or check out www.kootenaycovers.com.

### WANTED:

Under-counter washing machine (type that is the size of a dishwasher). Contact Jocelyn at 250.304.2247, or jocelyn.templeman@hotmail.com.

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#### WANTED:

The Nursing Lab at the Selkirk College Castlegar campus is looking for a gently used love seat, large reclining chair, an end table, a coffee table and an area rug. We are remodeling a section of the lab to include a Home Centre for the nursing students to practice Home Care and Community Nursing. Please contact Nicole at 250.365.1341 or email at nbrown@selkirk.ca.

#### WANTED:

Do you have a reptile I can use? As part of a vertebrate locomotion lab, I'm looking for amphibians or snakes for one day. I'm hoping to do this lab in November and have live critters to demonstrate for the students. The animals would be gently handled and observed moving outside of their cage. Buying and housing these animals for one day of use isn't practical. If anyone has a beautiful bearded dragon or affectionate boa and is willing to bring them in for one day next fall, please let me know. Thanks! Lui Marinelli (Imarinelli@selkirk.ca).

#### FOR RENT:

Christina Lake waterfront cabin rental available for some weeks in August. Great boat access location across from Texas Point campground and comes with use of 12' aluminum boat. Sleeps 6 adults and includes a large wrap around deck overlooking lake, large dock, propane fridge, stove, BBQ, composting toilet, canoe, etc. \$1000/per week. Email Chris at cgray@selkirk.ca for more info and photos or call 250.304.4797.

## FOR RENT:

Beautiful 1 bedroom suite in Pass Creek with fab. mountain views. NOT a basement – totally separate. Very quiet and peaceful location. Available April 1. 15 mins from Castlegar, 30 mins from Nelson. No pets, no smokers, no exceptions! Possible car-pooling to Selkirk College Castlegar Campus. Contact Jocelyn at 250.304.2247, or jocelyn.templeman@hotmail.com.

TO GIVE AWAY:

Recycled binding cases (letter and legal size) available in Purchasing. Complete sets - file, box & metal clips. First come, first served!

## **KUDOS**

If you would like to give someone KUDOS simply pass on the name of the employee, along with \$2, to one of the individuals below. Your nomination will then be provided with a KUDOS card, which entitles them to free coffee and a muffin!

Castlegar Campus \$2 to Corrine Major Silver King Campus \$2 to Barb Butchart Tenth Street Campus \$2 to Peggy Weinrauch Trail Campus \$2 to Kerry Young