

*Friends of the Fort Frances Museum*  
*Wine and Cheese Fundraising Gala*

September 27, 2013



Dear Mayor and Council,

The Friends of the Fort Frances Museum would appreciate your attendance at its second-annual fall soirée and fundraiser gala on Thursday, Nov. 7 at the Fort Frances Museum.

The gala, which will take place from 6:30-9:30 p.m., will be a fun event featuring art exhibits, live music from the Borderland Community Orchestra and other local talent, a silent auction, games, and socializing with wine, cheese, and hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets cost \$35 each or 2 for \$60.

Tickets are available at the museum, Fort Frances Times, and from Friends of the Museum members.

They also can be reserved by calling 274-7891 or emailing [ffmuseum@fort-frances.com](mailto:ffmuseum@fort-frances.com)

The focus of the gala this year will be the opening both of “Threadworks”, a juried exhibition that features exceptional and creative needlework by artists from across Canada, and the first-ever Fort Frances Fibre Art Festival, which will highlight the talent in our own area and at the same time provide a venue for local artisans to exhibit samples of their work.

Friends of the Museum is a non-profit group of volunteers which has been working over the past two years to raise funds for "extras" at the museum which go beyond its annual operating budget.

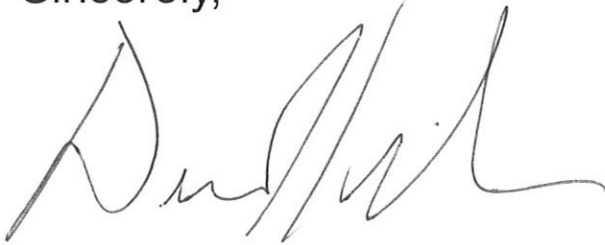
So far, we have been fairly successful in our efforts to raise funds, but we anticipate our gala on Nov. 7 will be a major boost for our coffers.

Funds raised will be used in the near future to provide cultural programming locally, such as a song-writing workshop for youths, and to pay for projects to help promote the museum, including a rack card (a two-sided card with information about the museum to encourage tourists to visit there) which will be distributed locally as well as across the region and into Minnesota and possibly other northern states.

We are expecting this year's gala to be bigger and better than ever. We truly appreciated attendance by council and town staff at our event last fall, and urge you to attend our

fall soirée again on Nov. 7.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Duane Hicks', with a stylized, cursive script.

Duane Hicks  
President,  
Friends of the Fort Frances Museum