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Rona Fraser Top 40 Under 40!

Nina Director of Fund Development Recognized

She's our favourite *Top 40 Under 40!* The Nina congratulates Rona Fraser on being named to this year's alumni by Avenue Magazine.

Rona has been involved with the Nina since it first opened its doors. President of Event Energy, her own event planning company, she helped the Centre to plan its first public events. Attracting more than 300 people to an Open House in the dead of winter while attracting front page coverage in the Journal's Life section, she clearly knew what she was doing! She has been a *Friend of Nina* ever since, coordinating the Centre's annual fund raising event and helping with special projects.

The Nina was thrilled to finally entice Rona to join the staff team last year. While still operating her own successful business, she has been *Keeping the Love Alive* at the Nina, tirelessly working to raise awareness and funds.



Rona has been involved with the Nina Haggerty Centre from "day one," coordinating the first Open House and exhibition early in 2003.

World Stone Inc. Cake Walk 2013

Record Year for Annual Event Will Keep Love Alive in Studios

Wedding Crashers and Cakes topped all previous Cake Walk events, raising in excess of \$75,000! The Nina Haggerty Centre thanks World Stone Inc and was pleased to welcome SERVUS Credit Union as event sponsors.

Special thanks are extended to media sponsor CTV, the Westin Hotel, Odvod Publishing and to honorary Chair, Lynn Mandel and Sponsorship Chair, Trudy Callaghan.

This year, 10 teams competed in the cake challenge and were represented on stage by performers Colleen Rae, Josh Mellot & band and Sheri Somerville. Newcomers to the event, The Bridal House, joined Lexus of Edmonton and Pacesetter Homes in the winner's circle. The Bridal House also dressed the performers in tuxes and gowns.

Thanks go to all of the Team Sponsors, Chefs and auction donors whose generous support make this event such a huge success. To see a list of sponsors, chefs and auction donors visit the website at www.thenina.ca/events/cakewalk.

The only low note for the evening was the absence of Gordon Oxley of World Stone Inc. Gordon, title sponsor of this event for the past 6 years, was unable to attend due to illness. Gordon was missed and is wished a speedy and complete recovery.



Winning Chefs of 2013 Cake



Colleen Rae performed on stage and inspired high bids in the live auction, agreeing to perform at private BBQ's hosted by Ailien Holdis/M&M Meats.

Congrats to Jill Stanton



Nina congratulates lead artist Jill Stanton, recipient of an Edmonton Artists' Trust Fund award. This is a peer-juried award intended to offset living expenses so the artist can focus on their practice/career.

Jane Siberry Charms at Nina Intimate Salon in the Stollery Gallery

For the seventy fans attending the Jane Siberry Salon in the Stollery Gallery on November 8th, it was a rare opportunity to enjoy this Canadian music icon in a very intimate setting. Jane was at once funny, witty, generous and insightful as she moved through a set of older and new material, accompanying herself on guitar and keyboard.

Her audience was enthralled from the moment she took to the stage, opening early with an undated version of her classic hit, *Mimi on the Beach*. Guests were delighted to mingle with Jane after her riveting performance, and a couple lucky fans took home first press copies of her never released first album (1981), donated by the artist and offered up by silent auction.

Nina Hopes to build on the success of this first salon and is working on plans for a follow-up event for spring 2014. Thanks go to Terry McDade who lent Jane a classic Gibson guitar for her performance and to Axe Music for staging and sound.



Jane Siberry toured the Nina studios before performing an intimate concert in the Stollery Gallery for 70 lucky guests.

Ten Top Love Songs - Ten Amazing Cake Creations

Top left to right: 1st place Cakes by Candace for Lexus of Edmonton (*I've Got You Babe*) • Cheryl Klapstein of Cheryl's Creations (3rd place for *The Bridal House*) and Gloria Bednarz of *The Art of Cake* (2nd place for *Pacesetter Homes*) • Happy member of Cakes by Candace team • Cake created by Triple L Cakes for Janice Kosak (*Going to the Chapel*).



Bottom left to right: Chef Scott Parker of Chateau Lacombe put finishing touches on cake for Avenue Magazine (*I Will Always Love You*) • Judges had a tough job selecting the top three cakes from a field of ten amazing creations • Chef Harjeet Mehdwan of the Ramada Kingsway for MLT Lawyers (*Make You Feel My Love*) • *The Art of Cake* for Pacesetter Homes. (*Get me to the Church on Time*).

Patron Program Launched in 2013 Expands

10 additional artists from the Collective to be matched with Patrons in 2014

Last year's launch of Nina's Patron Program created an exciting new opportunity for Nina supporters to get involved with individual artists from the Collective. Artists and their patrons met at the inaugural Patron's luncheon in April 2013, where artists gifted their patron with an original piece of their artwork.

Throughout the year, the program's sixteen patrons were kept abreast of shows or special projects involving their artist.

This year, 26 people took to their feet at the annual Cake Walk fund raiser, each making a \$500 donation to the Centre to become patrons in 2014. This means that at least ten more artists from the Collective will benefit from added recognition.

Artists are selected for the program based on their commitment and quality of work over time. Patrons are encouraged to consider ways they can connect with their artist and support their careers. For some, this has meant commissioning a piece of art, exhibiting work in their home or place of business and attending shows or special events.

Patrons can expect their welcome package with information about their artist in December and will be listed on the Nina website in January. To find out more about the program and meet last year's patrons and artists, visit TheNina.ca and look under Get Involved or Donate Now and Support an Artist.



Lynn Mandel helped launch the patron program. As "Patron Saint," she hosted the inaugural Patron's Luncheon. This year, it becomes a family affair as Lynn, Stephen and Rachel Mandel will each be sponsoring a Nina artist.

Wedding Crashers and Cakes at the Westin Hotel

Top left to right: Checking out the cakes • Westin Chefs at work • CTV Meteorologist Josh Classen and Sheri Somerville reunited as hosts, decked out in Tux and Gown from *The Bridal House* • Colleen Rae rocked • Mark Scholz returned to host Live Auction



Bottom left to right: Josh Mellot and bandmate, Thom Golub • Sheri Somerville welcomed Stephen Mandel and thanked him on behalf of the Nina for his ongoing support of the Centre and the Cake walk event • Honorary Chair Lynn Mandel joined Liane Faulder and team on the Judge's Panel • Sheri Somerville with cake sponsor and Nina Board member Janice Kosak (Sheri roamed the floor at this year's event, recognizing team sponsors and cake chefs throughout the stage show).





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can be powerfully expressed
through the arts."*

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IN THE GALLERY

Chimerium (Hybrids)

December 5, 2013 - January 4, 2014

The Stollery Gallery closes 2013 with a fanciful exhibition that is sure to captivate. Artists in the Nina Haggerty Collective had a great time creating wacky creatures that take liberties with the natural order to create unique art boldly celebrating difference. Please join us for a lively reception with the artists on Thursday, December 12, 2013 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. with live music and refreshments.

Gallery Hours:

M-F: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Thursdays: 4:30 - 8:00 pm
Saturdays: 1 - 3 pm
For more information:
Call 474-7611 or visit
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Dec 5, 2013 - Feb 1, 2014

FRUITS OFF
THE LOOMS

Nina Haggerty Collective



Fruits Off the Looms at AGSA + Celebrate Nina's 11th Birthday with Fifty Shades of Brown

Two exhibitions you don't want to miss

Head out to the Art Gallery of St. Albert (AGSA) in December or January to see Fruits Off the Looms. This show will warm your heart and lift your spirits on a cold winter day. AGSA has done an amazing job of installing diverse works in fabric and clay by artists from the Nina Collective. When there, don't forget to visit the "vault" - you'll be charmed by new and familiar puppet characters whimsically displayed in this intimate space.

The Nina Haggerty Centre is proud to celebrate its 11th birthday with a solo show by Leona Clawson, arguably one of the most prolific, dedicated and versatile artists in the Nina Collective. Leona was introduced to art early in life by her mother, an artist herself. For the past decade, she has been a regular in the Nina studios, working in paint, clay and fabric. The exhibition runs January 15 to February 15, 2014, immediately following the Deep Freeze Byzantine Winter Festival.

Plan to join Leona, board, staff, volunteers and friends of Nina on Feb. 13 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. as we host our annual birthday bash and the closing reception for the exhibition. Drop in or come for it all - live music, refreshments, door prizes and, of course, birthday cake!



Help celebrate Leona's lifelong career and join the party for Nina's 11th birthday.