

## **OSAC Board of Directors Candidates**

**We are excited to announce a full slate of candidates for positions on the OSAC Board of Directors.**

### **Chair – 2 Year Term**

#### **Treena Redman Leader and District Arts Council**

My name is Treena Redman. I have agreed to let my name stand for the position of Chair. If elected I look forward to continuing as a board member, something I have enjoyed doing for the last two years.

I've been involved with the Leader and District Arts Council since 2005. I have been the Performing Arts Coordinator since 2006, as well as the President since 2010. I am currently a director on the Leader Board of Trade, as well as a member of the Leader Wild West Daze planning committee, taking on the role of parade coordinator from 2010 until 2012 and then as Free Stage coordinator. I was a member of our community PTA, as well as the successor School Community Council from 2002 – 2008. I also served on the local Tourism Board from 2004 – 2007.

I work at the Leader Town Office. My husband, Dave, and I also own a towing business that services the Leader area. We have one son Austin.

Thank You for giving me the opportunity to serve on the OSAC Board.

### **Director – 2 Year Term**

#### **Alfredo Converso – Canora Arts Council**

- Born in Italy, a proud Canadian resident since 1968 and deeply rooted in Saskatchewan for the past 15 years.
- Retired from new home construction/sales and currently semi-retired; co-owner of La Campagna Bed and Breakfast and grower of garlic and all organic market garden items
- Married to Linda; friend and supporter of 4 children and proud devoted Nonno to three grandchildren
- Lifetime appreciation and enjoyment of music of all genres; long-time attendee of jazz festivals across the country.
- Member of Canora Arts Council for the past six years.
- Fiercely committed to the sustainability and accessibility in rural Saskatchewan and so appreciative of the role OSAC plays in bringing top quality entertainment to our communities.
- Community volunteer with experience in non-profit organizations

#### **Jacqueline Ferraton – Quill Plains Regional Arts Council - Wynyard**

Jacqueline Ferraton resides on the family farm with her husband in the Kandahar district. She practices law in the Town of Wynyard. Over the years she has been involved in many community organizations. She served on the OSAC board from 2003 – 2009. She is presently on the executive of her local arts council (Quill Plains Regional Arts Council) Wynyard branch and on the Wynyard and District Community Clinic board.

### **Ann Norgan – Moosomin & District Arts Council**

Based on my experience on community and provincial boards, I (Ann Norgan of Moosomin), would like to contribute to the Arts by becoming a Director on the OSAC Board. I wish to continue to see a variety of performers selected to SHOWCASE. I would like to provide even more opportunities for Saskatchewan musicians and artists to share their talents. To involve more young people through activities and programs such as *Sparks*, is my goal.

In 2001, I became a member of MADAC (Moosomin & District Arts Council) and have been Vice Chair since 2006. My husband and I have been season ticket holders for over 30 years. We attend 3 – 4 Globe Theatre performances a year and have taken our three grandchildren to at least one, for several years. As a teenager and young adult, I took Arts Board Drama Classes from Florence James, Ken & Sue Kramer, and others, as well as a Creative Writing Class from Ken Mitchell.

I am a retired *teacher* and Vice Principal with more than 30 years of experience. From 1983 to 1987, I was elected *STF (Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation) Councillor*, representing Moosomin School Division. In 2000, I received an award for serving on the local STF Executive for 16 years.

For 18 years (1994 – 2012), I was elected as *Councillor for the Town of Moosomin* and chaired several committees including Land, Building, & Zoning, and Library Board. As Councillor, I had opportunities to serve provincially. From 2000 to 2006, I was elected to the *Executive Committee of the SE Regional Library*. I was the Town Rep. to *Tourism Saskatchewan* and was elected to the *Peer Review Committee* for four years (2006 – 2010). I was instrumental in setting up the *Heritage Committee* for the Town of Moosomin in 2009. This committee produced a Heritage Façade Guide and, by offering incentive grants, encouraged downtown businesses to revitalize their storefronts. Thus, I have attended Heritage Workshops and Meetings for Municipal Rep's.

Writing and local history have been interests of mine. I was Vice-Chair of Moosomin Century One, Town & Country (C1981) [790 pages] and Editor of Spring Creek History, 1882 – 1990 (C 1991) [712 pages]. As chair of the Library Board, I edited two *Moosomin Heritage Walking Tour Brochures* (2004 & 2005) and updated both in 2017.

In 2005, at a Ceremony in Moosomin, I received the *Lieutenant Governor's Arts Pin* for Local History Research and Writing. In 2007, I received the *SE Sask. Assoc. for Culture, Recreation, & Sport --- Heritage Award*. In 2010, I was a *Nominee for YWCA Women of Distinction, for Contribution to a Rural Community*.

I was elected to the *U of R (University of Regina) Senate*, representing District 1 (the SE) for three terms (9 years), until June 2018. During this time, I served on several committees.

I look forward to serving on the OSAC Board.

### **Fran Karakochuk Prince Albert Council for the Arts**

My name is Fran Karakochuk and I am pleased to provide my biography to the OSAC Board in connection with my nomination to be a Director. I am a member of the Prince Albert Council for the Arts and have been for about seven and a half years.

I grew up in Golden, B.C., then spent a couple of years at university studying French and then music. I married my husband Dennis in 1977 and we have lived exclusively in Saskatchewan since 1979. Our two children, Arthur and Anne were born in Saskatoon and later, due to my husband's career, we moved to other places like Wilkie, Foam Lake, Regina, Wynyard and now Prince Albert.

The Arts have been part of my life since I was about 6 years old. I played in the school band and sang in the church and school choirs. I taught myself guitar to have an accompaniment to sing to and even wrote a couple of songs. As an adult I have sung with many choirs, some of note being:

- a) Camrose Lutheran College Choir where we performed locally and toured Western Canada;
- b) A group of 90 women from Western Canada at the Banff School of Fine Arts where we recorded a CD singing music by Carolyn McDade; and
- c) The Regina Philharmonic Chorus for nine years, performing either at Knox Metropolitan Church or at the Conexus Arts Centre and always with the Regina Symphony Orchestra.

We lived in Regina for almost 20 years where I worked with Noble, Johnston & Associates law firm and in various other offices. I managed a number of retail businesses and for five years was owner/manager of my own picture framing business called Lucien's Picture Framing.

I thank Marianne Woods for telling me about the Arts Council when she heard I was moving to Wynyard. I worked with the Arts Council for the three years I was there and when we were moving to Prince Albert I immediately connected with the Council, met my good friends Annette and Gail and have been with the Prince Albert Council for the Arts ever since. We are very proud of the work we do organizing and presenting our Evergreen Artisan Market each year, working with the Mann Art Gallery to hang and promote exhibits for our John V. Hicks Gallery at the Prince Albert Arts Centre, and facilitating our Open Art Studio program for youth and teens.

As the Recreation Programmer at the Prince Albert Arts Centre for the last seven and a half years I have worked with instructors to create the Arts/Culture programming at the Arts

Centre, now creating over 150 programs per year as well as many special events. Personally, I have facilitated numerous house concerts at my home ensuring the performers had a place to stay, meals and a place to perform as well as looking after the promotion and collection of money. I have been a member of the French Society in Prince Albert (Societe Canadienne-Francaise de Prince Albert) and have worked with Tutor Learner Connections through the Literacy Network to tutor a woman from Burma over the last year and a half.

Over the ten plus years as a member of Arts Councils I have attended Showcase at every opportunity. For some time now, I have wanted to be on the Board. I hope with my background I am able to assist your good works and make a valuable contribution to the Board in supporting performing and visual arts in Saskatchewan. Thank you very much for this opportunity.