



Fine Arts flourishing?
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The U.P.E.I. Fine Arts Club had its second meeting on Thursday, November 12. Attendance had doubled from the previous meeting, but a major concern discussed was the induction of new members given the group's still relatively small size. Club president Tracy Arsenault (not to be confused with the departed Student Union President of the same name) put forth various suggestions, including the holding of some sort of wine-and-cheese parties. Plans for that are afoot, though nothing is definite at this time. Arsenault stressed her hope that the club not be looked upon as an exclusive or highly intellectual gathering, but instead as a group within which anyone interested in the arts can discuss their interests, or simply socialize with their peers and meet new people. Other members present concurred, and these sentiments may be more clearly expressed when the group rewrites its mandate soon, the primary purpose of the club being to promote Fine Arts on campus.

One promotional effort of the club well-known to students is their annual art exhibition, giving students and other artists a place to showcase their work. Plans are, at present, to continue this tradition, though these have been suggestions that it be held somewhere on campus other than the Robertson Library.

The Club's goals also usually include the organization and funding each year of a trip to a major city where the club members can see high-calibre museums and works of art. There were various suggestions as to how to raise money for this, a garage sale of sorts being the most likely fund-raising option agreed upon by the club members. Possible travel destinations discussed included Montreal and New York, though Fine Arts guru Dr. Janos Fedak suggested Boston as the best and most convenient choice for a club excursion. The meeting was adjourned with promises by members to look into these options.

Anyone wishing more information on joining the Fine Arts Club is encouraged to talk to Arsenault or department chair Dr. Fedak. The group will, at this writing, continue to meet Thursday evenings in the English Lounge, and all are welcome to attend.



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