



Celebrating Design

Peter curated two design exhibitions in March and April. Both the "50 years of the GDC" fellows poster series and the "Best of the Kootenays" show were at the Kootenay Art Gallery in Castlegar. In conjunction with the exhibitions, we gave a talk at the gallery and Selkirk College entitled "Art or Design: what's the difference anyway?" It provided for lively discussions and no conclusions!

On March 6th, we also gave a presentation at the Nelson Public Library. Called "Craft as Contemporary Art", it explored unusual materials in contemporary art, artist books and our current work.

OUR LATEST PROJECT - "the perfect match" is our contribution to the Calgary CBBAG match box exchange of books or related items! Ten book artists created tiny books, portfolios and even a paper mould + deckle.

We are proud to be able to contribute.



Student Work Examples

Students were asked to bring a few quotes, work in teams, and come up with ideas for cards and coasters. They learned to do a bit of typesetting, print on the clamshell presses and have fun stamping with the large wood type.



Brian Queen's workshop/garage, Calgary, AB

Lumsden Art Centre Lumsden, SK



Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg, MB



Letterpress Printing Workshops

Our prairie tour in late April and early May didn't quite turn out to be a spring tour (the snow storms saw to that) but we had a fabulous time meeting new people, seeing new places and exploring the small towns and side roads.

Highlights included the CBBAG chapters of Calgary and Saskatchewan, Phil at the Ambrosi Print Shop in Regina, the GDC AGM in Saskatoon, the Estevan Museum, Martha + Heather's churchhouse in Disley, the quilting hangings of the Schmidts in their inspiring place and the prairie skies.

The workshops turned out to be a combination of learning the art of fine printing, exploring not-so-fine printing and space and people management - a good time was had by all!



Estevan - Home of the King Show Prints, Canada's greatest printer of circus posters.

Altona - Home of Summer Kitchen Studio (Norman + Sharon Schmidt) - and a very large Van Gogh

