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Yukon government contributes to artist retreat

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is contributing \$150,000 to the Ted Harrison Artist Retreat Society. The contribution was announced by Premier Darrell Pasloski at the society's gala fundraising event at the MacBride Museum on Friday.

The retreat hosts a residency program that provides visual artists from across the country with an opportunity to concentrate on the research, development, and production of a project or body of work in a remote and inspirational setting.

"Ted Harrison's legacy includes his extraordinary and treasured body of work and the artist retreat cabin established in his name," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "The Yukon government is very pleased to make this contribution to the Ted Harrison Artist Retreat Society in order to help to re-establish the much loved artist-in-residence program."

In the 1960s Ted Harrison and his family moved to Carcross, where he taught at the local school. He later donated his cabin and land at Crag Lake, along with \$50,000 to establish a painter's retreat. A new log home and studio has since been built on the property.

"The Ted Harrison Artist Retreat Society is delighted to receive this donation from the Yukon government," society president Mal Malloch said. "The funds are a significant recognition of the legacy of Ted Harrison and we look forward to inviting artists to visit the retreat for creative projects."

Since Ted Harrison's death in January, Yukoners have been exploring ways to pay homage to him and to acknowledge his contribution to the arts, education and the community.

The premier has been leading the effort to secure the acquisition of one of Harrison's paintings by the National Gallery of Canada. A motion to this effect was tabled in the Yukon legislature and met with unanimous support last week.

The Ted Harrison Artist Retreat Society aims to contribute to Yukon's rich and diverse cultural life through the exchange of ideas, techniques, and experiences of resident artists and the larger community.

"Seeing the outpouring of support for my father's work, the efforts to include one of his paintings in the National Gallery and the appreciation of his gifts to the community is very heartwarming," society vice president Charles Harrison said. "On behalf of my father Ted Harrison and the society I would like to express my gratitude for this donation and for the campaign for his national recognition."

Learn more:

Ted Harrison Artist Retreat Society

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