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Nancy Cole to begin the next PACE Self-Directed Artist Residency

September will be a busy month for Nancy Cole, as she settles into her new fall studio location, the PACE Self-Directed Artist Residency at 471 Notre Dame Street in Summerside.

The City of Summerside and the PEI Council of the Arts are excited to see the next chapter of this artist-in-residence program. The PACE program is designed to stimulate conversation between artists, area residents and visitors, as they connect with special programming presented by the artists-in-residence throughout the year.

Nancy Cole is the artist-in-residence for September and October 2011. Cole is an emerging professional textile artist whose main focus is quilting. Her practice has evolved into contemporary and concept-based art pieces based on the notions of quilting and other traditional textile techniques. Her PACE residency will center on *Seven*, a collaborative art project that involves area youth as well as demonstrations and open quilting sessions. Her vision is "to create a large silk, transparent quilted textile that reflects cursive written words for the favourite food of our youth as well as making a point that one seventh, or one billion of the seven billion on earth, go hungry."

Nan is very excited to take part in this residency. "As a visual artist, I don't often have the opportunity to interact with the public while I'm creating," said Cole "I am really looking forward to it." Cole plans to spend her mornings in the studio and her afternoons working outside, weather permitting. "I plan to have an extra chair along for people who have never tried quilting, so they can experiment along with me."

For more information about the PACE program and to follow Nan's progress, visit the PEICA's website: www.peica.ca

BACKGROUNDER

The City of Summerside and the PEI Council of the Arts supports a self directed artist-in-residence program called PACE, which is based in the city of Summerside. The year-round program stimulates conversation between artists, area residents and visitors, as they connect with special programming presented by the artists-in-residence throughout the year.

The PACE program provides studio facilities and furnished accommodations to emerging and established contemporary artists, fine craft practitioners and creative industry professionals to support the development of their practice. Residency activities revolve around making, learning about and sharing contemporary arts in all their forms. There are three residency periods per year: summer (July – August), fall (September – October) and spring (March – May).

Residencies are available for individuals or small groups/bands and collectives at the established and emerging professional artist levels.

All interested Island artists are invited to apply to the PACE program for the next residency period in the Spring of 2012 (March-May). The deadline is September 1, 2011. For more information, contact Annette Campbell, Program and Communications Officer for the PEI Council of the Arts, at 620-3417, toll free at 1-888-PEI-ARTISTS (734-2784) or via email at acampbell@peica.ca

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