



*The Bologna Pony springing forward at Freezer Burn 2016 (photo: Lisa 'Sunrise')*

## Spring Forward and Inspire (Communique 9)

It's been a busy spring for the League of Extraordinary Albertans. Much has happened since our last communication. In late March, seven community leaders from Alberta participated in Burning Man's Global Leader Conference in San Francisco. On May 1st a group of LEA members vanquished MOOP during the annual river clean-up in Calgary. Later that month, we held our AGM and elected a new Board for 2016/17. Then the LEA released a new Freezer Burn Code of Conduct. This was followed shortly by the main event, Freezer Burn, our 9th annual Regional Burn. The LEA was awarded a grant through Calgary Arts Development so that we can support more community art over the next two years. Throughout this season of busy we also supported our community through grants, donations and by purchasing a communal Button Maker. Read on for all the juicy details.

### Global Leadership Conference 2016

Each year, Burning Man hosts the GLC in San Francisco and invites Regional Contacts and their recommended Community Leaders. This year the LEA helped send seven Extraordinary Albertans to the conference where they attended various sessions on Foundation Skills, Organizational Development, Civic Activation, Community Events and Leadership Skills. It was a jammed packed weekend with nary a moment between enlightening sessions like Creating a Culture of Consent, Participation of the Ages & Welcoming Diversity, Storytelling & Crafting Mythology, Civic Arts, Cultivating Strong Regional Rangers, and What Could Possibly Go Wrong? Flood, Fire & Death. Our intrepid crew of Albertans rubbed shoulders with other doers in the regional network while learning how to better serve and inspire our local community.



*GLC 2016 attendees (photo: Lisa 'Sunrise')*

## Civic Engagement: DeMOOPing the Default World

On May 1st a group of 16 Extraordinary Albertans participated in the annual Calgary River Clean-up. It was a warm sunny spring day when they gathered to scour the pathways along the canal between 50th Avenue SE and Gosling Way SE for Matter Out Of Place (MOOP). Armed with handmade pick-up sticks (made by Brother On and Brother Sweet) and a zest for Leaving No Trace, the group collected trash in the park for 3 hours. They definitely left that park better than when they found it.



*DeMOOPing crew (photo: Lisa 'Sunrise')*

## Annual General Meeting: New Board Elected

During our AGM on May 11th, we gave a quick summary of the LEA's doings in the 2015/16 fiscal year. Afterwards we elected our new Board. The returning elected Board Members include Rob 'Partytime' Doak, Dreegyn 'Diggy Shakes' Dummer, Leslie 'Top Potato' Cramer and Lisa 'Sunrise' Stephens. We also added four new Board Members this year, Norm 'Normurai' Lim Sang, Kara 'Jamapple' Johnson, Remi 'Princess Sophia' Sauve and Steve Glen. The new Board is excited about bringing their collective skills to the table to help spread the 10 Principles of Burning Man and support our local community.

The LEA would also like to give a shout out to the departing Board Members who have done great work over the past year, Phil 'Philbot' Butterworth, Rae 'Rae Rae Farrer, Holly 'Holler' Grant, Greg 'Brother On' Martodam and Nadia 'Nadz' Zeebs.



*Effigy and Temple under solstice full moon at Freezer Burn 2016 (photos: Lisa 'Sunrise')*

## Initiative: Freezer Burn 2016

The LEA's biggest Initiative, Freezer Burn 2016: Myths & Legends, happened during the solstice weekend June 17-20, 2016. Just prior, the LEA released a new Code of Conduct for Freezer Burn to help better inform our community on expected behaviour at our event (read it here: <http://www.freezerburn.org/code-of-conduct/>). The LEA feels that this new Code of Conduct will help us create an event that is welcoming for all participants!

Freezer Burn 2016: Myths & Legends was a great success. We had a beautiful temple and an epic effigy; both had stunning burns. Freezer Burn participants brought their inspired art to the Fraya (we awarded 35 art grants totaling \$19,284.34!). There were more participants, theme camps and volunteers this year. Our team of volunteers (all 327 of them) worked tirelessly to breathe life into our 9th annual Regional Burn. The LEA would like to especially thank the 2016 Producers, Partytime, Spacey, Nadz and London, who truly embody the spirit of doers within our community.

## LEA Art Grants

The League of Extraordinary Albertans applied for and was awarded an Organization Opportunity Grant from Calgary Arts Development. This means that we have additional monies over the next two years to support community art projects! So there's never been a better time for aspiring artists to apply for an art grant: <http://www.extraordinaryalbertans.ca/grant-application/>. The next deadline is September 30, 2016, so get those creative juices flowing and apply.

In the past quarter, the LEA supported these three art projects that were displayed at Freezer Burn 2016:

### The Bologna Pony

An educational interactive art installation that is best described as a human powered mechanical bull...except instead of a bull it was a giant phallus that participants rode. This piece debuted at Freezer Burn 2016. Not only did it teach participants about safe sex by having the option to wear safety equipment, but also in consent awareness. They had a sign indicating the rules of use and invited users to gain consent with a Magic Eight Ball when the art project was unmanned. They also held a tournament on Sunday that awarded the first annual Bologna Pony trophy.



*The Bologna Pony (photo: Lisa 'Sunrise')*



*The Nomad's Apothecary (photo: 'RayRay')*

### The Nomad's Apothecary

While the Nomad's Apothecary has been an interactive art piece that has served many a beverage at Burning Man, Freezer Burn and Beakerhead: A Taste of "TTITD" over the past few years. This year they added fire lamps to enhance the Apothecary's visibility at night so that they could serve more hot beverages at Freezer Burn 2016 and beyond.



*BLASTO at Freezer Burn 2016 (photo: 'DoubleTee')*

### BLASTO

BLASTO is a ray gun blaster shooting range, operating on eye-safe infrared light, wifi protocol with LED targets and flame effects. Participants used an electronics outfitted airsoft gun to BLASTO targets at Freezer Burn 2016.

## Donations: Supporting Our Community

Since our last communication, the LEA made small donations to these local community fundraisers:

- ReNarnia Presents: Jank Couture. A Night of Garbage Fashion
- Rainbow Cock Fest 2016

## Community Resources: Button Maker

Prior to Freezer Burn 2016, the LEA purchased a Button Maker for community use. Any LEA member may borrow the Button Maker. So if you are a member and you'd like to make some buttons, simply send an email to [extraordinaryalbertans@gmail.com](mailto:extraordinaryalbertans@gmail.com) outlining your button intent and we'll get you hooked up to imPRESS your ideas on the masses.



*(photo: 'Normurai')*