

SENSE OF PLACE GUIDE

DAWSON CITY

EAR, EYE, NOSE, MOUTH, HAND & FOOT
GUIDE

“The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things but their inward significance.”

Aristotle (384-344 B.C.), Philosopher

Project Description

This project involves documenting with (digital cameras) the City of Dawson. A city gives each of us a sense of place in our daily lives. It is through our senses that we gain awareness & a growing sensitivity to the colour & uniqueness of the place where we live.

“I passionately hate the idea of being ‘with it’. I think an artist has always to be out of step with his time.”

Orson Wells (1915-1985), Film maker & Actor

Project Procedures

There will be three groups of five students each.

Group A: Eye & Foot + Red & Purple

Group B: Ear & Nose + Yellow & Orange

Group C: Hand & Mouth + Blue and Green

Each group will be responsible for shooting images that you feel capture the feeling & essence of the two senses & two colours you are working with. You can go out separately or as a group & discover & roam & scan the city, looking for places & objects & situations that capture these feelings & places. (Keep addresses of many of the places so others can actually go see & experience what you discovered.) It should make you become more aware of your surroundings & how Dawson City resonates with you. Each week as the class goes on, come together (do all three groups) put all your images on disks & show & discuss what you have found. As you wander the city over the period of the project you will become more sensitive to where smells & sounds occur, where the hand & feet have left marks & rubbings & where the mouth & eye have strong experiences. Have fun, gain a new sense of sensitivity as a person & as artists. – go out & start....., **“feeling up Dawson”**.

“I am looking for the unexpected. I’m looking for things I’ve never seen before.”

Robert Mapplethorpe (1946-1989), Photographer

Project Goals & Conclusions

I want you through this project to gain new ways of seeing & feeling your environment & new ways of creating your own photography. Finally I would like to see a **Sense of Place Guide Exhibition** which will provide a new way for the people of Dawson city to experience their city.

& Ultimately I would like to see **SOVA** in collaboration with the Dawson City Department of Tourism to produce a **real** Sense of Place Guide involving your images & findings.

This I feel would be a great guidebook to give to visiting tourists & local residents & put **Dawson City** on the map in a unique way.

“Art is all over” & “Masturbating life makes art”

Iain Baxter, Conceptual & Multimedia artist

Cheers&Smiles

Signed,
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