

Freedom of expression

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In honour of Culture Day, the Moose Jaw Museum and Art Gallery held a session this past weekend with cartoonist Ward Schell.

Based on an exhibit of freedom of expression through editorial cartoons, Schell did a workshop helping artists to make effective editorial cartoons.

"You have to think like a movie director ... think about your set design, characters, dialogue, keep things simple and short," said Schell, who did editorial cartoons for the Free Press before it disbanded in the late '90s.

Schell said that to be an editorial cartoonist, one would have to be up-to-date on current events and care about what's happening in the news both around the world and locally.

"We all have a voice ... I think it's human nature to be able to express yourself one way or another and in this case because we're artists, this becomes our way to do it," Schell told the Times-Herald.

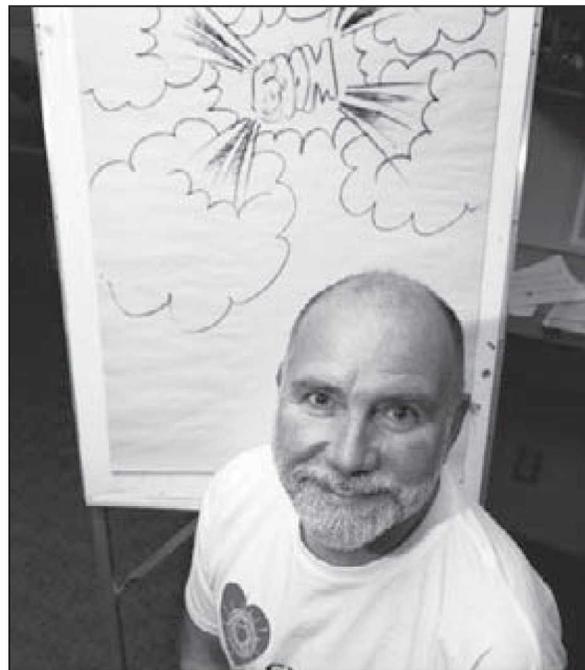
"It's a way we can say something and express ourselves without opinion on something and make it relevant to everybody else, too."

Schell, who has taught painting drawing and cartooning at the museum and art gallery, said that it's interesting and fun at the same time, but it also comes with a bit of responsibility.

"It should be everybody's right (to express themselves) without fear of punishment or reprimand ... but there are lines that can be crossed too."

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Ward Schell poses at the Museum and Art Gallery, Saturday.

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