

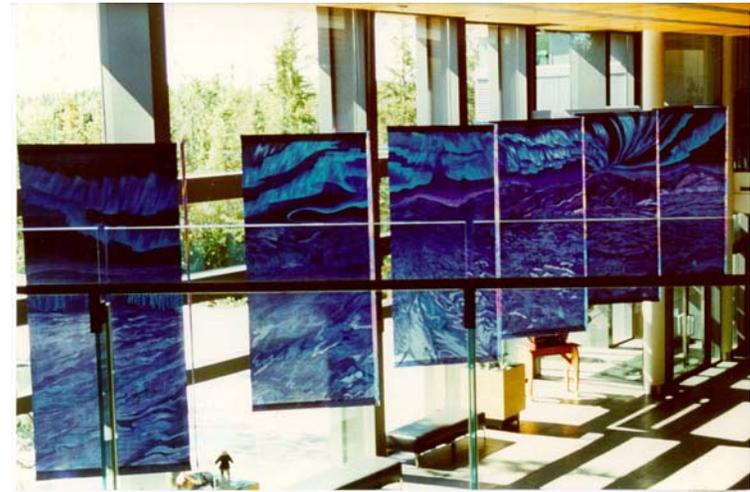
Appendix A

Member's Statement 47-13(7): Tribute to Yellowknife Artist Ann Timmins by the Honourable Jake Ootes, Legislative Assembly of Yellowknife, NT 1998



MR. OOTES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank Ann Timmins for her work in designing the banners that hang in the Great Hall of the Legislative Assembly. As every one of us can appreciate, when we engage in a creative process such as writing, drawing, carving or sewing, it is an evolving process that takes effort, dedication and life experience in order to allow others to see our ideas and visions. Ann has titled the series of banners she made for the Legislative Assembly, *The Web of Life*. Prior to beginning her work on the banners, Ann's energy and dedication went to helping her daughter fight to survive cancer. It was a very lonely and fearful experience, devoting every waking moment to a young child with a life-threatening disease. But the good news is that her daughter has healed and along the way Ann encountered many individuals within the health care environment who, in spite of the often stressful work conditions, were sensitive and supportive.

Ann began her work on the banners, never quite sure where the creative process would bring her, but it is not surprising that what emerged are a series of scenes conveying a love of life and the connections that we all share; hence the name, '**The Web of Life**', and a reminder that we are all connected by invisible threads to a caring and compassionate human community.



The banners show, and indeed most works of art show, how creativity stretches our horizons and enriches our lives. A plaque is presently being prepared to be mounted on the wall in the Great Hall, providing something of an introduction and acknowledgment to the *Web of Life* banners and I want to thank Mr. Speaker for that. Once again, many thanks to Ann for her work, and indeed, thanks to the continued efforts of all our northern artists in continuing to share with us their creative visions and ideas. Thank you, Mr. Speaker