



The Winnipeg River Artists Festival was held Saturday, May 16 at Cottage Country Co. & Painted Turtle Pottery. Pictured above Brian McKenzie, Shirley Kurian, photographer & Kathryn Jones, host & potter. Photo credit, Arlene Davidson (the Clipper)

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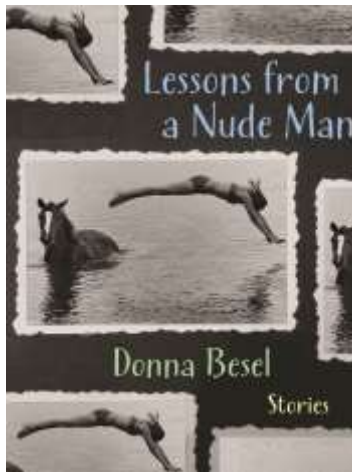
Present

Donna Besel

Lessons from a Nude Man: Stories

Friday June 5, 7:00 pm

Grant Park in the Atrium



Donna Besel's unique short stories combine aching sadness and laugh-out-loud humour, reflecting the isolation, hardships, and beauty of life in and around the boreal forests she knows well. Hagios Press of Regina published this book through their critically successful program "Strike Fire - New Authors Series." Six of the stories have appeared in Prairie Fire and other publications. Three have garnered national honours: CBC Literary Awards shortlist, second place in Prairie Fire's annual contest, first place in This Magazine's Great Canadian Literary Hunt.

Donna Besel grew up in the Whiteshell Provincial Park and now lives on the Winnipeg River near Powerview-Pine Falls. She leads creative writing workshops for children and adults, and instructs in Artists in the Schools program all across Manitoba.

Pinawa's art gallery in the W.B. Lewis Centre welcomes two new members.

Bob Munn is a retired radio personality from CJOB. He has always had the idea of trying out drawing. His newest works in ink, graphite and mixed media are now part of The Gallery's latest exhibition. He will have his own space for his works as well as having a ink and water colour image of the Pinawa Channel on The Gallery's theme wall.

For the next few months this wall will feature the artists' images on a theme "My World". Everyone was challenged to look beyond the pronoun and perhaps expand into other environments.

Within The Gallery a new area features a large machine sewn, beaded, and trounced work quilt by former Pinawa and master quilter Maureen Carefoot.

Fabric artist, Karen Munn, has placed three multi-fibre quilted items on the back display wall to complement works by Joye Platford.

The Gallery is open Thursday - Saturday from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM but in June will extend its Saturday hours to 4:00 PM.



Annual General Meeting

Monday, June 15, 2015

7pm

At Town of Lac du Bonnet Office,

84 Second St., Lac du Bonnet

Refreshments to follow meeting.

Please RSVP your attendance to
Jennifer at

winnipegriverarts@gmail.com or
204 340 0889





EXPLORE EASTERN MANITOBA PHOTO CONTEST JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

This summer we invite you to Explore Eastern Manitoba, capture high resolution photos of places, faces, events and activities and enter our Photo Contest for a chance to win. Images showcasing extraordinary places of little known interest have the best chance to win 1st Prize. Photos entered may be used in local or regional marketing activities geared towards potential travelers, investors and people considering moving or setting up business in Eastern Manitoba. Get creative and have some fun! Prizes include:

1st Prize: \$300 + 2-night stay for 2 in a Poolside Suite at Pinewood Lodge in beautiful Whiteshell Provincial Park (\$350 Value)

2nd Prize: \$100

3rd Prize: \$75

4th Prize: \$50

5th Prize: \$25



EASTERN MANITOBA REGION



TO ENTER: Email, mail or drop off your high resolution photos (at least 300 dpi) to habing@cfwr.mb.ca at Community Futures Winnipeg River, 4 Park Avenue (Box 505), Lac du Bonnet, MB, R0E 1A0. A signed Waiver Form and Model Release Form (required if you have a person in your photo) must accompany your contest submission in order to be eligible. Forms and contest details can be found on the Community Futures Winnipeg River Facebook page. Enter to win up to 5 times. Contest open to all individuals.



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WRAC's Featured Artist of the Month Cathie Brereton

For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features Cathie Brereton, a wood carver from RM of Lac du Bonnet. Born and raised in Ottawa, she's been coming out to the family cottage since 1990. After retirement from Winnipeg careers in 1994, Cathie and husband Rick became year-round residents.

When Cathie saw how much Rick enjoyed carving, she tried it. In Winnipeg, they belonged to a group called "Les Gens du Bois." This name means "people of the wood" and is taken from the title of a book by Benoit Des Chenes, whose carvings can be found in St. Boniface churches, hospitals, and many other places. In June, the Breretons plan to visit him in his home town, Ste. Jean Port Jolie, Quebec – "The Carving Capital of Canada."

Brereton's passion for wood and wildlife drive her art. She says, "I also love it because I get to spend time with Rick, carving and going to shows. Also, I like the creative process, the freedom of forgetting about perfection."

She has won various acclamations, including "Best of Show" and "People's Choice" in Lake Bronson, Minnesota, and also awards from Prairie Canada Competition in Winnipeg. She loves classes and shows, and says, "The people we meet are so interesting, a whole different culture, getting together and sharing secrets."

The preferred material is basswood, from Minnesota. It is a hardwood and holds details, but doesn't chip or crumble.

The Breretons host informal classes at their Cape Coppermine home. About twenty-seven adults attend, (but not all at once) to learn about reading grains and handling tools. Brereton says "People just throw in a few bucks to pay for materials. I'm always amazed by how quickly people learn and how projects turn out."

Brereton also quilts and belongs to the Riverside Quilters, and enjoys creating beaded bracelets. Along with her work as reeve, she has more than enough to keep herself occupied.

The Deep Bay Artists' Residency at Riding Mountain National Park of Canada is a multi-disciplinary program that provides professional artists and administrators with time and a facility in which to focus on their work. Since 2006 more than 80 artists have experimented and created new art in the beautiful natural setting of the National Park.

Janelle Hacault is the first artist-in-residence at the Deep Bay cabin this season.

Janelle is a professional contemporary dance artist and an educator based in Winnipeg. From Flin Flon, Manitoba, she is a graduate of the Senior Professional Program of the School of Contemporary Dancers and holds a BA Honours from the University of Winnipeg. Janelle is co-founder of thedancepost.org and co-founder/general manager of Nova Dance Collective.

For more information about this program visit the Manitoba Arts Council website www.artsCouncil.mb.ca/featured-programs

The Deep Bay Artists' Residency

Riding Mountain
National Park of
Canada



Artists Off The Avenue

Don't miss Centennial School students artwork displayed in store fronts around Lac du Bonnet. On now until June 12th.



Check out WRAC's website

www.winnipegriverarts.com

Thanks to Bill Campbell for keeping our site up to date.

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

The Hound of Baskervilles

At Lac du Bonnet Community Centre

2015 EJAE Early Bird Entry Prizes!!!

All entries received by Wednesday, July 1, 2015 will be entered into a draw to win;

From the Inn at the Forks - One night accommodation in a Deluxe Room with Valet Parking and Breakfast for Two! (good until July 1, 2016)

From the Canadian Museum for Human Rights - 2 complimentary admission passes. (valid until August 2nd, 2016)

All you have to do is get yourself organized to send us, by July 1st - your completed entry form, along with titles, sizes and medium filled in for each entry and with your cheque for the entry fees. On July 1st, we will make the draw for the lucky winner of a night at the Forks in Winnipeg!

Information and entry details are available at EJAE2015@outlook.com or dellioncraft118@gmail.com or 204 345 8483.



EJAE 2015

**July 31 –
August 2**

Lac du Bonnet