

The 4P Festival in Powerview-Pine Falls will host its first ever chainsaw carving contest. It will be held as part of the annual Labour Day festivities, on the Saturday of 4P, and located between Chicken Chef and Papertown Motel. Festival organizers hope to attract lots of new audience and carvers from far and wide. This competition has already attracted attention from Winnipeg Free Press and "Carver Kings" – a television program about chainsaw carving. Spectators will be protected by fencing and the completed sculptures will be auctioned off at the end of the day.



Look for Jim Niedermeyer (pictured above) and Walter Keller, local carvers and WRAC members, to be participating.

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North Eastman residents will be displaying their work or performing at Steinbach's Cultural Arts Centre. The event is called Expressions: Exploring Recovery through Art and opening ceremonies take place on October 2. The Steinbach Arts Council, various mental health organizations, and community volunteers will present this event in recognition of Mental Illness Awareness Week. Individuals who have used art of all kinds to cope with mental health challenges will be sharing their work with the public. Contact Kim at 204-371-0824 for more info.

“The world is full of obvious things which nobody by any chance ever observes.”

— Arthur Conan Doyle, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*

February 17, 2016

7:30pm

Lac du Bonnet Community Centre

“Storytelling with a Twist”

From September 1 to October 6, on Tuesday evenings, local author Mary Louise Chown will be leading “Storytelling with a Twist” workshops at the Lac du Bonnet Library. She will guide participants in stimulating memories using sensory techniques, and then enjoying the stories that will emerge. Contact the library for more details, 204 345 2653.





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



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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 Artist of the Month Robert Munn

For this month, WRAC features Pinawa visual artist Robert Munn. At the recent Eastman Judged Art Exhibit in Lac du Bonnet, one of his pieces won first place in the drawing category.

Munn was born in Fort Frances and grew up in Atikokan. Prior to working for twenty-five years as a broadcaster for CJOB Radio in Winnipeg, he attended Ryerson University where he studied Radio-Television Arts. After graduation, a radio station in Thunder Bay hired him.

When he left CJOB, he wrote a Nostalgia Column and ran a Nostalgia Music radio program for Seniors Today. In 2002, Munn moved to Pinawa with wife Karen, who took over the restaurant at Pinawa Club. Karen is a WRAC board member, quilter, and owner of Karen's Market and Quilt Shop.

Munn took a drawing course at Ryerson, but did not pursue his talent until a year ago when he decided to take drawing classes, organized by WRAC and taught by Mary Louise Chown, a well-known artist and storyteller from River Hills. These classes re-ignited Munn's interest and, ever since, he has produced plenty of drawings.

Munn uses pencils and adds colour with inks or coloured pencils, or a combination of both. He has tried oil paints, but finds them too imprecise. He says, "I love the detailed work – adding all the lines and colours of fur or feathers."

When asked about his influences, he says, "I like realistic art, not abstract. I prefer Rembrandt and Gainsborough to Picasso. As for modern artists, I admire Canadians like Robert Bateman and Ron Parker, for their portrayals of wildlife, and the American artist Paul Calle, with his pictures of trappers and mountain men."

He plans to sell his art at the Pinawa Christmas market. He does not draw to sell his work; his main focus is creating art. But he looks forward to setting up a display table with Karen, who also loves making art, with multi-coloured fabrics instead of pencils.



Another season of lively theatre opens with "The Dixie Swan Club," a play about five women friends from a college swim team who get together for a summer weekend at a beach house. The Pinawa theatre company held auditions on August 25 and 27, and they look forward to welcoming new actors to their stage, showcasing their production crew's talents, and continuing to charm Eastman audiences.



Pinawa Players

Eastern Manitoba Concert Association Season Returns!

Starting on September 25, the Eastern Manitoba Concert Association offers another season of entertainment for Eastman residents. 2015-2016 concert series will include:

September – Snowbird Tribute – Laura Gillespie portrays Anne Murray

October – Terry Barber – acclaimed countertenor

Christmas show – Jesse Peters' Vintage Christmas – vocalist/pianist

January – Duo Rendezvous - classical guitarist and violinist

February – Sierra Noble – fiddle and folk-pop songs

March – Hot Thespian Action – comedy sketches

April – Del Barber and the Profiteers – country/folk group



Laura Gillespie performs in the Anne Murray tribute, Snowbird. Friday, September 25th, at the Pinawa Community Centre.

EMCA Bursary – The Eastman Concert Association awarded Pinawa student and musician, Lian Drabyk, a \$500 bursary to help pay for her attendance at International Music Camp. They present this bursary to an Eastman student every year, providing they can find a suitable candidate.



Local author Donna Besel will be busy during September. She will be presenting and reading from her collection of short stories, *Lesson from a Nude Man*, at the Falcon Lake Book Club on September 14th, at the Art Gallery of Regina on September 17th and at McNally Robinson Bookstore in Saskatoon on September 18th. After that, she will be reading at "Voices from Oodena" with Thin Air (Winnipeg International Writers' Festival) on September 20th at the Forks in Winnipeg. She has also been invited to contribute stories to CBC Radio's *Definitely Not the Opera's* fall season.

Lessons from a Nude Man is available at WRAC office during office hours (Tuesday and Thursday 9-12), Cottage Country Co. & Painted Turtle Pottery on Hard Rock Road (near Drifters) in Lac du Bonnet, and *Through the Arbour* in Pine Falls.

Nyco Rudolph is a Winnipeg-based illustrator who loves film noir, horror comics, dinosaurs and all kinds of pop culture. Using a mix of traditional and digital mediums, Rudolph creates ferocious yet fun tributes to all of these things. This fall, he's taking his unique brand of art on a road trip across Western Canada. Nyco's work will be on display at the Saskatoon and Edmonton Entertainment Expos, but what better way to kick off the convention season than a local show right here in Winnipeg next Friday? Stop in and say hi, catch a sneak peek of his newest pieces, or even pick out a favourite to take home with you! Refreshments will also be provided!



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