



33rd Annual

4P

Festival



Clockwise from top left; 1st place Talent Show – Jolene McKay, 3rd Place Talent Show – Joshua Richards, 3rd Place Talent Show – Faith Swampy, Wannipigow Fiddle Band performed at the Fish Fry, Sand Castle Competition, 2nd Place Talent Show – Dana Feakes.



4P's Got Talent was a huge success this past Labour Day Weekend. We had 13 youth compete with a variety of artistic talents ranging in age from 4-15. There were incredible singers, musicians and dancers that made it very hard for this year's judges to decide. 1st place of \$100 was honored to Jolene McKay who at 12 years old played guitar and had the most gifted gentle singing voice. 2nd Place of \$75 went to Dana Feakes whose sweet singing voice and performance of the Cup Song with all the actions. 3rd Place was a tie as the judges could not eliminate either of these artists, each receiving \$40. Joshua Richards at 10 years of age blew everyone away with his guitar playing and Neil Young songs and tied with him was 14 year old Faith Swampy who danced the Red River Jig with incredible talent and passion. This event is definitely growing and judging the crowd of over 200 people who came to watch the performances proves that this event is one that will continue for many years as part of the 4P Festival!

Another artistic event that was included was a Sand Castle Building Competition. We were pleasantly surprised to have this year's Grand Beach Sand Castle Building Competitions 1st Place winner attend our first year's event and create a beautiful dolphin & mermaid sculpture that stood in place for 2 weeks after the event for all to see. This gentleman, by the name of Majid Kermani, came to Canada 11 years ago and he now lives in Selkirk. He professed that creating sculptures in sand is definitely his passion. He travels all over to exercise his talent and he did this on the sandy beach in St. Georges, winning 1st place and \$50. 2nd Place and \$25 went to Anita & Louise Huzul from Stony Mountain with their Sand Turtle.

The Manitoba Arts Council is pleased to announce a new international residency program!

Basse-Normandie Creative Residency

The Basse-Normandie Creative Residency program is a partnership with Région Basse-Normandie. It is a program that allows professional visual artists from Manitoba to undertake a 45-day creation-based or professional development residency in the Basse-Normandie region of France at The Centre de Création Contemporaine, L'Utopik factory.

USINE UTOPIK is a Centre of Contemporary Creation with a mission to support and promote visual arts and contemporary writing.

Max.grant: up to \$10,000 * Application deadline: October 15 * Residency dates: March 15 to April 29, 2016.

Learn more about the Manitoba Arts Council's Residency Programs.

Questions? Contact a program consultant | 204 945-2237 | info@artscouncil.mb.ca

Other international residencies: Iceland Performing Arts Residency & Brooklyn Visual Arts Residency



RURAL YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

For the sixth year in a row, WRAC will offer a rural youth mentorship program in the Eastman area. WRAC is presently looking for two young people of ages 16 to 24 who are interested in pursuing a career in the arts. The mentorship starts up in January of 2016 and runs until May. Donna Besel, a professional author, will be the mentor for 2016 program and she's looking for two youth who are interested in creative writing. During this time, participants will meet with the mentor for several sessions and also complete projects to advance their art. Past mentorships have included youth from Pinawa, Powerview-Pine Falls, and Lac du Bonnet. They have been mentored in photography, visual arts, and writing. Please contact WRAC if you are interested or know of suitable youth. This program is funded by ACI (Creative Manitoba) and facilitated by WRAC.

EMCA 2015-2016 Season Continues!

October 30 – Terry Barber – acclaimed countertenor

December 11 - Christmas show – Jesse Peters' Vintage Christmas – vocalist/pianist

January 15 – Duo Rendezvous - classical guitarist and violinist

February 26 – Sierra Noble – fiddle and folk-pop songs

March 18 – Hot Thespian Action – comedy sketches

April 22 – Del Barber and the Profiteers – country/folk group

Pinawa Players' new season of lively theatre opens at Pinawa Community Centre, with "The Dixie Swim Club," a play with plenty of mayhem and southern charm. Five women friends from a college swim team get together for a summer weekend at a beach house. Tickets are \$15 for Wednesday (November 18th - play only) with a student price of \$10. Dinner theatre will run Thursday to Saturday (November 19th to 21st) with ticket price of \$40.



Tickets are available at the Pinawa Solo Market, Ingham Pharmacy Lac du Bonnet, and Pharmasave in Beausejour first or second week of October. To reserve (and pay) for your ticket please call Myrna at 204-753-2530.



WRAC

Artist of the Month

Annie Bergen

For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features visual artist/muralist Annie Bergen.

Bergen painted her first mural at seventeen. Since then, she has created several large pieces in Winnipeg. She says, "The end result is something for everyone to enjoy and appreciate - adding color and beauty to urban landscapes."

She also instructs in the Artists in the Schools program, travelling throughout Manitoba, working with students to research, design, and paint murals to beautify their schools.

Bergen enjoys the physicality of the large scale of murals and the fact that the design process pulls art and research together in a pleasing way. She graduated from University of Winnipeg, majoring in History, so she says, "The research part engages my mind and satisfies my inner historian."

She also enjoys incorporating mosaics into her art and community projects. She says, "I am especially proud of "Restoration," the wall art on the Red Road Lodge in Winnipeg."

Working with family, friends, and community groups to engage the Main Street population, she created this mosaic/mural, combining glass, tile, found objects and painted elements. Funded by the Manitoba Arts Council and the "Neighborhoods Alive!" organization, this wall art received Winnipeg's 2013 Mural of the Year award.

In 2014, Bergen collaborated with Siyee Mann to create another mural, working with neighborhood kids and summer youth groups. This project, located on an MTS building on Salter and Burrows Streets, won another Mural of the Year award.

Bergen lives east of Whitemouth, with her partner Lee and daughter Aurora. Three years ago, they moved from Winnipeg, determined to follow their dream of self-sustainable life on a rural property. They wanted to be located near the Whiteshell and other parks, but still be close enough to Winnipeg to visit city family and friends.

Bergen gets inspiration from family, their new rural lifestyle, and the surrounding lakes, rivers, and wilderness. She also loves sharing her skills with young people, engaging the community, and collaborating with artists.

She sums up her artistic motivation a quote from Henry Ward Beecher - "Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature into his pictures."





The 4P Festival in Powerview-Pine Falls held its first ever chainsaw carving contest, as part of the annual Labour Day festivities. Festival organizers were pleased with the crowds who attended and they plan to make the event even bigger and better next year. This competition has attracted attention from "Carver Kings" – a television program about chainsaw carving. Jim Niedermeyer, a well-known WRAC artist, won first place with his carving of two cranes. For many of the carvers, it was their first competitive carving, but they said they enjoyed it and they'd like to try again.

Art Classes with Vivian

Starting Tuesday, October 13th

Time is 1 pm to 4 pm.

Cost \$60 for 6 weeks

Bring your own supplies; canvas, brushes, easel, paint etc.

Any Questions, please contact me,
thomsv@mymts.net



On September 20th, after returning from a book tour in Saskatchewan, local author Donna Besel read from her collection of short stories, *Lessons from a Nude Man, at the Forks*. She participated in "Voices from Oodena," the Sunday event of the Winnipeg International Writers Festival. Her book was sold at this festival, also known as "Thin Air" (September 18-26), and displayed with other "Thin Air" writers' books at McNally Robinson Bookstore, which hosted several events.



WED FEB 17 2016
ROYAL MTC
 Lac du Bonnet Community Centre
 7:30 pm
 \$25 per ticket
 \$20 for WRAC members # 001



Tickets available at WRAC Office, 4 Park Ave – Lac du Bonnet,

Karen's Quilt Shop – Pinawa

Edgewater Rec Office – Pine Falls

Ingham Pharmacy – Lac du Bonnet



Do you have a passion for the arts?

WRAC is currently seeking board members, to help with the development and promotion of arts and culture in the Winnipeg River region. If you would be interested please contact Jennifer at winnipegriverarts@gmail.com or 204 340 0889.

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Do-it-Yourself Fire Pit (\$250)

Extend your patio season by adding a warm ambience to your evening. This fire pit is a do-it-yourself made of stone blocks, with a double built that works well in most settings. No casting required, just put it together.
Available at Olympia Building Centre, 1783 Dauphin St., Winnipeg, 204-961-4028 or 1-800-680-8888.



LOTW Craft Beer (from \$16, with \$12)

Calling all craft beer lovers! MBL and UCB is now selling Salsara Gold Ale, a flagship beer from Lake of the Woods Brewing Company, at select Liquor Mart outlets, select wine and LCBO, in a 1.89 litre (64 oz) glass bottle. The growler bottles can also be filled with your favourite brew at LCBO when you visit one of our locations.

Murray Watson Wildlife Carvings (\$42-90)

Murray Watson is a self-taught wood carver from Winnipeg. His beautiful wildlife carvings are carved primarily in balsa wood, a wood known for its delicate texture and strength. Available from the Nature Shop at FortWhyte Place, 1161 McCreary St. in Winnipeg. Please visit www.fortwhyte.org for more information.



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PHOTO CANVAS *by Shirley Kurian*
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Draw date: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at RMTC Production
 at Lac du Bonnet Community Centre

Tickets: \$2⁰⁰ each OR 3/\$5⁰⁰

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Date: Monday, October 19 Time: 7-9 PM
 Location: 400-245 McDermot Avenue, Winnipeg
 Admission by donation

Present your work in progress, and we’ll work it!
 Playwrights bring your plays, we’ll read them out loud.
 Actors bring your audition monologues, we’ll observe.
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 Visual artists showcase your work and share your process.
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