



From the First Pinawa Players Production 1964 "The Alley Cats"

L. to R.: Lynette Olsen, Pat McWilliams, Don Thompson, Doreen Thompson, Maureen Dobbin, Linda Thompson

WRAC News November 2015

WRAC Artists of the Month Pinawa Players

For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features the Pinawa Players. The well-known local theatre group had its roots in Deep River, Ontario, a town established in the 1940s for employees of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL).

In the early 1960s, AECL expanded its operations to Manitoba, and created the town of Pinawa. Most of the employees came from Ontario, with many of them already active in the "Deep River Players."

In 1964, this nucleus of thespians formed the fledgling "Pinawa Players." They helped guide the construction of the Pinawa Community Centre Auditorium, and its stage, which benefited not only the Players, but also many other community groups.

In April of 1964, they presented their first production, "Variety - The Spice of Life," in the Pinawa Elementary School gymnasium, featuring a one-act play "Mother's Day," and showcasing local musical and dance groups. In the autumn of 1965, they hosted the first Players' production the new Auditorium.

For John Tait, the present chair, the 1979 musical, "Annie Get Your Gun," sticks out in his memory. He says, "With a cast of over 100 community members, it was a memorable extravaganza, involving the whole town - adults and children from community groups, choirs, musicians, and even acrobats!"

For 51 years, the Pinawa Players have presented over 100 plays including comedies, dramas, musicals, dinner theatre, and children's shows. They usually stage two productions per year for enthusiastic Pinawa and surrounding-area audiences. This year, they continue their tradition with the dinner theatre, "Dixie Swim Club," being held during November 18-22.

The Players continue to support community building. In 1982, they helped found the Association of Community Theatres (A.C.T.), which connects Manitoba's amateur theatre groups and sponsors an annual drama festival. They've hosted four festival weekends, most recently in 2013.

Also, they participate in Pinawa Birthday Weekend Parade, host the annual Christmas Carol Sing at the Shopping Mall, and have joined Winnipeg River Arts Council.

The Players welcome anyone interested, whether it be acting or helping backstage. John Tait says, "There's no lack of jobs and fun when a performance is being prepared!"

Pinawa Players
Presents
The Dixie Swim Club

November 18 – Theatre Only \$15

November 19-21 – Dinner Theatre \$40
Catering by Bostroms Catering

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.



Pinawa Players 1964: "The Volunteer Fire Brigade" Men's Barbershop Quartet:
L. to R.: Harry Allen, Brian Finlay, Jock Guthrie, Bob Hollies

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.

"October extinguished itself in a rush of howling winds and driving rain and November arrived, cold as frozen iron, with hard frosts every morning and icy drafts that bit at exposed hands and faces."
 – J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

EMCA 2015-2016 Season Continues!

All performances at Pinawa Community Centre at 8pm.

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

Individual tickets are available at the door. Tickets also available at; Ingham Pharmacy, Uniquely Pinawa Giftshop & Beausejour Guardian Pharmacy. Subject to availability. Contact Cathy, 204 753 2767 or Colin, 204 753 8295.

www.emcaconcerts.com



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:
2016 Manitoba Arts Award of Distinction

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As Executive Director of the Manitoba Arts Council, I want to extend a personal invitation to you and your organization to consider nominating an established Manitoba artist for the 2016 Manitoba Arts Award of Distinction.

This biannual award recognizes the career achievements of a senior Manitoba artist currently working at the highest levels of artistic excellence in any art form, and making a significant and ongoing contribution to both the Province and the Manitoba arts community.

Candidates for the \$30,000 award must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants and must have spent the majority of their artistic career in Manitoba. They must have resided in Manitoba for the 12 months immediately prior to their being nominated.

Two letters of reference from professional artists working in the same artistic discipline are required. The candidate may be nominated by anyone in Manitoba. The nomination deadline is December 15, 2015. For more information and guidelines: www.artscouncil.mb.ca

I encourage you to nominate a Manitoba artist to join these previous Arts Award of Distinction recipients: Robert Archambeau, J. Roger Léveillé, William Eakin, Roland Mahé, Dr. Robert Turner, Aganetha Dyck, Guy Maddin, Grant Guy, Robert Kroetsch, and Leslee Silverman.

Sincerely,

Douglas Riske

ROBERT ARCHAMBEAU
2014 Manitoba Arts Award of Distinction



The Manitoba Arts Award of Distinction recognizes the highest level of artistic excellence and distinguished career achievement by professional Manitoba artists in any art form. The \$30,000 Award is presented biennially by the Manitoba Arts Council as part of its commitment to recognize and support professional artists in Manitoba.



**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

WRAC Networking Event

Wednesday, November 25th

6:30 pm at Lac du Bonnet Library

Guest Speaker: Heidi Hunter will be speaking about "the Art of Managing your Career"

Watch your inbox, more info to come.

Should I Make Art?

BY JOHN OSEBOLD



PHOTO CANVAS by Shirley Kurian
 QUILTED WALL HANGING by Karen Munn
 POTTERY BOWL by Kathryn Jones

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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Tickets available from;

- WRAC Board members
- WRAC office – 4 Park Ave, Lac du Bonnet
- Karen's Quilt Shop – Pinawa
- Edgewater Recreation Office – Pine Falls
- Ingham Pharmacy – Lac du Bonnet

Prizes are on display at the WRAC office.

Art & Eats

Friday, November 6 at 7pm

Come and make a painting and enjoy some good food and company. Will take place at Karen's Market in the Lewis Centre. Cost is \$35 per person.

Contact Joye, 205 459 0355 or
joyezart@gmail.com





RIVER OF LIFE

Stories about Climate Change - A Lived Experience

- a participatory workshop

Facilitator and storyteller – Mary Louise Chown

November 27, 9am to 1pm

Moon Gate Bed & Breakfast, 61105
Hwy 406 south of Whitemouth

Lunch catered by Spicy Radish

Hosted by North Eastman
Transition Network with funding
by Athabasca University

15 participants, maximum.
Registration only \$20.

To register, contact Irene Friesen
Wolfstone, 204-753-2699,
wolfston@mts.net

Mail \$20 by Nov.20th to North
Eastman Transition, Box 159,
Pinawa RoE 1L0

“The Cranberry Feast”

Library Allard is hosting an evening called The
Cranberry Feast: Stories and music from the banks of the
Winnipeg and Whitemouth Rivers on **Thursday,**
November 12th, 2015 @ 7:00pm!

Storytellers Sheldon Sveinson and Mary Louise Chown
and musicians Shannon Shewchuk and Michel Dupas
will be performing a unique play to celebrate Canada
Storytelling Night! This is an event held all across
Canada. Tickets are \$15.00 each and are available at the
library. Kids 12 & under is free!

EAT, DRINK, & BE LITERARY;

A fundraiser for the Manitoba Writers' Guild

November 15th at 6pm

As Prairie Ink Restaurant and Bakery in
McNally Robinson Booksellers

Hosted by Terry Macleod, with readings by
Zaroa Nawaz, Lara Rae, and Jordan Wheeler.

Tickets \$60 – available in person or by phone at Prairie
Ink Restaurant and Bakery

1120 Grant Avenue, 204 973 2659



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.

“Juhlī” Finland

Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society

Annual Wine & Cheese
Friday December 4, 2015
at the Lac du Bonnet Community Center
7:00 pm

*Come celebrate our Finnish Heritage with the sights
and sounds of Finland*

Tickets available at Ingham Pharmacy



An Invitation to *Submit Your Art* for the *2017 Multifaith Calendar*



ARTISTS' CALL for SUBMISSIONS



Love and Compassion Multifaith Calendar 2017

Each year, The Multifaith Action Society invites artists to submit works of art for consideration in its upcoming **2017 Multifaith Calendar**.

The theme for our **2017** edition is: *Love and Compassion*

'Love and Compassion' is really an open-ended topic. Do you have ears to hear your favourite music; eyes to see the beauty of the sunset; hands to hold; people to cry and laugh with; a roof over your head; work to make you think; freedom to believe what you want? These are all the simple but often profound ingredients of gratitude. And once we start looking for them, they can come rushing into vision.

This year, we ask artists to ... This theme is open to the artist's imagination. Work can be in any medium. The interpretation of the theme will be determined by the overall collection of images received. All artists are encouraged to submit images for consideration (up to five are accepted), including artists who have had their work showcased in past.

How We Pay Artists

Selected artists will be offered an honorarium of **\$250** for a month *Calendar* image, **\$500** for the cover image and **\$100** for smaller inset images placed throughout the *Calendar*. In addition, artists will receive a set of complimentary *Multifaith Calendars* once published.

How To Submit Entries

Submit digital images in low resolution (72 dpi) to: artsubmissions@multifaithaction.org
Should your piece be chosen, we will request a hi-resolution file (i.e. 9" x 9" @ 400 dpi—JPEG or TIFF).

Deadline for submission: January 31, 2016

Further information... can be found on the *MFC* website: www.multifaithcalendar.org/Info-for-Artists or e-mail: artsubmissions@multifaithaction.org