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Pictured above and below, just a sampling of the many beautiful and unique displays at the 6th Annual Festival des Crèche at the Library Allard, St. Georges, until January 9, 2016. Come during regular hours or call the library to book a tour, 204 367 8443.



WRAC's office will be closed for the holidays after Thursday December 17th at noon until Tuesday, January 5th.

Please visit our website at www.winnipegiverarts.com or email winnipegiverarts@gmail.com

Happy Holidays!



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Featured Artist of the Month

Marcel Fortin

For this month, WRAC features visual artist Marcel Fortin. Born in North Bay, Ontario, he lived for several years in British Columbia. While living in BC, he met his wife, who is from this area. About fifteen years ago, they moved back to the town of Lac du Bonnet.

Fortin identifies as a self-taught artist and uses oil paints to create his life-like paintings. He took the usual art classes in school and says he was interested in art “off-and-on,” since he was sixteen. But, in 2008, he decided to pursue his artistic talents more seriously.

This happened after he painted his first big project, a hockey mural on his son’s wall. People who saw it said he really should do more art. Inspired by their encouragement, he used the books and videos of famous art teacher Bob Ross to refine his techniques. Ever since then, he has worked hard at developing his distinct style. Fortin says, “I use art as a form of meditation and a way to relax. I get completely absorbed in it.”

This dedication appears to have worked. He sells paintings to interested patrons and gets commissions for specific subjects. Although he doesn’t have a website, he has created a Facebook page for his art and posts samples of paintings on the “Living in Lac du Bonnet and loving it” Facebook page.

In 2013, he submitted his work to Eastman Juried Art Exhibition in Pinawa. In 2014, he won People’s Choice Award at the art show held in conjunction with Fire & Water Festival. In 2015, he won another People’s Choice Award at the Eastman Juried Art Exhibition in Lac du Bonnet.

Fortin’s art attracts plenty of positive attention. He says, “I get lots of good comments. And the biggest fan of all is my mother!”



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Tickets on sale now!

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Ingham Pharmacy – Lac du Bonnet

Karen’s Market –Pinawa

WRAC Office - 4 Park Ave, Lac du Bonnet

Art and Eats

An evening of painting and eating

Friday January 8 at 7:30

Or

Sunday January 10 at 1:30

Cost \$35



Come with your friends to create a painting and enjoy good food.

Hosted by Joye Platford and Karen Munn

At Karen's Market in Lewis Business Center, 24 Aberdeen, Pinawa

Contact Joye Platford at 204-459-0355 or Joyezart@gmail.com



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

Draw date: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at RMTIC Production at Lac du Bonnet Community Centre

Tickets: \$2⁰⁰ each OR 3/\$5⁰⁰

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WRAC Board members
 WRAC office – 4 Park Ave, Lac du Bonnet
 Karen's Market – Pinawa
 Ingham Pharmacy – Lac du Bonnet

Prizes are on display at the WRAC office.

2015 Christmas School Concert Schedule

Whitemouth School	December 16, TBA
F.W. Gilbert School	December 17, 7pm
	Pinawa Community Centre
Lac du Bonnet Centennial School	December 17, 1:30pm & 6:30 pm, LdB Comm. Centre
École Powerview School	December 17, 6pm

Artist Heidi Hunter spoke to WRAC members about the ACI, Art of Managing Your Career course, at the Lac du Bonnet Library on Wednesday, November 25th.



This course is open to anyone with an existing arts practice including arts, craftspeople,

dancers, filmmakers, musicians, new media content creators, visual artists and writers. If you are self-employed artist, or looking to increase the portion of your employment derived from your art, then this course is for you!

If you are interested in this course please contact Jennifer at winnipegrieverarts@gmail.com



"I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields, that it kisses them so gently? And then in covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt; and perhaps it says "Go to sleep, darlings, till the summer comes again."

Lewis Carroll

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking Glass