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WRAC NEWS

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Karen Munn with Love Quilt for WRAC RAFFLE!

- **TELL US ABOUT YOUR ARTS EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES.**
- **CONNECT, INSTRUCT OR PROMOTE!**
- **MAKE ARTS COME ALIVE IN EASTMAN!**
- **LIBRARIES/SCHOOLS, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.**

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OFFICE SPACE FOR WRAC: Jennifer Hudson Stewart has set up WRAC office in Winnipeg River Community Futures building in Lac du Bonnet (between RBC and Sunova). She's there on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 – 12:00. Please drop by if you are in town. **(See contact info if you want to set up an appointment).** If you have business cards, brochures or samples of your art that you'd like to display, please leave them there.

EMCA Season Continues in 2015

Exciting line-up includes:

FEBRUARY 20 – Del Barber & The Profiteers

MARCH 20 – Cadence

APRIL 24 – Suzie Vinnick

All concerts start at 8:00 P.M.

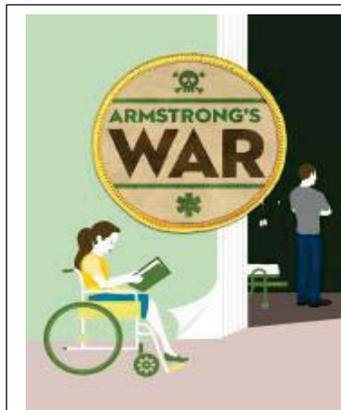
Pinawa Community Centre/ High School Gym

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:

If you know about any arts related events, programs, products, services or opportunities, please email info@winnipegriverarts.com for regional promotion of your arts news and shows.

Do you live in the Town of Lac du Bonnet or Victoria Beach area? WRAC is looking for a BOARD MEMBER from either community. Contact WRAC office .

Rural Youth Mentorship: For the fifth year, WRAC partnered with ACI (Creative Manitoba) to organize a rural youth mentorship, helping local youth (ages 16 to 24) learn about careers as a professional artist. From January to May, two youth from Powerview-Pine Falls will work with **Roberta Laliberte**, a talented visual artist, meeting with her to work on their artistic skills and increase their creativity. Please note – the youth do not pay for these mentorships but mentors get paid.



BUY TICKETS FOR ARMSTRONG'S WAR! THEY'RE SELLING FAST!
VENUES IN EASTMAN: WRAC OFFICE & INGHAM'S PHARMACY
IN LAC DU BONNET, KAREN'S MARKET AND QUILT SHOP & PCDC OFFICE IN PINAWA, EDGEWATER REC OFFICE IN POWerview-PINE FALLS

WINNIPEG RIVER ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS ROYAL MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE'S REGIONAL TOUR PERFORMANCE – "ARMSTRONG'S WAR" ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2015, AT PINAWA COMMUNITY CENTRE

Here's a summary: This play tells about Corporal Michael Armstrong, recuperating in rehab hospital. He's ambushed by Halley, a 12-year-old Girl Guide in a wheelchair, determined to earn a badge by reading to a wounded soldier. In spite of himself, Michael becomes engaged in their sessions. When he gets up the courage to share his Afghanistan story, the unlikely allies show each other how to stand tall. Michael Armstrong is played by **Justin Otto**, a young actor who graduated from Lac du Bonnet Senior School in 2009 and his parents live in Pinawa. The director, Robb Paterson, says "His performance is detailed, emotionally rich, and alive." Check out THE CLIPPER issue of January 22 for more information about Justin and the play. This is a unique opportunity to see a local actor in a professional production, supported by MTC's amazing touring crew and written by award-winning Canadian playwright, **Colleen Murphy**.

Winnipeg Free Press review – 4.5 stars out of 5 – "a lively stage skirmish that culminates in a momentous battle of wills over their conflicting views of life and death." Check out **WFP** online edition for full review - posted 10/31/2014.

PINAWA ART GALLERY NEWS

The Pinawa Art Gallery re-opens January 22nd with an all new look and theme. The Gallery's artists have removed their 2014 items and restocked the display areas. The theme will be "Embracing the Polar Vortex"!!

Gallery hours are Thursday - Saturday from 11:00 - 3:00 PM. There is no admission charged and all items are for sale. The Gallery can process VISA or MasterCard charges for larger items. If you've never visited before, it is located in the Lewis Business Centre on Aberdeen Avenue.



Karen Munn, WRAC board member (treasurer) and avid quilter from Pinawa, donated her time and talents to make a beautiful "LOVE QUILT" which will awarded to a lucky ticket buyer. Raffle tickets can be purchased from Karen in her quilting shop at Lewis Centre in Pinawa, from WRAC board members and at various outlets throughout the region. Prize-winning ticket will be drawn at MTC TOURING PRODUCTION! (see picture above)

VISUAL ARTISTS - PLEASE NOTE: For this year only, two important art organizations in Eastern Manitoba will join for an art extravaganza in Lac du Bonnet. The Eastman Judged Art Exhibition 2015 will be held in Lac du Bonnet in conjunction with the annual "Fire and Water" festival. Pinawa Art 211 members will also be in place with their annual show and sale to complement the Judged Art event. The concurrent events will be July 30 - Aug. 02. Pinawa Art 211 will not be part of the annual Pinawa birthday celebrations for 2015 because of this co-joined event in Lac du Bonnet but welcome guests to their other initiative, The Pinawa Art Gallery in the W. B. Lewis Centre, Aberdeen Avenue.

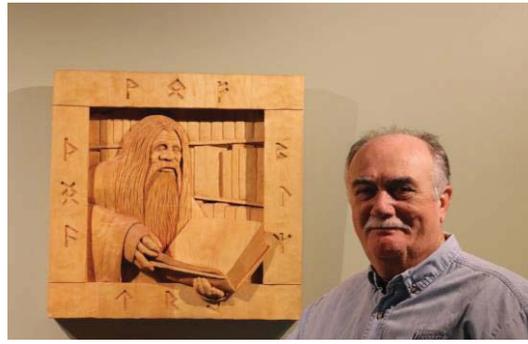
Check out Winnipeg River Arts Council website for info: newsletters, artists' profiles, by-laws, sponsors, and links to great arts related sites!

BIG NEWS FOR VISUAL ARTISTS IN EASTMAN

This year's Eastman Judged Art Exhibition will be held in Lac du Bonnet at the Community Centre. Dates are last week of July, closing on August 2, 2014. This exhibition will be presented in conjunction with the "Fire & Water" Music Festival. **Janice Charko**, Lac du Bonnet artist, has volunteered to coordinate organization of the exhibit. Assistance will be provided by Jennifer Hudson Stewart, WRAC administrator, and various volunteers from throughout the region. EJEI invites artists from all across Eastman to participate. In 2013, Pinawa Art 21 hosted this show, the largest visual arts event in the Eastman region. (At right: picture of 2013 Pinawa's EJAIE show)



**WRAC Featured
Artist for
JANUARY 2015-
RICK BRERETON**



Rick stands beside what he considers one of his best relief carvings, The Wizard, which has earned him a number of Best of Show awards.

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council featured woodcarver Rick Brereton from Lac du Bonnet.

Brereton's work is known throughout western Canada and the north central USA. His highly skilled knowledge and passion for his craft has him much in demand on both sides of the border. As an accomplished carver, he has won many best of show awards. He is also an experienced and knowledgeable competition judge and a sought-after instructor, teaching woodcarving throughout the year in Canada and the USA.

Brereton grew up on a farm near Birtle, Manitoba where he developed a love of wildlife and a passion for working with wood from his father, a carpenter and farmer. During a thirty-five year career with the Winnipeg Police Service, he honed his skills of working with people and developed a strong background as a qualified hands-on instructor. He joined a woodcarving club twenty-three years ago and has continued developing his skills and sharing them with others. Brereton and his wife Cathie, also an accomplished woodcarver and crafter, have spent a great deal of time promoting their passion for woodcarving, and working for the woodcarving community to help it grow and develop.

Brereton has worked with many of the world's top woodcarving instructors, but credits his early local mentors for the true inspiration for his work. In the early years, he fell in love with relief style woodcarving, which led to many commissioned carvings, including a large buffalo relief at the University of Manitoba and a series of large historical panels in Minnesota. Retirement brought Rick and Cathie Brereton to their lakeside home in Coppermine. Their woodcarving shop, on the second floor of their garage, is the weekly gathering place for over twenty-five people learning the craft. Brereton believes that encouraging new carvers to share in his passion provides him a wealth of satisfaction.

ART OF MANAGING YOUR CAREER COMING TO EASTMAN

ACI (Creative Manitoba) has asked Winnipeg River Arts Council to partner in running The Art of Managing Your Career course in the Winnipeg River region during the upcoming spring.

Several local artists have already expressed interest in taking this course but WRAC needs to guarantee 10 - 15 participants to make it worthwhile to run it in the area.

This is a course for self-employed artists, developed by artists and cultural workers. ACI has run The Art of Managing Your Career for four years now and over 200 Manitoban artists have graduated! The course costs \$200 for ACI members.

Instructor is **Heather Bishop**. She is a musician, visual artist, social activist and teacher and has been awarded the Order of Canada, Order of Manitoba, and the YM/YWCA Woman of Distinction Award. She is known, first and foremost, as a talented singer/songwriter who has toured the world for several decades.

AMYC will help you to:

- Envision and develop a career strategy
- Create a business plan Market and promote your work
- Manage a project
- Manage your financial affairs
- Manage legal matters
- Communicate effectively
- Develop effective business skills

Who is the course designed for? The course is open to anyone with an existing arts practice including actors, craftspeople, dancers, filmmakers, musicians, new media content creators, visual artists and writers. If you are a self-employed artist, or looking to increase the portion of your employment derived from your art, then this course is for you.

Dates have not yet been finalized. You can contact **Jennifer Hudson Stewart** to let her know if you are interested. Email: info@winnipegriverarts.com Phone: (204) 340-0889

You can also check out the ACI website for more detailed information about The Art of Managing Your Career. Or, if you have any further questions about the course, please email **Alicia** at alicia@creativemanitoba.ca

FYI: Applications will require a completed form, resume, and an updated portfolio to showcase your work.