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# WRAC NEWS

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- please help spread the news about **WRAC**
- connect, instruct, promote
- make arts come alive in Eastman
- arts organizations, libraries and schools - please add WRAC news to your newsletters and print out WRAC newsletter for members, students and library patrons to enjoy!

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Glass artist Claudia Chomichuk from Hillside Beach will be holding an Open House in her studio on Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To view Claudia’s new work and learn more about her art, visit her website [www.purplepelicanartglass.com](http://www.purplepelicanartglass.com)

### PHOTO EXHIBIT in LDB

In June of 2014, Lac du Bonnet Library will display **Mike Grandmaison’s Prairie and Beyond II** photography exhibit in their library for the whole month. The exhibit is co-hosted with Winnipeg River Arts Council.

Mike Grandmaison is a Manitoba photographer and he has published worldwide in magazines, calendars and books. Manitoba Arts Networks has produced two traveling exhibitions with custom printed photographs from Mike’s recently published book **Mike Grandmaison’s Prairie and Beyond**.

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:

- \*Help us connect Eastman artists and arts organizations.
- \* If you know about any arts related events, programs, products, services or opportunities, email [info@winnipegriverarts.com](mailto:info@winnipegriverarts.com).
- \*Artists, arts organizations, schools and libraries - Please send us your arts news!

**Do you live in the Town of Lac du Bonnet or Victoria Beach area? WRAC is looking for a BOARD MEMBER from either of these communities. Contact [info@winnipegriverarts.com](mailto:info@winnipegriverarts.com). Board meets once a month on second Monday (4:00 – 6:00 pm)**

# Learn to Weave a Basket from Bulrushes and Cat Tails

July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014: 9 am to 4pm, Pioneer Club, 32 Park Avenue, Lac du Bonnet \$45 per person (all materials included) Ages - 13+

**Sponsored by: ArtWave 2014 with assistance from WRAC and Province of Manitoba. (ArtWave is a Visual Art Show held during the Fire & Water Music & Arts Festival on the August long weekend)**

This unique workshop will be a day of fun! Laura Reeves is your instructor and just spending a day with Laura will be a fascinating experience. She is a botanist who has completed many courses in Wilderness Survival and owns Prairie Shore Botanicals where she teaches courses like "You can eat that?!", Natural Basketry, Wilderness Skills and more. See more about Laura on her website at [www.pshotanicals.com](http://www.pshotanicals.com) Natural basketry is a perfect skill to learn as the raw materials for future endeavours are there for the taking - free in our ditches! This is a craft to pursue with no large expenditure for supplies and materials. Workshop is a 6 hour day with a lunch break in the middle. Lunch is not included so bring your own please.

**Spaces are limited so register soon. To sign up:** Mail a cheque for \$45 payable to Janice Charko, PO Box 1681, Lac du Bonnet, MB R0E 1A0. Please be sure that you include your email address on or with the cheque as further updates and reminders will be emailed. to registrants

**OR**

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<http://www.flightsoffibre.com/gallery/artwave-basketry-workshop/?SSScrollPosition=671>

**(This website is being used for convenience of registration and payment. Flights of Fibre is not a sponsor of this workshop and does not benefit in any way.)**

**HARD ROCK ART MARKET** – On Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of the May long weekend, Kathryn Jones, WRAC member and potter from Pinawa Bay, organized an art market to showcase the talented artists in the area. She rented a 20 x 30 white wedding tent where eight WRAC artists displayed their work for cottagers and locals to view and purchase. Many people came out to see the art and meet the artists first hand. Thanks go out to ArtWave for grids, WRAC for financial support, LdB Lions club for tables and all the talented artists who participated. Kathryn's business property is located on Hard Rock Road, just off highway 313 and 11. She would like to organize more of these art markets and include even more interested WRAC artists. As Jim Niedermayer, chainsaw carver and WRAC member, said, "It worked out well and the people who showed up really wanted to see our art and buy something. I'm glad I brought my carvings to this event."



## WRAC FEATURED ARTIST FOR MAY - ROBERTA LALIBERTE

Visual artist Roberta Laliberte is primarily self-taught, since childhood. Through the years, she has gathered knowledge and experience from several sources. In 1993, she attended Mount Allison University for first year Bachelor of Fine Arts, working mainly in acrylic, watercolor, textiles and mixed media. In 2009, Laliberte began using digital media and creating digital line art illustrations for use in crafting and digital scrapbooking. She has also done freelance work in graphic design, setting up and creating graphics for websites. In 2010, Allard Library in St. Georges selected her to work on an art installation for their new building. She collaborated with Denise Prefontaine to create *The Storybook Garden*, a thirty-six panel installation with each 16”x16” panel illustrating a cherished children’s book. In 2012, Laliberte teamed up with Tanya Magnan, administrator from École Powerview School to get an ArtsSmarts grant from Manitoba Arts Council. She has continued to do arts integrated teaching in the school, working with teachers to bring the arts directly to education.

Powerview School has applied for three other art grants with Laliberte. Heritage, Culture and Sports contributed the first grant which produced *The Northern Lights* installation. One hundred and forty-seven students learned about the northern lights and worked on this installation. A second grant from Community Access allowed about one hundred and forty students to participate in an installation called *Future Flight Path*. The students learned about Canada Geese migration and each student created a feather with their dreams and aspirations written on it which have been used to create the wings and tails of the geese. This installation will be completed by June and the unveiling will be announced. Powerview School was awarded another ArtsSmarts grant this year to create an anamorphic garbage sculpture. It is being mounted outdoors but the weather has disrupted the expected installation. Full details on the project and curriculum covered will be unveiled and a video will be released after the installation. Because she is interested in cinematography, Powerview School and Sagkeeng Anicinabe High School hired her to produce videos with their students. At present, Laliberte teaches an online art course with thirty-eight other artists worldwide called *Soul Food*. Recently, she finished a contract with St James School Division for their Integrated Arts program, working with twenty teachers in several schools, and graduated from the Community Collaborative Arts Training Program offered by ACI Manitoba.

**Celebration of the Arts** – On June 6, Lac du Bonnet Library hosted a wine and cheese celebration to showcase and launch their month-long exhibit of Mike Grandmaison's photography. The library and co-sponsor Winnipeg River Arts Council thank all those who attended this event. Be sure to check out this exhibit if you are in Lac du Bonnet.



### AUGUST LONG MINI-QUILT CHALLENGE

*Submit your 12"X12" mini-quilt for a chance to win 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> prize!*

Fee to enter: \$12.50 1<sup>st</sup> entry & \$10.00 each additional mini-quilt

Drop off entries by July 2<sup>nd</sup> to:

Karen's Market & Quilt Shop,  
#S20-24 Aberdeen Ave Pinawa

OR

What's on Second, 76-2<sup>nd</sup> St Lac du Bonnet

Full details & entry forms at [www.firewater.ca](http://www.firewater.ca)

**Great News! Winnipeg River Arts Council will host another Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre's Regional Tour Performance – "Armstrong's War" on Saturday February 14, 2015, at Pinawa Community Centre**

Plan now for next year's Valentine Day and take your loved one (or loved ones) out for a special evening.

"**Armstrong's War**" was written by well-known Canadian playwright Colleen Murphy.

**Here's a summary:** Corporal Michael Armstrong is recuperating in a rehab hospital when he's ambushed by an optimistic 12-year-old Girl Guide in a wheelchair. Halley's mission is to earn her Community Service 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 an explosive story from his time in Afghanistan, the unlikely allies show each other how to stand tall.

**Here's a review:** "Funny, thought-provoking, heartfelt"  
– The Vancouver Sun

## A Touch of Red – just think of the possibilities!!

ArtWave will be happening again on Saturday and Sunday of the August long weekend in Lac du Bonnet!! This is the second ArtWave Visual Art Show to be part of the Fire & Water Festival weekend and it will be bigger and better than the last. This year there is a theme – **A Touch of Red** - each artist is invited to submit one entry with the Touch of Red theme. Entries will be displayed and a people's choice award will be given. Last year the People's Choice award (won by Gary Holden of Steinbach) consisted of the glory of winning... this year there will be a fabulous if modest prize to go with the glory!! So, start the creative juices flowing!! Application forms will be available soon. Also, this year artist can set up a booth to sell their work if they choose. There will be no cost for the space, however, if you cannot beg, borrow or steal your own grids, we will try to find some for you for a modest rental fee on a first come, first serve basis. Same for tables. More to come on this. Part of the ArtWave production will be 2 workshops to be held in the Pinawa/Lac du Bonnet vicinity. More will be coming about these workshops as well.

If you want to signify your intention to enter a piece into the Touch of Red display and/or to request a booth space, feel free to email now. You will have priority! Send your email to [artwave2014@hotmail.com](mailto:artwave2014@hotmail.com)