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# WRAC NEWS

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- 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)

“Sveikt Il” - An evening exploring Latvian Heritage presented by Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society, Saturday, July 19 from 7-10 pm at the Pioneer Club - 32 Park Ave. LdB (admission free) - a visual overview of the History of Latvia and Latvians in Manitoba by Viesturs (Ves) Zarins from Ontario.  
**Open to:** descendants of Latvian pioneers, their friends, and Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society members. All participants are invited to bring pictures, artifacts and stories from the earliest times for a “**show and tell**” round table discussion. Jerry Zihrul from Dauphin will talk about his extensive Latvian genealogical research for those interested in researching their family histories. Coffee will be served.

**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.psbobotanicals.com](http://www.psbobotanicals.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 you** can pay online using Paypal or a credit card by clicking on the following link (a \$ .50 charge is added to cover administrative costs of paying online).

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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.)**

**Summer Art Camps for Ages 6 to 16:** Joye Platford, visual artist and art instructor, will be holding art camps in Lewis Business Centre in Pinawa, from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Cost is \$45.00.

**Themes:** July 8, 9, 10 – Birds July 15, 16, 17 – Reflections

July 23, 24, 25 – colourful Fun August 12, 13, 14 - Safari

August 19, 20, 21 – Wild and Wacky

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## **NEW ADMINISTRATOR:** WRAC

welcomes new administrator, Alynne Anderson, taking over from Gail Davey. Alynne lives on the east side of Winnipeg River, near Lac du Bonnet, and she helped WRAC compile information for last year's artists and arts organizations regional survey. A big thank you goes out to Gail for helping WRAC get organized and up-to-date.



Pinawa Art  
Gallery in  
W.B. Lewis  
Business  
Centre

## WRAC FEATURED ARTS ORGANIZATION FOR JUNE: PINAWA ART 211

This organization began in late 1989 with artists from Pinawa and eastern Manitoba. Vivian Thomson, an art teacher from Whiteshell School District, was mentor and catalyst. She started giving classes for adults interested in developing their “inner artist.” From these classes came Pinawa Art 211 – a reference to both the town and the provincial highway.

Initially the group met in Pinawa Secondary School but moved to the closed W.B. Lewis School. They provided space to local artists, held meetings and mentored younger people. In October 1998, Art 211 shifted to Kelsey House (Wilderness Edge) and later to houses and then back to the high school.

Over the years, members have hosted art sessions and workshops. In 1990, they started exhibiting members’ work in art shows. To raise funds, they produced the ever-popular calendars, which highlighted members’ artwork. In 1997, due to AECL restructuring, Art 211 became dormant. Remaining members continued meeting to develop skills and some joined Eastern Manitoba Artists’ Co-op. In January of 2011, President Irene Friesen encouraged newcomers and former members to rebuild the organization. Although the initial focus was marketing, they became known for creative programming. Artists from surrounding communities joined and soon the group was 24 members strong.

The same year, Art 211 produced “Art in the Forest,” partnering with the Manitoba Forestry Association. They created “art about the forest in the forest” at Sandilands Forest Discovery Centre near Hadashville. These works remained on display for a full year in both Sandilands and Pinawa. In August 2012, Irene Friesen and Arlene Bohn produced “Green Water Art Show” in Lac du Bonnet, partnering with Winnipeg River Arts Council and Fire & Water Music Festival. Fifteen Eastman artists sold art during the two-day sale.

In 2013, the organization renamed itself as a collective. Members exhibited work in Selkirk at Gwen Fox Gallery, in Winnipeg at Cre8ery Gallery and annually in Pinawa during birthday weekends. To honour Pinawa’s 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, Art 211 hosted Eastman Judged Art Exhibition, adjudicated by professional artists, where Eastman artists displayed and sold work. Recently, they opened “The Gallery” in Lewis Business Centre. This initiative created Pinawa’s first gallery, now used for exhibitions and workshops.

**During Pinawa 51<sup>st</sup> Birthday celebrations (July 18-19, 2014), in the Lewis Business Centre, EMAC and Art 211 will hold “Artisan Square,” co-hosted by The Gallery. Regional artists and artisans are invited to display and sell their work.**

**(To rent a table contact Viv Thomson at 204-753-8350).**

## Art of Managing Your Career for fall 2014: Registration Now Open!

Intake is now open for the fall session. Apply below by **Aug. 15, 2014**. This is a course for self-employed artists, developed by artists and cultural workers. We are approaching our fourth year of The Art of Managing Your Career (AMYC), and over 200 Manitoban artists have graduated from the course! The next AMYC session will begin this fall. The course costs \$200 for ACI members.

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.

### **How to apply**

The upcoming session runs from September 16 to December 9, 2014. Deadline to apply is August 15, 2014. Applications should include form, resume, and an updated portfolio to showcase your work. Download a form to your computer first, either as a PDF or a Word doc, and then save after you fill it out.

Application packages can be emailed, mailed or dropped off. Instructor is Heather Bishop. If you have any questions about the Art of Managing Your Career, please email Alicia at [alicia@creativemanitoba.ca](mailto:alicia@creativemanitoba.ca)

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural & Northern Art Show**  
September 6-28, 2014 – Assiniboine Park Pavilion  
Gallery in Winnipeg  
Opening Reception: September 7, 2014 at 4:00pm

## **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.

## **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. 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)