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- **TELL US ABOUT YOUR UPCOMING 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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EMCA Season Continues in 2015

Exciting line-up includes:

DECEMBER 12- Borealis

JANUARY 23 – Dan Frechette & Laurel Thomsen

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: Help us connect artists and arts organizations in Eastman. If you know about any arts related events, programs, products, services or opportunities, please email info@winnipegriverarts.com for promotion of regional arts news and shows.

NEW OFFICE SPACE FOR WRAC

Jennifer Hudson Stewart has set up the new WRAC office in Winnipeg River Community Futures building in Lac du Bonnet (between RBC and Sunova buildings, across from bakery). She will be there on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 – 12:00. Please drop by if you are in town. (See contact info).

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 for info.

Rural Youth Mentorship: For the fifth year in a row, **WRAC** will work with ACI (Creative Manitoba) to organize a rural youth mentorship in our region. This program helps rural youth (ages 16 to 24) explore the possibilities of a career as a professional artist. From January to May, the two young people who are selected will work with a rural professional artist. Nine young artists in this region (Lac du Bonnet, Pinawa, Powerview-Pine Falls) have been mentored in writing and photography. Check out the ACI website for guidelines and application forms. ***** **Roberta Laliberte**, featured WRAC artist for May 2014, has offered to share her talents with two youth interested in enhancing their visual artists’ skills. WRAC is now looking for two youth in the Powerview- Pine Falls area who would like to meet with her a few times a month to work on their skills and increase their creativity. Please note – the youth do not pay any fee for these mentorships but mentors get paid. Call Donna Besel (1-204-345-8513) for info.

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: Written by award-winning Canadian playwright **Colleen Murphy**, this play tells about Corporal Michael Armstrong, recuperating in a rehab hospital. He's ambushed by Halley, an optimistic 12- year-old Girl Guide in a wheelchair, determined to earn a 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 a story from his time in Afghanistan, the unlikely allies show each other how to stand tall.

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.

Karen Munn, WRAC board member (treasurer) and avid quilter from Pinawa, has donated her time and talents to create a "LOVE QUILT" which will awarded to a lucky raffle ticket buyer. 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!!!!

TICKETS FOR THIS PLAY CAN NOW BE PRUCHASED AT VARIOUS VENUES THROUGHOUT THE EASTMAN REGION.

Why Join the Arts Council? Over the past couple of years, Winnipeg River Arts Council representatives have approached local artists, teachers, arts organizations and other interested individuals by phone, presentations, surveys and interviews, to let them know about the recently formed regional arts council. These people, who love and support the arts, often ask, "Why should we join? Don't we have enough arts organizations?" First off, one can envision WRAC as an umbrella that supports and includes all Eastman artists and arts organizations. This umbrella seeks to connect, promote and build the arts, and bring arts expertise to our area. One example is **Armstrong's War**, put on by professional touring actors. Another example would be the **art shows** that WRAC has promoted and sponsored. Then there are the various **music festivals** and **library programs** that WRAC supports. Also, WRAC organizes the rural youth mentorship programs. And that's just the beginning! WRAC needs your continued help.

PAINTED TURTLE POTTERY OPENS AT 20 HARD ROCK ROAD IN LAC DU BONNET: As of November 1, 2014, **Cottage Country Co.** will be operating **Painted Turtle Pottery**. After countless requests from customers, and a lot of hard work and time, this new venture is ready to go. Groups/individuals of all ages are welcome. The goal is to enable visitors to create a piece of functional pottery or work of art. Instruction and teaching of techniques such as ombre effect or marbling will be provided. Thanks to talented locals, they will offer Canvas and Cork Nights, as well as Canvas and Kool-Aid events. How It Works: You pay studio fee \$9 adults - \$7 kids, pick piece/pieces, all individually priced, choose from selection of colours and paint your piece. If you can't finish, they will keep it until you come back. When the piece is finished, the final glaze will be done and you can pick it up in a week. Book a birthday party, bridal shower, ladies night, office party, club event, school trip, movie night, kids' camp or "paint me a story" party. For birthday parties, take \$1 off both studio fee and pottery piece. (No minimum). For parties with 6 or more painters, your birthday child will get a commemorative tile with all the guests' thumbprints on it. Email Kathryn Jones, owner of Cottage Country Fine Foods and Gifts, at cottage2@mymts.net or call 204-345-6120.

The photos on the left may show Pinawa's art gallery lacking viewers but looks can be deceiving. The Pinawa Art Gallery has just had a major reorganization of its display areas and, for now, this is the result. Pinawa Art 211 has eleven of its members now hanging works in The Gallery. Visitors will find photographs, paintings, glass ware, silk pieces, and art cards for viewing and for sale. All the works are by artists throughout the region. Payment can be made using a VISA or MasterCard, cheque or cash. One wall has been designated for "Special Displays." The wall currently shows works on a theme of "A Touch of Red." Pinawa's gallery is open Thursday - Saturdays from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM in the W.B. Lewis Business Centre, Aberdeen Ave at Vanier Rd.

Allard Library invites you to 5th annual Crèche Festival from November 25th, 2014 to January 9th, 2015. Come by the library during regular business hours to see these wonderful items. Contact Library Allard to book tours.





WRAC
Featured Artist
for November
2014 - Stu
Iverson

**November 27, 28, 29 and December 4 and 5,
from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

Pinawa Art Gallery presents their first one man exhibition of Iverson's photographs in their gallery located in W.B. Lewis Centre (Aberdeen Avenue and Burrows Road). It will showcase 30 images he photographed during a recent tour of North Atlantic and Scandinavia.

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council featured photographer Stu Iverson from Pinawa. He has been taking pictures all his life, progressing from a black and white darkroom he built as a teenager to his present digital color "darkroom."

Iverson's training and career were in science so only recently in his retirement has he found the time, energy, and opportunity to devote to the serious study of photography including color printing. The combination of digital cameras, which allow easy experimentation, with the internet, which provides an incredible information resource, has allowed him to progress at a rate which would have been unthinkable only twenty years ago.

He shoots mainly nature and landscape scenes from across Canada, from Newfoundland to British Columbia and the Yukon, and in Manitoba from the southern regions to Churchill. He has also travelled further afield.

He says that his best pictures have a kind of simplicity where the elements in the frame all work together. His style is naturalistic, similar to the pictures found in National Geographic, and he likes the subject of the photo to be the centre of attention without adding distracting styles or techniques.

He states, "Of course, the real world is far from simple. The greatest challenges are to select and fine-tune the view through the lens and then seize the critical moment to click the shutter. The next challenge is translating the digital image into a print on paper while maintaining the impact of the original scene."

Although he finds inspiration in new and exotic locations, he finds plenty of subjects and inspiration hiking on the Trans-Canada Trail or at Old Pinawa, waiting for the sun to set or the fog to start to clear.

Iverson is also a member of Pinawa Art 211. **A collection of his photography will be exhibited for the general public at the Pinawa Art Gallery in the Lewis Centre - November 27, 28, 29 and December 4 and 5, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**