



Enhancing North Eastern Manitoba by Advancing Arts

WRAC NEWS

SPRING! TIME FOR NEW ART EXPERIENCES!

If you know any people or organizations involved in the arts, please encourage them to join us. WE WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO HEAR FROM TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS WHO ARE TEACHING STUDENTS TO SING, PLAY INSTRUMENTS, WRITE, ACT, DRAW, PAINT AND DANCE. Send us ideas, and suggestions for programs or partnerships. Let us know about your upcoming arts events or activities. You can share, connect, instruct, or promote! Make arts come alive in EASTMAN!

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Calling all artists and artisans in the Eastman region.

2013 Eastman Judged Art Exhibition will be held in Pinawa, June 12- 15. For further information, contact Brenda McKenzie, Chairperson: 2013 Eastman Judged Art Exhibition, ējaemckenzie@gmail.com. Entry fee is \$15 for your first entry, \$10 for the second and \$5.00 for a third piece. Each item will be critiqued by professional artist from Manitoba Arts Council. Categories include: Visual Arts (painting, print making, mixed media and photography), Fibre Arts, Sculpture and Pottery, and Jewellery. Each category will be eligible for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. A "People's Choice" award presented on the final day of the exhibition. Pinawa's ART 211 is organizing this event and will host workshops, school tours and a special Opening Ceremony, Awards Presentation and Reception for the artists, dignitaries and other invited guests. This is the fifth time Pinawa has held the exhibit since 1983 and the town is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2013. What better way to honour this event and support the visual arts in our region than by displaying your works in the Pinawa Community Centre.

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MARCH ARTS EVENTS

- March 19 -100 Sunrise students will sing in a 200 voice choir, backed by Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.
- - March 15 EMCA concert Destino (Classical/Pop Crossover) at Pinawa Community Centre, 8:00 pm

-Manitoba Arts Council News: Artists in Community Program - Deadline is March 25, 2013, for projects beginning after June 5. Check out MAC website for more details, guidelines, applications. This program may apply to your organization! Projects must involve an established professional artist (or artists) and must provide a meaningful artistic experience for the Manitoban community. Communities could include remote, rural, persons with disabilities, youth, at-risk, northern, or others. If your organization can't figure out a program for this deadline, you might want to think about an idea for next year. The Manitoba Arts Council wants to spread their resources to new communities and supply funding to organizations outside of Winnipeg.

ARTS NEWS AND EVENTS

***MANITOBA WRITERS GUILD IN DIALOGUE READING SERIES**

Winnipeg Free Press News Café

See Manitoba Writers' Guild website for lineup

***WINNIPEG FOLK FESTIVAL CONCERTS, SONGWRITERS' CIRCLES, OPEN MICS:**

Weekly at Folk Exchange, West End Cultural Centre, Park Theatre, Millennium Library. Check WFF website if you want to see a great a concert or share your songs!!

GREAT ART EXHIBITS NOW SHOWING at WINNIPEG ART GALLERY

All year long, WAG celebrates its 100th anniversary with major exhibits by many talented artist from all over Canada and the World! Check them out!

"Celebrating Stories" Events in Eastman Libraries

In Partnership with Manitoba Arts Council, Winnipeg River Arts Council and Manitoba Writers' Guild, special presentations will be held in Pinawa Public Library, Lac Du Bonnet Regional Library and Allard Regional Library on April 2 and 3. All three libraries will host an event named "Celebrating Stories." Each event will include readings by an established writer from Winnipeg, Sue Sorenson, and also a local writer (chosen by the library.) Also, there will be question and answer time, intermission for socializing, snacks and drinks, followed by musical performance provided by local musician (chosen by library.) These events will give readers and writers a chance to check out local talents and celebrate sharing of stories in words and music (along with haring of food and beverages.) On these dates, visit your local libraries and learn about local writers and local musicians. Also come meet Sue Sorensen, an English professor at Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg and learn about her book *A Large Harmonium*, which won Best First Book Award at the Manitoba Book Awards and was listed as one of the "On the Same Page" books.

COME OUT! ENJOY WORDS AND MUSIC!!!

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 Donna Besel, Communications Chair, at dab3@mymts. WRAC newsletter links artists, arts organizations, schools and libraries in the region and promotes all the many great art happenings. Please send us your arts news.

Fire & Water Music Festival's Winter Concert Series Presents

"A Morning Noise Records Showcase" Featuring: Hollerin' Pines, Grant Davidson, Brooke Wylie

March 23, Pioneer Club, Park Avenue, Lac du Bonnet, MB. Doors open at 5pm. Show starts at 6pm! Get your advance tickets at "What's on Second," 2nd street in Lac du Bonnet. 204-345-1909. **Admission:** adults 15\$ in advance or \$20 at the door Youth 13-17 8\$ in advance or 10\$ at the door, 12 and under free

Optional: dinner starts at 5:30, meals must be pre-ordered and prepaid (price not included in the admission price)

Strategic Planning (full day workshop)

A Practical "how-to" workshop for organizations of all types

Through strategic planning organizations can improve communication and teamwork; better align activities and resources; develop clear strategies and action plans; and develop deeper understanding and commitment to the organization.

Tuesday, March 19 from 9:00am - 4:00pm

Lac du Bonnet Community Centre

Facilitated By: Sharalyn Reitlo, Community Development Coordinator

Register with Erik Butenschon phone: 204.477.5180 ext 222 (toll free) 888.922.4545 or email: erik.butenschon@volunteermanitoba.ca

Fee: \$45 (includes materials and Coffee) - Lunch is on your own

FRENCH HOUSE CONCERTS IN ST. GEORGES

Concert Maison avec **Jocelyne Baribeau**, Samedi, le 16 mars 2013 À 19h30
Chez Jean et Ginette Vincent, 204-367-8244, Saint-Georges
Billet 15\$ en vente à la Bibliothèque Allard

Bienvenue à tous! Organisé par le comité culturel Châteauguay.

House concert featuring **Jocelyne Baribeau**, Saturday March 16th at 7:30 at Ginette and Jean Vincent's place in St Georges. Call 204-367-8244. Tickets for sale at Allard Library (\$15.00).

Everyone Welcome! Organised by comité culturel Châteauguay.



February Featured WRAC Artist

For February, Winnipeg River Arts Council features **Anita Schewe Drabyk**, who lives in Pinawa but grew up on a farm near Beausejour where her interest in art, nature and agriculture was nurtured and where making your own art cards was the norm. A great aunt treated her and her sister with various art supplies and encouraged their love of art. Drabyk's interests, education and career in biology influence her art; flowers, plants, mammals, birds and the natural landscape are dominant themes in her work.

Drabyk enjoys photography, watercolours and various other painting media. Her art has incorporated the advice and expertise of photographers and painters from across Canada. Her work was particularly influenced by Courtney Milne, a photographer from Saskatchewan. Drabyk was chair of two artistic groups, Pinawa Art 211 and of Pinawa Association for Photographic Art, for many years. Here she enjoyed the company and peer review of many talented artists and photographers.

Drabyk lived in China for two years and visited the country a few more times and these sojourns have modified how she looks at art and photography. Here again she enjoyed viewing and interpreting rural life, gardens, birds and the physical landscape. In China, she also taught art for the local Canadian students.

In the 2012 Art in the Forest project at Sandilands Provincial Forest, her work, "A Walk in the Forest", depicted different aspects of forests: the small, the large, the real, and the spiritual. She has participated in various local art shows and has won first place in photography for an Eastman Juried Art Show and has won other awards for her art. Her work has been published in *Manitoba Naturally* by Bill Stilwell, a Manitoba Model Forest Annual Report, Pinawa marketing brochures, *Eastern Manitoba Travel Guide*, and *The Manitoba Co-operator*. She is currently working for ACI Manitoba as a mentor in a Rural Mentorship program, mentoring three Pinawa students in photography.

Volunteer Retention (evening video conference seminar)

PRESENTER PAT HARDY WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO KEEP VALUABLE VOLUNTEERS THROUGH INNOVATIVE APPROACHES

Tuesday, March 12th from 6:30-8:30 pm

MAFRI Boardroom in the Beausejour Provincial Building (20 First Street South)

There is no cost to attend but you must pre-register as space is limited to the first 30 people

Contact: Sharalyn Reitlo at (204) 345-2514 or
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Flin Flon Trip for Local Writer

On April 12 and 13, local writer Donna Besel will be travelling to Flin Flon with two other Manitoba writers, Jordan Wheeler and Jennifer Storm. The three authors will be doing presentations and workshops in Flin Flon library and high school. Manitoba Writers' Guild and Manitoba Arts Council partnered to make this northern trip happen, as part of their ongoing goal to host more and more rural literary events.