

Enhancing North Eastern Manitoba by Advancing Arts

# WRAC NEWS

## APRIL SHOWERS? WHEN IT RAINS, ARTS CAN FLOWER!!!

**ATTENTION TEACHERS AND STUDENTS!** WRAC WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS WHO DO MUSIC, ART, DANCE, CREATIVE WRITING and DRAMA.

**ARTISTS AND ARTS ORGANIZATIONS!** SEND US IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAMS OR PARTNERSHIPS. TELL US ABOUT UPCOMING ARTS EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES. CONNECT, INSTRUCT OR PROMOTE! MAKE ARTS COME ALIVE IN EASTMAN!

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FIRE & WATER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2013 - check out their website for details re: upcoming events, performers & quilt contest!

**“Celebrating Stories” Events in Eastman Libraries on April 2 and 3** In Partnership with Manitoba Arts Council, Winnipeg River Arts Council and Manitoba Writers’ Guild, special presentations were held in Pinawa Public Library, Lac Du Bonnet Regional Library and Allard Regional Library. Each event included readings by Winnipeg writer, Sue Sorenson, and also performances by local talent. Pinawa featured high school students –writer Shannon Gibson and songwriter/musician Lucas Jansson. Lac du Bonnet featured writer Dusty Molinski and songwriter/musicians Alana Short and Grant Prosser. Allard featured writer/musician Marcel Pitre and his band-mate Rod Beaudry. Each event turned out to be very entertaining, with lots of laughs, insights, questions, answers, charm and amazing talent. Readers and writers got a chance to check out local talents and celebrate sharing of stories in words and music (along with sharing of food and beverages.) Guests also got a chance to meet Sue Sorensen, English professor at CMU and learn about her book *A Large Harmonium*, which won Best First Book Award at the Manitoba Book Awards. See Manitoba Writers’ Guild Facebook Page for more pictures!



## MB ARTS NEWS AND EVENTS

### **\*LAST IN DIALOGUE READING SERIES**

At Winnipeg Free Press News Café

APRIL 8, Manitoba Writers' Guild website for details

### **\*WINNIPEG FOLK FESTIVAL CELEBRATES**


**40<sup>TH</sup>** – lineup announced and early bird tickets on sale now

**MANITOBA WRITERS' GUILD AND ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA PUBLISHERS HOST MANITOBA BOOK AWARDS ON APRIL 28 AT WEST END CULTURAL CENTRE!**

### **APRIL ARTS EVENTS**

**Half-Life** - theatre production, April 11-13 in Pinawa Community Centre. Tickets available at Solo Store (Pinawa) and Ingham's Pharmacy (Lac du Bonnet)

**Trio Bembe** –final 2013 EMCA concert, Latin World Music, April 26, Pinawa Community Centre



**En Spectacle chez Lorraine et Edward Courcelles  
15, Paul St. Powerview**

**Mardi le 16 avril 2013  
19h30  
Billets :15\$**

**Un lunch sera servi, thème mexicain  
Bienvenue à tous!**

**Organisé par le comité culturel Châteauguay**

**\*\*\*\*\*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](mailto:dab3@mymts). WRAC newsletter links artists, arts organizations, schools and libraries in the region and promotes art happenings. Please send us your arts news.

### **Proposal Writing 101** (full day workshop)

***Take your project from idea to reality. Understand the key elements associated with planning and funding a project.***

***Topics include:*** Overview information about funding agencies and proposals, 4 Stages of proposal writing, Sources of project funding, How to find and match funders for your project

**Date:** Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-3:30 pm

**Location:** Winnipeg River Learning Centre (WRLC) @ #3 Walnut Street, Pine Falls

**Participant Fee:** \$15.00 (includes lunch and refreshments)      **Facilitator:** Sharalyn Reitlo, Community Futures

**Registration:** Contact WRLC at (204) 367-2761 or [wrlc@mymts.net](mailto:wrlc@mymts.net) by April 9<sup>th</sup>

The Winnipeg River Community Adjustment Committee has generously offered to underwrite a significant portion of the registration fee for the **Proposal Writing Workshop** making your fee only \$15!



## March Featured WRAC Arts Organization

Pictured - Librarians Vickie Short and Deb Woodfine

For March, WRAC featured **Lac du Bonnet Regional Library**.

In 1977, a group of dedicated supporters campaigned for a library in the area. In 1980, after three years as a volunteer-run organization with materials donated or block borrowed from travelling libraries, it was designated "Provincial Regional." At first, it moved around, from the former Northern Store to a room in the old Park Avenue School. On April 1, 1981, it opened its doors at 70 Park Street in Suite #1, with its first paid librarian, Barbara Steed. As time passed and holdings increased, it expanded into a second suite, under the direction of Maureen Flemming. In October of 1989, after the board decided to build a custom designed facility, volunteers spearheaded fundraising and building plans. The next January, on a bitterly cold day, they packed up and moved everything to the current location at 84 Third Street.

In 1997, the next librarian, Roz Burt, introduced automated software. After her departure, Kathy Derksen and Lynn Carter took as Head Librarians and current Head Librarian, Vickie Short, took over in 2007. As technology moves forward so does the library, incorporating online membership account access, downloadable eBooks/audiobooks, travel databases, online Consumer Reports and EDSCOhost, an online access database.

For twenty-one years now, the library has catered to young and old, providing favorite books, movies, reference material, audios, large print, magazines and numerous other items. Also, it has hosted guest authors, held pajama and game nights, and run the ever successful kids' Summer Reading programs. During the last five years, the library has replaced shingles, repaired and painted the ceiling, and integrated ongoing computer upgrades. Visit [www.lacdubonnetlibrary.ca](http://www.lacdubonnetlibrary.ca)