



Enhancing North Eastern Manitoba by Advancing Arts

WRAC NEWS

SUMMER IS HERE AND RIPENESS ABOUNDS! CAN YOU CAPTURE THAT VIBRANT CELEBRATION, SUNSET, SUNRISE, BIRD, FLORA, WILDLIFE, LAKE VIEW OR WHATEVER YOU LOVE ABOUT SUMMER WITH YOUR PAINTBRUSH? CAMERA? PIANO? VOICE? CARVING TOOLS? PEN? QUILT? DANCE STEPS? VIDEO CAMERA ? GUITAR? COMPUTER?

PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE NEWS ABOUT WRAC. TELL US ABOUT YOUR UPCOMING ARTS EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES. CONNECT, INSTRUCT OR PROMOTE! MAKE ARTS COME ALIVE IN EASTMAN! LIBRARIES AND SCHOOLS, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

[WRAC Contact Information](#)

[Box 1199, Lac du Bonnet, MB, R0E 1A0](#)

[Website: winnipegriverarts.com](http://winnipegriverarts.com)

[Email: info@winnipegriverarts.com](mailto:info@winnipegriverarts.com) Phone: (204) 340-0889

INSIDE:

- Local arts events
- Featured artist
- PINAWA ART GALLERY
- SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL S
- EMJAE SUCCESS!
- And much more!!

Due to a technical difficulty, the photos for the Eastman Judged Art Exhibition could not be uploaded in time for this newsletter. This should be rectified this week. A list of winners and some photos will be sent out to you in a special edition shortly! Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Coming Soon!!!

2013 EASTMAN JUDGED ART EXHIBITION : Pinawa's Art 211 hosted this event at their Community Centre and it was a great success. Artists from as far away as Manigotagan and Bissett in the north, St. Pierre in the south, Dugald in the west and Rennie in the east, exhibited their work. Event organizer Brenda McKenzie said 61 artists from 19 Eastman communities participated, with 155 works of arts in 10 categories. On the evening of June 11, ART 211 welcomed artists, judges, sponsors and special guests to a grand opening reception/award ceremony. Hard-working volunteers had transformed the gym into an elegant gallery with chandeliers, muted lighting and curtains. After Brenda McKenzie spoke about the show's background and organization, Joye Platford, ART 211 president, welcomed the crowd. Then prizes were awarded and Blair Skinner cut the ribbon. Pinawa has hosted the art show five times since 1983, and this show is extra special because the town is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Entries included: visual arts (painting, print making, mixed media and photography), fibre Arts, Jewellery, Sculpture and Pottery. Prizes were awarded in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place, with a "People's Choice" award presented on the final day. The exhibition stayed open to the public for four days, giving all who visited a incredibly wide-ranging taste of the artistic talent in Eastman.



The Fire & Water Arts Award is the funding mechanism of the Fire & Water Music Festival for Culture and the Arts through fundraising events.

The award is meant to provide a stimulus for investment in artists and their work. It aims to support artists and arts organizations in fulfilling and realizing their potential and in improving their skills and level of professionalism. The Fire & Water Arts Award contributes towards the strengthening of artistic practice and cultural development in Manitoba.

The application for the Fire & Water Arts Award is included in this newsletter for your convenience!!

Pinawa Art Gallery Launches Postcards!!!

The Gallery has just ordered 1500 post cards which will begin to show up in local stores and businesses for sale to the public. These are in support of the gallery! Each of the 14 Gallery associates has 100 cards with a picture of their art on the front and the postcards are set up for actual use as a postcard or just as an art piece. The anticipated sale price is 50 cents each.

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

AUGUST LONG WEEKEND

LAC du BONNET

COMMUNITY CENTRE

MUSICAL ACTS

ARTISANS' SQUARE

CHILDREN'S PERFORMERS



PINAWA ART GALLERY OPENS IN W.B. LEWIS CENTRE

On the weekend of May 2 - 4, Pinawa Art 211 held their grand opening for the new art gallery, located at 24 Aberdeen Avenue. At present, fourteen associate members are exhibiting in the gallery, where they hope to provide an ongoing venue for visual artists in the region to show and sell their work. Local artists can purchase an associate membership for \$30.00 and can display their art, instruct classes and deliver workshops. The gallery will be staffed by volunteer associate members and new art will be displayed as new artists are featured. Art 211 members will also be showcasing art at their annual exhibition/sale, July 19 - 20, in conjunction with the town's fiftieth anniversary celebrations. Come and check out the art! Contact Arlene Bohn arlenebohn1@hotmail.com or Joye Platford joyezart@gmail.com

LOCAL CELEBRITIES: John Barnard, Lac du Bonnet filmmaker, has created a documentary on Saskatoon rock group, The Sheepdogs, playing at Globe Theatre in Winnipeg. The film follows the band from obscurity to the cover of *Rolling Stone* magazine. It's called **The Sheepdogs Have at It.**

June 11- July 4 - Lac du Bonnet guitarist/singer/songwriter, **Kris Ulrich** performed in *The Buddy Holly Story* at *Rainbow Stage*. Due to popular demand, this rock-and-roll musical was held over for extra performances.

*******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 art happenings. Please send us your arts news. *******

NEW EMPLOYEE: WRAC has hired part-time staff, Debbie Majeau from Pine Falls/ Powerview to help enhance and advance arts in Eastman. As our new PROGRAM COORDINATOR, Debbie has been working hard to get to get people in the region working together to make things happen. We encourage artists and arts organizations with any ideas to contact Debbie. In the next while, she will be travelling around and talking to people. She has also set up a FACEBOOK page so you can have a look and see what WRAC has been doing lately. Email: info@winnipegrieverarts.com phone :(204)340-0889

WRAC AGM: Our annual general meeting was held on June 10 at 7:00 pm, in the Lac du Bonnet Pioneer Club. Executive and subcommittees outlined progress and plans of WRAC and visitors met the board and our new employee, Debbie Majeau. The board welcomes new board members, Ches Carver from Lac du Bonnet and Bernice Phillips from Powerview. After the formal meeting, the group enjoyed snacks, socialized and discussed regional arts and arts organizations.

READ ALL ABOUT IT: WRAC board has produced a new brochure. It will be distributed around WRAC country and beyond, in hopes of educating people about WRAC, attracting interest in local arts and inspiring new members to join. CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR AN ELECTRONIC VERSION! WATCH FOR IT IN LOCAL VENUES! PICK ONE UP! GIVE ONE TO YOUR FRIENDS!

SEEKING ARTISTS: WRAC is looking for artists who'd like to get paid to instruct/demonstrate their specific art at summer festivals or other events. Basically, what we envision would be a bunch of tables set up in a tent or other space where children and adults could try a simple form of the artist's art. For example, a potter could use quick-drying clay to demonstrate how to make a small pot or figure, a visual artist could show how to draw faces, a banjo player could teach how a banjo works, a photographer could make a box camera, or a poet could lead a group in haiku making. You get the picture. Please contact us at above contact info. But no chain saw carvers please!

OTHER REGIONAL ARTS EVENTS

- On June 13 at 7:00 pm, Lac du Bonnet Regional Library and Centennial School presented "Artists off the Avenue – An Authors' Evening." Children's author Andreas Oertel worked with 17 students during the school's "Writer in Residence" program and the children read from the stories they created. These stories were collected in an anthology which can be taken out of the library.
- Juno award winning performer, Fred Penner, will entertain at Pinawa's 50th birthday picnic which starts at 4:00 pm. on July 18. After that, local musicians will perform, wrapping up the evening with a giant sing-along.
- Jenny Lynn's Collectibles has opened at Moongate B&B on #406 between Elma and Whitemouth. Owner Jenny Dupas invites local artists of all kinds to consign their work in her new shop. Call 204-348-7731 for details.
- **LOVE THOSE BOOKS:** Summer reading programs for interested children will start soon at regional libraries. Check your local library for full details. Kids like to catch up on their reading over the summer! For example, Lac du Bonnet Library SUMMER READING PROGRAM will run from July 4 until August 22. Joanna Sokal and Rebecca Betker will supervise the LDB program this year. The program is drop-in and open to Lac du Bonnet residents and visiting children. They welcome children from pre-schooler age (if accompanied by an adult) and older kids up to grade 6. Other regional libraries, we'd love to hear about our programs! Send us your info.
- Regional recreation directors are presently looking for instructors for fall programs. If you want to teach your art, contact your local rec office and they will help you arrange some classes.
- WRAC is looking for our next featured artist. We do this every month and it helps people learn about local artists. If you'd like your art practice to be showcased in local newspapers, contact Donna Besel (204-345-8513 or dab3@mymts.net) and submit your bio and a photo. If you don't know how to write one, she will help you. She would especially like to hear from musicians and music teachers. **LET US TELL THE WORLD ABOUT YOUR ART!**
- **YAHOO! FRIDAY JULY 19 AND SATURDAY JULY 20:** Now in its seventh year, Summer Winds Family Music Festival is held at Victoria Beach Sports Field on Highway 59, Victoria Beach, Manitoba Offering great entertainment and fun activities that are affordable, family friendly, multicultural music covering many genres and age groups. From reggae to alternative, to country, to rock, we bring life to your personal playlists, and support emerging artists and original music. All this happens in a relaxed outdoor setting an hour north of Winnipeg. This weekend's line up includes Canadian Icon Kim Mitchell, as well as Dust Rhinos, Take Me to the Pilot, Neil Young'uns, Highway 59, Dylan Thomas, Snowday, Stone Throw Second, Gale Franklin and Third World. Check out the website for information about tickets and volunteer opportunities.

Fire & Water Music Festival



VISUAL ART SHOW

August long weekend

Saturday 10:00 - 6:00 Sunday 12:00 to 5:00

LAC DU BONNET CURLING RINK

- *Local & Regional Artists*

- *Artist Demonstrations*

oil, acrylic & watercolour paintings, photography, pottery, fibre, woodcarving, sculpture, glass work

- *Student Displays & more*

Art washes
from the soul
the dust of
every day life

Pablo Picasso

Imagination
is more
important than
knowledge

Albert Einstein

the world of reality
has its limits,
the world of imagination
is boundless

Jean - Jacques Rousseau

I never get
tired of the
blue sky

Vincent VanGogh

painting is just
another way of
keeping a diary

Pablo Picasso

Here is another opportunity to show, and possibly sell your work, this summer!

The Fire & Water Festival in Lac du Bonnet, on the August long weekend, is providing an area in the Artisan Square (in the curling rink) for a visual art display. Janice Charko has agreed to oversee this undertaking. The key points to note are as follows:

- There is no cost to the artist
- They hope to receive and display art from around the Eastman region. This is not limited to Lac du Bonnet artists.
- Up to 2 pieces per artist can be submitted.
- You can put a price on them or just display them as “Not for Sale”
- You do not need to be there for the duration of the show (10am to 6pm on Sat, noon to 5pm on Sunday). Janice will staff the area and any sales that are made will be handled by her and then passed on to you for no charge. Further details on payment methods will follow.
- You can leave business cards with Janice to be handed out if you like.
- The dates are August 3 and 4th. The art can be dropped off at the Curling Club in Lac du Bonnet on Friday evening (Aug 2nd). An earlier drop off time will hopefully be arranged and those who enter will be advised if they can arrange this.
- The art will have to be picked up on Sunday, Aug 4th at 5pm. If this is a problem, let them know and they will see about arranging a pickup time at a later date.
- Check out more info on the Fire & Water Festival at their website using this link: <http://firewater.ca/>
- Medium can be painting, photography, drawing, ceramics, sculpture, fibre or mixed media. If you feel none of these describes your work, send Janice an email and they'll sort it out.
- A waiver will be provided for your signature when you drop off your work. You are responsible for insuring your pieces if need be.

This is an opportunity to show your best work at no cost and to maintain the visual arts as a feature of the annual Fire & Water Festival, which is now in its 7th year and is growing by leaps and bounds.

Janice will need to know as soon as possible if you want to participate and if so, what pieces you will be putting in – sizes, mediums, display requirements, etc. All work should be framed and/or mounted in some way for public display. Please respond to Janice if you are interested with the following information:

Name:

Phone number:

Mailing address:

Piece 1 - Medium

- Title
- Outer dimensions (w x h)
- Price
- Please note if this piece is to be on a table, as opposed to being hung on a grid.

Piece 2 - Medium

- Title
- Outer dimensions (w x h)
- Price
- Please note if this piece is to be on a table, as opposed to being hung on a grid.

Janice Charko

Box 1681

Lac du Bonnet, MB R0E 1A0

(204) 345-8483

fibre@mts.net

Eligibility Information

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Individual artists (singers, musicians, troupes, composers, writers, dancers, artists, actors, etc.) and not for profit art organizations from Manitoba are eligible to apply for the Fire & Water Arts Award. Previous award recipients are eligible if prior awards are in good standing and if project Final Reports have been completed and submitted.

What can I apply for?

The Fire & Water Arts Award wants to make art happen in J.R. du Bonnet, the region and the province. Projects to make art happen now (in the next 12 months) and projects that will enhance an organization's ability to make even more art happen in the future will be considered. The Fire & Water Arts Award directs its support to one-time projects and does not fund capital expenses or operating costs. No more than one (1) application per individual/ organization will be accepted in each award round.

What size award may I apply for?

You may apply for as much money as you need, but please bear in mind that the Fire & Water Arts Award will be allocating its annual budget to address needs across the entire province. The Fire & Water Arts Award's intention is to provide meaningful and sustainable awards.

How do I apply?

The Fire & Water Arts Award's aim is to make the process of applying for the award as easy and straightforward as possible. To this end, the Fire & Water Arts Award has implemented a two-stage application process in which only the accepted short-listed Stage 1 Applications will be asked to complete the more detailed Stage 2 Application.

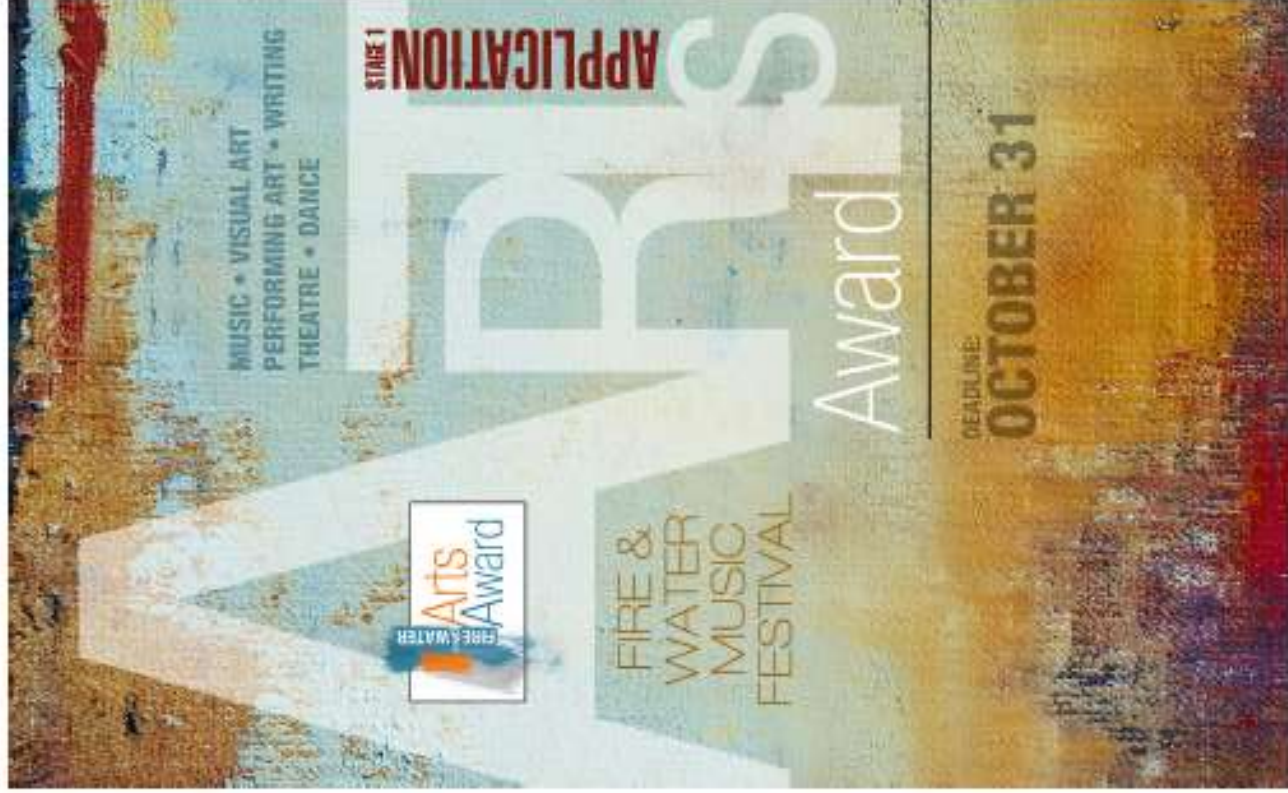
APPLICATION EVALUATION

Who will evaluate my application?

All applications will be evaluated by the Fire & Water Music Festival's Board of Directors, who may seek outside advice as needed.

On what basis will my application be evaluated?

- ___ Artistic merit
- ___ Benefit to local area, region, province
- ___ Contributions to the vibrancy of the arts & cultural sector
- ___ Ability of the artist to complete the project successfully
- ___ Visibility...will it reach the public?
- ___ Viability of the concept...is it doable, realistic?
- ___ Projects that would otherwise not take place
- ___ The extent to which an award from the Fire & Water Arts Award will encourage funding from other sources



APPLICATION INFORMATION

STAGE 1— INITIAL APPLICATION

All individuals and not for profit organizations interested in being considered for an award from The Fire & Water Arts Award must submit a brief Stage 1 Application proposal in letter format which will answer the following questions:

- Who are you?
- What is your legal / corporate status?
(Self-employed artist, not for profit organization, etc.)
- Have you applied for the Fire & Water Arts Award before? Provide details of the application outcomes and the award received indicating the year and the amount.
- What is your artistic background?
- What do you want to do?
- Are you planning to work with a partner or partners?
- What is your preliminary estimate of what the project will cost?
- How much are you requesting from the Fire & Water Arts Award?
- What are your anticipated sources of revenue? Please indicate which, if any, of those sources of revenue are confirmed.
- What is the benefit to the local area, region, province?
- Where will it happen?
- When will it happen?

STAGE 1— APPLICATION DEADLINE

October 31 of current year

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The Fire & Water Music festival will evaluate applications once a year.

Nine copies (9) of the application must be submitted to the Fire & Water Music Festival, and applications must be received no later than 4:00pm on the deadline date. Electronic applications will not be accepted.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED TO:

Fire & Water Arts Award
Box 546, La C du Bonnet, Manitoba R0E 1A0

Stage 1 Applicants will be notified if they have been selected to move to Stage 2 of the application process. Those who have been selected will be asked to submit a more detailed Stage 2 Application.

STAGE 2 — DETAILED APPLICATION SUBMISSION

An application form and submission deadlines with the respect to the Stage 2 detailed Application will be sent to the short-listed Stage 1 Candidates at the time they are notified of their status.

Please note that moving to Stage 2 of the application process is not a guarantee of an award.

Award recipients will be asked to sign a funding agreement which will require that, if the project is not completed per the agreement and within 12 months of the receipt of the Fire & Water Arts Award, the award must be repaid.

The award will be paid in installments. The first installment will be paid on receipt of the signed award agreement. The final installment of will be paid upon receipt of the Final Report.

Award recipients are required to file a post project final report with the Fire & Water Music Festival within 3 months of completing the project.

Award recipients are required to acknowledge the contribution of the Fire & Water Music Festival in any printed, verbal or electronic description (brochures, programs, press releases, posters, websites etc.) of their project, according to specific guidelines provided in the award agreement.

The **Fire & Water Arts Award** is the funding mechanism of the **Fire & Water Music Festival** for Culture and the Arts.

The Award is meant to provide a stimulus for investment in artists and their work. It aims to recognize and support artists and arts organizations in fulfilling and realizing their potential and in improving their skills and level of professionalism. The **Fire & Water Arts Award** contributes towards the strengthening of artistic practice and cultural development.

In Manitoba, **Fire & Water Arts Award** strives above all to support quality and excellence. Submissions to this Award are competitive and therefore not all applications may be awarded the money that is requested. Compliance and eligibility with the criteria do not guarantee funding. Projects and proposals are evaluated in terms of established assessment criteria in order to provide the greatest value for public investment. Projects and proposals are selected for awards in accordance to the objectives of the **Fire & Water Arts Award**.



WRAC FEATURED ARTIST FOR JUNE: VALERIE ROSS

Pinawa Art Gallery (right)
where Valerie volunteers
and exhibits her paintings.



For June, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features Pinawa visual artist, Valerie Ross. In September 2005, Ross stood on a dock in Pinawa looking out at the river. In that moment she knew where she was meant to be. Eventually her husband, Alex, was drawn into the possibility of one last adventure. In May of 2006, they left 63 years of living in Southern Ontario to immerse themselves in Pinawa's pristine beauty.

Local residents often spotted Ross, with camera in hand, taking pictures of the nature and wildlife. She sent many e-mails and photos to family and friends describing excitedly all there was to see. Ross wished she could convey what she saw and felt so passionately about into something tangible, something that was personal in and of her.

In 2008, Ross's sister, who is also a visual artist, encouraged her to paint what she saw. Although Ross had never painted before, except for a few flowers on sweatshirts, and had taken no art courses, she bought a few brushes and then ... five years later she hasn't looked back. Her work has been displayed at Green Water Art Show in 2012 and at the recent Eastman Juried Art Exhibit. It can be seen and purchased at the new Pinawa Art 211 Gallery at Lewis Centre.

Ross uses vibrant acrylics. They suit her well as she paints with bold, strong strokes. She loves their immediacy as they dry quickly and they challenge her to stay in the moment and "just do." Ross likes to say that when she paints she becomes the birch leaf blowing in the wind, a gentle ripple on the river and the grass matted by a sleeping doe. She has become known as the "Birch Lady" with many of her birch paintings in homes throughout the region. Ross's husband passed away last November. She recalls him saying, "Valerie, the painting is done, it's beautiful, now step away." Ross has a hard time knowing when a painting is finished. "It's like reading a book; you never want it to end."