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# 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.

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## *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 sale price is 50 cents each

If you haven't checked out the updated Winnipeg River Arts Website, we encourage you to do so! We have a full events listing now (complete with calendar) so you don't have to miss out on any event within our region. We are also posting events outside the Winnipeg River corridor that might interest you so please take a moment to stop by and see all the "goings on"

If you have an event that you would like shared on our website, do not hesitate to contact our Program Coordinator, Debbie Majeau at [info@winnipegriverarts.com](mailto:info@winnipegriverarts.com) or on our phone line at 204-340-0889. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at future events!!!

**Mark your calendars!!!**

*Art is front and centre in Pinawa this summer.*

*First came the 2013 Eastman Judged Art Exhibition held June 12 - 15. It was hosted by the Pinawa Art 211 and organized by member Brenda McKenzie. Over 150 artists from the Eastman region had their work adjudicated - with many winning prize ribbons in their categories. The Opening Ceremony June 11 saw 115 invited dignitaries in attendance. The event was open to the public from June 12- 15th where more than 300 people signed the guest book.*

*For Pinawa's 50th Birthday weekend July 19- 20 at the FW Gilbert School, Vivian Thomson, member of Pinawa Art 211, organized an outstanding show and sale for artists from the Eastern Manitoba Artists' Collective (EMAC). The two day event saw crowds of visitors throughout the event. They came, they saw, they bought art !*

*To wrap up the weekend, the Pinawa Indoor Street Market allowed both artists and local business people the opportunity to display and sell their wares. When the doors opened at 11:00 AM at the Pinawa Community Centre, the site filled to capacity immediately. It has been estimated nearly 1000 people came to meet the vendors and buy clothing, wooden crafts, jewelry, decorated stones, spices, teas, handcrafted knitwear, as well as paintings and handmade note cards. It was a fast four hour event featuring wall-to-wall people all re-introducing themselves to other homecomers.*

*Throughout the rest of 2013 the latest initiative of Pinawa Art 211, the newly opened Pinawa Art Gallery, will be open Thursday-Saturday at the W B Lewis Centre from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. A new themed exhibit will be set up in early August with the room being refreshed as new artists join the Gallery and/or Pinawa Art 211. For details to become a member of either Art 211 or The Gallery, please contact the following people:*

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**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](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. \*\*\*\*\***

## 4P Festival!!!

"Paper, Power, Peas & Pickeral"  
Live music, market square, parade, beer gardens, road hockey, children's fair, family fishing derby, fish fry, car show, family movie, slow pitch tournament, Hydro tours, basketball, fireworks , food and more!!!

September Long Weekend –  
Powerview/Pine Falls & St. Georges



## 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. Come and check out the art! Contact Arlene Bohn [arlenebohn1@hotmail.com](mailto:arlenebohn1@hotmail.com) or Joye Platford [joyezart@gmail.com](mailto:joyezart@gmail.com)

## 2013 Eastman Judged Art Exhibition: WINNING ENTRIES

### OIL PAINTINGS

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Gary Holden "Temperance Falls"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Karen Pankiw "Fox With Rabbit"
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Brenda St. Hilaire "Buttons"

### ACRYLIC PAINTINGS

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Irene Loire- Maillard "Influenced by Caravaggio"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Margaret Korlak "Regeneration"
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Kim Gwozdz : "Low Tide"

### WATERCOLOUR PAINTINGS

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Renay Taylor Besant "Floral or Fowl"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tammy Holland "Laundry Day"
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Fay Campbell "Red Poppies"

### DRAWINGS

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Brenda St Hilaire "Emilie"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Patricia Ellen Pelland "Big"

### PRINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Kyla Jane Tyndall "Deer at Lone Island River"

### PHOTOGRAPHY

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Stu Iverson "Mullein"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stu Iverson "Four Spotted Skimmer"
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Brenda McKenzie "Waiting"

### CERAMICS

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Pat Fallis "Shamen's Dream"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kyla Jane Tyndall "Glazed Pot"
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: John Valentine "Green and Brown Lidded Jar"

### SCUPLTURE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Metro Dmytriw "Prisoner"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Metro Dmytriw "Woodcutter"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cliff Zarecki "Green Wing Teal Hen"
- Honourable Mention: Cheryl Laschuk "Murphy"

### FIBRE ARTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Janice Charko "Starry Starry night" clutch bag
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Melissa Marginet "Awaken"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Janice Charko "Global Garden"

### MIXED MEDIA

- 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Korlak "Tsunami Rising"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Chase "River's Rest"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tammy Holland "Aftermath"

## OTHER REGIONAL ARTS EVENTS

- 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 have started 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](mailto: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!**



Tammy Holland's Mixed Media at the EMJAE



Karen Munn's Fibre Art at the EMJAE



**WRAC  
FEATURED  
ARTIST FOR  
JULY: JANICE  
CHARKO**

Janice's award winning  
clutch "Starry Starry Night"  
(right).



For July, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features Janice Charko from Lac du Bonnet, an artist who creates and works with fibre. During her professional career, “creative” was not a word Charko would have used to define herself. She has a Bachelor of Commerce Degree and a CMA. With her husband, John Angus, she owned and managed a medical software company for 16 years, work which she has described as “very logical and inside the box!”

Then in 2008, at age 57, Charko was diagnosed with breast cancer. That year, rather than the usual winter in Florida, she and her husband spent the winter at their cottage while she received chemotherapy and radiation treatments. She lost her hair and hated wearing wigs so she started making hats that were fun – varied and colourful. When it was all over and her hair was finally making an appearance, she said she was done with cancer and done with hats.

Working with colours and various materials had resonated with Charko so she began to make things just for the prettiness of them. She moved from sea shell mirrors to beaded jewellery, needle felting, silk fusion and finally wet felting. She quickly realized that wool felting was her passion.

She loves to start with a soft mound of fluffy wool fleece and work it into felt. It takes hours of manipulating the hot soapy wool with her hands, rubbing and rolling, tossing and beating, all the while working it into the shape she wants. This year Charko began nuno felting wool onto silk chiffon scarves and shawls. Also, her silk fusion clutch purses have been popular, with the Starry Starry Night clutch winning first place in the fibre category at the 2013 Eastman Judged Art Exhibition.