



Enhancing North Eastern Manitoba by Advancing Arts

WRAC NEWS

Fall into art!!! Now that summer is winding down, you may find yourself with a little more time for yourself. There is no shortage of beauty or inspiration in the fall season so get outside and find what inspires you! Art is personal so find what you love about autumn and make it yours!! Fall in love with Art!!!!

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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11th Annual Rural & Northern Arts Show

The Manitoba Arts Network is proud to present the 11th Annual Rural and Northern Art Show at the Pavilion Gallery Museum in Assiniboine Park in Winnipeg. The exhibition includes award winning artworks by over 75 Manitoba artists, which have been selected by professional juries from Juried Art Shows in the Central, Eastman, Interlake, Norman, Parkland and Westman Regions of the province.

The exhibition is presented in two galleries - the main portion of the exhibition, featuring artwork in a wide range of media, is hosted in the 2nd floor Pavilion Gallery Museum at 55 Pavilion Crescent. Selected artworks by younger artists who represent Manitoba's emerging new talent and a new Sculpture Court are presented in the neighboring Conservatory Foyer Gallery.

This event is open to the public, the venue is wheelchair accessible and parking is free.

Community Futures Winnipeg River will be facilitating an **Effective Boards and Committees Workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 24th from 6:30-9:30pm at the Whitemouth Community Club.**

There is no cost to attend the workshop and the information is geared to help to improve board operations in nonprofit organizations. Boards and committees that run smoothly are more likely to retain valuable members and to accomplish greater results. If that's not convincing enough reason to attend this workshop, we will also be providing coffee and refreshments!

More information about the workshop can be viewed in the attached poster and agenda. Information regarding governance principles, board recruitment, various common board practices, etc. will be provided and discussed.

Winnipeg International Writers Festival

THIN AIR's Got Some Big Ideas for You

Experience your brain on steroids! During the week, you can end your afternoon with writers who are tackling some of the big ideas of our place and time—and who want to hear your thoughts as well.

Monday September 23 through Friday September 27

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Carol Shields Auditorium

Millennium Library, 251 Donald Street

Enter our door prize draw each day for an opportunity to win the featured book. If you aren't the lucky person, McNally Robinson Booksellers will be on-site selling copies.

Do you have an idea for WRAC to pursue? Is there something more you would like to see from our council?

Please contact Debbie with your ideas, suggestions, etc. We would love to hear from our members and are always looking for ideas!

Let your voice be heard!!!

Fire & Water Festival success!!!

The Fire & Water Festival in Lac du Bonnet over the August Long Weekend was another successful event in our region! Once again people from all over the province travelled to hear the amazing talent and take in all the festival has to offer!

WRAC was pleased to partner in sponsoring NEREO II for this festival. NEREO II is a talented artist from Winnipeg who came out to perform in a variety of capacities. His chalk drawing of Bruce Lee was a hit in the parking lot and he even took time to invite children to assist in shading, etc.

One highlight of the event that cannot go unmentioned was that of the "Art Wave" show. Organizers did an amazing job on turning part of the curling club into an art gallery! With artists working right in the crowd and beautiful original works of art, visual arts were front and center in the Artisan Square! Certainly a job well done!!!

If you haven't been to the Fire & Water Festival, mark your calendar for next year! You've been missing out!!!

*******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 Debbie Majeau, Program Coordinator at info@winnipegriverarts.com. WRAC newsletter links artists, arts organizations, schools and libraries in the region and promotes art happenings. Please send us your arts news. *

ART WAVE SHOW



Nereo II demonstrates chalk drawing at Fire & Water Festival

4P Festival adds Pride and Performers

September long weekend once again brought the 4P Festival to our region in the communities of Powerview-Pine Falls and St. Georges. WRAC partnered to help showcase local talent at the Friday night Jamboree and Fish Fry. On stage were local musicians who delighted the crowds with their abilities. Even the threatening rain and looming dark clouds did little to ward off the music lovers!

The Market Square was once again filled with vendors ready to display their products and crafts. Shoppers and visitors were readily available to seek out unique items and purchase wares that caught their attention.

The weekend was jam packed with neighbors and family members who came “home” to visit. With no shortage of activities or events, everyone was pleased with the festival. These communities definitely took pride in the 4P and can’t wait to do it again next year! Mark your calendars for this annual event so you don’t miss out!!!

OTHER REGIONAL ARTS EVENTS & QUICK REMINDERS

Learning to Draw Course with Mary Louise Chown and presented by WRAC begins on September 23 at the Pinawa Lutheran Church. We may be able to squeeze in one more participant so if you have been thinking about enrolling, do it now before the space is gone. You can contact Debbie at info@winnipegriverarts.com.

Joyezart located in the WB Lewis Centre in Pinawa is now open and offering a number of courses and learning opportunities. In addition to the hands on teaching, materials are available for purchase. If you haven’t had a chance to stop by and see the space that Joye Platford has created, you will want to make the time.

While visiting Joyezart, stop by the **Pinawa Art Gallery** and **Karen’s Market & Quilt Shop** also located in the WB Lewis Centre. The Centre is on Aberdeen in Pinawa and parking is easy. Each space has so much to offer in terms of art and art lovers. Karen is also offering courses this fall so it gives you a great opportunity to get more information on her programs. And with displays changing each season in the Art Gallery, you want to make sure you take time to see the new pieces and pick up a postcard or two of the talented artists.

Membership Renewals...many WRAC memberships are up for renewal this time of year so if yours is one of them, please contact Debbie to ensure you don’t experience any lapse in your correspondence.

BOARD MEMBER NEEDED!!! WRAC is currently looking for Board representation from the town of Lac du Bonnet and the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach. If you are interested in becoming a member of the WRAC Board of Directors, please contact Debbie as soon as possible. Meetings are held monthly around the region and it gives you a great opportunity to help guide WRAC.



WRAC FEATURED ARTIST FOR AUGUST: DON MACLELLAN

For August, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features Pine Falls musician, Don MacLellan. He has been playing guitar since the age of fourteen, for forty-five years.

When he started, he liked folk and other roots styles of music. Several other genres have influenced his musical interests but lately he has been bitten by the bluegrass bug and he has been exploring this style of guitar playing.

MacLellan has always played acoustic guitars. He likes the open chord "C-A-G-E-D" system, using capos to navigate to desired keys and using familiar chord shapes.

He prefers to arrange the songs of his favourite songwriters and performers to suit his playing style as opposed to writing his own original material. He is self-taught and plays by ear, although he admits, "I'm not always sure what those phrases mean."

MacLellan appreciates the opportunity to play with like-minded musicians. Although he insists "I don't perform regularly enough," he has entertained folks at weddings, benefit concerts, bars and events for seniors.

He likes to emulate performers such as JP Cormier, Joni Mitchell, Norman Blake, Gordon Lightfoot, Tony Rice, Nancy Griffith, Steve Goodman, and David Bromberg. He has taught his style of playing on the side, as well as on a volunteer basis at places such as Wings of Power. If asked, he will also repair and maintain guitars.

MacLellan is a councillor for Ward II with the town of Powerview-Pine Falls and, for the past three years, has helped establish and build the Winnipeg River Arts Council, serving as its President. He says, "I am proud of this rare opportunity to help entrench and promote the arts throughout our region, and it is an endeavour of which I am very proud."

The Winnipeg River Arts Council encourages other local musicians to join WRAC as members. The arts council can promote your talents in the region, if you want to perform or give lessons.