



Enhancing North Eastern Manitoba by Advancing Arts

# WRAC NEWS

Does the quiet of the winter months inspire you? Do you see the beauty when the world is awash with white? There is nothing like curling up inside on a cold winter night. Or perhaps you enjoy being out in the crisp winter air to find your solace. Whatever it is that inspires you this season, be sure to take a moment and enjoy the new season that is upon us!

PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE NEWS ABOUT WRAC. TELL US ABOUT YOUR UPCOMING ARTS EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES. MAKE ARTS COME ALIVE IN EASTMAN! EVERYONE HAS A VOICE! EVERYONE COUNTS! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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## 2013/2014 EMCA Season

*EMCA invites you to enjoy an exciting and entertaining concert series. This year's lineup consists of the following seven performances. All concerts start at 8:00 P.M. in the Pinawa Community Centre. The Eastern Manitoba Concert Association (EMCA) has been bringing entertainment to Eastern Manitoba in the form of musicians, artists, performers and other talented individuals for 40 years.*

*All concerts are held in the Pinawa Community Center / High School at 8:00 P.M.*

**Monika Wall** : Jazz/vintage cabaret & more

Friday, December 13

## Comité culturel Châteauguay

Le Comité culturel Châteauguay vous invite à un souper qui sera suivi de son Assemblée générale annuelle et d'un concert maison Chemin Chez Nous avec l'excellent artiste Jason Kodie. Cette activité aura lieu Dimanche le 17 novembre 2013 dès 17h00 à la Bibliothèque Allard Library.

SVP, nous indiquer votre presence.


*Comité culturel Châteauguay would like to invite you to a supper followed by an Annual General Meeting & A House Concert with the artist Jason Kodie. This will take place on Sunday, November 17, - 5pm at the Bibliothèque Allard Library. Please RSVP.*

Do you live in the Town of Lac du Bonnet or the Victoria Beach area?

Our Board of Directors is currently looking for representation from these two communities. If you would like more information or are interested, please contact Debbie at WRAC

Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library

## Virtual Book Club



Library Allard's Virtual Book Club is all set up and ready to go! The book for November is *Fallen Skies* by Philippa Gregory.

If anyone is interested in joining the Book Club, or would like the details, please contact Breanne.  
 Email: [asstlib@allardlibrary.com](mailto:asstlib@allardlibrary.com)  
 Phone: 204-367-8443

## WRAC pleased to present Manitoba Theatre Centre's Regional Tour Performance "Miracle on South Division Street"

Mark your calendar for February 19, 2014 when WRAC will be bringing the MTC regional tour only presentation of "Miracle on South Division Street" into our very own community! More information will be announced shortly so stay tuned!!

**One thing is for certain, this will be an evening you don't want to miss!!**

Miracle on  
South Division  
Street

### New Endeavours for Pinawa Art 211

After successfully hosting the 2013 Eastman Judged Art Exhibition in June, Pinawa Art 211 members are preparing for new endeavours. They will be part of the new display in the Pinawa Art Gallery in mid-November. All items will reflect the theme "All Our Best to You". The show will be open until December 21.

The Gallery is open Wednesdays – Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the W. B. Lewis Business Centre.

On December 7, the members will also be part of the Christmas Indoor Market. This event has expanded from the Secondary School auditorium to include the W.B. Lewis Business Centre as a second venue site.

As part of Cancer Care Canada's initiative, "Relay for Life" the artists will be recycling chairs using imaginative and innovative painting techniques. These will be sold in a fundraising effort. More details will be available in 2014.

Throughout the winter artists will be in The Gallery the second Tuesday of each month for J.A.T. This is their "Just About Art" time when the public is invited to come for a coffee and snack to discuss art topics. No reservations are required -just show up at 1:30. Recent meetings have dealt with "how do you price a piece of artwork" to "how do I get started doing art?" A future topic will be a look at Australian aboriginal art.

To join Pinawa Art 211 contact Vivian Thomson at 204 753 2980.

SILENT AUCTION..RAINBOW AUCTION..50/50

**"Sveikt"**  
**Latvian Heritage**  
*A celebration of Lac du Bonnet's Latvian history*  
 Presented by

Lac du Bonnet and District  
 Historical Society Inc.  
*"Working in the present to preserve the past  
 for the future"*

**Annual Wine & Cheese**  
**Friday Dec. 6, 2013**  
 held at the  
 Lac du Bonnet Community Club

Time: 7:00 pm Tickets: \$15.00

**"Tales from the Amber Sea"**  
 told by  
 Mary Louise Chown  
 Latvia Folk Songs  
 by Donna Drysdale (Turton/Gulbis)  
 musical performance by  
 Arnold & Allan Urban & Betty Dancyt

**"TIN FOR THE BIN" FOOD DRIVE"**

Information and tickets call:  
 John : 345-2613  
 or  
 Leon: 345-8419

TICKETS available at : Ingham Pharmacy

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

## IERHA Call for Submissions!!

Interlake-Eastern RHA manages the delivery of healthcare in the area that likely includes the residences of your art club members. We have a number of walls in our offices and facilities that would benefit from the promotion of local artists. We know our patients and clients would appreciate the opportunity to view the artistic talent we have in our region. We're contacting you in hopes that you can help us share the word.

We have created a small group composed of staff and board members to review and select locally created art for display in our offices and facilities. The RHA is prepared to rent pieces for a 4-6 month period. Artist contact information will be posted with the pieces in the event a member of the public is interested in making a purchase.

We ask you to please share this request for submissions with your members.

### **Deadline for submissions is November 15, 2013.**

Anyone interested in submitting wall hanging artwork for consideration needs to:

1) Submit images of pieces via e-mail to [kgaudry@ierha.ca](mailto:kgaudry@ierha.ca) or CD-Roms can be mailed to Kelli Gaudry, 589-3rd Ave. South, Stonewall, MB RoC 2Z0.

Please ensure all pieces have a title that includes the artist's name and the artwork name (if one applies).

2) Include a name, phone number and mailing address where we can contact you. Please also identify dimensions of any oversized pieces

3) Identify a monthly rental fee (per piece if the fee varies from piece to piece).

Artists of selected submissions will be notified by phone.

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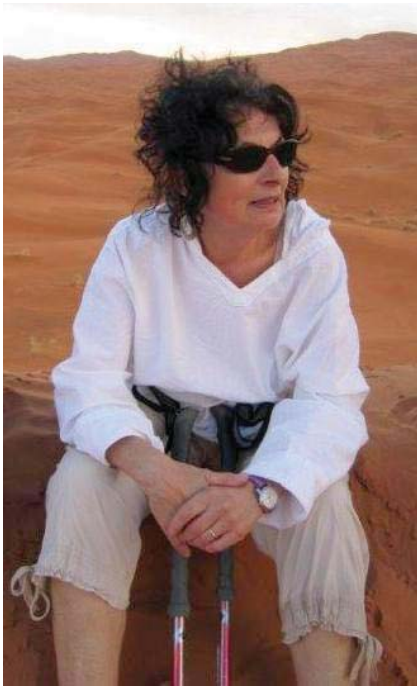
## OTHER REGIONAL ARTS EVENTS & NEWS

**The Winnipeg River Echo** is looking for someone to cover the Lac du Bonnet area news in their local paper. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Don Norman, Editor, at [theecho@mymts.net](mailto:theecho@mymts.net) or call 204- 367-9468.

Nancy Bremner of the **Pinawa Community Development Corporation** is looking for artists who may be interested in two events in Pinawa on December 7. The Artisan Square is being marketed to only artists and artisans that fill the criterias of : Oil, Watercolour, Drawing, Stained Glass, Pottery, Fibre art, Printmaking and Photography. There is limited space at this venue with only 15 remaining areas to be filled at the W.B. Lewis Business Centre. For more information and artisan square rules, please contact Nancy directly at 204-753-5172 or [bremnern@pinawa.com](mailto:bremnern@pinawa.com) .

**WRAC 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. If you are unsure of when your membership expires, please do not hesitate to contact Debbie to find out.

It's the time of year when so many communities host their annual Christmas Craft and Vendor Shows... check out the events page on the WRAC website to see a full listing of regional events (including these seasonal specials)... perfect time to support locally while finding the perfect gift!!!



## WRAC FEATURED ARTIST FOR NOVEMBER:

Irène Loire-Maillard

For October, Winnipeg River Arts Council features Pinawa artist Irène Loire-Maillard, a member of both WRAC and Pinawa ART 211. Her work has been exhibited often in Eastman region and she has been a student and practitioner of fine arts for many years (oil, acrylic and watercolour, drawing, clay sculpting, stone carving and photography).

She has studied in various cities across Canada and of late, Southern Spain. She was also privately tutored in stone carving by an Inuit carver in Nunavut.

Her paintings reflect a blend of science and art. She has travelled extensively and uses memories of colour, sounds and smells of various cultures. Currently her passion has led her to create abstract landscapes, using various techniques to create texture, form, colour, composition, layering and clean lines. Fascinated with the origins of the universe, she is in awe of the beauty of naturally sculpted forms.

She states, “Abstract art evokes thinking, feeling and seeing with one's own interpretation.” This is what she strives to accomplish with her art.

Loire-Maillard's acrylic painting, “Influenced by Caravaggio,” won the first prize at the *Eastman Judged Art Exhibition*, held in Pinawa during June of 2013. This piece was displayed, along with other award winning works from rural and Northern Manitoba, at *The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural and Northern Art Show* (September 9 to October 6) held in the Pavilion Gallery Museum in Assiniboine Park, Winnipeg.

Loire-Maillard is interested in art forms of all kinds. She has lived and worked in Canada's Arctic where she collected many fine examples of local visual arts and carvings. For several years, she belonged to a creative writing group based in Pinawa. Also, her husband, Roger Dutton, is a long-time member and fervent supporter of the Pinawa Players so she sometimes gets persuaded to become involved in their ever-popular community theatre productions.