



Enhancing North Eastern Manitoba by Advancing Arts

WRAC NEWS

A new year approaches and what does that mean for you? Are you already thinking about resolutions? Do you focus on the opportunities each day presents? Every day is a great day to pursue your passion but if you've been waiting to become inspired, perhaps this is the perfect time for you. Whatever you celebrate this season, celebrate with enthusiasm and allow your dreams to guide your heart!

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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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 PM.

Monika Wall : Jazz/vintage cabaret & more Friday, December 13

Do you have a website showcasing your art or talent? Is there a link out there on the world wide web to your accomplishments? WRAC would love to know about them! Part of the mission of the Winnipeg River Arts Council is to promote the talent of our members! We want to accomplish part of this by linking our members to our webpage (www.winnipegriverarts.com). If you have information that can be shared with us, please let Debbie know as soon as possible and we will make the connection for all our visitors to see. Also, don't forget to tell us about your upcoming events, promotions, etc as we will gladly share them on our calendar pages.

Debbie is also working on a portfolio of the artists within our membership. If you have a bio page or something that can be shared in this format, please sent it to Debbie at your earliest convenience. The portfolio will be used in various displays around the region in 2014.

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 Manitoba Theatre Centre regional tour only presentation of "Miracle on South Division Street" into our very own community! We have secured the Great Falls Community Club for this awesome event (the perfect central location for Winnipeg River residents) and we hope you will plan to attend.

Tickets are sure to sell out fast so don't delay in getting yours!! As per our fabulous membership deal, members qualify for reduced ticket prices of \$20.00/person. General public prices are \$25.00/person. **Members wishing to qualify for the discounted price should contact Debbie Majeau** (WRAC Program Coordinator) to secure their tickets. Tickets for general sale will be available throughout our communities in the coming weeks so keep your eyes open & tell your friends!

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



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!!!

Life is like a camera...
Focus on what's important,
Capture the good times,
Develop from the negatives,
And if things don't work out,
Take another shot.

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

*******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. *

An Important Message from MACA

Dear Manitobans for the Arts Members and Supporters,

Manitobans for the Arts invites you to join us **on January 28th 2014 for a special event (5:00 to 7:00 pm) at The Manitoba Museum** as we unveil plans to ensure arts and culture are at the forefront of the next civic, provincial and federal elections. This event will launch a community-wide advocacy campaign and we encourage attendance by arts organization representatives, individual artists, stakeholders, and board members.

It is very important that arts and cultural supporters, workers and volunteers come together to speak with one voice as we enter this critical phase of election planning. Your input and assistance is essential, so please plan to attend to help us make arts and culture a priority.

Another invite will follow but in the meantime, please hold the date and distribute widely to your networks.

Some Websites & Partners You Might Want To Check Out....

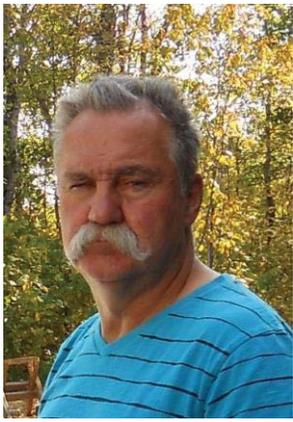
ACI Manitoba (www.creativemanitoba.ca) ~ ACI Manitoba is The Arts and Cultural Industries Association of Manitoba. They are a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the arts and cultural industries of Manitoba and helping to develop sustainable careers for those working in arts and culture. By providing opportunities for business skill development through their various workshops, courses and seminars, they help take your creative career to the next level.

Manitoba Arts Network (www.manitobaartsnetwork.ca) ~ Manitoba Arts Network is a non-profit provincial programming organization with the mission of showcasing and advancing arts and culture in all regions of Manitoba. The Network is dedicated to connecting Manitoba's communities by celebrating and sharing the arts.

The Canada Council for the Arts (www.canadacouncil.ca) ~ The mission of the Canada Council for the Arts is to foster and promote the study and enjoyment of, and the production of works, in the arts.

The Manitoba Arts Council (www.artscouncil.mb.ca) ~ The mission of the Manitoba Arts Council is to promote, preserve and support the arts as essential to the quality of life for all the people of Manitoba.

For more awesome links, please visit the WRAC website and click on the "links" tab on the left side of your screen ☺



WRAC FEATURED ARTIST FOR AUGUST: BRIAN KNOCKAERT



For the month of November, Winnipeg River Arts Council features artist Brian Knockaert, a self-taught wood turner. Born and raised in St. Boniface, Manitoba, he moved to his cabin in St. Georges in 1998. He spent most of his working life in the steel industry and also worked at Pine Falls Hospital before retiring in 2008.

Knockaert combines his creative artistry and woodworking knowledge to create unique pieces. Over the years, he practiced his art and used various resources to build his skills; books, YouTube videos and internet research have been the most helpful.

His love of woodworking started with refinishing old furniture. This led to restoring old clocks and building his own. He began to carve birds, caricatures and walking sticks for family and friends.

After someone gave him an old lathe, he started to create pieces from the trees around him. Then he bought a bigger lathe from his brother and started to “play with turning wood.” His wife, Donna-Rae, teases him that he has a lathe addiction. The larger lathe helps him craft more intricate creations, protecting the natural integrity of each piece.

Knockaert can look at the block of wood and see a finished piece. Local woods such as Manitoba maple, black and white ash, birch and willow are commonly used. Many friends and neighbours are always “on the lookout” for distinctive chunks of wood, which he crafts into works each with their own character, style and finish.

Selling his creations was never his plan; this was a simple hobby of love and creativity to share with those he chose. But when family and friends started to ask to buy his objects, he started to sell them. It still surprises Brian when someone wants to purchase one of his works. The most interesting part of selling is where the pieces have gone - throughout Canada, the United States, Mexico, Switzerland and Australia. Currently Brian’s works are sold locally at “Through the Arbour” in Pine Falls or by email brahm@wsemail.net.