

WRAC

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News



Enhancing North Eastern Manitoba by Advancing Arts

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

This newsletter is for you! The Winnipeg River Arts Council has worked hard to get our new organization established and we thank you for your support. We are very excited about our progress so far and also very excited about this first newsletter. But we want to hear from you – input, ideas, and suggestions for programs or partnerships. Let us know about your upcoming arts events or activities. You can share, connect, instruct, or promote. We want to grow a strong arts community in our region.



**SAMPLES OF GREEN
WATER ART DISPLAYS**

Building a Regional Arts Coalition

**Can you imagine a region that is widely known and sought for its rich and diverse arts/culture?
Where people of all ages are enthused and involved in arts activities?
Where talents are found and developed? Where creativity is celebrated and embraced?
Where people and groups join together to continually enhance the arts in numerous ways?**

The WRAC Board of Directors sees this vision and needs your help if you see it too. The new regional arts council creates a structure for arts enthusiasts to come together. What is accomplished through this structure will depend on the combined ideas and actions of our membership. Please help build our regional arts coalition by...

- Recruiting more WRAC members. Share our informational brochure and website with others.
- Joining a subcommittee or becoming a board member.
- If you are an artist or part of an arts organization, complete our survey so we can learn about your strengths, challenges, and activities.

More info on all the above can be accessed at www.winnipegriverarts.com.

***Working together for a creative north eastern Manitoba.
We have the assets. Let's put them together and market what we have.***

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Proposal Writing Workshop

*Take your project from idea to reality.
Sharpen your grant writing skills.*

Workshop Logistics

Where: Lac du Bonnet (location TBA)

When: 6:00 -9:30 pm on Thursday, October 11, 2012

Facilitator: Sharalyn Reitlo, Community Futures Winnipeg River

Cost: \$25 (members) \$35 (nonmembers)

Understand the key elements associated with planning and funding a project. Topics include:

- Overview information about funding agencies and proposals
- 4 stages of proposal writing
- Sources of project funding
- How to find and match funders for your project

STORY TELLING CONCERT & WORKSHOP



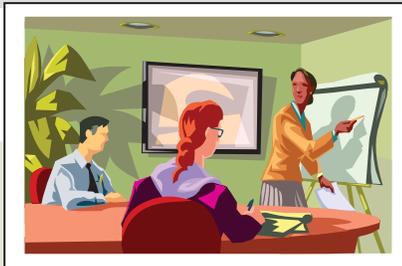
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members, arts enthusiasts and interested people encouraged to attend

Monday, September 24, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

Pioneer Club @ 32 Park Avenue in Lac du Bonnet

Informational meeting, idea sharing, board elections, refreshments & networking



Norse and Celtic Tales

A storytelling concert for adults

Performing Artists: Mary Louise Chown, Tom Roche

When: Nov 3

Where: Pinawa Lutheran Church

Cost: \$12/ticket for WRAC members; \$15 for nonmembers

For tickets, contact Irene Friesen, 204-753-2699, wolfston@mts.net

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Storytelling Workshop

Use active listening skills to hear the stories of elders and learn techniques for telling their life stories. The workshop draws on Mary Louise Chown's recent book, *Now I Know the World is Round: Stories at the End of Life*. This workshop benefits persons involved in eldercare, palliative care and spiritual care.

Maximum – 8 participants

Facilitator: Mary Louise Chown

When: Nov 5, 12, 19 from 2:00 - 4:30pm

Where: Pinawa Lutheran Church

Cost: \$60 for WRAC members; \$75 for non-members.

Pre-register by October 27th. Contact Irene Friesen, 204-753-2699, wolfston@mts.net

Featured Member

Joye Platford



Joye Platford is a visual artist whose work was recently exhibited at the Green Water Art Show in Lac du Bonnet. Platford grew up in Pinawa, and has always done some sort of art or creating. If you give her markers, crayons, clay, paper, scissors, paint and glue, she is one happy person. She did art all the way through to grade twelve. After graduation, she studied to be a teacher. She taught in Winnipeg and later moved to Montreal to study theology and became a Presbyterian Minister. She has always taken art classes on the side because they filled her creative spirit. She has lived in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta, and Saskatchewan and has always found a community of artists to have classes and share in creative pursuits.

In 2009, she was diagnosed with colo-rectal cancer and returned to Manitoba. When she was sick, she found strength with her family and her faith. She also found strength and comfort in making art. After visiting the oncologist for the first time, she went to the art store and bought a big splurge of art supplies. She didn't make any great works of art while she was sick but she doodled, painted and did pottery and it helped her face her struggles. She is better now – two years since she finished her cancer treatments!

Platford is fascinated with the connection between the creation of art and the human spirit. For her, making art is like another language, and it is like prayer. People say sometimes to her, "I can't do art." And she says, "Yes, you can you just have to start." She did an art and prayer class with Pinawa Christian Fellowship (PCF) last spring. **She is going to offer another class this fall, "Art and Spirit," on Monday night for youth and Tuesday night for adults. The class will begin on September 17, \$25 for five weeks at the PCF office in the Lewis Center in Pinawa. Email joyezart@gmail.com if interested.**

Platford is looking forward to continued good health, the fall , and to being part of a creative community of artists in the Winnipeg River Arts Council.

FUTURE NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

As WRAC continues to develop and gain more members, it becomes increasing important to provide a central communication link within the region to tie artists, arts organizations and arts enthusiasts together. **WRAC will distribute a monthly newsletter that you will receive via email (or mail if preferred) on the fourth Friday of each month.**

Within the WRAC newsletter is opportunity for news from you the members to be included. If you have an arts related event, program, product, service or any other opportunity you'd like fellow members to know about, please email your information to Donna Besel, Communications Subcommittee Chair, by the 3rd Friday of each month at dab3@mymts.net.

Arts Information and Resources

Manitoba Arts Council Upcoming Grant Deadlines:

September 15

- Craft
- Playwrights
- Theatre Production
- Dance Creation /Production

September 20

- Creation /Production in Visual Arts – A,B,C

September 25

- Aboriginal Arts Creative Development
- Aboriginal Arts Mentorship Training & Development

ARTS AND CULTURE DAY AT THE LEG

Thursday, November 1, 2012

The Manitoba Arts and Cultural Alliance (MACA) is looking for artists, arts organization reps, arts educators, supporters and patrons of all ages to speak with MLAs and Ministers about ways the provincial government can help the creative sector flourish.

Interested in participating? Contact MACA by September 7 to express interest. Attendance at delegates' orientation on October 30 is mandatory.

Contact

Email: day@manitobaartsandculturalalliance.com
Phone: 1-866-802-1104 or 204-827-2787

Artist Development Workshop

When: September 22, 9am – 4pm

Where: Pinawa (location TBA)

Facilitator: Bev Pike, [MAWA](#) mentor who recently delivered a similar workshop for [ACI Manitoba](#)

Cost: \$20 if you register by Sept 12th; \$30 after Sept 13th. Make cheque payable to Winnipeg River Arts Council.

Register: Contact Joye Platford, Box 653, Pinawa R0E 1L0, 204-753-8471, joyezart@gmail.com.

This workshop helps visual artists qualify for funding as “professional artists” in school and community programs

- ❖ Learn how to write an artist statement
- ❖ Learn how to write an artist CV
- ❖ Learn how to submit named photographs of your artwork in the required size and resolution
- ❖ Learn how to prepare your submission for grant applications

Other topics may include:

- How to document artwork
- How to apply to galleries for exhibitions
- How to work with a group to create and mount a gallery exhibition
- How to develop a lesson plan for “Artist in the Schools”
- Explore the idea of producing a “body of work”

**Writers and performing artists welcome to attend
Workshop funding provided by Manitoba Arts Council**

WRAC Partners to Host Green Water Art Show



PEOPLE'S CHOICE 1ST JOAN CHASE



SAMPLES OF ART DISPLAYS



PEOPLE'S CHOICE 2ND ARLENE BOHN

Recently, WRAC partnered with Pinawa Art 211 and Fire 'n Water Music festival to present an art exhibit for local artists. All three organizations thank Manitoba Arts Council for funding and support for this regional show, held in the Lac du Bonnet Pioneer Club during the August long weekend. The busy week-end began on the Friday night when WRAC hosted a wine and cheese reception for artists, board members, and invited guests. President Don MacLellan welcomed the audience. Irene Friesen spoke on behalf of Pinawa Art 211 and Sheldon Sveinson delivered a message from Fire 'n Water. Networking among artists ensued while music by Norm Vezina was enjoyed by all.

On Saturday and Sunday, crowds poured into the “gallery” to enjoy and purchase the diverse high-quality paintings, drawings, quilts, pottery, fabric art, and photography on display. Pamphlets with information about the artists, their “green water” theme piece, and their text interpretation of “green water” were also available. Leona Brown, a well-known water colorist, led a workshop for adults and another for children. Walter Keller, a wood carver from Elma, worked his chain saw and chisels on a large tree trunk outside the Pioneer Club and also led a woodcarving workshop.

Art viewers voted on their two favorite pieces from a collection which included one art sample from each artist, tied to the theme of “green water.” Joan Chase from Otter Falls won first place in the “People's Choice” Awards for her water color entitled “Camouflaged.” Arlene Bohn took second prize for her triptych entitled “Ice Tag.” Congratulations and thanks to each artists that took the time and effort to present their work at this show. Thanks also to all the many volunteers who organized, set up, fed, made coffee, and cleaned up.