

WRAC

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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.

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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 Centennial School

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

Facilitator: Sharalyn Reitlo, Community Futures Winnipeg River 204-213-0110

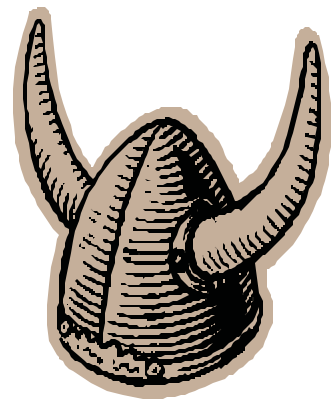
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Cost: \$25 (members) \$35 (nonmembers)

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



Norse and Celtic Tales

A storytelling concert for adults

Performing Artists:

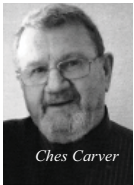
Mary Louise Chown,
Tom Roche

When: Nov 3

Where: Pinawa Lutheran Church

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

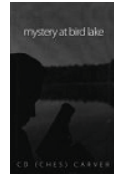
For tickets, contact Irene Friesen, 204-753-2699, wolfston@mts.net



Ches Carver

Canadian Libray Month

October is Canadian Library Month. To celebrate, Lac du Bonnet Regional Library is hosting a local author – Ches Carver! Ches will be at the library Thursday, October 4th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. to talk to us a little about himself and his two books "The Mystery at Bird Lake" and "Murky Water." Ches was born, raised, and educated in the Maritimes. At 17 he left home and joined the Canadian Armed Forces. He later joined the St. James-Assiniboia Police Force, eventually moving on to starting his own security and investigation business. He and his wife Dorothy are now retired and living in Lac du Bonnet. He will have copies of his books for sale. Come by to have him sign your copy! Doors open at 7:00. Hope to see you there!



FOR INFO ON THESE ACTIVITIES CONTACT WRAC

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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

Shirley Kurian



The Winnipeg River Arts Council's September featured artist is Shirley Kurian, a photographer who has lived in Lac du Bonnet area for the past 10 years and works as a hairstylist in Shirley's Hair Salon. She loves living on the Lee River where the constantly changing natural environment provides opportunities for great shots. Just as she enjoys helping her clients look and feel great, she enjoys finding beauty in her surroundings. She says, "I love to take photographs! The outdoors is my inspiration, and photography is my passion and obsession." Her other passions include travel, gardening, walking, hiking, and kayaking.

For as long as she can remember, Kurian has liked taking pictures. She says, "My goal is to share what I see, through my lens." She photographs anything and everything that catches her eye. Recently, she exhibited her work at the Green Water Art Show, held in Lac du Bonnet on the August long weekend, where visitors responded with great enthusiasm to her pictures. She uses her camera to create unique images, aided by the changing light at dusk and dawn, and seeks to capture the abstract shapes, colours and muted tones she discovers around her. From her stunning photos, she creates framed prints and also makes her pictures into greeting cards. Her work can be found for sale at her own hair salon, Daisy Dew Drop in Lac du Bonnet, and the PCDC store in the Pinawa mall.

Kurian does not have formal training but has taught herself, refining her work through trial and error. However, she has taken photography workshops and courses, reads *Photography Magazine*, and finds plenty of information on the internet. She believes photography is the one thing that connects us to everything in the world. Her motto – "Find Beauty in All Things" is reflected in her art, and in many other parts of her life.

FUTURE NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

As WRAC continues to develop and gain more members, it becomes increasingly 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:

October 1

- Touring Grant for Individuals/Small Ensembles
- Touring Directory

October 15

- Travel/Professional Development Grant

November 5

- Film/Video Grants (Script Development, Project, Production)

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CREATIVE FUTURE CONFERENCE

Featuring Jann Arden and Sagkeeng's Finest
Winnipeg, October 1-2

JOAN THOMAS, NEW AUTHOR IN RESIDENCE AT THE WINNIPEG PUBLIC LIBRARY

October 2012 to March 2013

MANITOBA ARTS NETWORK SHOWCASE CONTACT

October 11-14, 2012,
Virden, MB

MANITOBA WRITERS GUILD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Winnipeg, October 20, 2012

MANITOBA WRITERS GUILD IN DIALOGUE READING SERIES

Starts October 22 at Winnipeg Free Press News Café

ARTS AND CULTURE DAY AT THE LEG

Thursday, November 1, 2012



The Travelling Mabels open the EMCA Season

EMCA Celebrates “The Year of the Songbird”

With a slate of performers rich in female artists, the Eastern Manitoba Concert Association has chosen as its theme “The Year of the Songbird”.

On Oct. 5 the season starts with the Travelling Mabels, 3 women who come together for an evening of delightful country harmony.

In November, Oh My Darling, a quartet of women, entertains with a unique brand of old time sounds of Appalachia, a Southern twang, Franco-folk and some funk inspired bass lines.

The Christmas show, by Evie and Jeff Sawatzky, accompanied by a 4-piece band, will entertain with timeless holiday favourites

In January, Russian pianist Georgy Tchaidze and the Canadian Cecilia String Quartet, present a program of solo and chamber music.

In February critically acclaimed U.S. singer/songwriter Peter Karp and Canadian Juno award winner Sue Foley will present an exciting and moving evening of folk, jazz, flamenco and blues.

In March, Destino, a 3 men and one woman group, presents an evening of music that draws from the past and from the present- today’s pop and yesterday’s classics.

The season closes in April with Trio Bembe transporting us to Cuba, Brazil and Chile for an evening of Latin World Music.



Annual General Meeting

September 24, 2012

The Winnipeg River Arts Council Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, September 24. After the call to order and the introduction of the new Administrator, Don Norman, the Board shared a moment of silence in honor of former Board member, Ron Drabyk, who passed away on May 21.

The meeting then moved on to the committee reports. Board president, Don Maclellan gave the President’s Annual Achievement report. Then, outgoing board member, and board treasurer Leslie Wakeman presented the financial Report and Donna Besel presented both the Program and Partnerships Subcommittee report and the Communications Subcommittee report.

Some minor adjustments were made to the organization’s constitution and those changes were approved.

The board received some resignations for the upcoming year. Jill Whitford, Irene Friesen and Leslie Wakeman, will all be missed and without their contributions, the WRAC would not have been able to achieve all it did in the past year. Katherine Jones will be coming on as a new board member.

The board will not be having a regular meeting in October but will resume regular monthly meetings in November.



Asham Stompers

High-energy jig and square dance group
Lac du Bonnet Community Centre
Friday, October 12th

Doors open at 7:15, first show starts at 8
 Cost: Ages 18+ \$15; Ages 17- \$10

Ticket Locations

LdB: Ingham Pharmacy, Co-op Gas Bar, Community Centre, Pioneer Club
Beausejour: Co-op Gas Bar and Co-op Grocery

Pine Falls: Shell Gas Station

Pinawa: Solo Market

Whitmouth: First Stop Grocers

Tickets available at the door

Rush Seating No Reservations

Info: 345-6737

Pinawa Players Dinner Theatre

November 22, 23 and 24 at the Pinawa Community Centre (performance only November 21). For more information call 204-753-2389

or visit www.pinawaplayers.com

PathMakers: Women Strengthening Community

Provides women with tools and knowledge to grow their leadership and mentoring skills. We offer support for crafting strategies that include women in directing change in their workplaces and communities. The program will run from October 16, 2012 – March 5, 2013. Sessions will be held every 2 weeks on Tuesdays, 4:30 – 8:30pm.



Draw for Quilted Wall Hanging

Pinawa Art 211 is holding a draw for a quilted wall hanging by local artist Maureen Carefoot. Maureen recently moved to Kelowna, BC, but just prior to moving she donated this attractive display to Pinawa Art 211. The draw is being held on October 8, and tickets can be purchased at the Co-op in Pinawa, the Solo store in Pinawa, or by calling Irene Friesen at 204-753-2699