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WRAC NEWS

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- **TELL US ABOUT YOUR ARTS EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES.**
- **CONNECT, INSTRUCT OR PROMOTE!**
- **MAKE ARTS COME ALIVE IN EASTMAN!**
- **LIBRARIES/SCHOOLS, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.**

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NEW OFFICE SPACE FOR WRAC

Jennifer Hudson Stewart has set up the new WRAC office in Winnipeg River Community Futures building in Lac du Bonnet (between RBC and Sunova). She will be there on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 – 12:00. Please drop by if you are in town. (See contact info if you want to set up an appointment).

EMCA Season Continues in 2015

Exciting line-up includes:

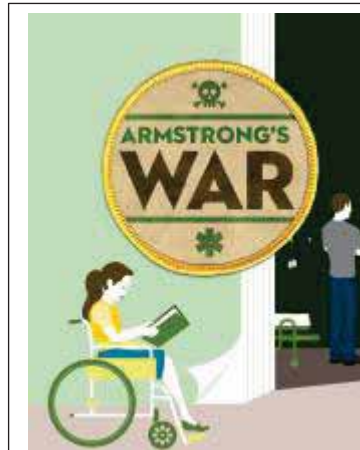
- JANUARY 23 – Dan Frechette & Laurel Thomsen
 - FEBRUARY 20 – Del Barber & The Profiteers
 - MARCH 20 – Cadence
 - APRIL 24 – Suzie Vinnick
- All concerts start at 8:00 P.M.
Pinawa Community Centre/ High School Gym

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 info@winnipegriverarts.com for promotion of regional arts news and shows.

Do you live in the Town of Lac du Bonnet or Victoria Beach area? WRAC is looking for a BOARD MEMBER from either community. Contact WRAC office for info.

Rural Youth Mentorship: For the fifth year in a row, WRAC has partnered with ACI (Creative Manitoba) to organize a rural youth mentorship in our region. This program helps rural youth (ages 16 to 24) explore the possibilities of a career as a professional artist. From January to May, two young people from Powerview-Pine Falls will work with **Roberta Laliberte**, featured WRAC artist for May 2014. This talented visual artist has offered to share her talents with the two youth. They will meet with her a few times a month to work on their artistic skills and increase their creativity. Please note – the youth do not pay any fee for these mentorships but mentors get paid.



**BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!
THEY'RE SELLING FAST –
GET THEM AT VARIOUS VENUES IN EASTMAN.**

WINNIPEG RIVER ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS ROYAL MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE'S REGIONAL TOUR PERFORMANCE – "ARMSTRONG'S WAR" ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2015, AT PINAWA COMMUNITY CENTRE

Here's a summary: Written by award-winning Canadian playwright **Colleen Murphy**, this play tells about Corporal Michael Armstrong, recuperating in a rehab hospital. He's ambushed by Halley, an optimistic 12- year-old Girl Guide in a wheelchair, determined to earn a Community Service badge by reading to a wounded soldier. In spite of himself, Michael becomes engaged in their sessions. When he gets up the courage to share a story from his time in Afghanistan, the unlikely allies show each other how to stand tall.

Winnipeg Free Press review – 4.5 stars out of 5 – "a lively stage skirmish that culminates in a momentous battle of wills over their conflicting views of life and death." Check out **WFP** online edition for full review - posted 10/31/2014.

TICKETS CAN NOW BE PURCHASED AT VARIOUS VENUES THROUGHOUT THE REGION!

Why Join the Arts Council? Over the past few years, WRAC representatives have approached local artists and arts organizations to let them know about the new regional arts council. These people, who love the arts, often ask, "Why should we join?" First off, one can envision WRAC as an umbrella that supports all Eastman artists and arts organizations. WRAC seeks to connect, promote and build the arts, and bring expertise to our area. Some examples:

- **Armstrong's War** by touring MTC actors
- **Local art shows**
- **music festivals and library programs**
- **rural youth mentorships**

And that's just the beginning! WRAC needs your continued support through memberships.

Check out Winnipeg River Arts Council website for info: newsletters, artists' profiles, by-laws, sponsors, and links to great arts related sites!



PAINTED TURTLE POTTERY OPENS AT 20 HARD ROCK ROAD IN LAC DU BONNET: **Cottage Country Co.** is now operating **Painted Turtle Pottery**. Groups/individuals of all ages are welcome. The goal is to create a piece of functional pottery or work of art. Instruction will be provided. How It Works: You pay studio fee \$9 adults - \$7 kids, pick piece/pieces, all individually priced, choose from selection of colours and paint your piece. When the piece is finished, the final glaze will be done and you can pick it up in a week. Book a birthday party, bridal shower, ladies night, office party, club event, school trip, movie night, kids' camp or "paint me a story" party. Email Kathryn Jones at cottage2@mymts.net or call 204-345-6120.

BIG NEWS FOR VISUAL ARTISTS IN EASTMAN

This year's Eastman Judged Art Exhibition will be held in Lac du Bonnet for the first time ever, hosted by the Winnipeg River Arts Council. The dates will be the last week of July with the closing day being August 02, 2014.

This will allow the art exhibition to be held in conjunction with the "Fire & Water" music festival.

The co-ordinator is **Janice Charko** and her team from Lac du Bonnet. EJEAE began in 1988 as a showcase and sale of art work by non-professional artists throughout the Eastman region. Since 1990 it has been held on a biennial basis in towns throughout the region.

In 2013, as its contribution to the town's 50th anniversary celebrations, Pinawa Art 21 hosted this, the largest visual arts event in the Eastman region.

Previous locations have included Niverville, St. Anne and Beausejour. This event is financially supported by provincial government, corporate donors, the Manitoba Arts Network and WRAC. (At right: picture of 2013 Pinawa's EJEAE show)

WRAC Featured
Artist for
DECEMBER 2014
- KAREN MUNN



Karen Munn, WRAC board member (treasurer) and avid quilter from Pinawa, is pictured with the beautiful lap quilt she created. She donated her time and talents to make this "LOVE QUILT" which will awarded to a lucky raffle ticket buyer. Tickets can be purchased from Karen in her quilting shop at Lewis Centre in Pinawa, from WRAC board members and at various outlets throughout the region. Prize-winning ticket will be drawn at MTC TOURING PRODUCTION!!!!

In the past month, Winnipeg River Arts Council featured quilter and fibre artist, **Karen Munn**. With her husband, she moved from Winnipeg to work as Pinawa Golf Club's chef and manager but, in 2006, she retired from this job. Munn is now the owner of Karen's Market and Quilt Stop in Pinawa. She says, "If someone had told me forty years ago that I'd quilting and doing fibre art, I wouldn't have believed them."

In 1959, she joined the Navy but left after three years, married and moved to Edmonton. After her son was born, she worked as a server but found she liked the kitchen better. It was where she discovered the joy of cooking different ethnic foods and inventing recipes.

There were not many women chefs around in the sixties but she managed to take cooking lessons. Although she spent several years doing other jobs, she eventually opened a company in Winnipeg called Tasty Vittles. For almost ten years, she supplied frozen meals to seniors.

After retiring from the golf course kitchen, Munn wrote cookbooks and spoke about wellness to groups around Manitoba but soon realized there was still something missing. Then she discovered quilting and learned how to co-ordinate colours, putting them together to make something unique and beautiful. She says, "It was the hobby that got away. Like cooking, my imagination went to work and it seems that I could not learn enough."

After Winnipeg fibre artist, Pat Findley, came to Pinawa to teach about fibre art, this class unleashed Munn's other fabric talents. Now she adds buttons, beads and other items to her quilted backgrounds. She says, "If I had more time, I'd have so many pieces that there would no place to store them."