



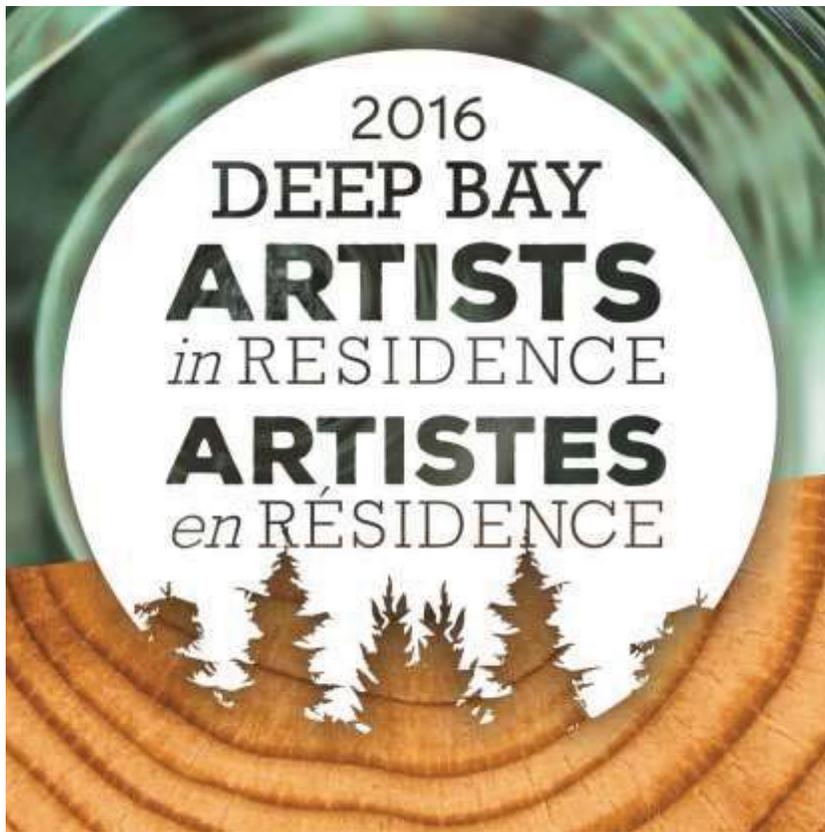
WRAC News

JUNE 2016

On May 27, the Pinawa Art Gallery supporters and members gathered to celebrate the third anniversary of the gallery's creation, with liquid refreshments and lots of snacks. This gallery, located in the Lewis Business Centre on Aberdeen Avenue, has become a stimulating hub for visual artists from Pinawa and surrounding communities. Along with the display area, filled with art from a variety of media, they have a large classroom where artists can drop in for lessons and shared studio time. Much of the displayed work is for sale, providing an opportunity for the public to own original art, for stunning home decoration or to give as unique gifts. WRAC member Joye Platford runs her studio and classroom near the gallery, where she creates art and leads classes for kids. Also, WRAC board member and quilter Karen Munn has located her quilting shop and bistro just down the hall, where folks can purchase quilting supplies, coffee, meals, and a selection of art created by local artists. If you are interested in great art and tasty food, check out this lively art hub in Lewis Business Centre, Pinawa.

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The Deep Bay Cabin at Riding Mountain National Park was renovated by Parks Canada in 2006 to become the home of the Manitoba Arts Council's Deep Bay Artists' Residency program. Since 2006, over 80 artists have experimented and created new art in the beautiful natural setting of the park. The artists-in-residence have included musicians, poets, song writers, choreographers, filmmakers, arts administrators, writers, photographers, playwrights, visual artists, documentary makers, dancers, theater artists, and composers.



Suzie Smith

In the past few years, Suzie has become increasingly interested in artist books and zines. She is drawn to the intimacy and accessibility of artist books, two qualities she strives for in her own work. While at the Deep Bay cabin, Suzie will develop a series of small artist books based on her prints as part of a larger body of work titled, *How To*.

Bookbinding Workshop and Conversation with the Artist

Saturday, June 4th at 2 p.m.
the Deep Bay Cabin

Come to the Deep Bay cabin and join Suzie for a hands-on demonstration of various kinds of simple book-binding. Materials provided. Conversation encouraged. Suitable for ages 10 and up.



Grant Guy

Grant Guy is a playwright, writer and director who has worked for theatres in Winnipeg and across Canada. He was the recipient of MAC's Manitoba Arts Award of Distinction in 2004. Guy is a writer of western fiction with the publication of his book *On The Bright Side Of Down*.

Reading and Talk with the Artist

Saturday, June 25th at 2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bowling Greens

Mosey on down to the Clear Lake Bowling Greens and join Grant as he reads from his latest Old West writing based on the life of Calamity Jane.

Application deadline for next year is October 15.

Contact a program consultant | 204 945-2237 | info@artscouncil.mb.ca

WRAC Featured Artist

Susan Sullivan

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features visual artist Susan Sullivan, from Lester Beach. Born in Calgary, she has lived in Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Vancouver, and Roland. Five years ago, she left Winnipeg to live full time at Lester Beach.

Lately, with more time and opportunity, Sullivan has revisited her creativity. She works with ink, watercolors, and acrylics, and has recently added pan pastels and oils to her repertoire. She loves colour and shapes, and also loves trying out and mixing different artistic media. Presently, artist Nancy Lou Ateah mentors her.

Sullivan attributes her creativity to her family. As a child, she learned from her artist mother, and her brother, Michael Guindon, an Emily Carr graduate. She says, “Every Saturday, the three of us sat around the kitchen table and painted the day away.

I grew up in a household that was always playing music, singing, dancing and creating art, sculpture, painting, drawings.”

As a teenager, she focused on fashion, making her own clothes. Later, she pursued Creative Writing at the University of Winnipeg. In her early fifties, she studied Apparel Design at University of Manitoba, immersing herself in drafting, draping and illustration.

She has exhibited and sold her art, most recently at Lac du Bonnet’s 2014 ArtWave Show and 2015 Eastman Judged Art Exhibition, and at Winnipeg’s Cre8ery gallery, in 2016. She says, “Critiques at the judged show in Lac du Bonnet were more than encouraging.”

Sullivan loves that people say her art evokes emotions, and those who buy it say it continues to work its magic. She gets inspiration from the lake near her home, and the rising and setting of the sun, with various aspects of beach life finding vivid expression in her work.

When painting, she tries to capture what she sees with utter simplicity. She says, “Whether it’s acrylics or water color, I’m carried away to a Zen place, whenever I have a brush in hand, pushing paint around. Hours slip away; it seems like minutes.”



THE 14TH ANNUAL MANITOBA RURAL & NORTHERN JURIED ART SHOW

August 6 - 28, 2016

Assiniboine Park Pavillion Gallery

Gallery Hours: Daily 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

OPENING RECEPTION

Sunday August 7, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Free Admission



SEEKING ARTWORK:

Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority is looking for arts for their boardroom and offices in Selkirk. If you are interested in displaying your art, please contact.

Lauralou Cicierski
Regional Manager of Public Relations and Communications
Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority
Selkirk Corporate Office
Desk: 204.785.4713
Cell: 204.451.0164
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MUSICIAN REQUIRED

St. Johns Anglican Church in Lac du Bonnet, is seeking a musician who would be interested in providing musical accompaniment during Sunday Services from 10:30-11:30. Keyboard/Organ/or Guitar accompaniment would be required. Remuneration will be discussed during the interview.

For further information or to schedule an interview, please contact: Rev. Marline Wruck, 204-345-2206.

TD Summer Reading Program

This summer, kids are encouraged to escape their everyday, step outside their ordinary and seek the unknown and untamed through reading. Whether it's outdoors, outrageous or out of bounds, the unexplored is calling, and with TD Summer Reading Club books, activities, and an unleashed imagination, kids can let go and find their wild this summer.

Library Allard

A 3 to 6 year old program will run every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. A parent or guardian is required to stay in the library in case a need arises for the younger children.

A 7 to 10 year old program will run every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:15 to 3:15 pm. Check the Library Allard website, www.allardlibrary.com, there will be start dates posted towards the end of June.

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

Open to children from 4 – 12 years old.

The program will run every Tuesday and Thursday, beginning July 5 until August 18.

Tuesdays 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

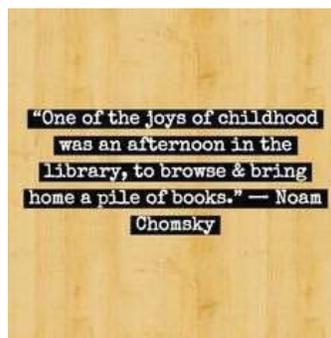
Thursdays 1:30 – 3:30pm

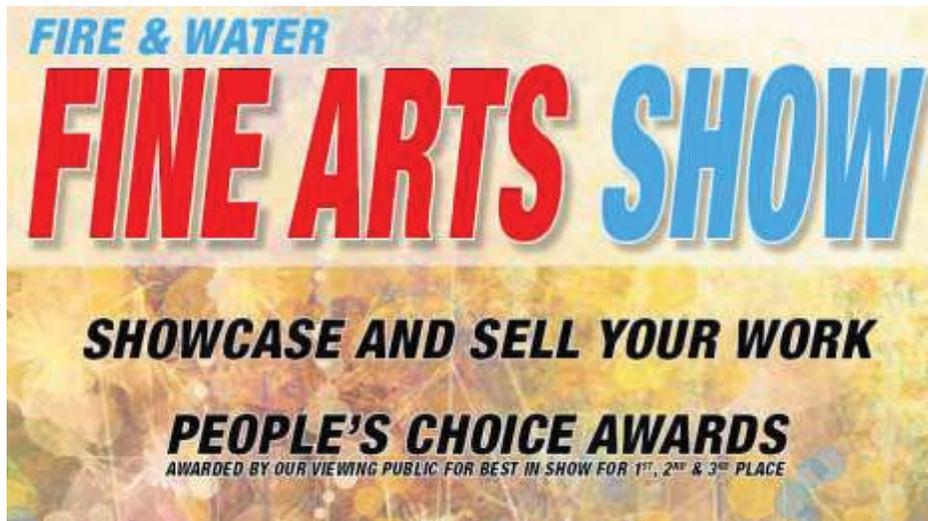
Come to one or come to all sessions! Register or drop in.

Pinawa Library

Weekly drop-in Storytime in July & August on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. - stories, snack and a simple craft (pre-school level). Potential start date is July 13th.

Contact Pinawa Library for more info.





Fire and Water Music Festival is pleased to announce the addition of the Fire & Water Fine Arts Show to our August Long celebration of music and arts.

The Fire & Water Fine Arts Show is a two-day display showcasing our local artists and quilters.

Categories of entry include:

Painting – oil, acrylic, watercolour, other

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Drawing – graphite coloured pencil, charcoal, ink, pastel, chalk, scratch-board

Printmaking – woodcut, engraving, lithograph, mono-print, intaglio etc.

Photography – landscapes, still life, portrait, wildlife, black & white, digitally altered etc.

Digital Art – generated entirely from computer art tools. No digitally altered photographs or work created by other means.

Ceramics – hand-built, wheel thrown, decorative, functional

Sculpture – 3 dimensional, wood, stone, glass, clay etc.

Fibre Arts – wool, leather, silk, felt, cotton, etc.

Quilts – patchwork, pieced, paper pieced, modern, art etc.

Wood Carving – chip, relief, flat-plane, treen, whittling, chainsaw etc.

Mixed Media – a combination of any or all of the above mediums.

This year's Fire & Water Fine Arts Show will be held on August Long Weekend – Saturday, July 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 31st from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre.

The Fire & Water Fine Arts Show is open to artists over 16 years of age who live in the North Eastman or Beaches Region. Simply click the link below to get all the information you need to participate in the show.

<http://firewater.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Fire-and-Water-Fine-Arts-Show-Kit.pdf>



Andrews Scott

Brock Zeman

Casimir Gruwel

Chicken Like Birds

Cohen Sieg

The Janzen Boys

Danny Michel

Leaf Rapids

Micah Erenberg

Patric Alexandre Leclerc

Richard Inman

Romi Mayes

Rosie & the Riveters

Sweet Alibi

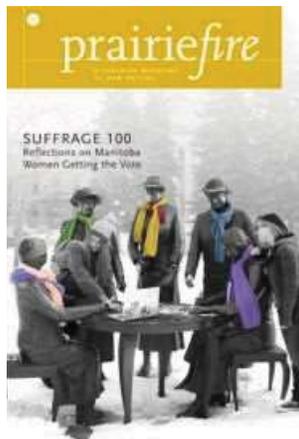
Two Socks

Vince Andrushko

Wheat City Brass

Wreckin' So

Just to name a few!



Prairie Fire Magazine – Spring Issue Launch

Thursday, June 9 at McNally Robinson, Grant Park in the Atrium 7pm

Please join us for the launch of *Prairie Fire's* spring issue (37,1), featuring new work by Sylvia Legris, Margaret Sweatman and Jan Zwicky. This issue includes a special section called *Suffrage 100, Reflections on Manitoba Women Getting the Vote*.

Donna Besel will be reading from her short essay “Nice Women Want to Work on the Garbage Truck”.

On June 11, from noon until 3 p.m., Donna Besel will be signing copies of her collection of short stories, *Lessons from A Nude Man*, at the St. Vital Chapters Store.



WRAC is looking for a member from the Powerview-Pine Falls/Beaches area to sit on the board.

Please contact Jennifer or any board member if you are interested.

Please join us!



Community Celebration in the Park

Performances by all Centennial School students:

- Classroom Music performances
- Garage Band, the Musical
- A student-produced presentation about refugees

June 10, 2016
1 - 3 p.m.
 Memorial Park
 Park Avenue, Lac du Bonnet



This event is a cooperative effort between Centennial School, the Sunrise School Division, Mrs. Lucci's Resource Center, and the Winnipeg River Refugee Committee



Manitoba Society of Artists
 Open Juried Competition & Exhibition

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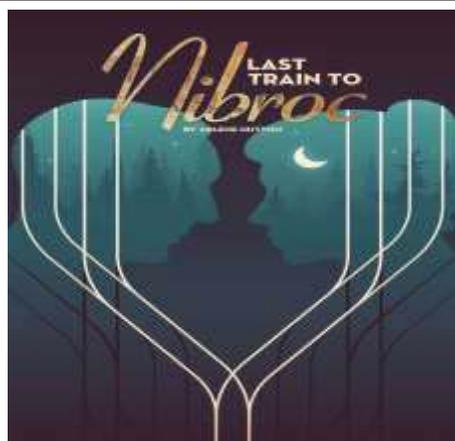
August 5 to September 25, 2016
 Opening Reception: August 5th 7:00pm
 Hours: Tuesdays to Sundays 12-8pm

Altona Gallery in the Park
 10 Ave NW, Altona, MB

Jurors – Keith Wood and Don Foulds

Juror Lecture
 August 3rd 7:30pm
 120 Eugenie Street
 Forum Art Centre
 Free! All Are Welcome To Attend



In this charming romantic comedy set in 1940, a dashing pilot falls for a prim young missionary-to-be on a train bound for New York, and decides to follow her home to Kentucky, changing both their lives forever.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, February 12, 2017



RURAL YOUTH MENTORSHIP

After Rain

by Megan Locke

Lost inside, childish wonderings, dancing heart

Thoughts as scattered and as bright as stars

Night air and rain, fresh and clean and soft

Frogs, birds, and cricket s chirping in a never ending symphony

Peace like indigo skies



Motorcycle Ride

Golden laughter, speeding wind,
tightened grip

As weightless and free as the wind

The relentless roar of a mighty engine

Pine, dirt, wind, strong and tangy bursts of everything

Leaving mundane behind in the dust

Regret Nothing, Forget Nothing

By Kaliey Hansen

Regret nothing; needles drag the thread of our fate, through our bones, and tie the knots at our eyes. We cannot look to our minds for answers and lessons. We must feel our pain and love, and learn before we are



given the power to untie those knots, and tie them into bows around our fingers so we never forget that everything happens for a reason and with great potential.

Forget nothing; whether we see it, hear it, taste it, feel it, think it, or smell it, it happened for a reason. We experience things; we keep those experiences and suck them dry of knowledge and feeling until the bitter end. We can adapt and move forward with the proper awareness needed to survive.

If you have regret holding you back you cannot move forward; if you forget the tools you need to move forward, you're stuck.

For the sixth year in a row, WRAC has completed a mentorship program in the Eastman area. Two young writers from Lac du Bonnet Senior School, Kaliey Hansen in grade ten, and Megan Locke, in grade eleven, completed 25 hours of creative writing sessions running from early January until the end of May. They were mentored by Donna Besel, a professional local author.

Outside of the sessions, Kaliey and Megan worked on their own writing projects. Kaliey also participated in Sunrise School Division's Artspeak Program. She has tons of imagination and loves to tell wild and heartfelt stories. Megan pays close attention to fine details and paints vivid word pictures. She puts her amazing writing skills to good use, creating and presenting sermons at her church.

Past mentorships have included youth from Pinawa, Powerview-Pine Falls, and Lac du Bonnet. These students have been mentored in photography, visual arts, and writing. Please contact WRAC if you are interested or know of suitable youth. This program is funded by ACI (Creative Manitoba) and facilitated by WRAC.



Annual General Meeting

Monday, June 20, 2016

6 pm at Lac du Bonnet Regional Library Boardroom

Refreshments to follow.

Please RSVP your attendance to Jennifer at

winnipegriverarts@gmail.com or

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