



Artists Jim Niedermayer and Karlie King turned trees west of the Moose Jaw Library into art using chainsaws and clay. Normally, when trees die, the city would cut them down right off the ground, ground out the stump, and then replant the area. Christy Schweiger, education coordinator for the Moose Jaw Museum, said Daily Lennox, a city employee, approached her two years ago and said something different should be done for trees there. The Museum, the Crescent Park Foundation, and the City of Moose Jaw teamed up to see if something artistic could be done instead. Last June, a call was put out for artists. King and Niedermayer were picked, with funds coming from the Crescent Park Foundation.

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Donna Besel

Author of *Lessons from a Nude Man*
2016 CBC Creative Non Fiction
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Most Promising Manitoba Writer 2016
Nomination

Saturday, October 22 9
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12 - 3 pm

Library Allard - St.
Georges

Fees: \$90

For further
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Manitoba 

WRAC Featured Artist of the Month Nancy-Lou Ateah

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features well-known visual artist Nancy-Lou Ateah. Originally from Winnipeg, she has lived in Victoria Beach area for forty years.



When she was six years old, an aunt gave her an easel, paper and poster paints, implanting a love of painting. Ateah says, "I was fortunate to be enrolled in the children's Saturday art classes, at the University of Manitoba." As an adult, she studied at this same university's School of Art, learning about watercolour and oils, and the newest product - acrylics. She also studied music, specializing in piano. At sixteen, she obtained her teaching diploma, and ever since, has taught piano lessons.

Over the years, she has enrolled in art courses with various teachers and arts councils and galleries, throughout Manitoba, have hired her to instruct. She often organizes her own art workshops in Winnipeg, renting venues such as hotel banquet rooms. Currently, she is teaching watercolour classes at Victoria Beach. She says, "I love teaching art and music. I feel blessed to be able to work at something I love!"

Although she uses oils, acrylics, and pastels, watercolour remains her first love, given the immediacy and glowing colours she can achieve with this medium. The subject matter varies; she constantly searches for new ideas, such as incorporating gold leaf into her paintings. Her work has been exhibited in various galleries and the Birchwood Hotel, south of Victoria Beach, regularly displays her art. This past June, Library Allard partnered with Winnipeg River Historical Society to showcase a retrospective of her paintings. Right now, she is working on a series of Lake Winnipeg paintings for Winnipeg's Birchwood Art Gallery.

Ateah likes to portray local history in her art, painting from photographs or from old timers' stories. For example, she created a scene of a log house with northern lights dancing in the winter sky, inspired by accounts about the McQueen family, who homesteaded on Catfish Creek in the 1930's and 40's.

Her husband and his Victoria Beach family often packed picnic lunches and took the long trek to this cabin, where they spent the day visiting, singing, and playing music. She says, "My inspiration comes from nature and from history. If it is too beautiful for words - it has to be painted!"



DUE FORTIN-POIRIER



EASTERN MANITOBA CONCERT ASSOCIATION

Friday, November 4 8pm Pinawa Community Centre

Since their debut as duettists in 2005, Amélie Fortin and Marie-Christine Poirier have been heralded as one of the most promising of their generation. They immediately developed an extraordinarily powerful ensemble, and with their very similar piano artistry, a remarkable intuition was born. Their dynamism does not go unnoticed and their lively explosive style is impressive.

Individual tickets available at the door. Tickets also available (except for the first concert) at the following outlets: Ingham Pharmacy, Pinawa Solo Market and Beausejour Guardian Pharmacy. Subject to availability. Contact Colin at 204-753-8295 or Cathy at 753-2767.

All new look for Pinawa Art Gallery theme area! Artists were challenged to produce a work based on the idea of

"Water" : frozen, reflective, transparent, or ...?"

See how they did!
Opens Oct. 6th.

Gallery hours: Thurs-Sat:
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM.



February 12th, 2017 7:30pm

Great Falls Community Hall

Tickets available at WRAC Office – 4 Park Ave, Ingham Pharmacy – Lac du Bonnet.

\$20 for WRAC members
\$25 for non members

ROYAL
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Thursday, November 10th, 2016 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Library Allard Multipurpose Room.

The Canadian Red Cross will be presenting *Love & Duty*, it is an inspiring tale of the 641 women who travelled overseas to serve with the Canadian Red Cross in World War

Two – a time when personal danger intensified their feelings of commitment, sacrifice, romance and love.



What's going on in October?

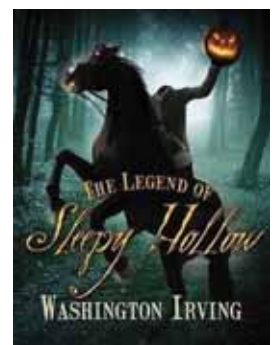
Friday October 14th – Halloween for the adults!

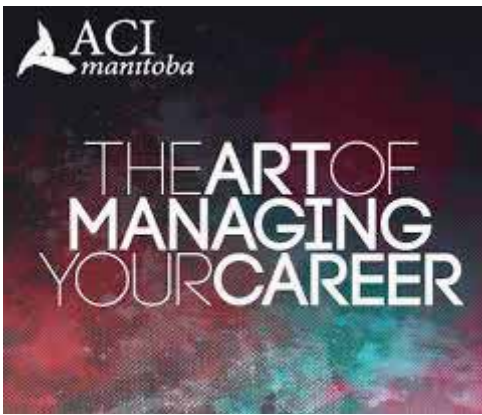


Friday, October 21 1–3pm

Paint Me A Movie!

Contact Kathryn for more info 204 345 6120 or cottage2@mymts.net





Date: November 11, 2016

Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Where: Pioneer Club of Lac du Bonnet
32 Park Avenue, Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba

Contact: Christie Fischer, 204-927-2787

Register - \$60.00/guest

This one-day condensed version of ACI Manitoba's [The Art of Managing Your Career](#) course will discuss effective business skills; including envisioning and developing a career strategy, developing a business plan, marketing and promoting your work, bookkeeping, and budgeting tips.

Individual students are required to participate in class and bring relevant completed business plan pieces.

Space is limited. Register above or by contacting Christie at admin@creativemanitoba.ca or 204-927-2787 (toll-free 1-866-802-1104).

Instructor: Heidi Hunter



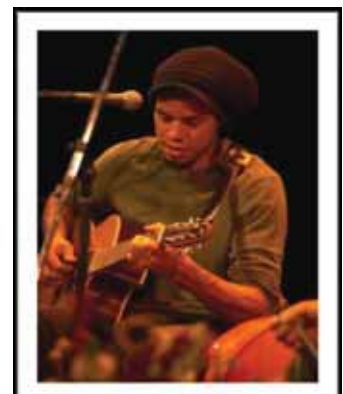
Heidi Hunter runs with scissors. Her studio is an oasis of colour where she hand-dyes fabrics and wearables, creates award-winning art quilts, and hosts creativity workshops. An 'artist's artist', Heidi is a gifted and experienced teacher, and a forever student. For 14 years, she welcomed Manitobans into her studio on the WAVE tour, and has always enjoyed promoting the arts throughout her 30+ years as a professional artist on stage, and in studio. A colourful and animated speaker, she is obsessed with the creative process and driven by the challenges of running a successful arts business. www.runswithscissors.ca



Tuesday, October 11, 2016 2pm Sunnywood Manor PCH, Pine Falls

David Graham is from the Steinbach area of Manitoba. He has lots of musical training in voice and note reading with piano, trumpet, tuba, trombone and of course, guitar. He loves to sing, and he has big hair.

The musical choices David makes for each set depend on the audience. He has a broad range of repertoire, from home-spun guitar melodies to jazz standards, and a good folk tune.



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Draw Date: Sunday, February 12, 2017

**On display at Cottage Country Co.
& Painted Turtle Pottery
20 Hard Rock Rd, Lac du Bonnet**

Tickets available at
WRAC Office – 4 Park Ave, Lac du Bonnet
Inghams Pharmacy, Lac du Bonnet
Cottage Country Co. & Painted Turtle, Lac du Bonnet
Karen's Market & Café, Pinawa
And from all WRAC Board Members