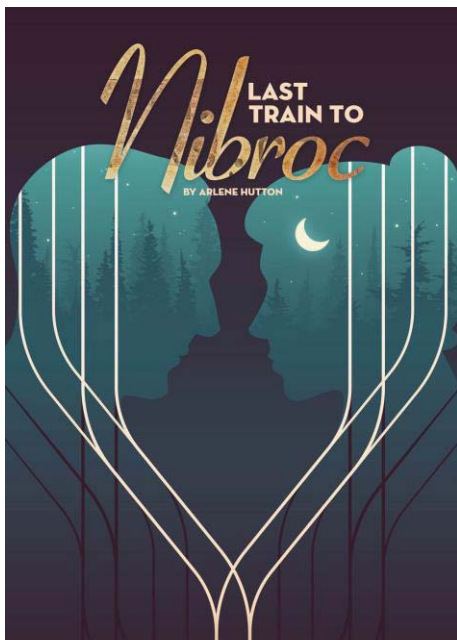




GWENDOLYN COLLINS & KRISTIAN JORDAN PHOTO BY LEIF NORMAN

Royal MTC is pleased to present Arlene Hutton's *Last Train to Nibroc* as the 2017 Regional Tour. This play will be performed on Sunday, February 12th at 7:30pm at the Great Falls Hall.

In December 1940, an east-bound cross-country train carries the bodies of the great American writers Nathanael West and F. Scott Fitzgerald as well as shy and religious May, who shares her seat with a charming young discharged flyer, Raleigh. As May and Raleigh continue to cross paths over the years, an unlikely bond forms, one that continues to blossom in ways neither of them could ever expect.



Tickets are available at the WRAC office (4 Park St, Lac du Bonnet), Karen's Café in Pinawa, Ingham Pharmacy in Lac du Bonnet and Edgewater Rec Office. \$20 for WRAC members, \$25 for non-members.

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RMTC has provided a study guide for this production, if you would like to receive an e-copy please email Jennifer at winnipegrieverarts@gmail.com to request a copy.

**Chainsaw
Sculpture
of Black
Bear
by
Jim
Niedermayer
Tickets \$5
Only 500 printed**



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

2017 Reading Challenge

In honour of Canada's 150th, challenge yourself to read 150 books about Canada or by Canadian authors.

Share books you have read that you love or maybe an undiscovered gem.

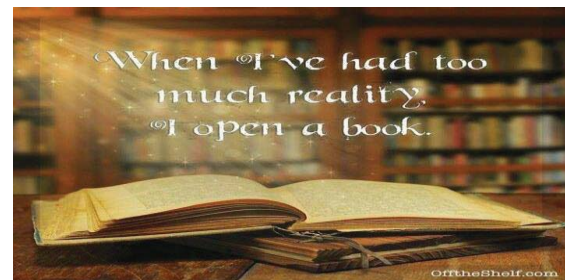
WRAC Board & Staff Favourites!

Alice Munro, *the Lives of Girls and Women*
-Donna

Miriam Toews, *Summer of My Amazing Luck*
-Jennifer

Roch Carrier -Diane

#read150



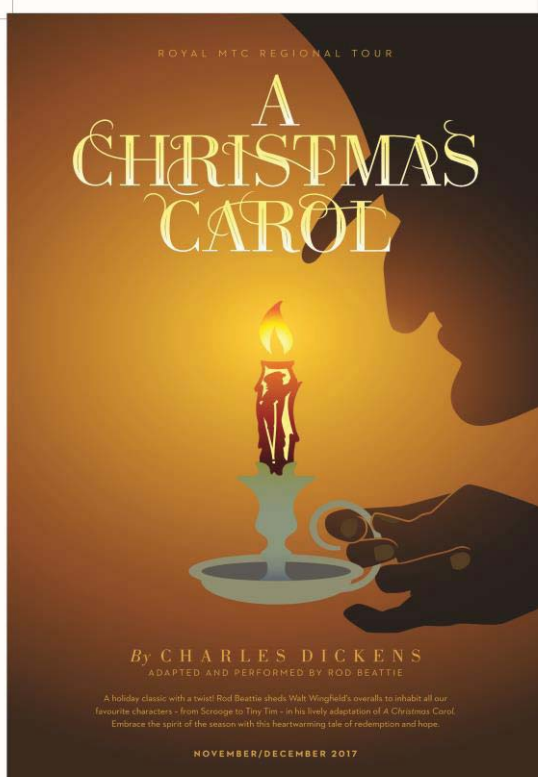
Save The Date!

Saturday, December 9, 2017

Lac du Bonnet Community Centre

A holiday classic with a twist! Rod Beattie sheds Walt Wingfield's overalls to inhabit all our favourite characters – from Scrooge to Tiny Tim – in his lively adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*.

Embrace the spirit of the season with this heartwarming tale of redemption and hope.





WRAC
 Featured Artist of the Month
 Tammy Holland

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features Tammy Holland, a visual artist from Molson, near Seddon's Corner. She began drawing after spending a night out with teenage pals, experimenting with her mother's homemade chokecherry wine. She got grounded for two weeks with no phone, no friends, and no television.

She said, "Once the hangover passed and boredom set in, I started drawing house plants and then the cat. I'm sure that cat was posing for me. Before long, I was no longer bored and I didn't mind the solitude."

Being shy and her own worse critic, she kept her art to herself. However, friends and family soon noticed her talent. In her twenties, she took a drawing class at Winnipeg Art Gallery, to balance the demands of university and nursing school. In art, she found her life passion. However, people told her that artists starve and only become famous after they die. Her family encouraged her to find a profession that paid the bills.

Holland's second passion involves helping others, as a nurse. She has worked in several northern stations, in Churchill, Manitoba, as a flight nurse serving Arctic communities, and in Dauphin as an emergency nurse. She is now a home care nurse with IERHA.

Holland learned more about art from books, videos, workshops, and the late Bob Ross. She enjoys acrylics and water colours. Recently, she studied clay sculpture again, at Winnipeg Art Gallery. She loves clay but gets impatient waiting for the pieces to dry and gets discouraged when they don't survive the firing process.

Surrounded by nature's beauty, she finds inspiration in everything and everybody. She loves observing her pets' antics; they often end up as subjects. In the past few years, she has found the courage to enter local shows. The first time, judges awarded her two honorable mentions. These prizes jumped-started her inspiration; she won third and second place in following competitions. In February, she will stage her first solo show at Lazy Tuesdays Restaurant, Seddon's Corner. She has also done some commissioned pieces.

Holland said, "I consider myself an out-of-the-closet artist. A fledgling in the great big world of art."

I want to thank you for selecting me to be an artist of the month and putting together a great article. I am so thrilled to be recognized for my art in this way. I am framing a copy. I can't express how grateful I am to you.

- Tammy Holland

Everything Fitz is a family band featuring the high-energy fiddling and percussive step dancing of four of Canada's finest young musicians. Their eclectic program blends traditional jigs and reels, bluegrass, jazz standards, Celtic and show-stopping Ottawa-Valley step dancing. Rounded out by guitarist and vocalist Nate Douglas, Everything Fitz is noted for their polished performances and captivating entertainment.

Friday, January 20th

8pm

Pinawa Community Centre

Individual tickets: Adult \$25.00; Students \$10.00
 Individual tickets available at the door. Tickets also available (except for the first concert) at the following outlets: Ingham Pharmacy, Pinawa Solo Market & Beausejour Music. Subject to availability. Contact Colin at 204-753-8295 or Cathy at 753-2767.

Words do not do this group justice, click here to see a video <https://youtu.be/66SFiuslapY>

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TO THE NEXT LEVEL WITH

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Application Deadline February 15.

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<https://www.245mcdermot.ca/event/s/483/art-managing-your-careerspring-2017>

QUILT RAFFLE! This beautiful hand crafted Queen Size Quilt, generously donated by Cathie Brereton, for a Library Fundraiser, is now on display at the Library. Tickets for the raffle are also now available at the LDB Library, with the draw date scheduled for September 16, 2017. Be sure to get your ticket(s)!

Boreal Shores Art Tour

August 19 & 20



Immerse Yourself in Our World!

Photo: Shirley Kurian

Creativity runs deep in Eastern Manitoba and inspiration flows at every turn.



From the surreal east shore beaches of Lake Winnipeg, through the Winnipeg River system, to the rugged lake country of the Whiteshell, join us on a tour of art and landscapes as artists across this beautiful region open their homes and studios to share their world with you.

www.borealshoresarttour.ca



Carly Dow is a Manitoba-based musician who brought magic to this year's residency program.

canadianwildernessresidency.ca

The Canadian Wilderness Artist Residency highlights areas of remote Canadian wilderness and culture through the immersion of artists in the rural landscape and regional communities of the country. Residency locations are chosen for their vibrant landscapes, availability of knowledgeable locals and contrast to urban life. Wherever possible, staff are hired locally from the province or territory where a trip is operating, and artist hosts are chosen based on their professional work and contribution to an artistic community as representative artists from the region being highlighted.

Our team is constantly scouting new wilderness destinations for our future residencies. This offers both alumni and new participants a unique experience yearly, and an opportunity to broaden an understanding of Canadian identity through investment in place and community. Select a location below to read more about what makes it ideal for a future residency location.



THE
Canadian Wilderness
Artist Residency

READ TOGETHER.
LEARN TOGETHER.
GROW TOGETHER.



Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

Family Literacy Night

Thursday, January 26, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.

Come join us!!



Saturday January 28th

1 – 2:30pm

Whitemouth Library

Kids Best Cook Book

This will be the first meeting of the Cook Book project. Children ages 5 to 14, boys and girls are welcome to join. At this meeting, we will be discussing the project and the ultimate goal, "At Cook Book, For Kids By Kids!" Permission slips are needed to join so don't forget to bring them or have them filled out at the Library. Parents/guardians welcome. For more info call Teri Walker at 1-204-348-3407. See you there!!!!

Library Allard is looking for anyone who has read a good book and would like to tell about it. The library has one page designated to book reviews in the Allard newsletter and is looking to fill it with some book re-views written by individuals in the community. If you think you would like to write a simple book review you can email it to Jen at asst-lib@allardlibrary.com and it will be put in the next news-letter!

BIBLIOTHEQUE ALLARD REGIONAL LIBRARY

In house library fun for Jan/Feb will have a "Guess the Book?" game set up in the library window! Simply ask the circulation desk staff for a game paper to get started. You will need to write down the correct name of the book beside the correct number! Hand in your sheet to the staff and they will correct it! If you have them all right you will be able to choose a prize from the treasure chest



Battle of the Books is an in-house challenge which involves readers. Books are selected from the library's collection via age groups and language. In November, 8 children's books were chosen to go head to head in popularity. Part way through the votes of readers is re-viewed and 4 books advance. Then the votes are reviewed again taking it down to the top 2 books.



The most popular children's book was Charlotte's Web. In December, 8 adult fiction books started the next battle. If you've read the selected books please vote, if not check out the battling books and let the staff know what you think!

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FOR A

BETTER WORLD

A writing contest for Canadian students in Grades 5 to 8

<http://www.worldlit.ca/canada-programs/write-for-a-better-world/>