



Another successful presentation by Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre took place on Sunday, February 12th at the Great Falls Community Hall.

Linda Desrosiers (left) of Powerview was the lucky winner of the raffle for Jim Niedermayer's black bear chainsaw carving. Amy Blatz was the fortunate winner of the 50/50 draw.

RMTC Cast Gwendolyn Collins and Kristian Jordan (below) delivered an outstanding performance in "Last Train to Nibroc".

Thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work.

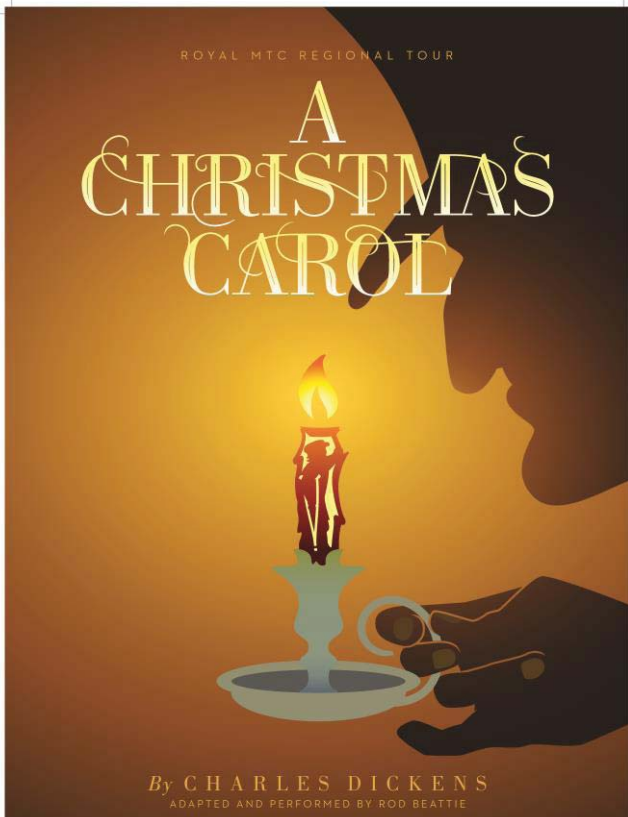
WRAC News

February 2017

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, December 9th

Lac du Bonnet Community
Centre



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Love to Read Month

Local Artist featured at Lazy Tuesday's

Manitoba Crafts Museum & Library Call for Submissions



WRAC's Featured artist of the month from January, **Tammy Holland** is also the featured artist at Lazy Tuesday's in Seddon's Corner.

Stop in and check out her paintings.



How are you celebrating Canada 150? How about with the colours Red and White? These colours have been used traditionally in craft of a wide range of media, from quilts, and embroidery to ceramics and paper craft, and also through cultures worldwide. The Manitoba Crafts Museum and Library will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Confederation with an exhibition that features red and white craft. A portion of the exhibition will feature historical work from the Manitoba Crafts Museum and Library collection.

The remainder of the exhibition will include works submitted from the community that meet the following criteria: a) reflecting Canadian history and motifs, b) showcasing the truly multicultural nation of Canada, and c) that are original fine craft. All work must only include the colours red and white.

Call for submission

We are seeking submissions of craft items that meet any or all the three criteria above. The work may be either historic or contemporary. Priority will be given to items that have a clear history/story, but we acknowledge that some worthy pieces are often lacking in documented history, so this is not a firm requirement

- Priority for contemporary work will be given to craft artists based in Manitoba

Submission information:

- Brief visual description including technique, size, materials and any special exhibit requirements.
- Craftsperson information with brief bio.
- Information about the piece in terms of its inspiration, meaning, relevance etc.
- An image of the piece, JPG preferred and less than 1MB file size.

Deadline March 31, 2017.

Conditions of Acceptance:

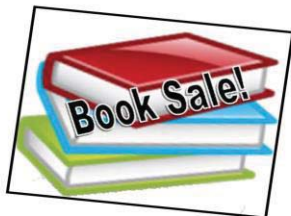
- Items must be loaned for the duration of the exhibition – currently planned for June and July 2017 (exact dates TBD).
- Contemporary work may be for sale during the exhibition.
- In April 2017, the Exhibits and Programming Committee will make final selections.
- Depending on the response, it is possible that not all pieces will be accepted for the exhibit. Please submit to: Andrea Reichert, Curator, (204) 487-6117, info@mcml.ca. **Submission deadline March 31, 2017**

Date: Saturday, March 11, 2017 Time: 9 am–5 pm Location: 4th Floor classroom–245 McDermot Avenue, Winnipeg, MB Cost: \$10 for members, \$25 for non-members Registration deadline: Friday, March 3, 2017

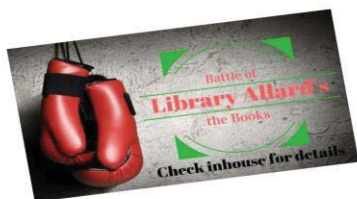
Creative Entrepreneurship is a one-day symposium for emerging artists to learn essential skills about growing their career in the arts, from finances, to grant-writing, to attracting media to your event. Learning comes from young, experienced local artists like this year's Keynote Speaker Sarah Anne Johnson, and panelists Freya Olafson, Mike Petkau and writer/graphic novelist Gmb Chomichuk.

Creative Entrepreneurship is aimed to emerging artists leaving post-secondary education and looking for practical skills on how to grow their arts career, post-university. The symposium is open to anyone with an existing arts practice including visual artists, actors, craftspeople, dancers, filmmakers, musicians, new media content creators and writers. A continental breakfast and lunch are included for the low price of admission.

<https://www.245mcdermot.ca/events/484/creative-entrepreneurship-2017>



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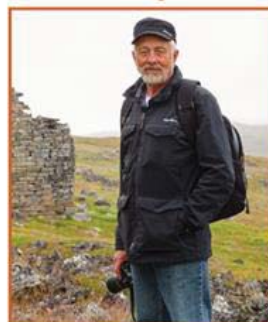


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Whitemouth Library Presents

**Stu Iverson
In the Footsteps of Vikings**



Follow the trip Alice and I took from Greenland to Norway. We experienced the cities, villages, ancient dwellings and Viking ruins, including a farm where Leif Ericson lived before he left for Vinland (Newfoundland). We photographed icebergs, waterfalls, glaciers, black sand beaches, volcanic fields, geysers and the incomparable fjords of Norway.

**Whitemouth School
School Library
Wednesday April 5, 2017
7:00pm-9:00pm**

Please call Pat at 204-348-7731 to register
or e-mail: whitemouth.library@gmail.com

**SHOWCASE 2017
APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**

manitoba arts network
connecting creativity

October 19-22 2017 Russell MB
<https://www.iwanttoshowcase.ca/>

**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





WRAC Featured Artist of the Month Ginette McMullen

For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features writer Ginette McMullen.

At present, she lives in St. Georges, and she has lived there most of her life. She attended elementary school in St. Georges and went to high school in Powerview. She is employed by Interlake-Eastman Regional Health Authority, working in Support Services.

McMullen writes mostly short stories: creative nonfiction and fiction. She is also working on a book. She is intrigued by people's stories, present or past. Their courage inspires and motivates her to sit down and put pen to paper. She likes to record their struggles and trauma, and reflect on the ways humans of all ages overcome injustice.

Living in St. George, near the shores of the Winnipeg River, she is surrounded by nature. This love of the outdoors also feeds her passion for creating prose. Her grandsons are another inspiration. She said, "Their honesty, love and laughter give me energy for life."

For as long as she can remember, she has been interested in writing and telling stories. From an early age, she had plenty of access to books. Her mother encouraged everyone in her family to read and made books a big part of her life. In high school, she had teachers who were passionate about writing. She said, "They fueled me to learn all I could."

McMullen has attended writing classes and workshops instructed by local author Donna Besel. Although she sometimes struggles to identify herself as a "serious writer," she has shared and read her stories to fellow students in these classes and workshop settings. She has also submitted short stories the CBC Creative Nonfiction Contest.

She likes to remind herself that her experiences and her commitment to writing are closely connected. One of her favourite quotes is: "Don't shelf your passion for life, it is life."



Friday, March 10th 8pm Pinawa Community Centre

Twin Kennedy is comprised of West Coast sisters Carli & Julie Kennedy. Growing up in a musical family, it is no wonder that these sisters crafters their sound through a fusion of their background in country, folk, jazz and classical music. These identical twins are "the next big thing in Country music!"

Tickets: Adults \$25, Students \$10

Tickets available at the door. Subject to availability contact Colin 204-753-8295 or Cathy 204 753 2767