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ON THURSDAY APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, THE LAC DU BONNET REGIONAL LIBRARY HELD THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CELEBRATING STORIES. PICTURED ABOVE FROM LEFT KAREN DAVID, SHAWN KEITH AND MARY LOUISE CHOWN.



Above: Karen David shared the story of her great-grandparents who fled the Baltic States during the Russian revolution. It was the early 1900's that the Drawson, Dancyt and Arro families travelled across Europe and crossed the Atlantic in search of the promised land – the shores of the Bird

River.

Right: Musician Shawn Keith performed an original song, Street Corner Blues.

> Left: Storyteller Mary Louise Chown sharing the historical tale of Dr. Charlotte Ross who lived in the Eastman area in the 1800's and was the first woman Doctor in Manitoba.

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Donation Admission

#### Lac du Bonnet District Museum

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"Working in the present while preserving the past for now and the future"



PINAWA PLAYERS
Present:

## Betrayal

By Harold Pinter May 11, 12, 13, 2017

7:30 pm

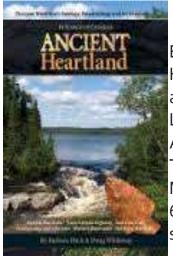
Pinawa Community Centre

Admission at the door:

Adults \$15

Students \$5

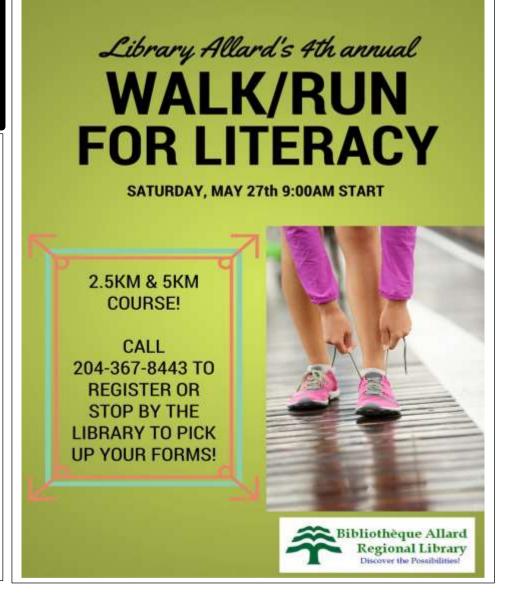
Dessert & Coffee sold separately at intermission



Barbara
Huck will be
at the
Library
Allard on
Thursday,
May 18<sup>th</sup> at
6:30pm to
share

insights from her book "Ancient Heartland" which highlights the sights and geological formations in our own area along the Winnipeg River and the Red Coat Trail.







AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY IS COMING FOR ALL ARTISTS & ART LOVERS IN THE EASTMAN REGION!

You are invited to participate in the

TAP INTO YOUR

& SHARE YOUR TALENT!

# 2017 Judged Art Exhibition

CATEGORIES FOR ENTRY INCLUDE oils, acrylics,

September 22-to 2

Whitemouth Community Centre 61 First Street, Whitemouth, MB

Register by August 24

SHOWCASE & SELL YOUR WORK

ADJUDICATION BY PROFESSIONAL JUDGES

> AWARDS IN EACH CATEGORY

For more information on categories. general rules, or entry form:

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watercolours, charcoal, ink, pastels, printmaking, fibre arts,

digital arts, mixed media, photography, pottery & sculpture

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150 pieces, Let your ART land here





### WRAC Featured Artist of the Month

#### **Grace Kost**

For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features quilter Grace Kost. Originally from Milner Ridge, Kost moved to Lac du Bonnet for her grade nine. She has lived there ever since, including fifty-one years in the same house.

In the 1980's, Kost discovered her passion for quilting. Although she's mostly self-taught, she has attended workshops in Winnipeg, Minneapolis, and various nearby American cities. After years of getting together with local quilters and learning complicated sewing methods, she started to design her own patterns. In collaboration with Anne Longston, Kost created "Sugar Maple Quilts" and soon various outlets began to sell their original motifs across Canada. Examples of their design projects include "Canadian Kids at Play" and another one called "Provincial Floral Emblems," donated to raise money for breast cancer.

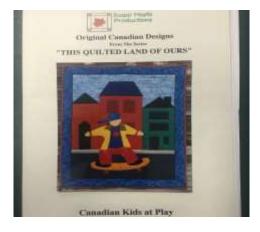
Kost says, "I like playing with colour. I love trying new techniques and styles."

Her deceased husband, the acclaimed visual artist Robert Kost, influenced her a great deal. She says, "I learned about composition and colour. He constantly studied famous artists and read books about art. We shared many hours talking about art and design."

Now retired, Kost previously worked as a realtor for Century 21. She wanted a career with a flexible schedule so she could accompany Robert on his travels to locate new scenery and subjects. On August 19 and 20, she will welcome the public to her Lac du Bonnet home, as part of the Boreal Shores Art Tour. She will be showing and selling selected items from her collection of Robert's paintings and silk screen prints. Also, Pinawa's Stu Iverson plans to use his photography skills and ink-jet printer to create giclee fine art prints from specially chosen examples of Robert's work.

Kost has taken creative writing sessions with local author Donna Besel, enjoys musical gatherings, looks forward to classes with talented wood carvers Cathy and Rick Brereton, and loves "making messes and planning concerts" with her grandchildren.

She says, "Here's my advice. Jump in. Expect surprises. As the old saying goes – your hand will please your eye."









In the latest issue of UM Today, there is an article by Katie Chalmers-Brooks, featuring three University of Manitoba alumni who have overcome adversity. Local author and WRAC Board Member Donna Besel is one of the featured alumni.

http://news.umanitoba.ca/i-survived/







The Confederation Centre of the Arts, from Charlottetown Prince Edward Island, will be performing *The Dream Catchers*, a brand-new Canadian musical that will feature some of the most promising youth from across the country this summer thanks to Canada 150!

It is family-friendly, appropriate for all ages, bilingual and the picture of diversity in Canada! Take hip hop, spoken word and folk. Blend it with contemporary and Indigenous dance, choose 26 of the most diverse and exciting young actors from across the country and experience the 2017 Confederation Centre of the Arts Young Company in The Dream Catchers. The show is a vibrant music and dance filled spectacle that explores the dreams of young Canadians through a lens of reconciliation, inclusion and the environment. With new original music commissioned for the show from Emm Gryner, Kinnie Starr, Paper Lions, Fred Penner, Romesh Thavanathan, and Twin Flames to name but a few! The Dream Catchers promises to leave audiences full of possibility.

# Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> Pinawa Community Centre 7 pm



#### Provincial Cultural Review: Imagine Creative Manitoba

As you may already be aware, the Province has launched the consultation process for a Cultural Policy Review. The new website has information on the various ways that Manitobans can take part in the discussion, including a robust discussion paper and links and information to submit your comments, including several surveys. The deadline for any submission is **June 30, 2017.** 

In addition to attending the scheduled community meetings (dates TBA), there are FOUR ways to make your *written* contribution to Imagine Creative Manitoba. The website navigation tips outlined below have been prepared to ensure that you don't miss any of these opportunities to have your say.

First, go to the website: <u>//www.gov.mb.ca/imaginecreative/</u>

Once you are there, you can either download the Discussion Paper or click on "READ MORE" at the bottom to go directly to the longer submission area.

Then, there are a few ways that you can submit your contribution:

- 1. **Submit an idea** directly to the Minister (brief comments or a few paragraphs): <a href="http://www.gov.mb.ca/imaginecreative/idea-minister.html">http://www.gov.mb.ca/imaginecreative/idea-minister.html</a>
- Provide general feedback on cultural activity in Manitoba: http://www.gov.mb.ca/imaginecreative/submissions.html
- 3. Provide input on key topic areas, including Community Arts: http://www.gov.mb.ca/imaginecreative/discussion-paper.html
- 4. **Mail in a written submission** in response to the website/discussion paper questions, or to address other issues for consideration in developing a new cultural policy for Manitoba:

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