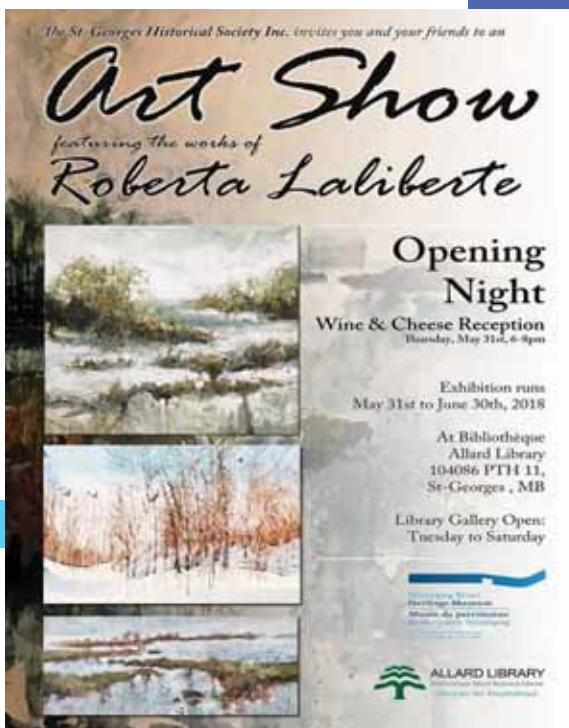




Roberta Laliberte poses with her artwork on the opening night of her art show at Library Allard in St. Georges. This art show is on now until the end of June.

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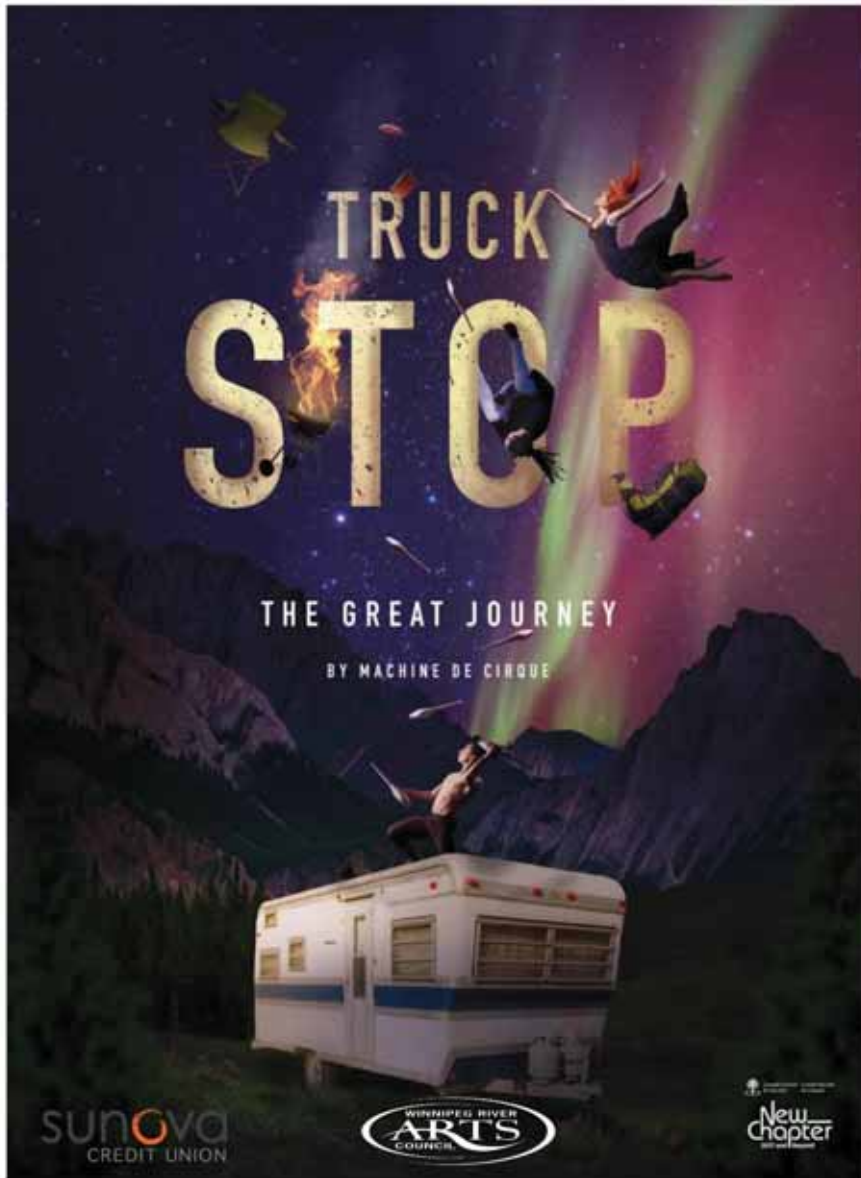
Below: On May 3, local author Donna Besel read from her story in the new anthology *Love Me True: Writers Reflect on Ups, Downs, Ins & Outs of Marriage* at Toronto's Ben McNally Bookstore. Thirteen writers read and dozens of Toronto writers and guests attended the book launch, held in conjunction with Creative Nonfiction Collective's annual three day conference. Donna also read at the writers' cabaret at the conference banquet. Writers from across Canada attended the conference, hosted for the first time in Toronto.

Artists off the Avenue

Be sure to check out the artwork of Centennial School students that is up around Lac du Bonnet. Thank you to local participating businesses.

- Kindergarten- Ingram Pharmacy
- Room 2,3,4 - Home Hardware, Town Office, and Dancys
- Room 7 - Library
- Room 8 - Cottage Country
- Room 10 - Sunova
- Room 9 - Post Office
- Room 11 - Lucci's Too and Rona





WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1 8:30 pm

Behind the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre

FREE FAMILY SHOW!!

Thank you to local sponsors; Lac du Bonnet Community Centre, Lac du Bonnet Charitable Foundation, Ingham Pharmacy and Sunspace Sunrooms.

A TOUCHING, REFRESHING AND BEWILDERING ROAD TRIP

A motley group of campers in search of adventure and thrills decides to hitch up their trailer to set out on a journey across the American continent. With a well-stocked cooler, windows wide open and music blaring, they are all set for an epic odyssey on wheels. Salty air that fills the lungs, enshrouding forests, electrifying cities, breathtaking mountains and plains that stretch as far as the eye can see hold the promise of an unforgettable trip.

Travel from east to west with five performers and a musician who will take you on a coast-to-coast trip in fifty minutes. To present this show, they will literally trek across Canada throughout the summer of 2018.

Truck Stop will soon be performing on August 1 in Lac du Bonnet.

Truck Stop: The Great Journey is one of the 200 exceptional projects funded through the Canada Council for the Arts' New Chapter program. With this \$35M investment, the Council supports the creation and sharing of the arts in communities across Canada.



WRAC Featured Artists of the Month

Tannis Thomas & Carl Quesnel

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features Tannis Thomas and Carl Quesnel, a Pinawa couple who own and operate a family business called Boreal Workshop, which creates stunning handcrafted jewellery. In addition to jewellery and personal goods, they produce art objects, and vessels and containers suitable for personal and ceremonial use.

In 2016, Boreal Workshop moved from Winnipeg to Pinawa. The couple felt drawn by the beauty of the Canadian Shield. The scenic surroundings played a major role in their decision to live and work in this community.



Tannis Thomas is a member of Ojibwa-Sipi Cree Nation (Fisher River), with Cree and Metis ancestors from the Interlake and Grand Beach regions of Manitoba. Her education in art began at an early age. Her uncle, Don LaForte, was an accomplished visual artist and bon vivant.

Thomas said, "He passed on a belief that art is intrinsic to our nature."

Carl Quesnel, the head jeweller and lapidary-gemologist is Canadian, of English and French ancestry, with roots in Winnipeg, and the Manigatogan-Long Lake area of Manitoba. For those who may not know, a lapidary is a person who cuts, polishes or engraves stones. Quesnel was introduced to lapidary at a young age by parents and grandparents, and he has studied gemology with the Gemological Institute of America. He is also an accomplished gold, silver, and copper smith.

The couple has lived and worked in diverse regions of Canada, from the Arctic to the Prairies. Boreal Workshop's classical, minimalist aesthetic is reflected in each piece they design and hand make. As well, their work is informed by Indigenous and European cultures, the traditions of art and craft, and the environment.

Thomas said, "The influences of cultures, traditions, and the beauty of the natural world are intrinsic to our art."



All of their creations are hand made in Canada and ethically produced. They cut and facet gemstones using select rough sourced from around the world. The metalwork they produce is also all handmade, typically in copper, silver, and gold. Where possible, they use local sources and distributors, and consider sustainability and the environment.

Their work is available on their website, www.borealworkshop.com, as well as at select retail locations in Manitoba. Pieces have been donated to the art and ceremonial exhibit, "Walking with Our Sisters," and they support Manitoba-based arts organizations and exhibits with donations of jewellery and vessels for fundraising events.

Their motto: "We make beautiful things for all people."





**TD
Summer
Reading
Club
2018**

Join the fun!
Lac du Bonnet Library
July 3 to August 16
Every Tuesday and Thursday
10:30am to 12:30pm (Ages 5 to 12)

FREE Special Programs with stories, crafts, snacks, games & more!



**TD SUMMER
READING
PROGRAM
2018 @
LIBRARY ALLARD**

The Theme is
"Explore &
Discover!"

Program runs
July 10 to August 30,
2018 on
Tuesdays &
Thursdays:
3-6 year olds,
1:00-2:00pm
7-10 year olds,
2:15-3:15pm

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today!




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 48-line max. (poems)
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SAVE THE DATE!

Honouring the Centenary of the Great War

Great Falls Community Hall
 Sunday, October 21, 2018
 2:00 pm

Mary's Wedding
 by Sigbee Massicotte

ROYAL
MTC Buying The FARM
 A Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre Rural Production

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 2019
www.winnipegriverarts.com

WINNIPEG RIVER ARTS COUNCIL

Boreal Shores Art Tour
 Aug 18 & 19, 2018

You are invited.....

To the Official Kickoff of the
2018 Boreal Shores Art Tour


At the Whitemouth Community Centre
 on June 13, 2018 at 2pm
 Light refreshments will be served.

We will reveal the list of artists, the new Route and the Brochure for the 2018 Boreal Shores Art Tour.

Also to be unveiled is the 2017 Mosaic Art Project. Last year, the public was invited, at 6 different stops on the Tour, to paint their representation of a 2" square portion of a large photographic, boreal image donated by Pinawa photographer, Stu Iverson. Over the winter, the 648 squares were assembled into a 3' by 6' mosaic including the names of all who participated. This mosaic will be hung in the Whitemouth Community Centre.

Immerse yourself in our World.....

Come join us as we celebrate the growth of the Tour in its second year. Also learn about the 2018 Art Project – another opportunity for the public to participate in making art!



ART OF MANAGING YOUR CAREER, FALL 2018

Application deadline: September 1, 2018
 The Art of Managing Your Career offers working artists the confidence and knowledge to successfully manage their careers or businesses in the cultural sector. By the end of this course, you will have developed an extensive business plan, a marketing plan, and have a template for managing your finances.

<https://creativemanitoba.ca/programs/the-art-of-managing-your-career/>

