



WRAC News

September 2017

WRAC HOSTED A BUSK STOP AT THE INAUGURAL NIGHT MARKET ON THIRD ST IN LAC DU BONNET ON AUGUST 23. NEXT YEARS NIGHT MARKET IS PLANNED OF AUGUST 22. ABOVE HOPE ZIRK, BELOW: MEMBERS OF THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL UKULELE GROUP.



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Cohen Sieg (left), performs at the Night Market on, you can see him perform on October 13th at the WRAC Fundraiser at the Spicy Radish. Next year's Night Market will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2019.



SAVE THE DATE
 Sunday, February 3, 2019
 Pinawa Community Centre
 7:30 pm

Manitoba Rural & Northern Juried Art Show

celebrating its 16th year

Buhler Gallery

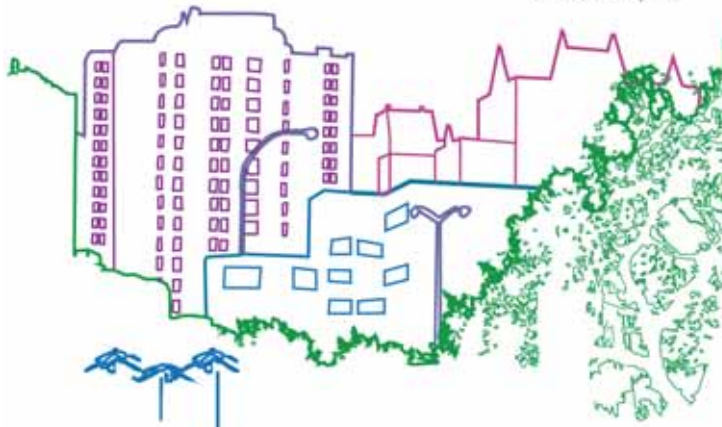
St. Boniface Hospital

September 6-30, 2018

Hours: Monday - Friday: 10 am to 8 pm

Saturday & Sunday: 12 noon to 4 pm

Free Admission



Participating Artists are selected from the Northern, Parkland, Interlake, Westman, Eastman & Central Regional Juried Art Shows



WILD WRITING IN THE BOREAL

NOVEMBER 9-11, 2018

LOCATION: FALCON TRAILS RESORT
FALCON LAKE, WHITESHELL PARK, MB



JOIN TWO AWARD-WINNING AUTHORS FOR A WEEKEND OF UNIQUE WRITING WORKSHOPS, SPECTACULAR WILDERNESS, HOME-COOKED MEALS, AND COZY LAKE-SIDE CABINS.

Pricing: (Friday-Sunday)

3 people in a cabin - \$585.00/ person

2 people in a cabin - \$625/ person

Private cabin - \$815.00/ person

TO BOOK, OR FOR MORE INFO: FALCONTRAILSRESORT.COM/NEWS/2018/Writers
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Sunday, Oct 21, 2018

2pm, Great Falls Hall

\$25/ticket

Mary's Wedding

A play with a heart as big as the prairie skies that serve as its stage, Mary's Wedding is an epic, unforgettable story of love, hope and survival.

On the eve of her wedding, Mary Chalmers dreams of Charlie, her first love. Set in Western Canada during the First World War, the story of Mary and Charlie's romance unfolds through a series of dreamlike memories, punctuated by the innocence of new love, the courage of youth and the cruelty of fate.

2014-2018 marks the Centenary of the First World War, and the Battle of Moreuil Wood. Mary's Wedding honours these historic events, how they shaped the lives of Canadians at that time, and the lives lost in battle.

Tickets available at

Ingham Pharmacy
WRAC Board Members
Pat Hueston – Great Falls
WRAC Office, 4 Park Ave – LdB
on Tuesday & Thursday mornings.

Discounted tickets for WRAC Member are available through the office, 204 340 0889 or winnipegriverarts@gmail.com



WRAC Featured Artist of the Month

Julie Lavoie



For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features visual artist Julie Lavoie, a life-long resident of St-Georges. After raising their two children, she and her husband now live by themselves in a comfortable house on the community's large rocky hill.

Lavoie loves trying new methods and finds it hard picking just one. Right now, she enjoys experimenting with different pencils. She said, "I gravitate toward graphite, pastels, and my new favourite, coloured pencils. They're versatile and can mimic other medium. And they've come a long way since our high school days."

Lavoie likes applying multiple layers with her pencils and then using a safe workable solvent, to achieve results that resemble oil paints. Even though the repeated applications take time, she doesn't mind investing days or weeks to complete one painting. She is self-taught and has been working on her arts practice for years. Even as a child, she liked making art. She said, "If homework involved art, it was just fun."

In high school, she took art classes, with many opportunities to experience different mediums, to complete projects that inspired and challenged her, and to work on her drawing skills, increasing her knowledge of composition and perspective. She said, "Every year, I learned something new, building on skills from the previous year."

In her twenties, she discovered the joy of art books. She used them to improve her skills and mimicked the artists she saw in these books, such as *Pencil Drawing* by Gene Franks. Another influence was Claudia Nice, a well-known instructor. Lavoie said, "Her techniques are easy to follow; she breaks down all the steps. In her books, she teaches about watercolours, pen and ink drawing, sketching, and other techniques. She's still one of my favourites."

She also uses the internet to explore new medium. For example, she discovered Lisa Clough, from Lachri Fine Arts, who creates work in oils, acrylics, graphite, a medium called Inktense, and, most important, coloured pencils. Lavoie said, "Clough's styles range from realism to surrealism, and even contemporary."

She also found Alyona Nickelson, an artistic pioneer who creates new products that change the way how coloured pencils react on paper. Lavoie said, "They are like pastels, but no smudging. You get vibrant colours; you can finish a painting in half the time."

She has also learned a lot from local artists, taking watercolour classes with Nancy-Lou Ateah and Jo-Anne Thompson, watercolour and mixed media with Roberta Laliberte, and drawing with Leah Boulet. When asked for inspiring words, Lavoie said, "Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which one to keep."

FALLtastic

From Farm to Fork

Winnipeg River Arts Council FUNDRAISING DINNER

At The Spicy Radish Cafe in Whitemouth, MB

Saturday, October 13th 7:00 PM



Chef Shannon from the Spicy Radish Cafe has carefully selected a menu based on locally grown products and items that highlight The Spicy Radish restaurant personality. The salad and entrees are Gluten Free.

Join us at this fundraising dinner where funds raised will help to promote local visual, performing, literary and musical artists in our region and bring in quality entertainment acts such as the recent Truck Stop Circus, touring productions and special events to our surrounding communities.



The Menu:

Beet Salad

A blend of romaine lettuce and spinach leaves tossed in a house made balsamic vinegarett topped with house pickled beets, dried cranberries and crumbled feta cheese.

Winnipeg River Chicken

A prosciutto wrapped chicken breast with basil cream sauce, served with Chef's potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

Dessert

Warm Gingerbread with toffee sauce and ice cream.

Vegetarian Alternative:

Stuffed bell pepper with Chef's potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

Live entertainment provided by local musician Cohen Sieg.



\$50 each

Tickets available by calling (204) 340-0889
(Limited Seating)



PAPER POWER
PEAS PICKEREL

4P FESTIVAL TALENT SHOW

WINNERS!!

Youth division

- 1st place - Dana Feakes
- 2nd place- Jolene McKay
- 3rd place- Sarah Reimer

Adult division

- 1st place- Evander Twoheart
- 2nd place - Richard Wiebe
- 3rd place - Daniel Kent





On August 10, local writer Donna Besel participated in ceremonies to honour renowned and beloved Manitoba author, Margaret Laurence. One of the ceremonies included readings from three Manitoba authors. Besel said, “I was thrilled to be included in the list of readers. Laurence is one of my favourite writers. I have always connected with her work, having grown up in a small rural community.”

Starting at 1:00 p.m., the commemorative event took place at the author’s restored childhood home in Neepawa, Manitoba. The Canadian government had recently designated Margaret Laurence as a person of National Historic Significance and a commemorative plaque was set up in front of the house in her honour. Despite the heat, about sixty people showed up to witness the unveiling of the plaque and listen to presentations. The crowd included federal dignitaries, local politicians, the Margaret Laurence Home supporters and board members, Neepawa residents, fans of Laurence’s writing, and Parks Canada employees.

During the rest of the day, additional arts events took place, keeping people engaged and entertained until well after dark. Langruth writer Sharron Arksey helped organize the ceremonies and also participated as one of the readers. She said, “Such powerful readings and presentations by Manitoba authors Donna Besel and Craig Russell! What an honour and pleasure to read here in such talented company.”

This event was a trial run for what organizers hope to become an annual literary event, the Manawaka Festival.



WHITESHELL WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL



February 9-10, 2019

We are looking for artists of ALL kinds to take part in our annual Whiteshell Winter Arts Festival. Family-fun activities will take place both inside and out throughout the weekend. Whether you're a painter, sculptor, dancer, teacher, musician, author, actor or performer of some kind, we want you!

Conference rooms available for workshops and displays.
Accommodation Packages available for rooms and meals.



Entries accepted until December 31, 2018
Please contact the Pinawa CDC at:
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PHOTO RALLY 2018

This year's photo rally begins Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 10am. Participants have 100 shooting hours to complete 9 categories. Categories will be available at registration costs \$15. Photos must be submitted by 2pm on Wednesday October 3, 2018. Winners will be announced by noon on Thursday, October 4, 2018 and will receive a cash prize! Last year's winning photos will be on display on the library's Pinterest and Facebook accounts.

Photos from 2017 Photo Rally.

