



WRAC News

November 2018

COHEN SIEG (INSET) ENTERTAINED A FULL HOUSE AT THE SPICY RADISH IN WHITEMOUTH, OCTOBER 13TH AT THE FALLTASTIC FUNDRAISING DINNER FOR WRAC. WATCH FOR MORE INFO COMING SOON FOR A DINNER AT LAZY TUESDAYS.



WHITESHELL WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL 

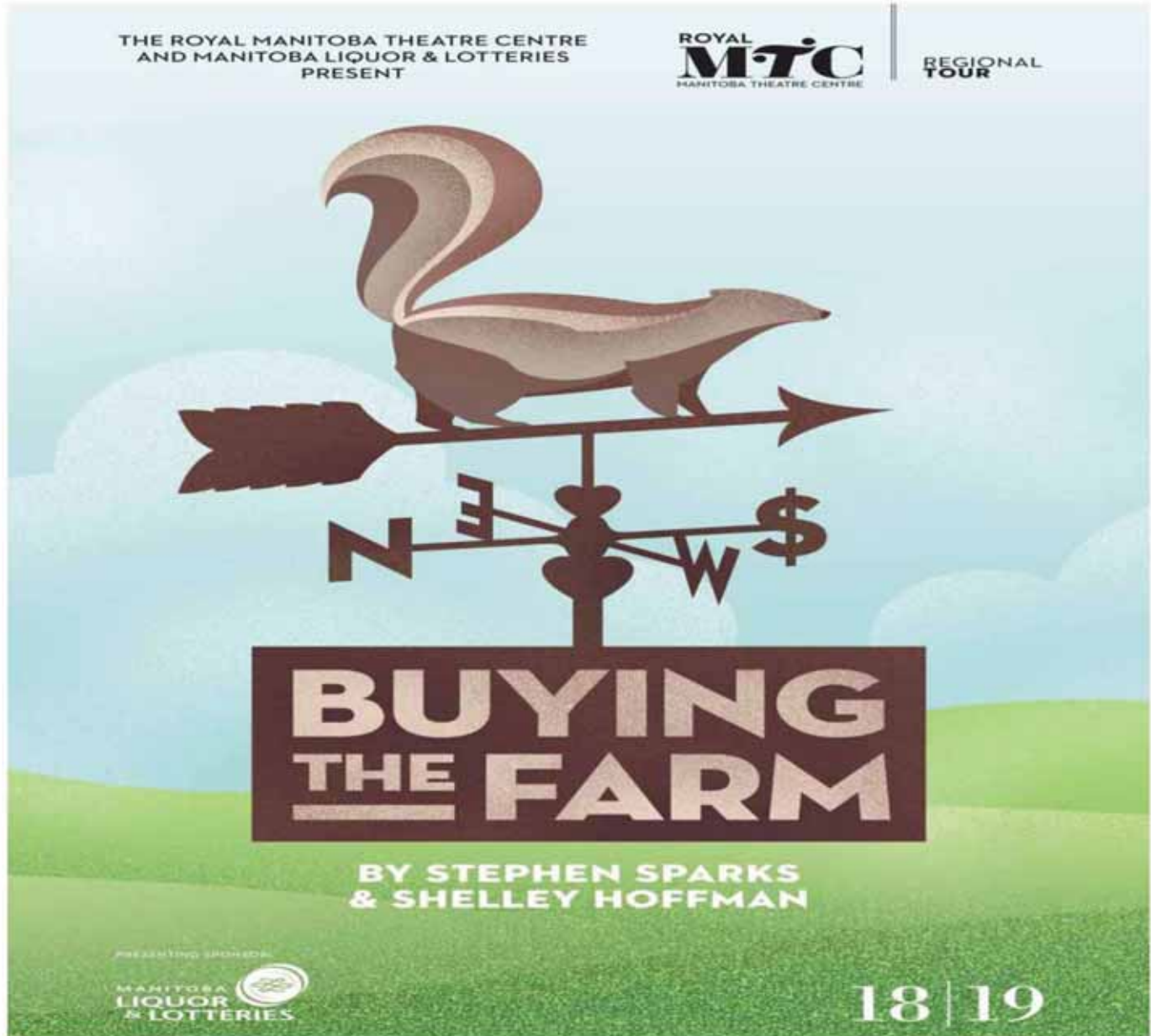
February 9-10, 2019

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:
edoadmin@pinawa.com
204 753 5170

You missed it! The audience was thrilled with the Theatre Projects Manitoba presentation of *Mary's Wedding* on October 23 at the Great Falls Hall. Pictured left, Sarah Flynn (Mary) and Justin Fry (Charlie).



Change is in the air! Magnus Bjornson has some issues. His finances are in tatters, his great niece is hiding out, his health is not what it once was and now he has a determined Real Estate developer banging on his door. What's a bachelor farmer supposed to do? A dance as old as time its self. A comedy about hope, last stands, skunks and love among the chickens.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Pinawa Community Centre

7:30 pm



Tickets \$25

Available at Ingham Pharmacy, WRAC Office (Tuesday & Thursday mornings) or contact Jennifer 204 340 0889 / winnipegriverarts@gmail.com

WRAC Featured
Artist of the Month
Cliff Zarecki

For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features wood carver, Cliff Zarecki, who grew up in the Lee River area on his parents' homestead and went to school in Lac du Bonnet.



Before the cottagers got there, the Lee River was a much quieter wilderness. Spending time close to nature made Zarecki passionate about it. When he was younger, he did a lot of hunting, gathering, and fishing, but soon grew more interested in creating birds and animals through wood carving. He uses basswood, a local wood, but also works with harder-to-find woods such as walnut, butternut, and a southern USA swamp wood called Tupelo.

During a caribou hunting trip in Northern Manitoba, his friend, Ron Jackson, got him started. "Ron gave classes which I took for years and enjoyed. He also encouraged everyone to enter the Prairie Canada Carvers competition held every spring in Winnipeg," Zarecki said.

At these lessons, Zarecki met world class carvers. One of them, Larry Vanderhyde, agreed to mentor him. Later, he took courses from many elite carvers throughout Canada and the United States. For several years, he has instructed six young people in Lac du Bonnet. He tells them he won't charge for materials, but they must promise to enter the kids' competition at the Prairie Canada event. He said, "Several have won prizes. I sponsor the kids' section. They can win \$100 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third so I joke that I pay the kids to take my class."

As well as Prairie Canada, Zarecki has entered the Eastman Judged Art Exhibits and the Southwestern Florida Woodcarving competitions, which has more than 600 entries. In both Winnipeg and Florida, he has won "Best of Show" awards at novice, intermediate and advanced levels. Presently, he competes in the masters' group, and has won several "Best of Division" awards. But "Best of Show" in this category still eludes him.

Before retirement, he worked as an engineer. He got interested in art because he thinks it is so much harder to learn. Although he still enjoys wildlife photography, he finds he doesn't have enough time to get really good, so he focuses on his carving.

"Making high quality work requires hard work and patience, and it sometimes drives my spouse nuts when I spend too much time on a project. The problem is - I'm totally hooked! To be successful one needs to focus on minute details, right from the initial planning stage."



Throw on your pjs, grab your favourite cuddly stuffed animal and join us for an evening family storytime at the Library. We will read books, play games, have a snack and do a craft.

Thursday, November 15th

6:30 pm to 7:45 pm

FREE! All ages are welcome!

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library - 204-345-2653 - www.lacdubonnetlibrary.ca



9th Annual Crèche Display at Library Allard

The library would like to invite you to attend the 9th Annual Crèche Festival from Tuesday, November 27th, 2018 to Saturday, January 5th, 2019. Come by the library during regular business hours to see these beautiful creations. Les Amis de la Crèche offers tours of the Crèche display. Call Jen at 204-367-8443 to book yours.



ALLARD LIBRARY
Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library
Discover the Possibilities!



On the weekend of November 9 to 11, experienced and emerging writers from Manitoba, Ontario and Alberta gathered in Whiteshell Provincial Park at beautiful Falcon Trails Resort. These enthusiastic writers brought their writing and their ideas for a getaway weekend of instruction, motivation, and inspiration. Award-winning authors from eastern Manitoba, Lauren Carter and Donna Besel, led the sessions on creative writing and also invited participants to step out of their everyday lives to hone their unique writers' voices, inspired by the wild beauty of the surroundings.

Give a Child the Gift of Giving

Kids Snowflake Bazaar

November 30th & December 1st, 2018

At St. Georges Parish in St. Georges, MB
Friday 4:00 - 8:00 pm Saturday 10:00 - 1:00 pm

* For Children & Youth 14 years old and under

www.kidssnowflakebazaar.com

More information: [facebook.com/kidssnowflakebazaar](https://www.facebook.com/kidssnowflakebazaar)



HOLIDAY SPIRITS FUNDRAISING RAFFLE



\$5/ticket

Only 200 tickets.

Draw Date: Thursday, December 20, 2018

1st Prize: \$100 gift card for Liquor Mart

2nd Prize: \$50 gift card for Liquor Mart

3rd Prize: \$25 gift card for Liquor Mart

Tickets available at Ingham Pharmacy,
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and from WRAC Board members.

Support arts & culture in the Winnipeg River Region.