

WRAC NEWS

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- **TELL US ABOUT YOUR ARTS EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES.**
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NEWSLETTER

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WRAC OFFICE: Jennifer Hudson Stewart has set up office in Winnipeg River Community Futures building in Lac du Bonnet (between RBC and Sunova). She's there on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 – 12:00. **(See contact info to set up an appointment).** If you have business cards, brochures or samples of your art that you'd like to display, you can leave them there.

FINAL EMCA CONCERT
APRIL 24 – Suzie Vinnick
 8:00 P.M.
Pinawa Community Centre/ High School Gym

Do you live in Town of Lac du Bonnet or Victoria Beach? WRAC is looking for BOARD MEMBER from either community. Contact WRAC office .

ART EXHIBIT AT LIBRARY ALLARD: On March 20th, a large crowd gathered to enjoy a wine and cheese reception and view the collection of art created by Myrtle Lalor, a familiar name to long-time residents from Powerview-Pine Falls area. Her watercolour paintings depict the early days of pioneer life along the Winnipeg River. She was also a poet and musician, avid gardener, and founder of the first library in this region. The St. Georges Historical Society organized this exhibit and Bibliothèque Allard Library will display her paintings for the next few weeks. Many of the guests at the reception remembered the scenes captured in Lalor's art and shared their own memories of the early development of this community.



(above) Marcel Pitre listens to Kevin Lalor speak about Myrtle Lalor and her art/life in the area.



Watercolor Floral Painting Workshop: Allard Library is hosting a workshop with artist Nancy Lou Ateah on **Saturday April 18th, 2015 from 10:00am – 3:00pm.** Registration fee is \$80.00 includes supplies, or \$55.00 without supplies. A \$25.00 deposit is required upon registering. You will be given a supply list at that time if you wish to pick up your own things. There is a maximum of 10 participants for the workshop. Sign up early to avoid disappointment. Call 204-367-8443 for info.

Save the Date - April 23/15: Lac du Bonnet Library invites people to their third annual *Celebrating Stories* evening. It will feature two authors: Dana Wood with her book, *Mama, I'm Not Gone*, and local Lac du Bonnet resident, Michelle Grimmelt and her book *The Aura of the North*. Singer-songwriter Cohen Sieg will also entertain with his guitar. Watch for the posters and more info!

PINAWA ART GALLERY: Gallery hours are Thursday - Saturday from 11:00 - 3:00 PM. No admission charged and all items are for sale. The Gallery can process VISA or MasterCard charges for larger items. If you've never visited before, it is located in the Lewis Business Centre on Aberdeen Avenue.

VISUAL ARTISTS - PLEASE NOTE: For this year only, two important art organizations in Eastern Manitoba will join for an art extravaganza in Lac du Bonnet. The Eastman Judged Art Exhibition 2015 will be held in Lac du Bonnet in conjunction with the annual "Fire and Water" festival. Pinawa Art 211 members will also be in place with their annual show and sale to complement the Judged Art event. The concurrent events will be July 30 - Aug. 02. Pinawa Art 211 will not be part of the annual Pinawa birthday celebrations for 2015 because of this co-joined event in Lac du Bonnet but welcome guests to their other initiative, The Pinawa Art Gallery in the W. B. Lewis Centre, Aberdeen Avenue.

Check out WRAC website for info: newsletters, artists' profiles, by-laws, sponsors, links to great arts related sites! Thanks go out to Bill Campbell of Datahelps for looking after the website and updating regularly.

Calling all WRAC artists/members: Kkathryn Jones, Pinawa Bay potter and also a Winnipeg River Arts Council member, invites the talented artists in the area to participate in the Artisan Village held at her shop (**Cottage Country Co. & Painted Turtle Pottery**, 20 Hard Rock Road, near Lac du Bonnet). On Saturday the 16th of the May Long Weekend, from 10 am to 4 pm, a large tent will be set up where cottagers and locals can purchase items for sale and meet the artists first hand. This is the SECOND installment, last year was a success, so this year the goal is to be even bigger and get more artists and artisans showing and selling their work. Kathryn says, "I believe this would be a great kick off to the summer and a great opportunity to meet other members and network." If you are interested, and you are a WRAC member, please let her know as soon as possible. (work # 204-345-6120)

Powerview School Middle Years Drama presents "Rapunzel." Play dates are set for April 9th and 10th. Tickets are \$8.00 and are available at school office (204-367-2296). Get yours now – they sell out fast!



Photo from previous Eastman Judged Art Exhibition in Pinawa

Eastman Judged Art Exhibition: The existence of talent is certainly not absent from the Eastman region and an opportunity to showcase the eclectic work of its artists and artisans is coming up this summer at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre on the long weekend of July 31st to August 2nd. The event is the **Eastman Judged Art Exhibition**, co-sponsored by **Fire & Water Music and Arts Festival** and **Winnipeg River Arts Council**. All artists from the Eastman Region are invited to participate. Categories for entry are **painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, ceramics, sculpture, fibre arts, mixed media and digital art**. Three professional judges will be adjudicating the work and providing constructive feedback. Honorary awards will be also be generated for each category. **Entry information is available from Janice Charko at EJAE2015@outlook.com or Del Lion at dellioncraft118@gmail.com**

WRAC Featured Arts
Organization for MARCH 2015-
EDGEWATER RECREATION
COMMISSION



Lori Vialoux (left)
Edgewater
Recreation Director
and WRAC Board
member



For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council featured the Edgewater Recreation Commission, with its goal of providing quality recreation and opportunities that encourage and promote healthy living. Although it is located in Powerview-Pine Falls, it also serves people from adjoining regions: the Beaches, Great Falls, Stead, St. Georges, and other areas on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. In fact, forty to fifty per cent of participants in their programs come from outside the town. The recreation commission started out on July 30, 1981, as the Pine Falls Recreation Association. The present Recreation Director, Lori Vialoux, has worked for the commission since 2007. She lives in Traverse Bay, and her family ran the Birchwood Motor Hotel for twenty years, so she knows the people and the area well.

Edgewater joined WRAC because many of their programs include arts activities. They hold PHAT Camp for kids, with dance, theatre, and creative movement. At various times, they've offered guitar and fiddle lessons. In the Fall Fest, they hold photography and scarecrow decorating contests. In summer day camps, the kids make lots of art, mixed in with exercise and competitions.

Edgewater also offered a special program called "Creative Families," in partnership with Wings of Power. Every week, adults and kids of various ages got together to work on a specific art project. One week, they took water colour lessons from Victoria Beach artist, Nancy Lou Ateah. In other sessions, they created tie-dye tee-shirts, beaded necklaces, soap, and lamps.

Vialoux also helped organize the Beaches Drama Club. Actors of all ages would meet at the Victoria Beach Sports Club, start rehearsing in January, and put on productions in June. Vialoux says, "This group is still interested in performing, but we haven't got the energy to put on a show right now."

In 2014, Edgewater Recreation organized "Fall in Love with Art." For four weeks in the fall, students met in Powerview School art room, after regular classes ended, and worked with visual artist, Roberta Laliberte, creating mini-collages ("Junk Journaling") in old books. For another four weeks, they worked with Nancy Lou Ateah. For 2015 Winter Fest, Vialoux hired a professional snow sculptor to give lessons. He carved a giant snow horse for the festival and taught kids how to make snow sculptures.

In addition to arts, Edgewater coordinates and promotes local sports, recreation, and fitness programs. Examples of their unique programs include: dog obedience, Kids in the Kitchen, Earth Day activities, Growing Your Own Mushrooms, science camps.

They distribute a wide-ranging annual publication listing dozens of activities, events, and groups.

ART OF MANAGING YOUR CAREER COMING TO EASTMAN

ACI (Creative Manitoba) has asked Winnipeg River Arts Council to partner in offering portions of The Art of Managing Your Career course in the Winnipeg River region during the upcoming fall.

Several local artists have already expressed interest in taking this course but WRAC needs to guarantee 10 - 15 participants to make it worthwhile to run it in the area. The instructional units may be offered as a combination of learning and socializing, with a meet-and-greet at the end of the class, to give the artists in the region a chance to network and connect.

This is a course for self-employed artists, developed by artists and cultural workers. ACI has run The Art of Managing Your Career for four years now and over 200 Manitoban artists have graduated! The course costs \$200 for ACI members.

AMYC will help you to:

- Envision and develop a career strategy
- Create a business plan Market and promote your work
- Manage a project
- Manage your financial affairs
- Manage legal matters
- Communicate effectively
- Develop effective business skills

Who is the course designed for? The course is open to anyone with an existing arts practice including actors, craftspeople, dancers, filmmakers, musicians, new media content creators, visual artists and writers. If you are a self-employed artist, or looking to increase the portion of your employment derived from your art, then this course is for you.

Dates have not yet been finalized. You can contact **Jennifer Hudson Stewart** to let her know if you are interested. Email: info@winnipegriverarts.com Phone: (204) 340-0889

You can also check out the ACI website for more detailed information about The Art of Managing Your Career. Or, if you have any further questions about the course, please email **Alicia** at alicia@creativemanitoba.ca

FYI: Applications will require a completed form, resume, and an updated portfolio to showcase your work.