

WRAC Artist of the Month

Nicki Blatz

For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features visual artist Nicki Blatz. A long-time resident of the area, she has lived in Great Falls since she was eleven years old, over forty-five years ago.



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Recently retired, she made a New Year's resolution to paint, sketch or draw every day. She says, "Fortunately, that is one resolution I have been good at keeping."

When asked about her preferred medium, she says that she previously "dabbled with acrylics." But, since last October, she has been exploring the use of watercolour paints. Last fall, she created a small collection of greeting cards for the Great Falls Christmas craft sale. She says, "I liked the medium and was surprised by how well my work turned out."

When she was a kid, Blatz learned how to make art by sitting and drawing. She also remembers her grandfather giving advice about line placement and offering tips on how to create a more realistic picture. She says, "Those few hints made my pictures look so much better!"

In high school, she took art classes with Sister Pauline, a legendary art teacher who worked at Powerview School. For several decades, this talented and enthusiastic nun inspired hundreds of students (and adults) interested in all forms of art.

To further hone her skills, Blatz has participated in numerous workshops given by well-known Victoria Beach artist Nancy Lou Ateah. Blatz also takes the time to watch YouTube tutorials. Other than the printed greeting cards, she has not exhibited her work but feels encouraged by the response to her cards.

When asked what inspires her as an artist, she says, "I have always loved painting and drawing or art in general. I love observing Nature, light and shadow, water, flowers, birds, and outdoor scenes."

Do you know someone who should be the featured artist of the month? Let us know!

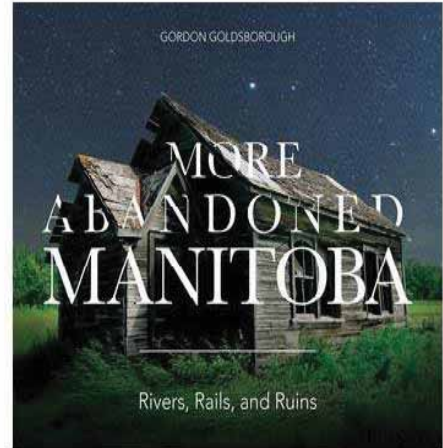
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7th Annual

Celebrating

STORIES with Gordon Goldsborough

An evening of storytelling based on his book "Abandoned Manitoba: From Residential Schools to Bank Vaults to Grain Elevators" a runaway success in 2016. Gordon returns with more compelling abandoned sites across Manitoba in his new book "More Abandoned Manitoba: River, Rails and Ruins". Join Gordon as he discusses his adventures across our province.



MUSIC with Paul McIntosh

A singer-songwriter with deep roots in Lac du Bonnet, Paul's music reflects his varied passions. From agriculture to politics; his stories bring to life the beauty romance and tribulations of life on the family farm. With his eye to the personal and the "heart" of a story, his music will draw you in and make you part of his world.

Join us for an evening of stories and music!

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

Thursday, April 4, 2019 7 – 9pm

Refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to everyone.



Don't miss your chance to see these outstanding artists this Friday, April 5 at 7:30 pm in Pinawa.

Nine men who can sing acapella – what more can you ask for?! Those Guys, from a cross-section of the Winnipeg music and theatre community, have built a reputation for dynamic, feel good performances. Their repertoire, ranging from The Nylons to Justin Timberlake (and everything in between) features complex, often original, musical arrangements sung without a single backing instrument. You'll love it all!

EMCA: Great talent, modest prices
 Tickets available at Ingham Pharmacy, Pinawa Solo Market, Beausejour Music, or Mary-Anne (204-782-3958), or at the door, subject to availability.
www.emcaconcerts.com

THOSE GUYS



One day watercolour workshop

***Come and paint
 "Flowers beyond borders"
 painting with
 Nancy Lou Ateah.***

Saturday, March 23

11am – 4pm

\$50

***Victoria Beach. Venue TBA
 nancylouateah@gmail.com***

SPRING INTO THE LIBRARY



Tuesday, March 26 - 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
 Wednesday, March 27- 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm
 Thursday, March 28 - 10:30 am to 12:00 pm



Spring crafts,
snacks, stories
& more!

To register: (204) 345-2653
 or visit the Library.
 Registration is encouraged
 (Ages 5 to 12)



Spring break art day! 10:00 to 3:00
Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Cost is \$25 for the day or \$15 for a half day.

bring own lunch (no nuts please)
 At Joyezart therapy studio, 708 Park Ave
 Beausejour, lower level.
 Program provided by Joye Platford, Art
 Therapist

To register call or text 204-459-0355
 Open to grades 2-6



In the morning we will have
 a 'hoot' and create some
 owl inspired art

In the afternoon we will
 have some fun and create
 board games



ALLARD LIBRARY
 Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library
Discover the Possibilities!

Have you heard of the game FORTNITE? People all over the world are playing this game on a regular basis. We are putting their Fortnite skills to the test!

In March, the library will have a game called "Guess the Fortnite Dance?" set up for our younger patrons. Simply pick up a form at the circulation desk, guess the name of the Fortnite dance by looking at the silhouettes and hand it in! If you have them all correct, you'll get a prize from the treasure chest. Our older patrons will receive a free movie rental for playing if their answers are correct! Good luck!





NEW Artists in the Schools Program

A key initiative under Manitoba Arts Council's (MAC) 2017-2022 strategic plan, Designed to Thrive, is the review of its programs. The intent is to streamline the granting process, preparing for a more efficient and effective online application system.

MAC has reorganized its granting programs under 6 streams: Create, Share, Learn, Support, Indigenous 360, and Recognize. Within these streams are a total of 15 programs. All former program budgets were amalgamated, and new standardized guidelines and forms were created.

In December 2019, MAC launched its new arts-in-education program, Artists in Schools.

What has changed:

Our previous Arts & Learning programs, ArtsSmarts and Artists in the Schools, have now become one program: Artists in Schools. This program has three grant types available: Workshops, Short-term projects and Three-year projects.

Applications will no longer be submitted by the school. The professional artists, arts/cultural professionals, Indigenous Knowledge Keepers, professional arts groups or organizations participating in the project will submit the application through MAC's Online Application System.

Eligible applicants can apply to work with any school listed in either the First Nations Operated School Directory or the Manitoba Education and Training Schools in Manitoba Directory. MAC will no longer publish a directory of artists who can work in schools.

[Learn more about the Artists in the Schools program](https://artscouncil.mb.ca/grants/artists-in-schools/) <https://artscouncil.mb.ca/grants/artists-in-schools/>

CNAL's Canada's Map of Arts and Learning

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We encourage you to create a profile on the Canada's Map of Arts and Learning on the Canadian Network for Arts and Learning website. This is an online interactive map that schools will be encouraged to use when searching for an artist to work with their students. You can also send schools to your profile on the map to learn more about your work.

MAC will be announcing the new program to schools in the coming weeks.

Go to Canada's Map of Arts and Learning <https://www.eduarts.ca/canadas-map>



The Manitoba Society of Artists is pleased to sponsor the 87th Manitoba open Juried competition and exhibition.

This year's OJCE will be held June 27 - September 14 in Winnipeg at the Mennonite Centre Heritage Gallery on Shaftsbury Avenue. Janice Mason Steeves and Melanie Rocan are this year's jurors.

Note that all works submitted must be for sale, with artists receiving 60% of any sale. The maximum width of art is 54".

Deadline is June 17th. You can find all the information on OJCE 2019 on our website: <https://www.manitobaartists.com/ojce-2019/>



Winnipeg River Arts Council AGM

Monday, June 10, 2019 5:30pm

Community Futures Winnipeg River – 4 Park Ave, Lac du Bonnet

All Members Welcome!!