



The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library hosted the 3rd Annual Celebrating Stories on Thursday, April 23. Pictured above Michelle Grimmelt, author of *The Aura of the North*, musician Cohen Seig, and Dana L. Wood, author of *Mama, I Am Not Gone*. Thank you to the Lac du Bonnet Library for planning this event.



Waiting a full year to see some of Manitoba's best in independent music is just too long. The organizers of the Fire & Water Music Festival couldn't shake that festival feeling and have put together a night of talent that is sure to blow your mind and have you jumping, jiving, swaying, and swinging right out of your chairs.

Come see The Mariachi Ghost, Sweet Alibi and The Psychics perform live in Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba on May 24th, 2015. Doors open at 5:30, show starts at 6:00 at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre.

As always, this is a family friendly event, and kids under 12 get in free. Ticket are \$20.00 each and are available to purchase online or from one of our local ticket vendors.

Blaine's Books, Movies, Music (1795 Henderson Hwy in McIvor Mall, Winnipeg, MB)

What's On Second? (2nd Street – Lac du Bonnet)

Ingham Pharmacy (29 Park Ave – Lac du Bonnet)

Through the Arbour (18B Pine Street – Pine Falls)

Jacobs Trading Rock and Crystal Shop (630 Park Ave – Beausejour)

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The birds are chirping and so are we..... by Erika Uustalu-Nicholson

Over the years, the Eastman Judged Art Exhibition has featured a bird logo to highlight the event. This year the little chickadee has morphed into a stylistic design incorporating the elements of fire and water to identify the exhibitions alignment with the Fire and Water Music and Arts Festival which will take place July 31st to August 2nd at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre.

Posters have begun to be distributed throughout the Eastman region calling all artists to participate in this exciting event. There are eleven categories for entries which will be judged by three professional judges in the art field. The regular deadline for entries is July 17th but entries that are received by July 1st will be entered into an Early Bird Draw. The prize includes a night at the Inn at the Forks and two day passes for the Canadian Museum of Human Rights in Winnipeg.

Information and entry details are available at EJAE2015@outlook.com or dellioncraft118@gmail.com or 204-345-8483



EJAE 2015

July 31 – August 2

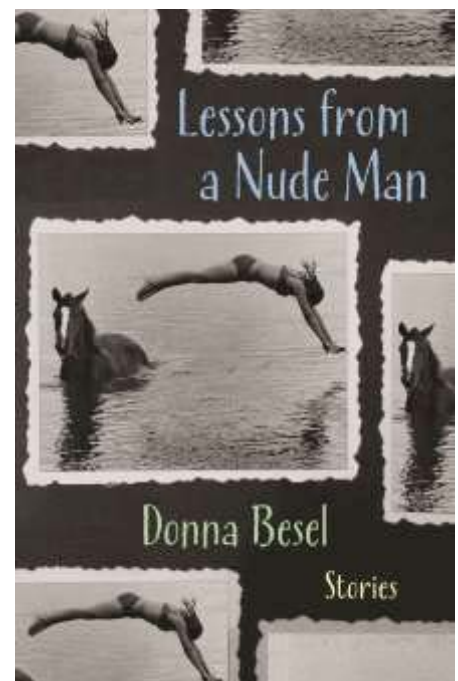
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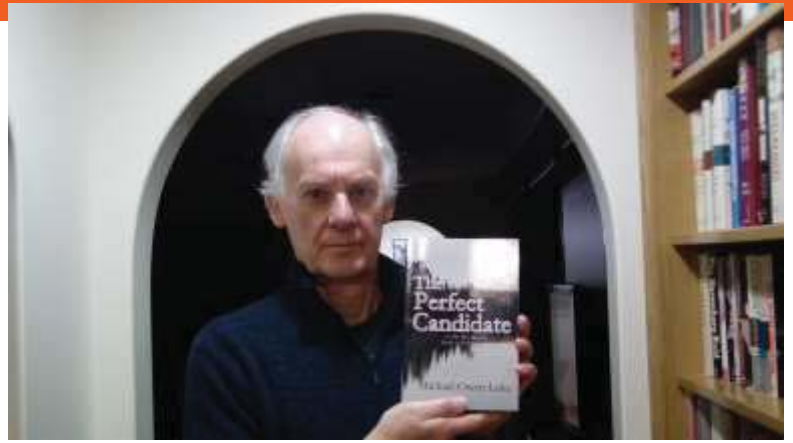
On April 9 and 10, Powerview Middle Years Drama Club presented the comedy "Rapunzel" for family and friends. Drama teacher Tanya Magnan said, "This group has worked really hard to get to this level of confidence and I am so happy for them." Several students really stepped up their acting chops to deliver very funny performances. Sets and costumes also added to the magic.

Launch of Lessons from a Nude Man - June 05/2015 at 7:00 pm McNally Robinson Booksellers, Grant Park Store in the Atrium, Winnipeg

Boreal author Donna Besel announces the arrival of her long-awaited book; *Lessons from a Nude Man*. Regina's Hagios Press published this collection of short stories through their critically acclaimed "Strike Fire - New Author Series." Six stories have appeared in *Prairie Fire* and other publications. CBC Literary Awards shortlisted the title story, "Lessons from a Nude Man." Another story, "Dead Skunk," won second place in *Prairie Fire's* annual writing contest. A third story, "Fare Well," won first place in *This Magazine's* "Great Canadian Literary Hunt." Three new pieces also appear. Now all of these great stories can be read and enjoyed in one place. In the last week of April, Besel presented on a writing panel at the Creative Nonfiction Collective Conference in Victoria, BC, and did readings at Port Alberni, Courtney, and Campbell River on Vancouver Island. In May, she will be doing several readings throughout Saskatchewan.



For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features Pinawa writer Michael Luke. Born in England, he came to Canada at age ten and grew up in the Montreal area, on the banks of the beautiful Richelieu River. After graduating with a B.Sc. he did research at a major pharmaceutical company in Montreal for several years before moving with his wife, Anna, and newborn son to Pinawa to take up a job with AECL. Apart from two years in Victoria and two years in Deep River, Ontario, Luke has lived in Pinawa ever since.



WRAC's Featured Artist for this month is writer Michael Luke.

He says, "Writing for me has been an ever-present hobby, something I've enjoyed for as long as I can remember. I can recall as a teenager buying thirty-five cent paperbacks and thinking to myself that one day I'd like to see my name on a book."

It took over fifty years, and retirement, but Luke finally made it with his first novel, *The Perfect Candidate*, a self-published murder mystery set in and around the Whiteshell area. The most gratifying aspect of getting into print has been the reaction of local readers who have told Luke how much they enjoyed his novel.

The Perfect Candidate is the first book of a trilogy. Book 2, *The Morning Light Conspiracy*, will be available in June. For both books, the many moods of the Winnipeg River, at times scintillating and joyful, at others dark and moody, have been both an inspiration and an effective backdrop. Luke is keen to encourage others with a story to tell or a history to recount to get into print or to go the eBook route. These days, for anyone interested, a range of helpful tools can assist in producing this kind of self-expression.

Luke also serves as chair of Pinawa Library Board and would like to see rural libraries take a bigger role in facilitating authorship.

Magazines to Masterpiece with Roberta!

On Saturday May 23rd from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Library Allard will be hosting a "Magazines to Masterpiece" Mixed Media Art class with instructor Roberta Laliberté! Cost - \$53 per person (all supplies are included in the cost) ALL CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO EDGEWATER RECREATION COMMISSION OR ERCI.

Spend the day cutting up magazine pages, reorganize and paint them into pretty little art pieces. No drawing skill required, almost as easy as paint by number! Great for beginners! It's almost like being back in grade school!

To sign up for this unique event you can register at Library Allard or Edgewater Rec office. Check out the library's Facebook page for more details about this event and other events the library is having in the future!

Winnipeg River Artist's Festival

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

at Cottage Country Co. & Painted Turtle Pottery

20 HARD ROCK ROAD

Lac du Bonnet

Hwy 11 & 313 intersection

10 am

to

4 pm

Featuring local artisans

Authors, wool felting, turned bowls, birch painter, photographer, handmade knives, painter, potter, and chainsaw carver



Supported event

LAC DU BONNET SENIOR SCHOOL'S
SPRING BAND CONCERT
 AND COFFEE HOUSE FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY, JUNE 2nd
7:00pm
 LDB Senior School Gym



Come and enjoy some great music performed by our hardworking students and learn all about what the Band Program has to offer.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Looking for a place to showcase your talent at the beach?

Introducing

The Beach Exchange

This is a call to artists who would love to show their art in the heart of cottage country! The Beach Exchange is a unique 200 square foot venue which can be rented by the day or week for artists to display their art. Artists are welcome to also do demonstrations, workshops or classes. The Beach Exchange is located in Albert Beach, Mb (20 minutes north of Grand Beach, off of Hwy 59), across from Saffies General Store and next to Le Gouter Crepiere.

For more information or to reserve a day call: Lise Bourassa at 204 756 3846 or email staff@saffies.ca

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



Canada 150: Join the Celebration!

Whether you're part of an organization, a community, or a business, or are an individual, there are countless ways to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017.

The Canada 150 Fund will support local and national activities that bring Canadians together, honour the exceptional and give back to Canada by leaving lasting legacies. We're now accepting funding proposals for Canada 150 projects.

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, February 17, 2016



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Hound of the Baskervilles

Lac du Bonnet Community Centre

An ancient family curse, a desolate moor, a spectral hound and a deranged killer on the loose.

"Hysterical, my dear Watson!"