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Issue 1

WRAC Featured Arts Organization

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society. In 1988, seven individuals from the Lac du Bonnet area, Gordon Emberley, Helen Stine, Joan Lesko, Louis Bruneau, Stella Hammerstedt, Adele Bycyek, and Lorraine Carlson got together and formed this organization.

Their main objective: preserve Lac du Bonnet's vibrant history. To achieve this goal, they focused on assembling local artifacts and historical material, providing an environment where participants work together to promote understanding of local history, and figuring out how to relay this information to future generations.

The Society thrives and continues to grow thanks to the many volunteers and partners who passionately provide skills, knowledge, and time to preserve and promote local history. And the volunteer board strives to provide clear, active and strong leadership, in order to carry out their mandate.



One of their major projects is the Lac du Bonnet and District Museum, housed in the relocated and renovated Hans Erickson Cabin, a short distance off Highway 502, close to the Winnipeg River. This parcel of land,

previously known as Halliday Park, is a designated Municipal Heritage Site and the grounds were the first registered homestead on Treaty 1 Territory. A unique and attractive site, the museum and its surrounding property contain exhibits and artifacts viewed by residents, and visitors from around the world.

Another major project involved the Society taking over the former St. John's Anglican Church in Town of Lac du Bonnet. This building is also a designated Municipal Heritage Site, and is now known as St. John's Heritage Church and Arts Centre. It operates as an artist's hub and local gathering place, aimed at bringing people together to celebrate arts and culture.



To celebrate local history and culture, a wide variety of programs, workshops, and special activities are held throughout the year. Annual events include "Listening Room" performing arts activities, Winnipeg River Rendezvous, and Community Tipi Raising.

The Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society is a nonprofit registered charity, and their operations are funded by volunteer services, government grants, fundraising activities, and donations. Visit their website at ldbhistorical.ca



Volunteers provide the driving force for the Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society.

Memberships are encouraged - \$20.00 single and \$35.00 family - however all events are open to the public. The Society meets on the second Monday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Heritage Church and Arts Centre.

The Society strongly believes "Lac du Bonnet comes to life through history, culture, and art. And these valued community components are both seen and sensed as visitors and residents tour the area."



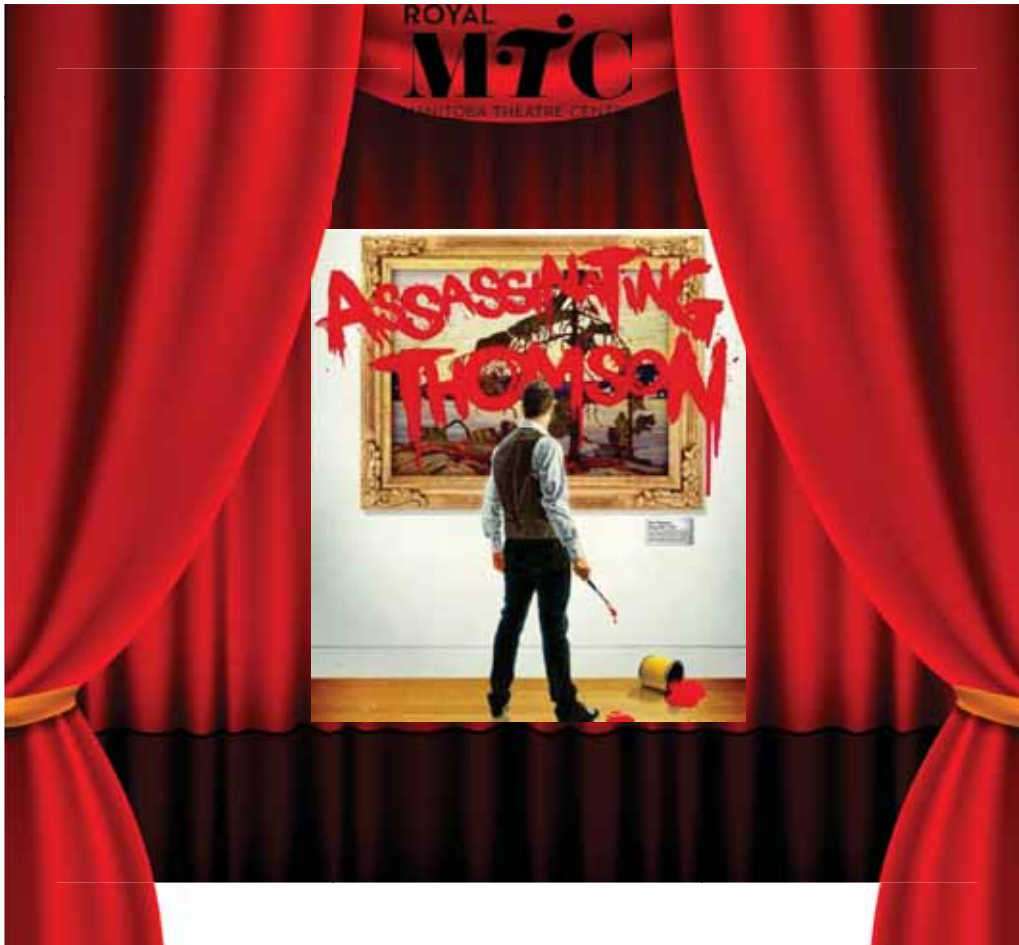
"CALLING
ALL
ARTISTS"



Would you like to be part of a fundraiser to support Winnipeg River Arts Council and have the opportunity to **showcase your art piece** on one of the eight two-inch slabs approximately ten inches in diameter?

For more information email Deb at winnipegriverarts@gmail.com
or call at 204-340-0889.

Assassinating Thomson
Sunday, February 26, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.
\$25.00 - ticket / \$20.00 - ticket for members
Great Falls Community Centre



Assassinating Thomson is a one man play written and performed by Bruce Horak, a well-established theatre and visual artist who lost 90% of his vision after a childhood battle with cancer. In 2011 he wrote and began touring the show. The play is named for an unsolved mystery in Canadian art history - the mysterious drowning in 1917 of Group of Seven precursor and iconic painter Tom Thomson in an Ontario Lake. The mystery takes you from the tiny community of Canoe Lake to our nation's capital, and eventually to the world stage. Art, politics, greed, ambition, love and murder are intertwined. Tom Thomson's story is a tangled one, but we're in the hands of a brilliant storyteller. Bruce captures the mystery in a stunning monologue about Canadian art and artists, and during the performance he also paints a group portrait of the audience before him.

Email Deb at winnipegriverarts@gmail.com or call 204-340-0889 for tickets.

7-9pm

PINAWA ART GALLERY
presents...

CLAY CLASS: Basics & Beyond

INSTRUCTORS: Metro Dmytriw & Kelly Klick

LOCATION: Pinawa Art Gallery
24 Aberdeen Ave
Room S 20

\$10 adult \$5 youth per class
clay and firing extra

Come join us for hand building and sculpture techniques!

Register: email
pag211inpinawa@gmail.com

Mondays and Thursdays
Jan 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30





Pinawa Art Gallery

We are located at 24 Aberdeen Ave in the WB Lewis Business Centre in Pinawa, MB.

When heading east on Hwy 211, turn right at the big ART GALLERY sign at the first entrance to the town.

Continue down Aberdeen until you arrive at the Business Centre.

The gallery is at the south end of the building, second entrance to the building off the road.

EMAIL:

pag211inpinawa@gmail.com

PHONE: (204) 340-3404

MAILING ADDRESS:

PO Box 456, Pinawa, MB,
R0E 1L0



Painting

Classes

Acrylics for beginners

6 Saturdays beginning Jan 14
10am-noon

Must pre-register, classes are limited.

6 weeks-\$60.00 - art supplies not included

Register in the Pinawa Art Gallery

pag211inpinawa@gmail.com

Arlene @ arlenebohn1@hotmail.com

Web: pinawaartgallery.com





"Artist Corner" . . .

WRAC would like to also hear from local artists for this new section in our newsletter - *the Artist Corner* - beginning in 2023. We would like to highlight of a special project you are involved that you would like to share with others; two to three lines to arise community interest. Give us a quick email to express your interest.

WRAC's Special Visits During December:



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ALLARD REGIONAL LIBRARY**

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library



At The Winnipeg River Arts Council Office:

- We have a couple of vacant spots on our Board; if being on the Winnipeg River Arts Council Board interests you please give us a call or email us to let us know your interest.
- The Winnipeg River Arts Council would like to hear your story! Deborah, the office administrator is phoning the members to have a one-on-one conversation. We hope to talk to you soon.

Email us at winnipegriverarts@gmail.com

Call WRAC at 204-340-0889 for more information. We look forward to hearing from you.



"Artist Corner" . . .



Fontine, Kris Ulrich, Slow Leaves, Matt Zimmerman

A songwriters workshop-style showcase featuring Fontine, Slow Leaves, Matt Zimmerman and Kris Ulrich. By Times Change(d) High & Lonesome Club

Thu, 2 February 2023, 8:00 PM CST, Doors at 7:00 PM

Times Change(d) High & Lonesome Club 234 Main St. Winnipeg, MB R3C1

UNDER 18 WITH PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN



The Circle of Stories - the ancient medium of storytelling is even more relevant today. No special equipment is needed: only your voice. Learn how to tap into this accessible form of communication by choosing a folktale and participating in a series of fun activities designed to help you prepare your story for telling. Learn how to give and receive feedback. All materials, including folktales are supplied by the instructor.

Monday evenings, 6-9 pm January 16-February 13.

Suggested fee \$100. Register at mlchown@shaw.ca



Artists (left to right) Frances Cooper, Kristy Janvier, Lita Fontaine and Annie Courchene at the opening of their exhibition at the AGSM in Brandon, September 2022 - Maada'ookii/To Share by the MĪcĕt Tipiskāwi-pĭsimak (Many Moons) Collective
Exhibit Opening THIS Friday (January 6), 5-7:30 pm at MAWA

One of the values within Indigenous ways of knowing is sharing and reciprocity, which resulted in the name for this exhibition. These recent artworks by Kristy Janvier, Annie Courchene, Frances Cooper and Tess Houston are the result of the ongoing relationships and dialogue built through the Indigenous Rural Arts Mentorship Program 2021/22 led by mentor Lita Fontaine, whose work is also featured. Maada'ookii: an oral tradition that in the past and in the present creates a sense of belonging and relationship to one another. Presented in partnership with MAWA and the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba

Hours: Friday, January 6–Friday, January 27, 2023 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
MAWA, 611 Main St, Winnipeg, MB

Online Exhibit Launch of 2023 Touring Artists

From January through to April check out the current 2023 Visual Art Touring Exhibitions! - View Manitoba Arts Network's Online Gallery

<https://artgallery.manitobaartsnetwork.ca/>

Featuring artists Pepe Hildago, Alison Davis, Karen Schulz, Brian Longfield, and Victoria Prince from the 2023 Touring Exhibition program.

These exhibits are currently touring rural Manitoba. To book an exhibition or purchase art from the site please connect with Nicole at visualarts@mbartsnet.ca.

URBAN SHAMAN



Wednesday, January 25/23
12pm – 1pm CST

The workshop - Free.
www.urbanshaman.org

How do you know if the story
you want to tell should be
illustrated as a graphic
novel, a comic, or a picture
book?

Da 4 Seasons

Artist(s): Brennan McKay

Start: January 13, 2023 5:00 pm

End: February 25, 2023 5:00 pm

Opening reception:

Friday, January 13 from 5 to 10pm

Galleries: Main - Urban Shaman

290 McDermot Ave. Winnipeg, MB

204-942-2674



Biography -

Brennan McKay is a 2-spirit individual from the Minegoziibi Nation of Manitoba. He is a self-taught photographer and has been a Jigger and Square dancer from the age of 13 years. He has performed with multiple groups over the years.

Brennan received his first digital camera at the age of 10 but it wasn't until 2019, after graduating from CDI College's Social Media Marketing that his interest in photography was reborn. Brennan loves traveling and capturing the landscape views of Turtle Island throughout the 4 seasons.



emcaconcerts.com/tickets-2

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20,
2023 AT 7:30 PM
EMCA presents
Sultans of String:
Folk/ Jazz/ World
Pinawa Community
Centre



Pinawa Public Library Hours

Monday 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday Closed

Sunday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Lac du Bonnet

REGIONAL LIBRARY

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

Email Us: mldb@mymts.net

Phone (204) 345-2653 / Fax (204) 345-6827

84 - 3rd Street / Box 216 / Lac du Bonnet MB ROE 1A0

LEGO Club
February 8 -
March 22
3:45 pm - 4:45pm
Ages 6-9
Space is limited,
registration is
required.



BIBLIOTHÈQUE ALLARD REGIONAL LIBRARY

Discover the Possibilities!

DROP IN AT LIBRARY ALLARD

THE 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH FROM 12-2PM

USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LIBRARY AND GET INFORMED ON THE SERVICES WE HAVE TO OFFER! COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

“ HAPPINESS IS A CUP OF COFFEE AND
A GOOD BOOK ”





245 McDermot Ave #300, Winnipeg, MB
Phone: (204) 927-2787
www.creativemanitoba.ca

Writing about your work is part of your job as an artist, and grant writing in particular can open up transformative support for your practice. How you present your work to a selection committee is key to whether you receive funding or not. Join in to learn how to put your best foot forward and increase your chances of receiving a grant to support making your work!

**This is a two-part workshop series.



Artist Boot Camp: Grant Writing with Sarah Crawley

Jan 18, 7-9pm | Online | Free

**Group Mentorship Program:
Filmmaking With Your Smartphone
Wednesdays – February 22 - April 26**

Filmmaking With Your Smartphone is FREE & OPEN to ages 16-19, and runs in partnership with Winnipeg Film Group!

Led by fabulous lead mentor and film professional Ben Williams, this in-person program will inspire and activate young aspiring artists, creative types, and storytellers. Filmmaking



With Your Smartphone will provide guidance and valuable information from an array of working professionals in Manitoba's film community.

Each week the students will join with Ben and a professional involved in a different aspect of the filmmaking process. Topics will range from: Independent filmmaking; How to get into Manitoba's film industry; Creating, producing, distributing a film and various aesthetic & technical skills! We will also conduct an independent study lab where each filmmaker makes their own movie on their smartphone and has the opportunity to screen their film at a final presentation!

According to "National Today" January 31, 2023 is Inspire Your Heart with Art Day

Inspire Your Heart with Art Day is celebrated annually on January 31. Art can touch our souls and make a lasting impact. Whether it's a piece of music or a painting, it can broaden our horizons and inspire us in many ways.

History of "**Inspire Your Heart with Art Day**". It was undoubtedly a creative and artistic person who created this day that shines a spotlight on the importance and power of art. We often don't realize the impact art can have on our hearts. It can inspire, motivate, guide, and touch us in more ways than we can imagine.

Art has been around for a very long time. Several archaeologists found the first artifacts of human art, which date back to the Stone Age. Since then, art has developed over the years and is appreciated for a variety of reasons. Inspire Your Heart with Art Day is celebrated by various art organizations and strives towards appreciating all forms of art.

Many associate art with paintings only but it comes in many forms and it almost always inspires or touches your heart. Inspire Your Heart with Art Day is the perfect day to take a closer look at a piece of art to understand what the artist is trying to communicate. With an open mind, you can allow it to inspire you and change your perspective on many things. Art satisfies our basic need for harmony and balance, and it brings people together. Art also acts as an important form of communication that bridges the language barrier. Art can really go a long way in making a social impact on our lives.

On this day, it is a nudge to let your heart be inspired by paintings, books, music, movies, drama, e.t.c., whichever form of art draws your interest.

5 FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT ART

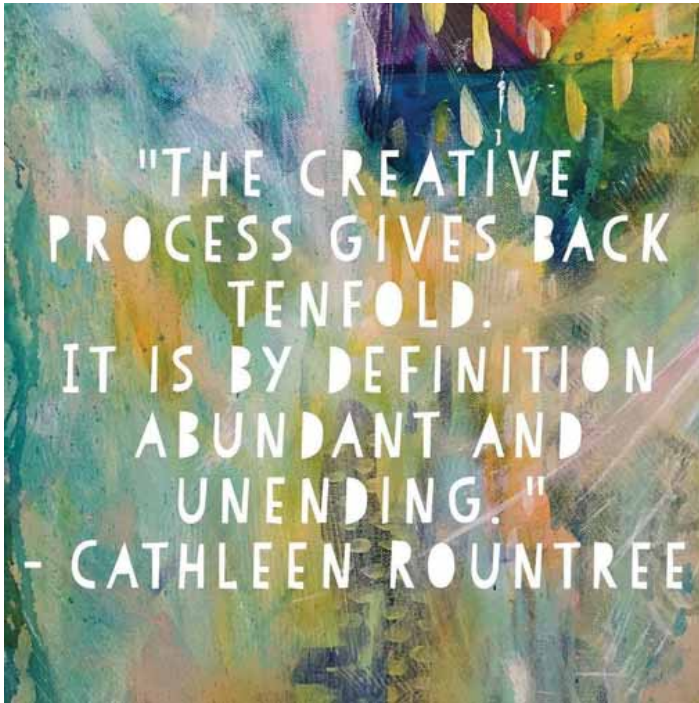
The **Mona Lisa** painting became immensely popular only after it was stolen.

A **museum for spoons** - Lambert Castle in New Jersey is home to a massive collection of spoons.

The **tallest statue** in the world, the Statue of Unity in India, measures 597 feet in length.

The **Oxford dictionary** has 12 definitions of the word art.

Leonardo Da Vinci was ambidextrous. Da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other.



Ready for something new this year? A great opportunity for those pursuing a career in the Arts, Event Organization, or Non-Profits is open. WE ARE POSTING FOR A PAID POSITION AS EVENT COORDINATOR! This could be a fantastic fit for anyone looking to work remotely. Details of the position and application information can be found on Boreal Shores December Newsletter online: <https://borealshoresarttour.ca/2022/12/>



Boreal Shores Art Tour

Cache ment area map and application form online.
Deadline to submit application is January 31, 2023!
borealshoresarttour.ca

