



# Newsletter 2023 Issue 5



For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features Nancy Arnold, a professional photographer. Her business, known as "Kiex Fotography," focuses on creative commercial/content photography, and the unique connections of people through family photos, portraits, and wedding pictures.

Arnold also works as a graphic designer, for print and website, and creates whimsical images, specializing in stationery for events, and branding for businesses. In addition, she has set up a mental health initiative on her website and Instagram. For this project, she designed a line of shirts (with lots more items coming) created from her own personal experiences.

"I hope it will help others to become vulnerable with their journeys and know they are never alone."

## WRAC FEATURED ARTIST

Nancy Arnold  
-professional  
photographer





Although she lives in Winnipeg, she spends summer months working in Lac Du Bonnet, Pinawa, and surrounding region.

“My dad built our cabin in 1976, so I’ve lived my whole life exploring and enjoying the area. I prefer to work at the cottage and I’m grateful my career allows me to do so. I love doing lake weddings!”

When she attended The School of Art at the University of Manitoba, she majored in graphic design. Although she graduated with an Honours Degree and has participated in internships, she also believes creative talent and passion come from natural instinct.

“I find inspiration in the everyday, and I’ve learned to observe the world around me and see its beauty. I come from a family of artists, and this has definitely shaped my way of thinking as a creative.”

Camera clubs in Manitoba and a Winnipeg photo school have invited her to discuss her composite photography work. And, on her online platforms, she has spoken about her arts practice and her mental health initiative.

Arnold believes it's important for artists to express their vulnerability and show their imagination to the world. Her photos have been featured in wedding magazines, and placed in international photo competitions. When her father, Hans Arnold, published his award-winning book, "Up North," she loved working on its design and learning about the production process.

She has already set aside weekends and weekdays in the summer and fall for photography sessions, to service the area, for couples, friends, and portrait photography. If they don't know any special spots, she'll take them to magical places, where they can create light-hearted family memories.

"I'm available throughout the whole year, and happy to travel to locations you love. My schedule is available on my photography website."

Her encouraging words: "Create! Create! Create! Everyone has a unique imagination. And everyone will come up with something different, which makes for community over competition. We all have the ability to create authentic art."

[.www.kiexfoto.com](http://www.kiexfoto.com)

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**ALLARD LIBRARY**

Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library

*Discover the Possibilities!*



## **WALK/RUN FOR LITERACY OUTDOOR SCAVENGER HUNT**

Library Allard is asking families in the community to participate in an Outdoor Scavenger Hunt. The goal... to promote literacy and fitness within our community and have tons of fun while doing so!

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 27th 10:00am - 12:00pm

**HOW IT WORKS:** Registration is \$25.00 per family. The fee is the same whether you have 3 people in your family or 6.

There will be 6 stations throughout the community of St. Georges. Your job is to find all 6! At each station, there will be a clue to find the next station as well as a something fun for the kids.

This fundraiser can involve the entire family of all ages. Strollers and wagons are welcome. We will have a few prizes set up at the library. Each family will get ONE ballot to put in one of the prizes. Prize winners will be drawn once all families have completed the course and return to the library. Drinks will be available when you complete the course.

For those interested in participating and those who wish to support this effort please go to [www.allardlibrary.com](http://www.allardlibrary.com) for details and to register. If you need additional information contact Jen at 204-367-8443.

This is a great opportunity to get your families, grandparents, cousins, & friends out of the house for exercise and a great cause



LAC DU BONNET REGIONAL LIBRARY

SPRING TEA  
THURSDAY, MAY 25TH  
1-3PM

Lac du Bonnet  
REGIONAL LIBRARY

Service  
Canada

at the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

May 4 & 18  
June 1, 15, & 29  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
Closed for lunch 12-1pm

Please enter through side rear door prior 10:30am

Don't forget to submit your artwork  
to the Manitoba Rural & Northern  
Juried Art Show  
- only one week left!

MAN's 2022 MRNJAS 3rd Place  
Winner was "Old Minnie"  
by Gloria Baxter

Submit your artwork here:  
<http://ow.ly/Au1E50O9xnM>

An oil painting of a rusted tractor in a rural landscape. The tractor is in the foreground, partially obscured by tall grass. In the background, there are rolling hills, a river, and a person standing near the water. The overall tone is somewhat somber due to the rust and muted colors.

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