



WRAC FEATURED ARTIST

JEN ARNOLD



For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features artist Jen Arnold. She creates miniature replicas of people's most sentimental places, and gets commissions to construct tiny copies of first homes, local shops, heritage buildings, barns, grandparents' homes, famous movie houses, and other structures.

Arnold fabricates these pieces, which can be held in the palm of the hand, from recycled cardboard. She designs and cuts the cardboard to make the appropriate shapes and, from start to finish, the process can take fifteen to seventy-five hours (or more), depending on details and size. Like her father and her sister, previously featured WRAC artists, she is from Winnipeg but calls the Lac Du Bonnet area her second home. Her parents built their cottage in 1976 and she's been enjoying it ever since.



Arnold has always been intrigued by architecture. As a child, she'd look through her dad's architect books and magazines, fascinated with the variety of styles and angles. As an adult, her love for the tiny colourful and glittery Christmas dwellings ("putz houses") began, and she knew immediately they'd be easy to create.

She said, "My first project was building the three homes that my mom lived in, and I displayed them on a Christmas wreath. After posting this creation to social media, my passion grew. What encourages me to keep going is the love of the art form. And my 2-year wait list."

In her day job, Arnold is employed as a social worker in community mental health, and she appreciates having an outlet for her own self-care. Working on the miniatures inspires her and she loves finding out what her next project will be. She has several upcoming projects, and some are still secret. As mentioned, she has a wait list for her pieces, so she stopped taking requests. But they keep coming.

Arnold hasn't done any instructing, but she's had numerous teachers message her to ask if they could share her work and if she could teach this art to their students. Also, she has no formal training in creating miniatures; it seems she has an innate talent for this intricate work. She said, "When people ask what scale I use for the miniatures, I giggle. Honestly, I don't have one. It just comes naturally and just works out!"

She has been featured in the Winnipeg Free Press, and interviewed on 680 CJOB, Global News in the morning, CBC Radio morning show, and Canstar community newspaper.





Her encouraging words: “We all have a passion, and I have found mine. To create sentimental miniatures that make people smile, and sometimes even tear up. To have a handheld memory in the palm of one's hand inspires me. To recreate a home that has since been torn down inspires me.”





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ROYAL MTC PRODUCTION

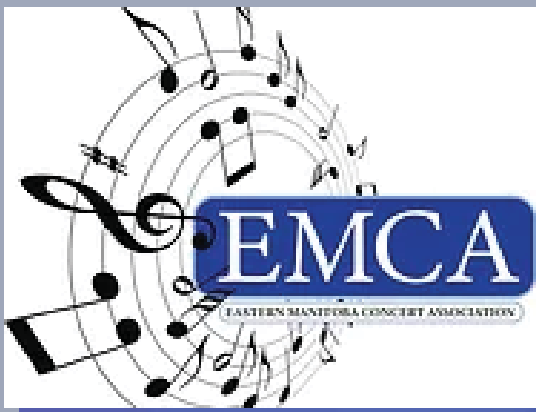
OF:

MY MOTHER'S MIXED TAPE

Pinawa Community Centre
Stay tuned for more details



WRAC is searching for a new Board President. If you are a member and would like more information about a board position, please inquire at winnipegriverarts@gmail.com



Upcoming Performances



Individual Tickets go on sale September 15th @ 10 am

Epic Elton, September 22 @ 7:30

Jake Vaadeland, October 20 @ 7:30

Janelle Nadeau, November 24 @ 7:30

Notas de 4 - January 26 @ 7:30

Gordie MacKeeman, February 23 @ 7:30

Chase Padgett, March 15 @ 7:30

Buzz Brass, April 19 @ 7:30

Leaf Rapids, May 11 @ 7:30

Please go to: emca.concerts.com for more information



Chris Without the Hats



Thank You!!

September 6, 2023

Dear Members of the Winnipeg River Arts Council:

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your support of the 4P Festival in Powerview-Pine Falls this past weekend. Without generous donations like yours we would not be able to provide so many experiences for our community members.

Chris Without the Hat was a huge hit for our families! Young and old alike came to enjoy the performance and we are grateful to have had such an amazing activity for everyone. The 4P Festival has many components but the main goal is to bring community together and celebrate all that we have to offer. Your support definitely helped us to achieve this goal!

The Winnipeg River Arts Council does so much for our communities year round and we thank you for all the contributions you make. While some may seem grander than others, every piece helps to make the Winnipeg River area the best part of the province. Thank you for your dedication to all our residents and for putting arts into the forefront of everything you do. We are all better for it!

Thank you again! We look forward to our continued relationship with you!



Creative Manitoba

Rural Mentorship Program

APPLICATIONS FOR 2023/24 PROGRAM OPEN AUGUST 25th

Individuals or a small group of mentees age 16-29 living in Manitoba outside of Winnipeg choose a mentor who is a professional in an arts career to work together for this 5 month program, in any chosen artistic discipline. It is customized to the individuals taking part, and can begin any time between September – January. It aims to expose an individual or group of individuals living outside of Winnipeg to artists in their communities, and connect them to artistic work in their chosen discipline.

The mentee(s) must reside in rural Manitoba and priority will be given to mentors who reside in a rural community.

For more information, contact Dora Carroll, Mentorship Programs Manager - mentor@creativemanitoba.ca

Winnipeg River Arts has 2 artists and 1 writer who are looking for mentees. Contact WRAC at: winnipegriverarts@gmail.com for more information

Mrs. Lucci's Resource Centre

2023 READING CHALLENGE

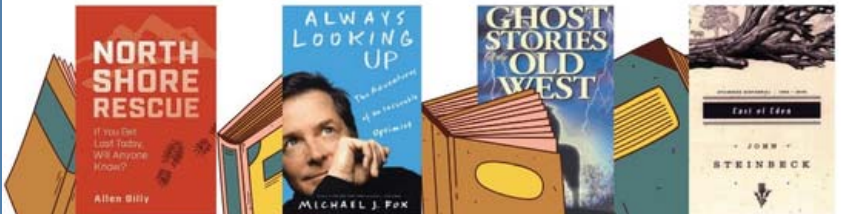
Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

Each month has a designated theme word. Complete this challenge by reading a book each month the theme.

Fill in a ballot after completing a book each month to be entered for a chance to win a monthly prize.

September

Directions - Up, Down, Left, Right
North, South, East, West



BIBLIOTHÈQUE ALLARD
REGIONAL LIBRARY'S

VICTORIA BEACH BRANCH

SUMMER HOURS

Wednesdays 10:00am - 2:00pm

Fridays 10:00am - 2:00pm

Saturdays 10:00am - 4:00pm



ALLARD LIBRARY
Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library
Discover the Possibilities!

HALLOWEEN STORYTIME & COOKIE DECORATING

The library hosts a Halloween Story Time and Cookie Decorating annually. The kids are thrilled to come to the library, hang out in the kids corner, look at some books, and decorate & eat Halloween cookies. We end our evening with a few Halloween stories. This year the event is on:

Thursday, October 26th, from
6:00 – 7:00pm

Cost is FREE. We will have a gratuity jar set up if parents or caregivers want to make a small donation to cover the cost of the supplies. Again this year, we invite the kids to wear their Halloween costumes. To register please visit our website at www.allardlibrary.com and click on events.



PINAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday:	1 PM - 4 PM
Monday:	6:30 PM - 9 PM
Tuesday - Thursday:	9 AM - 4 PM and 6:30 PM - 9 PM
Friday:	9 AM - 4 PM
Saturday:	Closed