



WRAC FEATURED ARTIST



JOYCE SHAW

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features multi-talented visual artist Joyce Shaw. When describing her artistic skills, it's hard to find the words; intrepid, playful, spiritual, and versatile spring to mind. She has mastered oils, pastels, and watercolours. Although she admits she doesn't do much pottery and sculpture these days, she has previously created numerous works in these forms. As well, she's written and illustrated beautiful children's books for family members. Of special note are her detailed and realistic portraits of animals and people.

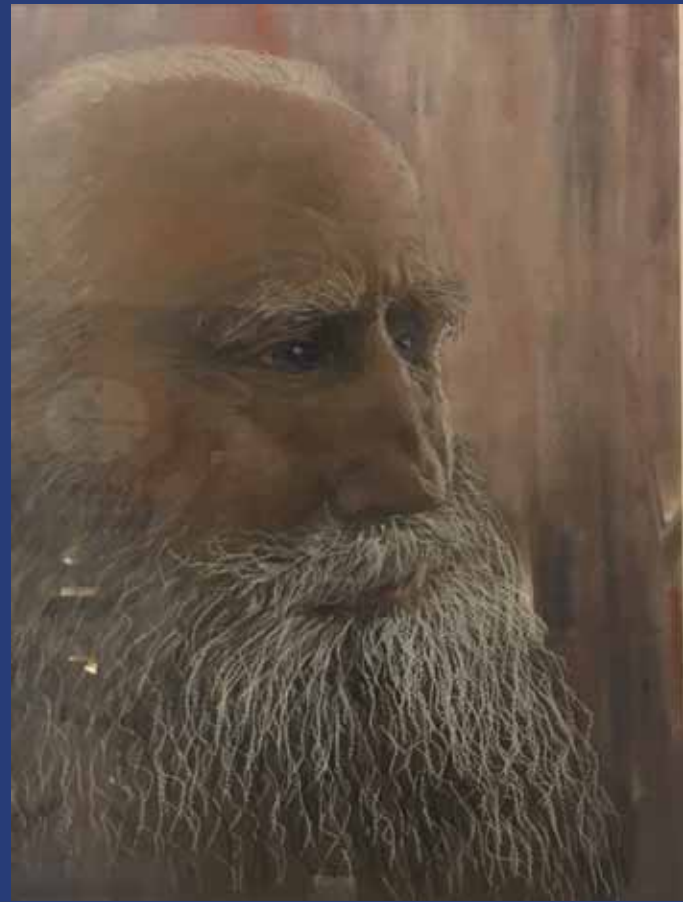
Her employment history also reflects her lifelong willingness to try new things. She has worked as a model, clothing designer, aesthetician school manager, hairdresser, boutique clothing store operator, and massage therapist. Also, for years, she was actively involved with Interlake Art Board.

Originally from Shoal Lake, near Brandon, she has lived in various other places, including Teulon, Winnipeg, Ste. Anne, and Sioux Narrows. Her husband's job with the railway meant they moved around a few times. Despite all the relocations, they built a cabin at Lee River and, in 1995, she retired there. In 2000, her husband also retired and came to live full-time at the cottage. She now resides in the town of Lac du Bonnet.



When asked how she learned how to make art, she said, "One day, I told my husband I thought I'd be able to paint, so he bought me a cheap paint set and I started." Over the years, Shaw has explored various medium, and taken numerous random classes. The Forum, located in Winnipeg's Canadian Pacific Railway building, was a special place where she learned a great deal and found mentors. Although she hasn't done any paid formal instruction, she taught her friend, Charmaine Watt, how to make extraordinary art, and led informal art classes with women friends, getting together in homes.





Along with Charmaine Watt, Shaw exhibited her art at the Assiniboine Park Conservatory. Her work has also been exhibited at The Forum and in a Teulon massage parlour. She's sold many pieces of commissioned art, for clients in wide-ranging places. She said, "My paintings have been purchased by people all over, as far away as Ireland, and even by a princess in Bali." Her inspiring words for making art: "Follow your passion. Believe in yourself, and do what you can do."



Winnipeg River Arts Presents:

THE ROYAL MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE
AND MANITOBA LIQUOR & LOTTERIES PRESENT

MIX TAPES FROM MY MOM

Written and performed by Cory Wojcik



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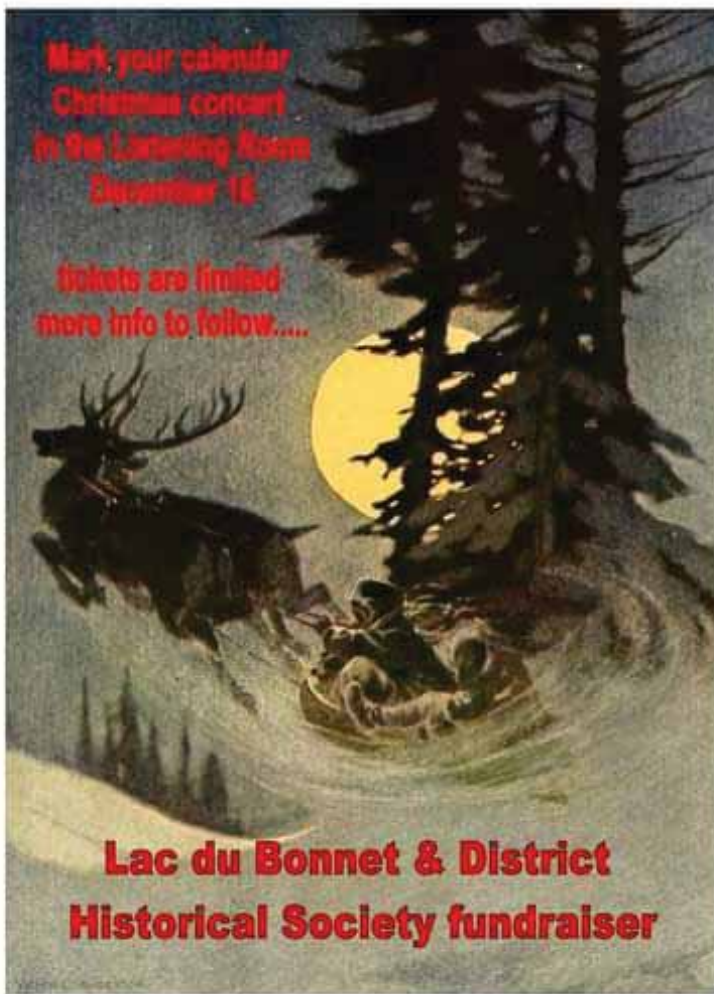
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February 24th, 2024
Pinawa Community Centre
Stay tuned for ticket sales information



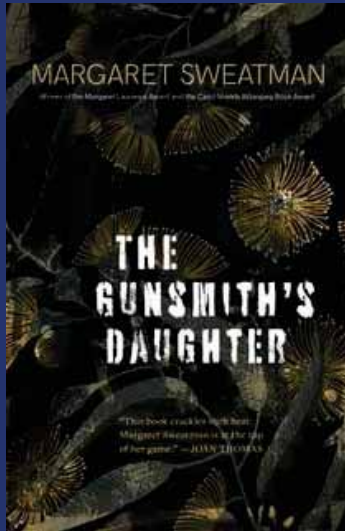
On October 25, Daryl Reimer from Great Falls (banjo) and Paul McIntosh from Lac du Bonnet (guitar) sang and entertained folks at the St. John's Heritage Church and Arts Centre in downtown Lac du Bonnet.

Writer Donna Besel read from her prize-winning nonfiction story "The Bay Filly," and Slater, a guitar player from Great Falls, also sang a few songs.

This open mic happens on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. It's free of charge and open to aspiring performers at all levels- singers, songwriters, musicians, poets, and writers. Come and share your talents!



Margaret Sweatman - Author's Tour



On October 17 and 18, renowned Manitoban author Margaret Sweatman visited the three libraries in WRAC's Eastman region. Her readings and overall comments led to thoughtful questions, along with heartfelt and far-ranging discussions about writing, war, love, politics, draft dodgers, trauma, life in the armed forces, betrayal, guns, violence, family, and life on the Winnipeg River. Some people who attended said, "I really enjoyed this presentation," and "I want more author visits."



Margaret Sweatman reading an excerpt
from her book
"The Gunsmith's Daughter"



Linda Tait Introducing Margaret at the
Pinawa Library



Readers & Writers attending the event at
Library Allard



Readers & Writers attending the event at the Lac du Bonnet
Library



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



JANELLE NADEAU ENSEMBLE

Coming to Pinawa Friday, November 24, 2023

Janelle Nadeau Ensemble

If you were lucky enough to see "A Prairie Christmas" in 2017 or 2019, you'll understand why Janelle's quartet simply HAD to be part of our special 50th Season again! Together with her beautiful concert harp, she'll have cello and hurdy gurdy accompaniment, as well as a fascinating assortment of medieval instruments and sonorous narrations. They all blend with angelic voices in brilliant arrangements of familiar Christmas songs. The whole evening will be simply magical! There's NO better way to kick off the Holiday Season in Eastman!

For tickets, please visit this link
<https://www.emcaconcerts.com/events/janelle-nadeau-and-the-sturgeon-river-boys>



Want a unique gift or a lovely piece of art for your home? Please bid on the beautiful artwork generously donated by local artists.

**Winnipeg River Art Council
Art Auction Fundraiser**



**Showy Lady Slippers
by Stan Kelly**



**The Sentinel
by Nicki Blatz**



**Northern Lights
by Kelly Murray**



**Tree of Life
by Mary Chown**



**Carved Mushrooms
by De-Ann Holmes**



**Folk Art Birdhouses
by Cathy Gregg**

Opening bids on all pieces, \$50
erarts@gmail.com
or call/text 204 340 0889.

Please include, name, phone number and email address with bid.
Bids will be updated on Facebook album as soon as possible.

2024
WRITING
CONTEST

2nd Annual

Dave Williamson National Short Story Competition

\$2000 in cash prizes

1st Prize **\$1000***

2nd Prize **\$600***

3rd Prize **\$400***

*plus complimentary membership

Panel of judges led by:



Raye Anderson



Lauren Carter



Trevor Greyeyes



Zilla Jones



Lee Kvern



Entry deadline: February 15, 2024.

Submissions open: December 1, 2023.

Fee: \$20 per entry.



Complete guidelines at <https://mbwriters.ca/programs/short-story-competition/>

For inquiries: MWGcontesto@gmail.com

Lac du Bonnet
REGIONAL LIBRARY

Saturdays are for stories!

STORYTIME

at the Lac du Bonnet Library
Saturday, November 25
11am



Come out for some good old fashioned bingo fun!!

BINGO FOR BOOKS

as the Lac du Bonnet Library

THURSDAY 30
NOVEMBER

5:30 - 6:30 pm

BOOK PRIZES FOR ALL GAMES!
AS MANY GAMES AS WE CAN PLAY IN A HOUR!

ALLARD LIBRARY
Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library
Discover the Possibilities!

WINTER PORCH POT WORKSHOP



Back by popular demand, Lisa will be here **Thursday, Nov 30th for a Christmas themed event... Winter Porch Pot**

Workshop! The event starts at 6:30pm.

Cost is \$55 per person and

includes all the fresh greens, ribbon and basic embellishments.

Participants need to bring an outdoor planter like an urn or some other weather resistant container. 12 to 14 inches across and at least that deep to provide some weight. Participants can use a newly prepared container with fresh soil / sand or reuse a finished planter from last season. (that cannot be frozen on day of workshop) To prepare a used pot

simply cut off the fall plants and leave the roots intact which provides stability to hold the stems in place!

There is a minimum requirement of 8 people and maximum 12 for the event to take place.

To register please visit our website at allardlibrary.com

RADON DETECTORS AVAILABLE



November is Radon Action Month!

Radon is a soil gas that can be found in

elevated levels in certain homes. Radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer, surpassed only by smoking. It's important that everyone test their homes for

radon, and take action to reduce their radon level if required.

Our library has five radon kits that members can borrow – three kits are at Allard and two are at Victoria Beach. Each kit comes with a digital radon detector and a booklet about radon. The detectors are easy to set up, so don't hesitate to borrow one – you can keep it for three weeks.

This program was made possible with support from the Manitoba Lung Association. More information about our program and how to set up the radon detector in your home is at <https://allardlibrary.com/radon-detector-loan-program/>

VIC BEACH BRANCH HOURS OF OPERATION:

WEDNESDAY 10:00am - 2:00pm

FRIDAY 10:00am - 2:00pm

SATURDAY 10:00am - 2:00pm

SATURDAY (May - Sept) 10:00am - 4:00pm

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PINAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday: 1 PM - 4 PM

Monday: 6:30 PM - 9 PM

Tuesday - 9 AM - 4 PM and

Thursday: 6:30 PM - 9 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 4 PM

Saturday: Closed