



# Newsletter

2024  
Issue 2

HAPPY  
*Valentines*  
DAY

WRAC  
FEATURED  
ARTIST



George Tanner



For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features visual artist George Tanner. Originally from Winnipeg, he has lived with his wife Judy at their Falcon Lake cottage for almost nine years. Tanner already knew he loved "lake life." Since 1961, after his uncle leased a lot on Block 14 and his father helped build a cottage there, he's been visiting Falcon and surrounding areas regularly. Many of his paintings depict scenes from the forests and lakes surrounding his home.

When asked about his arts practices, Tanner said, "I work mainly in acrylics and watercolours. They're both very different mediums so I find that it keeps things interesting to switch back and forth between them. Also, I've recently started writing short stories, something I've long imagined I might be able to do. So far, I've been satisfied with the results and intend to continue."

During the past year, he's been making quirky music videos, using songs he wrote and recorded on an iPad, and illustrated with his drawings and paintings. The first one he did was based on one of his paintings - "Nelda's Giant Cinnamon Buns." He said, "It was well received. I expect I'll keep making these, if only for my own amusement. My hope is someone with actual musical ability will notice and maybe record one or two properly. That would be thrilling but I realize it's a long shot."

Tanner earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Manitoba, worked as a graphic designer, and has a certificate in computer graphics from Red River College (now known as RRC Polytech). Also, he's taken workshops in watercolour, acrylic and airbrush painting. Despite his years of art-related education and work experiences, he stated, "I learned my art in many different ways but mostly by doing it."



In the past, he has participated in a number of art shows and held a few solo shows. A long-time member of the Winnipeg Sketch Club, he regularly contributes to their annual exhibitions. Also, he has held memberships and exhibited his work in both the former Medea Gallery artist co-op in Winnipeg and Cre8ery Artists Group in the Exchange District.

When asked what sustains his impressive artistic output, he said, "Encouragement is always appreciated. It's great to have people tell me they like the things I do but I'm pretty sure I would continue even if no one noticed. And I am inspired by other people who have had some success artistically, especially people I know. That suggests to me I could do something similar and makes it seem slightly less impossible."



Tanner has won several awards at Winnipeg Sketch Club's annual shows and twice won awards at the Red River Ex Arts Extravaganza. He also participates in the annual Boreal Shores Art Tour, held during the third weekend in August, when artists in eastern Manitoba display work at their home studios. As well, many of his paintings are featured (and sold) at the Hi-Point Restaurant at West Hawk Lake, where his daughter is the owner-manager.

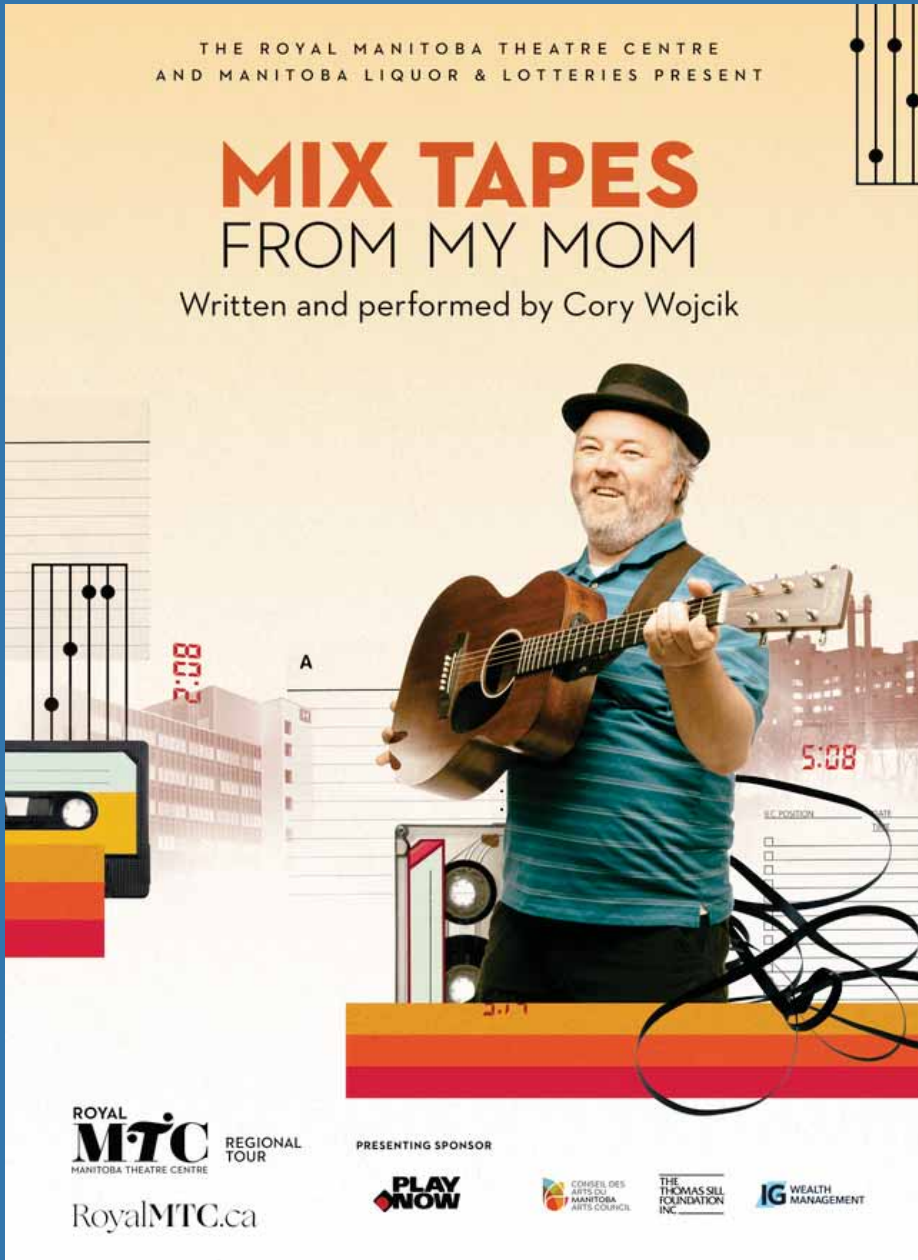
This year, he has several exhibitions planned. Although exact dates in March have not been determined, his work will be shown at Winnipeg Sketch Club's annual Juried Exhibition, in Assiniboine Park's Pavilion Gallery. From May 19 to June 20, his art will appear at Cre8ery's Auxiliary Gallery Show. And, on August 17 and 18, he will again be part of the Boreal Shores Art Tour. Recent work can be viewed at his website - [gtanner.com](http://gtanner.com). Prepare to be amazed.



George Tanner loves this quote: "When asked why he still bothered practicing, a 96 year old musician once said, 'Because I think I'm making progress.' I think that can apply to all forms of art."



# Winnipeg River Arts Presents:

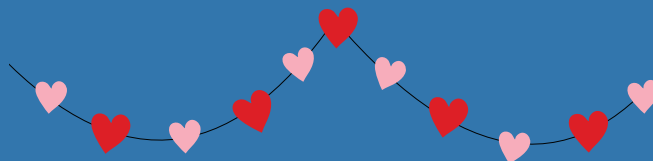


Saturday, February 24th,  
2024 at 7:30 pm  
Pinawa Community Centre  
Tickets are \$25.00 and are  
available in Lac du Bonnet  
at Daley Pharmacy

## ABOUT THE SHOW

Interspersed with select songs found on his Mom's old mix tapes, as well as a few original songs, Winnipeg theatre veteran Cory Wojcik, backed by a band, recounts a story of the most difficult yet one of the most amazing days of his life. A show with songs you know and a story so unbelievable it could only be true. It's a concert, it's a show.

If you are a WRAC member, you will receive a \$5.00 discount per ticket, but must purchase directly from the WRAC office at 4 Park Avenue, Lac du Bonnet. I am in the office every Wednesday from 9 - 1, and other days by appointment.





FALCON  
TRAILS  
RESORT

Falcon Trails Resort is happy to announce that we are hosting the 5th annual Wild Writing in the Boreal, Women's Writing Retreat Weekend this April 19-22,



Renowned authors Donna Besel and Lauren Carter are leading the sessions along with guest author Lorri Neilsen Glenn.

This class is open to anyone who identifies as a woman and is interested in exploring, exercising and developing their writing skills.

The retreat will begin on Friday evening and run through to mid Sunday afternoon. The price includes your cabin stay for the weekend (with an option to stay for the Sunday evening at no additional charge), a dinner on Friday evening, 3 meals on Saturday, 2 meals on Sunday, and all of the writing support with your leaders.

Sunday evening we will host a book launch by Lorri Neilsen Glenn celebrating her hybrid memoir, *The Old Moon in Her Arms*.

Triple cabin occupancy - \$640.00 (or 4 people for the Boreal Lodge)

Double cabin occupancy - \$700.00

To reserve your space for this workshop please contact Stephanie at [groups@falcontrailsresort.com](mailto:groups@falcontrailsresort.com) or by calling 204-792-0893



**EASTMAN  
JUDGED  
ART  
EXHIBITION**

June 1 & 2, 2024

Stay tuned for exciting information about this upcoming art exhibition

harvesting creativity

**BEAUHEAD  
ARTS FEST 2024**

**SAVE THE DATES!**

Registrations Open to Locals: **April 1, 2024**

Registrations Open to Manitoba: **May 1, 2024**

All Registrations Close: **June 30**

**AUGUST 24-25, 2024**



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Mindfulness and Art Therapy Workshops for Kids and Teens

Registration opens Jan. 31

Returning Campers Registration opens Jan. 15



Join our Summer Camp and Explore Mindful Creativity!

Mon. to Fri. 9 AM to 5 PM in Pinawa, MB

Jul 15 to 19    Jul 22 to 26    Jul 29 to Aug 2




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Ready, Set, Grow! is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for local youths to develop the essential tools and skills to navigate well-being challenges and grow their resilience.

Over the course of a week, we offer a series of mindfulness and expressive arts workshops and sessions that help young people grow their mental health and widen their social circles while affirming Safe Space and having healthy summer fun.

We are offering three camp weeks in 2024. Participants can register for one, two, or all three program weeks. This year, we will be hosting our Outdoor Day at Wild Skies Resort thanks to their Gold-level sponsorship. The Pinawa Art Gallery, our Silver level for the second year in a row, will provide the venue for some of our art therapy sessions. A big thanks to our first Bronze level sponsor, Pina-zza Pizza and all the other supporters of our fundraising campaign thus far.

We are still in need of cash, food, and transportation sponsors for this year's Camp. Every dollar and item donated helps us create a welcoming, memorable, and inclusive experience for growing youth mental health in our area. Sponsorships and donations help us to lower the overall cost of offering the camp and ensure that families from all backgrounds and income levels can benefit from proactive mental health care. [Click here to download our 2024 Sponsorship Kit.](#)

### **Other ways you can help support Ready, Set, Grow! Camp 2024.**

If sponsorship or subsidy donations of \$100 or more is not in the cards for you, consider these other ways that you can contribute to our mission of helping young people build resiliency skills to navigate mental wellness and well-being challenges.

[Shop the Reyou Gift Shop:](#) We sell 100% Manitoba-made mindfulness support tools that help enhance personal well-being practice. Every item is designed in-house by Reyou staff and clients. We use our products in our workshops and practices and donate 100% of the profits to the Ready, Set, Grow! Youth Camp. Shop Reyou Gifts.

[Volunteer at Camp 2024:](#) Volunteering with us is a meaningful opportunity to grow your mental wellness, communication, organization, and supervision skills. It is also a great way to form connections with new people. All camp volunteers receive free mental health awareness training and must complete a police check. Complete the [Volunteer Sign-Up Form](#).







[Click here to register](#)

## Urban Art Biz | Manitoba Arts Council - Indigenous 360 February 29 | 12 - 1 pm | Online | Free

Join us in conversation with guest Tracey Longbottom, Program Consultant for The Manitoba Arts Council Indigenous 360 program. We are offering Indigenous artists, groups, and organizations an opportunity to learn more about the Indigenous 360 program.

This talk will cover:

- The Indigenous 360 Granting Program and who it is for
- How to apply for a grant as an artist, group, or organization
- What grants are available and upcoming
- Why you will want to contact the program consultants/officers before you apply

For those who are already in the process of applying for a grant, this workshop may help you provide the finishing touches on your applications! For those artists who are new to the process or hesitant, the workshop will give you some understanding of the funding process on a provincial level.



For many MAC grant applications, you'll be asked to fill out a section called the "project description." This is where you have the opportunity to describe your proposed project in detail and why you want to do it.

For some applicants, this can be one of the most intimidating sections of a grant application. To help you navigate this section, we've asked our team of MAC program consultants for handy tips on writing your best project description.

Read our new blog "How to Write a Project Description" on the MAC website:  
<https://artscouncil.mb.ca/.../how-to-write-a-project.../>



For seven years we've been chasing the very popular fiddler/singer/dancer Gordie 'Crazylegs' MacKeeman and his high-energy quartet! It's fitting that we finally get to show them off in our 50th Season. Oozing with charisma and with eyes a-twinkle, Gordie brings his own fun-filled brand of East Coast Folk, wild step-dancing and endearing variety to delight EVERY member of the family. He's accumulated heaps of awards at home for doing exactly that, as well as sharing his talents around the world. Come see exactly what we've all been waiting for.

<https://gordiemackeeman.com/site/>

Friday, February 23, 2024  
Pinawa Community Centre - 20 Vanier Ave

Doors open: 6:45 pm  
Show starts: 7:30 pm

Individual tickets subject to availability.  
Tickets are \$18-\$35 each

To get tickets:

- Visit the website [www.emcaconcerts.com](http://www.emcaconcerts.com)
- Purchase at the Pinawa Solo
- Call 204-213-0290

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



Current Bid \$100

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

Bids start at \$50.00

To bid on a piece of art, please email  
[winnipegriverarts@gmail.com](mailto:winnipegriverarts@gmail.com)

Include your name, email address and your bid amount



## LAC DU BONNET REGIONAL LIBRARY

CLOSED FEB 1 - MARCH 30 FOR RENOVATIONS

BOOK LIMITS ARE  
INCREASED AND ALL  
BOOKS WILL BE DUE  
BACK APRIL 2, 2024

LAST DAY TO SIGN  
OUT BOOKS  
JANUARY 31.



## 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



### EDUCATIONAL GAMES



## FEBRUARY IS LOVE TO READ MONTH AT ALLARD

Book Sale at both branches!

Simply come down during regular business hours to take advantage of this amazing opportunity. You will be able to fill a grocery bag of books, hardcover & soft cover, for only \$3.00! There are many to choose from in ALL genres.

Please bring your own bag!

Magazines and movies are available as well...Magazines are

.25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00 and DVD's are \$1.00 each.

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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at Allard

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why you love your library, then  
add it to the others on the library  
window. Once you do, there may  
be a small treat for you

Book Draw at the circulation desk  
EVERY WEEK.

Simply enter your name and phone  
number when you visit both branches  
to enter the draw!

Names will be removed after each  
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ensure you are entered. Draws will be  
on Fridays @ 1:00pm and winners will  
be notified.