



*Enhancing North Eastern Manitoba by Advancing Arts*

# WRAC NEWS

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## JANUARY ARTS EVENTS

On Sunday, January 13, at 2:00 pm, Brenda McKenzie, an artist and writer from Pinawa will be signing copies of her book, *Loving You*, at McNally Robinson Bookstore in the Atrium. This bookstore is found in Winnipeg at the Grant Park Shopping mall.

On Friday, January 18, EMCA presents another concert in Pinawa, with a pianist and string quartet

On Saturday, January 26, Dustin Harder and the Dusty Roads Band will be in Lac du Bonnet for a concert of blues, rock, folk, funk, jazz and reggae fusion music. Opening for Dusty Roads will be Lac du Bonnet Trio featuring Jodie Wentz, Matt Toews and Cody Rey Valentonis. Watch for future Fire n Water concerts in LDB.

## LAC DU BONNET LIBRARY NEWS

On December 18, Provencher MP Vic Toews visited the Lac du Bonnet Library bearing a much appreciated gift. The Library received funding of \$5,617.00 from the Community Infrastructure Improvement program so they can fix up the ceiling and paint the entire space. A group of supporters and patrons attended to celebrate the announcement, including local MLA Wayne Ewasko, LDB Mayor Greg Short, board secretary Cathie Brereton, head librarian Vicki Short, and other library staff. Coffee and snacks were served to the crowd after the dignitaries spoke. During the brief speeches, Vicky Short noted how grateful the library was to receive these additional funds which will allow the library to better serve the community. Board Secretary welcomed the crowd and the politicians, reminding everyone how important the library is to the community and explaining how she and her husband were “bookoholics” who relied on the library to entertain and instruct them on a regular basis.

## MEMBER NEWS - WRAC ART CLASSES

After two Pinawa residents expressed an interest in a drawing class, local artist Mary Louise Chown, based in River Hills, agreed to run a class for up to 8 students. Mary Louise, BA, BEd, BFA, is a qualified art instructor with years of art instruction experience. The classes begin in late January or early February, 1:00pm -3:30 PM (day TBA). The 10 sessions will be held in Pinawa (location TBA). Cost per student \$80 plus basic drawing supplies suggested by the instructor.

### Course Content - Introduction to Drawing: Another way to express yourself!

Age is no barrier for learning to draw. Anyone can learn, if taught some very basic skills. Students will explore interesting subjects and develop an understanding of composition, form, light and shadow. Drawing skills will enhance your painting or photography, or if you have never made any art before, drawing will bring appreciation for the environment, stress reduction, and a calming meditative experience.

## RURAL YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM 2013

Once again, ACI (Creative Manitoba) has asked that WRAC and the Eastman region be included in their Rural Youth Mentorship Program. This year, the mentor will be Anita Drabyk from Pinawa, a photographer, editor, writer, and visual artist. Two Pinawa youth will be mentored in hopes they will become professional photographers. The students will be meeting and working with Anita from January until May, learning as much as possible from her about the art of photography.



## Ukrainian History, Dance and Song Featured in Lac du Bonnet Historical Society's Wine and Cheese Fundraiser

On December 7th, 2013, a capacity crowd filled the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre to enjoy a special event called "Brightstone –Our Ukrainian Heritage" organized by the LdB Historical Society. President Kathy Willis welcomed everyone and encouraged people to check out the displays which featured pictures, documents, and writings about Brightstone pioneers. Also displayed were baskets of pysanky, the intricately decorated Ukrainian Easter eggs. Tracy Rossier, a local artist/instructor, explained her love of pysanky and told about the history and art of these eggs.

Rosemary Todaschuk, and her sister Charlene who had just arrived from Montreal, dressed in traditional costumes, sang well-known Ukrainian songs and Christmas favourites. During the intermission, the audience enjoyed a spread of garlic sausage, vegetables, smoked fish, and other delicacies, and sampled various wines and Ukrainian beer. After a short speech by Wally Stoyko, a teacher who taught at Brightstone in 1949, the lively Mohutniy Ensemble, also in traditional costumes, performed a series of dances, with the requisite kicks, jumps, spins, and other difficult moves. The evening concluded with draws from a huge silent auction.



Mohutniy Ensemble Dancers at Lac du Bonnet Historical Society event

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*at The Winnipeg Public Library  
October 2012 to March 2013*

FREE CONSULTATIONS ON YOUR  
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RURAL WRITERS

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## HELP WANTED

WRAC has two vacancies on the Board of Directors. If you want to make a difference in Eastman arts development, please join our board. We are also looking for volunteers to join Programs and Partnerships Committee. With this group, you can meet interesting people and make amazing arts events, workshops and programs happen. Share your time, skills and expertise, and help raise the arts profile in Northeastern Manitoba.

### EMCA'S "YEAR OF THE SONGBIRD" SEASON CONTINUES into 2013

#### JANUARY 18 SHOW

Gregory Tchaidaze & Cecilia String Quartette – Russina pianist with Canadian quartette –solo and chamber music

#### FEBRUARY 22 SHOW

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OTHER LIBRARY NEWS: \*LAC DU BONNET LIBRARY WILL HOST A FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2013 FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED.\*ALLARD LIBRARY HOSTED A VERY SUCCESSFUL CRECHE DISPLAY, WITH HUNDREDS OF VISITORS ATTENDING PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS!

## Christmas Train in Whitemouth!

On December 5, 2012, people from all across Eastman gathered to welcome CPR holiday train and watch The Brothers Dube, Miss Emily and Santa perform. As a result of this event, Whitemouth Lions presented \$1319 and 613 pounds of food to Beausejour Food Bank, and \$1319 and 556 pounds of food to Lac du Bonnet Food Bank.

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

As WRAC continues to develop and gain more members, it becomes increasingly important to provide a central communication link within the region to tie artists, arts organizations and arts enthusiasts together. **WRAC will distribute a monthly newsletter that you will receive via email (or mail if preferred)**

The WRAC newsletter provides a venue for members to share their news. If you have an arts related event, program, product, service or any other opportunity you'd like fellow members to know about, please email your information to Donna Besel, Communications Subcommittee Chair, at [dab3@mymts.net](mailto:dab3@mymts.net) by the third Friday of each month.

## ACI MANITOBA ANNOUNCES NEW AMYC COURSE – TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 5, 2013 TO APRIL 30, 2013

If you are a self-employed artist with an existing arts practice and you'd like to improve your business, promotion, marketing, communication and financial skills, this course, "The Art of Managing Your Career," is for you! For several years, ACI Manitoba has offered the series of classes to over 150 artists of all kinds, to help them learn how to support themselves with their art. The instructor, Heather Bishop toured as a singer/songwriter for decades, received an Order of Canada for her humanitarian work, taught women in trades, and instructed musicians in piano, voice, and guitar. She also graduated with a Degree in Fine Arts and produces amazing visual art. Check ACI website for details and application form. Deadline for application is January 11, 2013.

## DECEMBER FEATURED ARTIST

For December, Winnipeg River Arts Council featured Pinawa artist/author, **Brenda McKenzie**. After a Christmas gift of a paint-by-number kit sparked her interest in painting, McKenzie's Grade 9 art teacher, John Eisler, encouraged her to take youth classes at Winnipeg Art Gallery. Later, she enrolled in University of Manitoba's Faculty of Interior Design, where she learned about design, composition, value work, and colour, under the tutelage of Grant Marshall and Harry Adaskin.

In 1971, newly married, McKenzie arrived in Pinawa, took art lessons with Vivian Thomson, and learned water colour and oil painting techniques. Presently, her repertoire also includes graphite work, pen and ink, and mixed media - using inks, coloured pencil and water-based media. When Thomson retired from the Whiteshell School District, McKenzie replaced her in the school's art program.

Five decades after that first kit, McKenzie continues to produce landscapes but recent creations include portraits and still life. She sells her work at Eastern Manitoba Artists' Collective and Pinawa Art 211 shows. It is displayed at the Cre8ery Gallery (Winnipeg) and Gwen Fox Gallery (Selkirk). The Parish of St. Francis (Pinawa) commissioned her to do a painting of their new church, displayed at Sobering Funeral Chapel (Beausejour). Recently, she illustrated a local author's cookbook and has started pencil drawings for a book on World War II London.

After McKenzie retired in 2004, she wrote a novel, Loving You, based on her family's experience of Alzheimer's disease and the resulting three year wait for her mother-in-law's placement. The book can be purchased at "Uniquely Pinawa" (Pinawa), Ingham's Pharmacy (Lac du Bonnet), Pharmasave (Beausejour), Blaines Books, Movies and Music Store (Selkirk Plaza Mall), and McNally Robinson and Coles in Kildonan Place and City Centre (Winnipeg).

Recently, McKenzie volunteered to coordinate the 2013 Eastman Judged Art Exhibition. This event will be hosted by Pinawa Art 211 at the Pinawa Community Centre, June 12-15, 2013, and will showcase hundreds of artistic entries from throughout the Eastman region. To enter or learn more, contact [ejaemckenzie@gmail.com](mailto:ejaemckenzie@gmail.com).





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## FEBRUARY ARTS EVENT

Pinawa 50<sup>th</sup> Winter Gala was held on February 2 and 3, with family outdoor activities, board games, kick sledding with dogs, town photo, and a community meal. On the Saturday night, Pinawa's Got Talent showcased Pinawa's many talented musicians, singers and other performers, and ended the evening with the lively "Sagkeeng's Finest" to delight the crowds. Event attendees made donations to a Silver Dollar Collection going to the new Personal Care Home.

## LAC DU BONNET LIBRARY NEWS –

LdB Library hosted a Family Literacy Night on January 29, complete with fun and games, book draws, jokes and plenty of activities for kids of all ages! Refreshments and snacks were provided for everyone.

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Job opportunity: Snow removal on an as needed basis. Contact the library for more details.

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### 2. FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR

FEBRUARY 15-24- fiddling, dancing singing, featuring: Serena Ryder, Imaginary Cities, Don Amero and many other performers and fun activities!

### 3. LAKE WINNIPEG WRITERS

Annual "Write on the Lake" Creative writing contest - Deadline February 14

### 4. WINNIPEG RIVER REC DISTRICT

Winter brochure includes instruction in musical theatre, dance, art for kids, traditional painting, video making, and pysanky egg decorating. Check it out! Meet new people and learn some new skills!



**HURRAY !** As of our January meeting, WRAC now has a full 10 member board of directors. However, in the future, we may need board replacements so keep WRAC in mind if you want to make a big difference in Eastman arts development.

**HELP WANTED:** WRAC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE. If you want to MEET INTERESTING PEOPLE AND PLAN AMAZING ARTS EVENTS, this is the place for you!

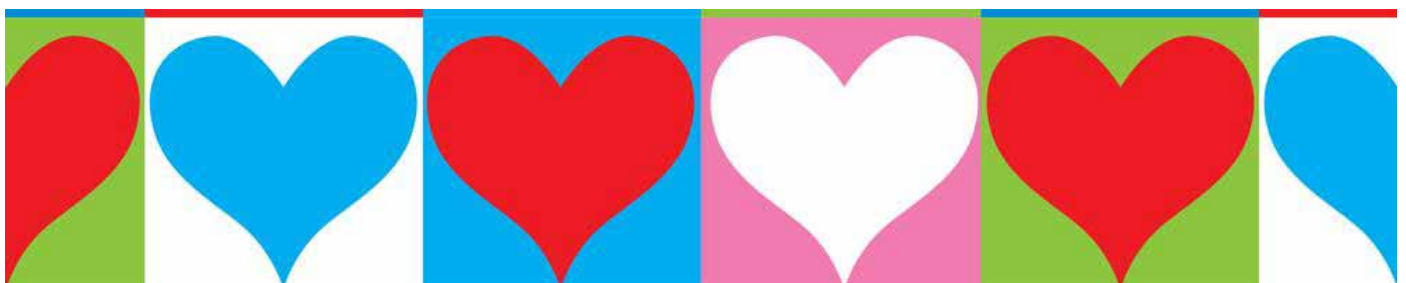
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### **February 15, 1:00-2:00 Late Lunch Show: Introduction to Crowdfunding**

Crowdfunding through websites such as Kickstarter and Indiegogo have become popular options for artists to raise money to help produce CD's, books, and tours. But how do you get started? This workshop is a starter kit for artists interested in pursuing crowdfunding. It will cover the steps to take to help make your crowdfunding campaign a success, from how to choose a crowdfunding service, how to decide how much to ask for, how to decide what benefits you should offer supporters.

You can participate in this workshop by video conference at the Canada/ Manitoba Business Centre, Provincial Building, 20 first Street, Beausejour. Call Judy Kamaraus at 204-268-6094 or email [judy.kamaraus@gov.mb.ca](mailto:judy.kamaraus@gov.mb.ca) two days in advance if you want to learn more about this exciting new way to raise money for your artistic projects.





## January Featured WRAC Artist

Meet featured artist Mary Louise Chown, a visual artist, storyteller, and musician who recently moved with her husband to a farm just outside River Hills. Delighted to discover a large arts community in the North Eastman area, she has already participated in a successful storytelling concert held in Pinawa last November and sponsored by WRAC.

Although born in Toronto, Chown considers herself a prairie chicken, having lived most of her life in Winnipeg. She heard many stories in her own extended family, and is most familiar with the folktales of the British Isles and Northern Europe. Chown also plays hammered dulcimer, guitar and percussion with “The Fine Companions” folk music band. She often includes music and song in her stories, inviting audiences of all ages to participate.

Chown has performed at storytelling festivals in Toronto, Ottawa, Whitehorse, Edmonton, Vancouver, the Winnipeg Folk Festival, and the Winnipeg International Children’s Festivals. She also has worked with the Manitoba Arts Council as a visiting artist in schools across Manitoba. Her week-long residencies paired storytelling with art making for students of all ages. She designed a storytelling and music concert series called “The Magic of One”, which had a successful six year run in Winnipeg. Her video installation ”The Skin of This Planet” was recently exhibited at the University of Winnipeg Art Gallery and at St. Boniface Hospital and won an award from ArtWorks in Edmonton, Alberta. Her paintings and prints have been exhibited at group and juried shows in Winnipeg, Ottawa, the Internet, and Barcelona, Spain.

Gathering people together to share their stories is an important part of her work and has taken her into group homes for young offenders, adult survivor groups, classes for seniors and more recently, as a visiting artist in Winnipeg hospitals, telling stories, listening to stories and playing music. She has been invited to talk about this work so often that she finally wrote and published her first book about her experiences in healthcare. The book, titled NOW I KNOW THE WORLD IS ROUND: Stories At the End of Life, has gone into second printing, and is available at McNally Robinson Booksellers, or from Chown directly.



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## MARCH ARTS EVENTS

- March 19 -100 Sunrise students will sing in a 200 voice choir, backed by Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.
- - March 15 EMCA concert Destino (Classical/Pop Crossover) at Pinawa Community Centre, 8:00 pm

**-Manitoba Arts Council News:** Artists in Community Program - Deadline is March 25, 2013, for projects beginning after June 5. Check out MAC website for more details, guidelines, applications. This program may apply to your organization! Projects must involve an established professional artist (or artists) and must provide a meaningful artistic experience for the Manitoban community. Communities could include remote, rural, persons with disabilities, youth, at-risk, northern, or others. If your organization can't figure out a program for this deadline, you might want to think about an idea for next year. The Manitoba Arts Council wants to spread their resources to new communities and supply funding to organizations outside of Winnipeg.

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#### **\*WINNIPEG FOLK FESTIVAL CONCERTS, SONGWRITERS' CIRCLES, OPEN MICS:**

Weekly at Folk Exchange, West End Cultural Centre, Park Theatre, Millennium Library. Check WFF website if you want to see a great a concert or share your songs!!

#### **GREAT ART EXHIBITS NOW SHOWING at WINNIPEG ART GALLERY**

All year long, WAG celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with major exhibits by many talented artist from all over Canada and the World! Check them out!

### **"Celebrating Stories" Events in Eastman Libraries**

In Partnership with Manitoba Arts Council, Winnipeg River Arts Council and Manitoba Writers' Guild, special presentations will be held in Pinawa Public Library, Lac Du Bonnet Regional Library and Allard Regional Library on April 2 and 3. All three libraries will host an event named "Celebrating Stories." Each event will include readings by an established writer from Winnipeg, Sue Sorenson, and also a local writer (chosen by the library.) Also, there will be question and answer time, intermission for socializing, snacks and drinks, followed by musical performance provided by local musician (chosen by library.) These events will give readers and writers a chance to check out local talents and celebrate sharing of stories in words and music (along with haring of food and beverages.) On these dates, visit your local libraries and learn about local writers and local musicians. Also come meet Sue Sorensen, an English professor at Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg and learn about her book *A Large Harmonium*, which won Best First Book Award at the Manitoba Book Awards and was listed as one of the "On the Same Page" books.

**COME OUT! ENJOY WORDS AND MUSIC!!!**

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## Fire & Water Music Festival's Winter Concert Series Presents

**"A Morning Noise Records Showcase" Featuring: Hollerin' Pines, Grant Davidson, Brooke Wylie**

March 23, Pioneer Club, Park Avenue, Lac du Bonnet, MB. Doors open at 5pm. Show starts at 6pm! Get your advance tickets at "What's on Second," 2nd street in Lac du Bonnet. 204-345-1909. **Admission:** adults 15\$ in advance or \$20 at the door Youth 13-17 8\$ in advance or 10\$ at the door, 12 and under free

**Optional: dinner starts at 5:30, meals must be pre-ordered and prepaid (price not included in the admission price)**

## Strategic Planning (full day workshop)

*A Practical "how-to" workshop for organizations of all types*

Through strategic planning organizations can improve communication and teamwork; better align activities and resources; develop clear strategies and action plans; and develop deeper understanding and commitment to the organization.

**Tuesday, March 19 from 9:00am - 4:00pm**

**Lac du Bonnet Community Centre**

Facilitated By: Sharalyn Reitlo, Community Development Coordinator

Register with Erik Butenschon phone: 204.477.5180 ext 222 (toll free) 888.922.4545 or email: [erik.butenschon@volunteermanitoba.ca](mailto:erik.butenschon@volunteermanitoba.ca)

Fee: \$45 (includes materials and Coffee) - Lunch is on your own

## FRENCH HOUSE CONCERTS IN ST. GEORGES

Concert Maison avec **Jocelyne Baribeau**, Samedi, le 16 mars 2013 À 19h30  
Chez Jean et Ginette Vincent, 204-367-8244, Saint-Georges  
Billet 15\$ en vente à la Bibliothèque Allard

Bienvenue à tous! Organisé par le comité culturel Châteauguay.

House concert featuring **Jocelyne Baribeau**, Saturday March 16th at 7:30 at Ginette and Jean Vincent's place in St Georges. Call 204-367-8244. Tickets for sale at Allard Library (\$15.00).

Everyone Welcome! Organised by comité culturel Châteauguay.



## February Featured WRAC Artist

For February, Winnipeg River Arts Council features **Anita Schewe Drabyk**, who lives in Pinawa but grew up on a farm near Beausejour where her interest in art, nature and agriculture was nurtured and where making your own art cards was the norm. A great aunt treated her and her sister with various art supplies and encouraged their love of art. Drabyk's interests, education and career in biology influence her art; flowers, plants, mammals, birds and the natural landscape are dominant themes in her work.

Drabyk enjoys photography, watercolours and various other painting media. Her art has incorporated the advice and expertise of photographers and painters from across Canada. Her work was particularly influenced by Courtney Milne, a photographer from Saskatchewan. Drabyk was chair of two artistic groups, Pinawa Art 211 and of Pinawa Association for Photographic Art, for many years. Here she enjoyed the company and peer review of many talented artists and photographers.

Drabyk lived in China for two years and visited the country a few more times and these sojourns have modified how she looks at art and photography. Here again she enjoyed viewing and interpreting rural life, gardens, birds and the physical landscape. In China, she also taught art for the local Canadian students.

In the 2012 Art in the Forest project at Sandilands Provincial Forest, her work, "A Walk in the Forest", depicted different aspects of forests: the small, the large, the real, and the spiritual. She has participated in various local art shows and has won first place in photography for an Eastman Juried Art Show and has won other awards for her art. Her work has been published in *Manitoba Naturally* by Bill Stilwell, a Manitoba Model Forest Annual Report, Pinawa marketing brochures, *Eastern Manitoba Travel Guide*, and *The Manitoba Co-operator*. She is currently working for ACI Manitoba as a mentor in a Rural Mentorship program, mentoring three Pinawa students in photography.

### **Volunteer Retention** (evening video conference seminar)

***PRESENTER PAT HARDY WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO KEEP VALUABLE VOLUNTEERS THROUGH INNOVATIVE APPROACHES***

Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm

MAFRI Boardroom in the Beausejour Provincial Building (20 First Street South)

**There is no cost to attend but you must pre-register as space is limited to the first 30 people**

**Contact: Sharalyn Reitlo at (204) 345-2514 or**  
reitlo@cfwr.mb.ca

### **Flin Flon Trip for Local Writer**

On April 12 and 13, local writer Donna Besel will be travelling to Flin Flon with two other Manitoba writers, Jordan Wheeler and Jennifer Storm. The three authors will be doing presentations and workshops in Flin Flon library and high school. Manitoba Writers' Guild and Manitoba Arts Council partnered to make this northern trip happen, as part of their ongoing goal to host more and more rural literary events.

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# WRAC NEWS

## APRIL SHOWERS? WHEN IT RAINS, ARTS CAN FLOWER!!!

**ATTENTION TEACHERS AND STUDENTS!** WRAC WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS WHO DO MUSIC, ART, DANCE, CREATIVE WRITING and DRAMA.

**ARTISTS AND ARTS ORGANIZATIONS!** SEND US IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAMS OR PARTNERSHIPS. TELL US ABOUT UPCOMING ARTS EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES. CONNECT, INSTRUCT OR PROMOTE! MAKE ARTS COME ALIVE IN EASTMAN!

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FIRE & WATER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2013 - check out their website for details re: upcoming events, performers & quilt contest!

**“Celebrating Stories” Events in Eastman Libraries on April 2 and 3** In Partnership with Manitoba Arts Council, Winnipeg River Arts Council and Manitoba Writers’ Guild, special presentations were held in Pinawa Public Library, Lac Du Bonnet Regional Library and Allard Regional Library. Each event included readings by Winnipeg writer, Sue Sorenson, and also performances by local talent. Pinawa featured high school students –writer Shannon Gibson and songwriter/musician Lucas Jansson. Lac du Bonnet featured writer Dusty Molinski and songwriter/musicians Alana Short and Grant Prosser. Allard featured writer/musician Marcel Pitre and his band-mate Rod Beaudry. Each event turned out to be very entertaining, with lots of laughs, insights, questions, answers, charm and amazing talent. Readers and writers got a chance to check out local talents and celebrate sharing of stories in words and music (along with sharing of food and beverages.) Guests also got a chance to meet Sue Sorensen, English professor at CMU and learn about her book *A Large Harmonium*, which won Best First Book Award at the Manitoba Book Awards. See Manitoba Writers’ Guild Facebook Page for more pictures!



## MB ARTS NEWS AND EVENTS

### **\*LAST IN DIALOGUE READING SERIES**

At Winnipeg Free Press News Café

APRIL 8, Manitoba Writers' Guild website for details

**\*WINNIPEG FOLK FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 40<sup>TH</sup>** – lineup announced and early bird tickets on sale now

**MANITOBA WRITERS' GUILD AND ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA PUBLISHERS HOST MANITOBA BOOK AWARDS ON APRIL 28 AT WEST END CULTURAL CENTRE!**

### **APRIL ARTS EVENTS**

**Half-Life** - theatre production, April 11-13 in Pinawa Community Centre. Tickets available at Solo Store (Pinawa) and Ingham's Pharmacy (Lac du Bonnet)

**Trio Bembe** –final 2013 EMCA concert, Latin World Music, April 26, Pinawa Community Centre



**En Spectacle chez Lorraine et Edward Courcelles  
15, Paul St. Powerview**

**Mardi le 16 avril 2013  
19h30  
Billets :15\$**

**Un lunch sera servi, thème mexicain  
Bienvenue à tous!**

**Organisé par le comité culturel Châteauguay**

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### **Proposal Writing 101** (full day workshop)

***Take your project from idea to reality. Understand the key elements associated with planning and funding a project.***

***Topics include:*** Overview information about funding agencies and proposals, 4 Stages of proposal writing, Sources of project funding, How to find and match funders for your project

**Date:** Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-3:30 pm

**Location:** Winnipeg River Learning Centre (WRLC) @ #3 Walnut Street, Pine Falls

**Participant Fee:** \$15.00 (includes lunch and refreshments)      **Facilitator:** Sharalyn Reitlo, Community Futures

**Registration:** Contact WRLC at (204) 367-2761 or [wrlc@mymts.net](mailto:wrlc@mymts.net) by April 9<sup>th</sup>

The Winnipeg River Community Adjustment Committee has generously offered to underwrite a significant portion of the registration fee for the **Proposal Writing Workshop** making your fee only \$15!





# March Featured WRAC Arts Organization

Pictured - Librarians Vickie Short and Deb Woodfine

For March, WRAC featured **Lac du Bonnet Regional Library**.

In 1977, a group of dedicated supporters campaigned for a library in the area. In 1980, after three years as a volunteer-run organization with materials donated or block borrowed from travelling libraries, it was designated "Provincial Regional." At first, it moved around, from the former Northern Store to a room in the old Park Avenue School. On April 1, 1981, it opened its doors at 70 Park Street in Suite #1, with its first paid librarian, Barbara Steed. As time passed and holdings increased, it expanded into a second suite, under the direction of Maureen Flemming. In October of 1989, after the board decided to build a custom designed facility, volunteers spearheaded fundraising and building plans. The next January, on a bitterly cold day, they packed up and moved everything to the current location at 84 Third Street.

In 1997, the next librarian, Roz Burt, introduced automated software. After her departure, Kathy Derksen and Lynn Carter took as Head Librarians and current Head Librarian, Vickie Short, took over in 2007. As technology moves forward so does the library, incorporating online membership account access, downloadable eBooks/audiobooks, travel databases, online Consumer Reports and EDSCOhost, an online access database.

For twenty-one years now, the library has catered to young and old, providing favorite books, movies, reference material, audios, large print, magazines and numerous other items. Also, it has hosted guest authors, held pajama and game nights, and run the ever successful kids' Summer Reading programs. During the last five years, the library has replaced shingles, repaired and painted the ceiling, and integrated ongoing computer upgrades. Visit [www.lacdubonnetlibrary.ca](http://www.lacdubonnetlibrary.ca)

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**RURAL YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM 2013**

ACI (Creative Manitoba) and WRAC have partnered in the Eastman region for Rural Youth Mentorship Program. Mentor Anita Drabek from Pinawa (photographer, editor, writer, and visual artist) has been mentoring Pinawa Secondary School students Hannah Voth, Marissa Buell and Madi Melnick who want to explore possible careers as professional photographers. The students have been meeting and working with Anita since January and will continue until May, learning as much as possible from her about the art of photography.

**WRAC Program Coordinator – Debbie Majeau**

Debbie grew up on the edge of the Winnipeg River boundary and is now proudly living deep within the region. She has always had a love for arts and culture but nearest to her heart is building on all the strengths of our region and the amazing people in it. She is a very proud wife and mother who can't wait to hear from all of you. Please feel free to drop her a line.



*The Art Gallery is  
OPEN  
and you're invited to our  
Grand Opening Days.*

*Check Your Calendar  
May 02, 03, 04  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM*

*24 Aberdeen Avenue  
(the Lewis Business Centre)*

*An Initiative of Pinawa Art 211*

SATURDAY MAY 18, 2013  
FAMILY FEUD COMES TO LDB.

Location: Lac du Bonnet Community Centre

Time: 6:30-10:30pm

Cost: \$50 (table of 6), \$10 (individual) All ages welcome

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL ALLISON AT 204-345-8816 OR VIA EMAIL AT [wrrdcom@gmail.com](mailto:wrrdcom@gmail.com)

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT COOP, WRRD OFFICE AND INGHAM'S PHARMACY.



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FESTIVAL 2013 - check out  
their website for details re:  
upcoming events,  
performers & quilt contest!

RELAY FOR LIFE - CALL FOR  
PERFORMERS / MUSICIANS

North Eastman Relay for Life in Lac du Bonnet on June 1<sup>st</sup> is looking for any local musicians who would like some exposure and perhaps be interested in giving some time to contribute to this event.

At the Relay, teams register and generate sponsorships that are collected to be used to develop and/or enhance existing services to people battling cancer in our region. The event is a track walk which runs for 12 hours from 7pm until 7 am, recognizing that "cancer does not sleep, so neither will we."

The organizers plan activities and entertainment to keep the walkers awake and occupied while they take turns walking the track.

Contact event organizer Sandi Smith.  
[sandismith168@gmail.com](mailto:sandismith168@gmail.com)



Picture of Donna Besel, Lac du Bonnet writer, after a reading at Flin Flon Public Library, with Winnipeg writers Chandra Mayor and Jordan Wheeler. All three writers appeared at Flin Flon literary events courtesy of Manitoba Arts and Manitoba Writers' Guild.

## Introduction to Drawing: Another way to express yourself

Age is no barrier for learning to draw. Anyone can learn, if taught some very basic skills. Students will explore interesting subjects and develop an understanding of composition, form, light and shadow. Drawing skills will enhance your painting or photography, or if you have never made any art before, drawing will bring appreciation for the environment, stress reduction, and a calming meditative experience. Enjoy learning from Mary Louise Chown, a qualified art instructor with several years' experience.

10 hours of instruction for \$80 (payable to Winnipeg River Arts Council)

Monday mornings, May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10.

Pinawa Lutheran Church

## WRAC PLANNING MEETING

WRAC board met on April 8, 2013 for a planning meeting. We reviewed the results of the artist and arts organization survey, made proposals for events and programs for the upcoming year, and revisited previous planning documents for any changes.

Some items discussed from the planning documents included:

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| *Strategic Plan          | * Vision Statement  |
| * Mission Statement      | *Guiding Principles |
| * Strategic Goals        | * Key Activities    |
| * Measures or Indicators | *Budget             |

**HERE'S A LETTER ABOUT THE "CELEBRATING STORIES" EVENTS. THESE EASTMAN LIBRARY EVENTS RESULTED FROM PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN MANITOBA ARTS COUNCIL, MANITOBA WRITERS' GUILD AND WINNIPEG RIVER ARTS COUNCIL.**

April 21, 2013

The Celebrating Stories event recently held at the Library Allard on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 in St. Georges was very enjoyable. It was great participating at this event in a musical capacity along with my longtime friend, Marcel Pitre. It appeared that those in attendance enjoyed both the authors' writings and the musical performance. This venue was great exposure for writers and musicians and the benefits to the community will be long lasting. Having music at "Celebrating Stories" gave, in my opinion, good balance to the evening. When doing our portion of the program, and prior to us playing, I gave a bit of background to the music, and the artist(s) who originally performed and recorded each piece. I received positive comments from many of those attending. I would be willing to take part in a similar event, if asked. My thanks to the Manitoba Writers Guild for providing us the opportunity to participate.

Thank-you. Rod Beaudry

MARCEL PITRE AND ROD BEAUDRY



MARCEL PITRE, SUE SORENSEN, ROD BEAUDRY





## WRAC FEATURED ARTIST FOR APRIL: JIM NIEDERMAYER

Jim Niedermayer, from the Powerview area, loves to create art from logs. He took up chainsaw carving in 2009, after Pine Falls paper mill shut down. When he won first place in a 2013 competition in The Pas, the *Opasquia Times* interviewed him. He noted, "I had the opportunity to buy all the big wood that was available. Instead of having that wood destined to make paper, I decided to try and make something out of it."

Niedermayer learned how to carve on his own and still has his first bear to remind himself of progress. His father, a knife maker and woodcarver, had given him a book on the subject so he worked at it for about six months. But he already knew how to handle a chainsaw. As a harvester of wild rice from remote lakes, he learned how to make lumber on the spot, ripping logs into boards freehand. In 2010, Niedermayer travelled to a Pennsylvania rendezvous. Despite his apprehensions about not being "good enough," the other participants were surprised he had just started. He explains that his carvings look like caricatures. Although he works hard to get them to look more realistic and even studies anatomy, chainsaws tear into wood quickly, requiring great control to avoid slip-ups. Before he starts, he traces a rough design on the block of wood with chalk or felt marker. In competitions, carvers work non-stop. As Niedermayer said in his Pas interview, manipulating a chainsaw for four hours "is not an easy thing to do." He uses full safety gear - pants, glasses, ear protection, steel toe boots, gloves, and respirator mask.

All wood is salvaged and he prefers birch, highland spruce, cottonwood, and pine. He especially likes pine that has been submerged in water and he often drags big logs out of lakes. He uses three saws, ranging in size from 24" bar to 16" bar for fine details and paints his carvings with Sikens Oil to protect them. He creates bears, eagles, herons, otters, and other wild animals but also gets many requests for tiki bar creatures. Although he sells his carving mostly through word of mouth, he has a website: [chainsawsculpture.ca](http://chainsawsculpture.ca) where customers can view his work.

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**IT'S SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVIN' IS EASY! TIME TO KICK BACK, SING A SONG, PAINT A PICTURE, WRITE A STORY. OR DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO MAKE A NEW THING.**

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**DESPERATELY SEEKING ARTISTS:** WRAC is looking for artists who'd like to get paid to instruct/demonstrate their specific art at summer festivals or other events. Basically, what we envision would be a bunch of tables set up in a tent or other space where children and adults could try a simple form of the artist's art. For example, a potter could use quick-drying clay to demonstrate how to make a small pot or figure, a visual artist could show how to draw faces, a banjo player could teach how a banjo works, a photographer could make a box camera, or a poet could lead a group in haiku making. You get the picture. Please contact us at above contact info. But no chain saw carvers, please!

**COMING SOON June 12-15 2013 Eastman Judged Art Exhibition:** Pinawa's Art 211 will be hosting this event at the Pinawa Community Centre. This is the fifth time for Pinawa since 1983, as the town celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Entry fees: \$15 for first entry, \$10 for second entry, \$5.00 if you have a third piece for the judges' consideration. Each item will be critiqued by a professional artist under the auspices of the Manitoba Arts Council. Categories: Visual Arts (painting, print making, mixed media and photography), Fibre Arts, Sculpture and Pottery, Jewellery. Each category will be eligible for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place award, with a "People's Choice" award presented on the final day. Pinawa Art 211 will host workshops, school tours and a special Opening Ceremony, Awards Presentation and Reception for the artists, dignitaries and other invited guests.

The Eastman Judged Art Exhibition will open to the public June 12- 15, 2013. For further information please contact Brenda McKenzie, Chairperson: 2013 Eastman Judged Art Exhibition at: [ejamckenzie@gmail.com](mailto:ejamckenzie@gmail.com).

## PINAWA ART GALLERY OPENS IN W.B. LEWIS CENTRE

On the weekend of May 2 - 4, Pinawa Art 211 held their grand opening for the new art gallery, located at 24 Aberdeen Avenue. At present, fourteen associate members are exhibiting in the gallery, where they hope to provide an ongoing venue for visual artists in the region to show and sell their work. Local artists can purchase an associate membership for \$30.00 and can display their art, instruct classes and deliver workshops. The gallery will be staffed by volunteer associate members and new art will be displayed as new artists are featured. Art 211 members will also be showcasing art at their annual exhibition/sale, July 19 - 20, in conjunction with the town's fiftieth anniversary celebrations. Come and check out the art! Contact Arlene Bohn [arlenebohn1@hotmail.com](mailto:arlenebohn1@hotmail.com) or Joye Platford [joyezart@gmail.com](mailto:joyezart@gmail.com)



Clockwise from above: gallery display, WRAC member Shirley Kurian and her photos, gallery display, WRAC member Janice Charko and her fabric art



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AUGUST LONG WEEKEND

LAC du BONNET COMMUNITY CENTRE

MUSICAL ACTS

ARTISANS' SQUARE

CHILDREN'S PERFORMERS



VICKIE SHORT, HEAD LIBRARIAN AT LAC DU BONNET LIBRARY, AND DEBBIE WOODFINE, WHO WILL BE RELOCATING TO WINNIPEG TO WORK AND ATTEND SCHOOL AS TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

On Friday, May 3, the Lac du Bonnet Library staff held their spring tea to thank all the volunteers and say farewell to Deb Woodfine, the special events coordinator and assistant librarian. Along with her work at the library, Deb volunteered with Fire & Water board and LDB Trails Association, working to develop the local Trans Canada Trail section. She will be missed by library patrons and many others. Johanna Sokal will be taking over Deb's duties which included: summer reading program, author nights, family literacy events, spring teas, fall supper, and other programs.

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## WINNIPEG RIVER ARTS COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The WRAC board invites all members and all interested people to our annual general meeting on June 10 at 7:00 pm, in the Lac du Bonnet Pioneer Club. Come find out about the progress and plans of your regional arts council. Meet the board and our new employee, Debbie Majeau. We will have coffee, tea, juice and snacks for you and we guarantee the meeting will not go on too long. Help select or appoint board members. Give us ideas, feedback, suggestions and encouragement. Learn about the duties and goals of our subcommittees and join one, if you feel so inclined, and if you want to help grow and connect the arts community in Eastman. And we promise – you will not have to join the board (unless you really, really want to do that.)

### REGIONAL ARTS EVENTS:

- In May, Ecole Powerview School drama students hosted of Scottish guests (Sadie Dixon-Spain and the Walking Theatre Company) and worked on a play about the fur trade and its legacy. In June, students will travel to the island of Lismore, Scotland for drama workshops, storytelling, travel to local beaches and caves, and other activities. Teachers Mrs. Kovachik and Mrs. Magnan organized this cultural exchange.
- On May 22, Lac du Bonnet Legion held a coffee house, hosted by Vickie Short, featuring various local musicians. Pioneer Club Kitchen Band, fiddler Roland Volmering, LdB high school bands, Betty Dancyt on piano, and guitar/vocal duo Grant Prosser and Alana Short performed. About 70 people showed up to enjoy the music. They hope to make this an annual event.
- Until June 7, Stan Lesk, well-known Manitoba actor and *Artists in the Schools* instructor, will be helping Whitemouth students increase their improvisation/drama skills. Lesk has worked in *Artists in the Schools* program for 25 years.
- On June 13 at 7:00 pm, Lac du Bonnet Regional Library and Centennial School present “Artists off the Avenue – An Authors’ Evening.” Children’s author Andreas Oertel has been working with 17 students during the school’s “Writer in Residence” program and the children will read from the anthologies they have created.
- Juno award winning performer, Fred Penner, will entertain at Pinawa’s 50<sup>th</sup> birthday picnic which starts at 4:00 pm. on July 18. After that, local musicians will perform, wrapping up the evening with a giant sing-along.
- Allard Regional Library is offering classes on “Photography for Everyday Life” in June. Also, *Through the Lens Photo Club* has started up on May 23. Members meet in various shooting locations on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Call Cyndie Mitchell at 204-345-6034 or email at [ttljbug@gmail.com](mailto:ttljbug@gmail.com)
- **LOVE THOSE BOOKS:** Summer reading programs for interested children will start soon at regional libraries. Check your local library for full details. Kids like to catch up on their reading over the summer!
- Regional recreation directors are presently looking for instructors for fall programs. If you want to teach your art, contact your local rec office and they will help you arrange some classes.
- EMAC ART EXTRAVAGANZA will be held in Pinawa in mid-July. Contact: Vivian Thompson ([thomsv@granite.mb.ca](mailto:thomsv@granite.mb.ca)).
- WRAC is looking for our next featured artist. We do this every month and it helps people learn about local artists. If you’d like your art practice to be showcased in local newspapers, contact Donna Besel (204-345-8513 or [dab3@mymts.net](mailto:dab3@mymts.net)) and submit your bio and a photo. If you don’t know how to write one, she will help you. She would especially like to hear from musicians and music teachers. **LET US TELL THE WORLD ABOUT YOUR ART!**





For the month of May, Winnipeg River Arts Council featured an artist who works with glass, Claudia Chomichuk. Her fascination started as a casual hobby more than thirty years ago. One winter, after taking a stained glass evening course she decided to create a large leaded window panel for her house. She set up a small studio space in her basement and continued to experiment with stained glass whenever she had spare time. When she retired from teaching, she and her husband moved from Winnipeg to their cottage at Hillside Beach in the Rural Municipality of Alexander. The cottage required extensive renovations to convert it to a full-time residence, which created a unique opportunity for Claudia to design her own studio space and spend more time on her designs. Her studio, Purple Pelican Art Glass Studio, occupies the second level of their home. It is here that she hosts a public Open House every two years - and opens her studio to visitors by appointment at other times.

Chomichuk never passes up an opportunity to take classes to upgrade her skills - both in Winnipeg and in Arizona where she spends her winters. Her repertoire now includes fused glass as well. Her work incorporates a full range of styles and techniques: traditional stained glass, three-dimensional leaded glass, fused glass bowls and panels, glass mosaics and creations that contain combinations of these techniques. Her original designs are inspired by her love of her natural world. Lake Winnipeg is prominent in her life and its influence can be seen in many of her works. She spent her childhood on the west shore of the lake and now resides on the east shore. The aspen and pine forests that surround her residence and the flower gardens that she nurtures also influence her work. Her work is sold from her own studio, a local gift shop (Carol's on Leon) and three galleries in Winnipeg (Pulse, Glitz, and Fleet). She does commission work as well. Her work can be viewed on her website: [www.purplepelicanartglass.com](http://www.purplepelicanartglass.com)



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**SUMMER IS HERE AND RIPENESS ABOUNDS! CAN YOU CAPTURE THAT VIBRANT CELEBRATION, SUNSET, SUNRISE, BIRD, FLORA, WILDLIFE, LAKE VIEW OR WHATEVER YOU LOVE ABOUT SUMMER WITH YOUR PAINTBRUSH? CAMERA? PIANO? VOICE? CARVING TOOLS? PEN? QUILT? DANCE STEPS? VIDEO CAMERA ? GUITAR? COMPUTER?**

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Due to a technical difficulty, the photos for the Eastman Judged Art Exhibition could not be uploaded in time for this newsletter. This should be rectified this week. A list of winners and some photos will be sent out to you in a special edition shortly! Thank you for your patience and understanding!

**Coming Soon!!!**

**2013 EASTMAN JUDGED ART EXHIBITION** : Pinawa's Art 211 hosted this event at their Community Centre and it was a great success. Artists from as far away as Manigotagan and Bissett in the north, St. Pierre in the south, Dugald in the west and Rennie in the east, exhibited their work. Event organizer Brenda McKenzie said 61 artists from 19 Eastman communities participated, with 155 works of arts in 10 categories. On the evening of June 11, ART 211 welcomed artists, judges, sponsors and special guests to a grand opening reception/award ceremony. Hard-working volunteers had transformed the gym into an elegant gallery with chandeliers, muted lighting and curtains. After Brenda McKenzie spoke about the show's background and organization, Joye Platford, ART 211 president, welcomed the crowd. Then prizes were awarded and Blair Skinner cut the ribbon. Pinawa has hosted the art show five times since 1983, and this show is extra special because the town is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Entries included: visual arts (painting, print making, mixed media and photography), fibre Arts, Jewellery, Sculpture and Pottery. Prizes were awarded in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place, with a "People's Choice" award presented on the final day. The exhibition stayed open to the public for four days, giving all who visited a incredibly wide-ranging taste of the artistic talent in Eastman.



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**FIRE & WATER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2013 - check out their website for details re: performers & quilt contest!**

**AUGUST LONG WEEKEND**

**LAC du BONNET**

**COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**MUSICAL ACTS**

**ARTISANS' SQUARE**

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**WRAC AGM:** Our annual general meeting was held on June 10 at 7:00 pm, in the Lac du Bonnet Pioneer Club. Executive and subcommittees outlined progress and plans of WRAC and visitors met the board and our new employee, Debbie Majeau. The board welcomes new board members, Ches Carver from Lac du Bonnet and Bernice Phillips from Powerview. After the formal meeting, the group enjoyed snacks, socialized and discussed regional arts and arts organizations.

**READ ALL ABOUT IT:** WRAC board has produced a new brochure. It will be distributed around WRAC country and beyond, in hopes of educating people about WRAC, attracting interest in local arts and inspiring new members to join. CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR AN ELECTRONIC VERSION! WATCH FOR IT IN LOCAL VENUES! PICK ONE UP! GIVE ONE TO YOUR FRIENDS!

**SEEKING ARTISTS:** WRAC is looking for artists who'd like to get paid to instruct/demonstrate their specific art at summer festivals or other events. Basically, what we envision would be a bunch of tables set up in a tent or other space where children and adults could try a simple form of the artist's art. For example, a potter could use quick-drying clay to demonstrate how to make a small pot or figure, a visual artist could show how to draw faces, a banjo player could teach how a banjo works, a photographer could make a box camera, or a poet could lead a group in haiku making. You get the picture. Please contact us at above contact info. But no chain saw carvers please!

## OTHER REGIONAL ARTS EVENTS

- On June 13 at 7:00 pm, Lac du Bonnet Regional Library and Centennial School presented "Artists off the Avenue – An Authors' Evening." Children's author Andreas Oertel worked with 17 students during the school's "Writer in Residence" program and the children read from the stories they created. These stories were collected in an anthology which can be taken out of the library.
- Juno award winning performer, Fred Penner, will entertain at Pinawa's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday picnic which starts at 4:00 pm. on July 18. After that, local musicians will perform, wrapping up the evening with a giant sing-along.
- Jenny Lynn's Collectibles has opened at Moongate B&B on #406 between Elma and Whitemouth. Owner Jenny Dupas invites local artists of all kinds to consign their work in her new shop. Call 204-348-7731 for details.
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- WRAC is looking for our next featured artist. We do this every month and it helps people learn about local artists. If you'd like your art practice to be showcased in local newspapers, contact Donna Besel (204-345-8513 or [dab3@mymts.net](mailto:dab3@mymts.net)) and submit your bio and a photo. If you don't know how to write one, she will help you. She would especially like to hear from musicians and music teachers. **LET US TELL THE WORLD ABOUT YOUR ART!**
- **YAHOO! FRIDAY JULY 19 AND SATURDAY JULY 20:** Now in its seventh year, Summer Winds Family Music Festival is held at Victoria Beach Sports Field on Highway 59, Victoria Beach, Manitoba Offering great entertainment and fun activities that are affordable, family friendly, multicultural music covering many genres and age groups. From reggae to alternative, to country, to rock, we bring life to your personal playlists, and support emerging artists and original music. All this happens in a relaxed outdoor setting an hour north of Winnipeg. This weekend's line up includes Canadian Icon Kim Mitchell, as well as Dust Rhinos, Take Me to the Pilot, Neil Young'uns, Highway 59, Dylan Thomas, Snowday, Stone Throw Second, Gale Franklin and Third World. Check out the website for information about tickets and volunteer opportunities.

# Fire & Water Music Festival



VISUAL ART SHOW

**August long weekend**

**Saturday 10:00 - 6:00 Sunday 12:00 to 5:00**

LAC DU BONNET CURLING RINK

- *Local & Regional Artists*

- *Artist Demonstrations*

oil, acrylic & watercolour paintings, photography, pottery, fibre, woodcarving, sculpture, glass work

- *Student Displays & more*

Art washes  
from the soul  
the dust of  
every day life

*Pablo Picasso*

Imagination  
is more  
important than  
knowledge

*Albert Einstein*

the world of reality  
has its limits,  
the world of imagination  
is boundless

*Jean - Jacques Rousseau*

I never get  
tired of the  
blue sky

*Vincent VanGogh*

painting is just  
another way of  
keeping a diary

*Pablo Picasso*

## **Here is another opportunity to show, and possibly sell your work, this summer!**

The Fire & Water Festival in Lac du Bonnet, on the August long weekend, is providing an area in the Artisan Square (in the curling rink) for a visual art display. Janice Charko has agreed to oversee this undertaking. The key points to note are as follows:

- There is no cost to the artist
- They hope to receive and display art from around the Eastman region. This is not limited to Lac du Bonnet artists.
- Up to 2 pieces per artist can be submitted.
- You can put a price on them or just display them as “Not for Sale”
- You do not need to be there for the duration of the show (10am to 6pm on Sat, noon to 5pm on Sunday). Janice will staff the area and any sales that are made will be handled by her and then passed on to you for no charge. Further details on payment methods will follow.
- You can leave business cards with Janice to be handed out if you like.
- The dates are August 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>. The art can be dropped off at the Curling Club in Lac du Bonnet on Friday evening (Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>). An earlier drop off time will hopefully be arranged and those who enter will be advised if they can arrange this.
- The art will have to be picked up on Sunday, Aug 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. If this is a problem, let them know and they will see about arranging a pickup time at a later date.
- Check out more info on the Fire & Water Festival at their website using this link: <http://firewater.ca/>
- Medium can be painting, photography, drawing, ceramics, sculpture, fibre or mixed media. If you feel none of these describes your work, send Janice an email and they'll sort it out.
- A waiver will be provided for your signature when you drop off your work. You are responsible for insuring your pieces if need be.

This is an opportunity to show your best work at no cost and to maintain the visual arts as a feature of the annual Fire & Water Festival, which is now in its 7<sup>th</sup> year and is growing by leaps and bounds.

Janice will need to know as soon as possible if you want to participate and if so, what pieces you will be putting in – sizes, mediums, display requirements, etc. All work should be framed and/or mounted in some way for public display. Please respond to Janice if you are interested with the following information:

Name:

Phone number:

Mailing address:

Piece 1 - Medium

- Title
- Outer dimensions (w x h)
- Price
- Please note if this piece is to be on a table, as opposed to being hung on a grid.

Piece 2 - Medium

- Title
- Outer dimensions (w x h)
- Price
- Please note if this piece is to be on a table, as opposed to being hung on a grid.

### **Janice Charko**

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fibre@mts.net

### Eligibility Information

#### Who is Eligible to Apply?

Individual artists ( singers, musicians, troupes, composers, writers, dancers, artists, actors, etc.) and not for profit art organizations from Manitoba are eligible to apply for the Fire & Water Arts Award. Previous award recipients are eligible if prior awards are in good standing and if project Final Reports have been completed and submitted.

#### What can I apply for?

The Fire & Water Arts Award wants to make art happen in L.R. du Bonnet, the region and the province. Projects to make art happen now (in the next 12 months) and projects that will enhance an organization's ability to make even more art happen in the future will be considered. The Fire & Water Arts Award directs its support to one-time projects and does not fund capital expenses or operating costs. No more than one (1) application per individual/ organization will be accepted in each award round.

#### What size award may I apply for?

You may apply for as much money as you need, but please bear in mind that the Fire & Water Arts Award will be allocating its annual budget to address needs across the entire province. The Fire & Water Arts Award's intention is to provide meaningful and sustainable awards.

#### How do I apply?

The Fire & Water Arts Award's aim is to make the process of applying for the award as easy and straightforward as possible. To this end, the Fire & Water Arts Award has implemented a two-stage application process in which only the accepted short-listed Stage 1 Applications will be asked to complete the more detailed Stage 2 Application.

### APPLICATION EVALUATION

#### Who will evaluate my application?

All applications will be evaluated by the Fire & Water Music Festival's Board of Directors, who may seek outside advice as needed.

#### On what basis will my application be evaluated?

- \_\_\_ Artistic merit
- \_\_\_ Benefit to local area, region, province
- \_\_\_ Contributions to the vibrancy of the arts & cultural sector
- \_\_\_ Ability of the artist to complete the project successfully
- \_\_\_ Visibility...will it reach the public?
- \_\_\_ Viability of the concept...is it doable, realistic?
- \_\_\_ Projects that would otherwise not take place
- \_\_\_ The extent to which an award from the Fire & Water Arts Award will encourage funding from other sources



## APPLICATION INFORMATION

### STAGE 1— INITIAL APPLICATION

All individuals and not for profit organizations interested in being considered for an award from The Fire & Water Arts Award must submit a brief Stage 1 Application proposal in letter format which will answer the following questions:

- Who are you?
- What is your legal / corporate status?  
(Self-employed artist, not for profit organization, etc.)
- Have you applied for the Fire & Water Arts Award before? Provide details of the application outcomes and the award received indicating the year and the amount.
- What is your artistic background?
- What do you want to do?
- Are you planning to work with a partner or partners?
- What is your preliminary estimate of what the project will cost?
- How much are you requesting from the Fire & Water Arts Award?
- What are your anticipated sources of revenue? Please indicate which, if any, of those sources of revenue are confirmed.
- What is the benefit to the local area, region, province?
- Where will it happen?
- When will it happen?

### STAGE 1— APPLICATION DEADLINE

**October 31 of current year**

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The Fire & Water Music festival will evaluate applications once a year.

Nine copies (9) of the application must be submitted to the Fire & Water Music Festival, and applications must be received no later than 4:00pm on the deadline date. Electronic applications will not be accepted.

### ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED TO:

**Fire & Water Arts Award**  
**Box 546, La C du Bonnet, Manitoba R0E 1A0**

Stage 1 Applicants will be notified if they have been selected to move to Stage 2 of the application process. Those who have been selected will be asked to submit a more detailed Stage 2 Application.

### STAGE 2 — DETAILED APPLICATION SUBMISSION

An application form and submission deadlines with the respect to the Stage 2 detailed Application will be sent to the short-listed Stage 1 Candidates at the time they are notified of their status.

Please note that moving to Stage 2 of the application process is not a guarantee of an award.

Award recipients will be asked to sign a funding agreement which will require that, if the project is not completed per the agreement and within 12 months of the receipt of the Fire & Water Arts Award, the award must be repaid.

The award will be paid in installments. The first installment will be paid on receipt of the signed award agreement. The final installment of will be paid upon receipt of the Final Report.

Award recipients are required to file a post project final report with the Fire & Water Music Festival within 3 months of completing the project.

Award recipients are required to acknowledge the contribution of the Fire & Water Music Festival in any printed, verbal or electronic description (brochures, programs, press releases, posters, websites etc.) of their project, according to specific guidelines provided in the award agreement.

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In Manitoba, **Fire & Water Arts Award** strives above all to support quality and excellence. Submissions to this Award are competitive and therefore not all applications may be awarded the money that is requested. Compliance and eligibility with the criteria do not guarantee funding. Projects and proposals are evaluated in terms of established assessment criteria in order to provide the greatest value for public investment. Projects and proposals are selected for awards in accordance to the objectives of the **Fire & Water Arts Award**.





## WRAC FEATURED ARTIST FOR JUNE: VALERIE ROSS

Pinawa Art Gallery (right)  
where Valerie volunteers  
and exhibits her paintings.



For June, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features Pinawa visual artist, Valerie Ross. In September 2005, Ross stood on a dock in Pinawa looking out at the river. In that moment she knew where she was meant to be. Eventually her husband, Alex, was drawn into the possibility of one last adventure. In May of 2006, they left 63 years of living in Southern Ontario to immerse themselves in Pinawa's pristine beauty.

Local residents often spotted Ross, with camera in hand, taking pictures of the nature and wildlife. She sent many e-mails and photos to family and friends describing excitedly all there was to see. Ross wished she could convey what she saw and felt so passionately about into something tangible, something that was personal in and of her.

In 2008, Ross's sister, who is also a visual artist, encouraged her to paint what she saw. Although Ross had never painted before, except for a few flowers on sweatshirts, and had taken no art courses, she bought a few brushes and then ... five years later she hasn't looked back. Her work has been displayed at Green Water Art Show in 2012 and at the recent Eastman Juried Art Exhibit. It can be seen and purchased at the new Pinawa Art 211 Gallery at Lewis Centre.

Ross uses vibrant acrylics. They suit her well as she paints with bold, strong strokes. She loves their immediacy as they dry quickly and they challenge her to stay in the moment and "just do." Ross likes to say that when she paints she becomes the birch leaf blowing in the wind, a gentle ripple on the river and the grass matted by a sleeping doe. She has become known as the "Birch Lady" with many of her birch paintings in homes throughout the region. Ross's husband passed away last November. She recalls him saying, "Valerie, the painting is done, it's beautiful, now step away." Ross has a hard time knowing when a painting is finished. "It's like reading a book; you never want it to end."



Enhancing North Eastern Manitoba by Advancing Arts

# WRAC NEWS

**SUMMER IS HERE AND RIPENESS ABOUNDS! CAN YOU CAPTURE THAT VIBRANT CELEBRATION, SUNSET, SUNRISE, BIRD, FLORA, WILDLIFE, LAKE VIEW OR WHATEVER YOU LOVE ABOUT SUMMER WITH YOUR PAINTBRUSH? CAMERA? PIANO? VOICE? CARVING TOOLS? PEN? QUILT? DANCE STEPS? VIDEO CAMERA ? GUITAR? COMPUTER?**

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**Mark your calendars!!!**

*Art is front and centre in Pinawa this summer.*

*First came the 2013 Eastman Judged Art Exhibition held June 12 - 15. It was hosted by the Pinawa Art 211 and organized by member Brenda McKenzie. Over 150 artists from the Eastman region had their work adjudicated - with many winning prize ribbons in their categories. The Opening Ceremony June 11 saw 115 invited dignitaries in attendance. The event was open to the public from June 12- 15th where more than 300 people signed the guest book.*

*For Pinawa's 50th Birthday weekend July 19- 20 at the FW Gilbert School, Vivian Thomson, member of Pinawa Art 211, organized an outstanding show and sale for artists from the Eastern Manitoba Artists' Collective (EMAC). The two day event saw crowds of visitors throughout the event. They came, they saw, they bought art !*

*To wrap up the weekend, the Pinawa Indoor Street Market allowed both artists and local business people the opportunity to display and sell their wares. When the doors opened at 11:00 AM at the Pinawa Community Centre, the site filled to capacity immediately. It has been estimated nearly 1000 people came to meet the vendors and buy clothing, wooden crafts, jewelry, decorated stones, spices, teas, handcrafted knitwear, as well as paintings and handmade note cards. It was a fast four hour event featuring wall-to-wall people all re-introducing themselves to other homecomers.*

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*[thomsv@granite.mb.ca](mailto:thomsv@granite.mb.ca)*

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"Paper, Power, Peas & Pickeral"  
Live music, market square, parade, beer gardens, road hockey, children's fair, family fishing derby, fish fry, car show, family movie, slow pitch tournament, Hydro tours, basketball, fireworks , food and more!!!

September Long Weekend –  
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## 2013 Eastman Judged Art Exhibition: WINNING ENTRIES

### OIL PAINTINGS

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Gary Holden "Temperance Falls"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Karen Pankiw "Fox With Rabbit"
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Brenda St. Hilaire "Buttons"

### ACRYLIC PAINTINGS

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Irene Loire- Maillard "Influenced by Caravaggio"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Margaret Korlak "Regeneration"
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Kim Gwozdz : "Low Tide"

### WATERCOLOUR PAINTINGS

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Renay Taylor Besant "Floral or Fowl"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tammy Holland "Laundry Day"
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Fay Campbell "Red Poppies"

### DRAWINGS

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Brenda St Hilaire "Emilie"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Patricia Ellen Pelland "Big"

### PRINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Kyla Jane Tyndall "Deer at Lone Island River"

### PHOTOGRAPHY

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Stu Iverson "Mullein"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stu Iverson "Four Spotted Skimmer"
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Brenda McKenzie "Waiting"

### CERAMICS

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Pat Fallis "Shamen's Dream"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kyla Jane Tyndall "Glazed Pot"
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: John Valentine "Green and Brown Lidded Jar"

### SCUPLTURE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Metro Dmytriw "Prisoner"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Metro Dmytriw "Woodcutter"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cliff Zarecki "Green Wing Teal Hen"
- Honourable Mention: Cheryl Laschuk "Murphy"

### FIBRE ARTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Janice Charko "Starry Starry night" clutch bag
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Melissa Marginet "Awaken"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Janice Charko "Global Garden"

### MIXED MEDIA

- 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Korlak "Tsunami Rising"
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- WRAC is looking for our next featured artist. We do this every month and it helps people learn about local artists. If you'd like your art practice to be showcased in local newspapers, contact Donna Besel (204-345-8513 or [dab3@mymts.net](mailto:dab3@mymts.net)) and submit your bio and a photo. If you don't know how to write one, she will help you. She would especially like to hear from musicians and music teachers. **LET US TELL THE WORLD ABOUT YOUR ART!**



Tammy Holland's Mixed Media at the EMJAE



Karen Munn's Fibre Art at the EMJAE



**WRAC  
FEATURED  
ARTIST FOR  
JULY: JANICE  
CHARKO**

Janice's award winning  
clutch "Starry Starry Night"  
(right).



For July, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features Janice Charko from Lac du Bonnet, an artist who creates and works with fibre. During her professional career, “creative” was not a word Charko would have used to define herself. She has a Bachelor of Commerce Degree and a CMA. With her husband, John Angus, she owned and managed a medical software company for 16 years, work which she has described as “very logical and inside the box!”

Then in 2008, at age 57, Charko was diagnosed with breast cancer. That year, rather than the usual winter in Florida, she and her husband spent the winter at their cottage while she received chemotherapy and radiation treatments. She lost her hair and hated wearing wigs so she started making hats that were fun – varied and colourful. When it was all over and her hair was finally making an appearance, she said she was done with cancer and done with hats.

Working with colours and various materials had resonated with Charko so she began to make things just for the prettiness of them. She moved from sea shell mirrors to beaded jewellery, needle felting, silk fusion and finally wet felting. She quickly realized that wool felting was her passion.

She loves to start with a soft mound of fluffy wool fleece and work it into felt. It takes hours of manipulating the hot soapy wool with her hands, rubbing and rolling, tossing and beating, all the while working it into the shape she wants. This year Charko began nuno felting wool onto silk chiffon scarves and shawls. Also, her silk fusion clutch purses have been popular, with the Starry Starry Night clutch winning first place in the fibre category at the 2013 Eastman Judged Art Exhibition.



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**Fall into art!!! Now that summer is winding down, you may find yourself with a little more time for yourself. There is no shortage of beauty or inspiration in the fall season so get outside and find what inspires you! Art is personal so find what you love about autumn and make it yours!! Fall in love with Art!!!!**

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### *11<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural & Northern Arts Show*

The Manitoba Arts Network is proud to present the 11th Annual Rural and Northern Art Show at the Pavilion Gallery Museum in Assiniboine Park in Winnipeg. The exhibition includes award winning artworks by over 75 Manitoba artists, which have been selected by professional juries from Juried Art Shows in the Central, Eastman, Interlake, Norman, Parkland and Westman Regions of the province.

The exhibition is presented in two galleries - the main portion of the exhibition, featuring artwork in a wide range of media, is hosted in the 2nd floor Pavilion Gallery Museum at 55 Pavilion Crescent. Selected artworks by younger artists who represent Manitoba's emerging new talent and a new Sculpture Court are presented in the neighboring Conservatory Foyer Gallery.

This event is open to the public, the venue is wheelchair accessible and parking is free.

Community Futures Winnipeg River will be facilitating an **Effective Boards and Committees Workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:30pm at the Whitemouth Community Club.**

There is no cost to attend the workshop and the information is geared to help to improve board operations in nonprofit organizations. Boards and committees that run smoothly are more likely to retain valuable members and to accomplish greater results. If that's not convincing enough reason to attend this workshop, we will also be providing coffee and refreshments!

More information about the workshop can be viewed in the attached poster and agenda. Information regarding governance principles, board recruitment, various common board practices, etc. will be provided and discussed.

# Winnipeg International Writers Festival

## THIN AIR's Got Some Big Ideas for You

Experience your brain on steroids! During the week, you can end your afternoon with writers who are tackling some of the big ideas of our place and time—and who want to hear your thoughts as well.

Monday September 23 through Friday September 27

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Carol Shields Auditorium

Millennium Library, 251 Donald Street

Enter our door prize draw each day for an opportunity to win the featured book. If you aren't the lucky person, McNally Robinson Booksellers will be on-site selling copies.

Do you have an idea for WRAC to pursue? Is there something more you would like to see from our council?

Please contact Debbie with your ideas, suggestions, etc. We would love to hear from our members and are always looking for ideas!

**Let your voice be heard!!!**

## Fire & Water Festival success!!!

The Fire & Water Festival in Lac du Bonnet over the August Long Weekend was another successful event in our region! Once again people from all over the province travelled to hear the amazing talent and take in all the festival has to offer!

WRAC was pleased to partner in sponsoring NEREO II for this festival. NEREO II is a talented artist from Winnipeg who came out to perform in a variety of capacities. His chalk drawing of Bruce Lee was a hit in the parking lot and he even took time to invite children to assist in shading, etc.

One highlight of the event that cannot go unmentioned was that of the "Art Wave" show. Organizers did an amazing job on turning part of the curling club into an art gallery! With artists working right in the crowd and beautiful original works of art, visual arts were front and center in the Artisan Square! Certainly a job well done!!!

If you haven't been to the Fire & Water Festival, mark your calendar for next year! You've been missing out!!!

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## ART WAVE SHOW



Nereo II demonstrates chalk drawing at Fire & Water Festival

## 4P Festival adds Pride and Performers

September long weekend once again brought the 4P Festival to our region in the communities of Powerview-Pine Falls and St. Georges. WRAC partnered to help showcase local talent at the Friday night Jamboree and Fish Fry. On stage were local musicians who delighted the crowds with their abilities. Even the threatening rain and looming dark clouds did little to ward off the music lovers!

The Market Square was once again filled with vendors ready to display their products and crafts. Shoppers and visitors were readily available to seek out unique items and purchase wares that caught their attention.

The weekend was jam packed with neighbors and family members who came “home” to visit. With no shortage of activities or events, everyone was pleased with the festival. These communities definitely took pride in the 4P and can’t wait to do it again next year! Mark your calendars for this annual event so you don’t miss out!!!

## OTHER REGIONAL ARTS EVENTS & QUICK REMINDERS

**Learning to Draw Course with Mary Louise Chown and presented by WRAC** begins on September 23 at the Pinawa Lutheran Church. We may be able to squeeze in one more participant so if you have been thinking about enrolling, do it now before the space is gone. You can contact Debbie at [info@winnipegriverarts.com](mailto:info@winnipegriverarts.com).

**Joyezart** located in the WB Lewis Centre in Pinawa is now open and offering a number of courses and learning opportunities. In addition to the hands on teaching, materials are available for purchase. If you haven’t had a chance to stop by and see the space that Joye Platford has created, you will want to make the time.

While visiting Joyezart, stop by the **Pinawa Art Gallery** and **Karen’s Market & Quilt Shop** also located in the WB Lewis Centre. The Centre is on Aberdeen in Pinawa and parking is easy. Each space has so much to offer in terms of art and art lovers. Karen is also offering courses this fall so it gives you a great opportunity to get more information on her programs. And with displays changing each season in the Art Gallery, you want to make sure you take time to see the new pieces and pick up a postcard or two of the talented artists.

**Membership Renewals...**many WRAC memberships are up for renewal this time of year so if yours is one of them, please contact Debbie to ensure you don’t experience any lapse in your correspondence.

**BOARD MEMBER NEEDED!!!** WRAC is currently looking for Board representation from the town of Lac du Bonnet and the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach. If you are interested in becoming a member of the WRAC Board of Directors, please contact Debbie as soon as possible. Meetings are held monthly around the region and it gives you a great opportunity to help guide WRAC.





## WRAC FEATURED ARTIST FOR AUGUST: DON MACLELLAN

For August, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features Pine Falls musician, Don MacLellan. He has been playing guitar since the age of fourteen, for forty-five years.

When he started, he liked folk and other roots styles of music. Several other genres have influenced his musical interests but lately he has been bitten by the bluegrass bug and he has been exploring this style of guitar playing.

MacLellan has always played acoustic guitars. He likes the open chord "C-A-G-E-D" system, using capos to navigate to desired keys and using familiar chord shapes.

He prefers to arrange the songs of his favourite songwriters and performers to suit his playing style as opposed to writing his own original material. He is self-taught and plays by ear, although he admits, "I'm not always sure what those phrases mean."

MacLellan appreciates the opportunity to play with like-minded musicians. Although he insists "I don't perform regularly enough," he has entertained folks at weddings, benefit concerts, bars and events for seniors.

He likes to emulate performers such as JP Cormier, Joni Mitchell, Norman Blake, Gordon Lightfoot, Tony Rice, Nancy Griffith, Steve Goodman, and David Bromberg. He has taught his style of playing on the side, as well as on a volunteer basis at places such as Wings of Power. If asked, he will also repair and maintain guitars.

MacLellan is a councillor for Ward II with the town of Powerview-Pine Falls and, for the past three years, has helped establish and build the Winnipeg River Arts Council, serving as its President. He says, "I am proud of this rare opportunity to help entrench and promote the arts throughout our region, and it is an endeavour of which I am very proud."

The Winnipeg River Arts Council encourages other local musicians to join WRAC as members. The arts council can promote your talents in the region, if you want to perform or give lessons.



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Does the quiet of the winter months inspire you? Do you see the beauty when the world is awash with white? There is nothing like curling up inside on a cold winter night. Or perhaps you enjoy being out in the crisp winter air to find your solace. Whatever it is that inspires you this season, be sure to take a moment and enjoy the new season that is upon us!

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**Monika Wall** : Jazz/vintage cabaret & more

Friday, December 13

## Comité culturel Châteauguay

Le Comité culturel Châteauguay vous invite à un souper qui sera suivi de son Assemblée générale annuelle et d'un concert maison Chemin Chez Nous avec l'excellent artiste Jason Kodie. Cette activité aura lieu Dimanche le 17 novembre 2013 dès 17h00 à la Bibliothèque Allard Library.

SVP, nous indiquer votre presence.


*Comité culturel Châteauguay would like to invite you to a supper followed by an Annual General Meeting & A House Concert with the artist Jason Kodie. This will take place on Sunday, November 17, - 5pm at the Bibliothèque Allard Library. Please RSVP.*

Do you live in the Town of Lac du Bonnet or the Victoria Beach area?

Our Board of Directors is currently looking for representation from these two communities. If you would like more information or are interested, please contact Debbie at WRAC

Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library

## Virtual Book Club



Library Allard's Virtual Book Club is all set up and ready to go! The book for November is *Fallen Skies* by Philippa Gregory.

If anyone is interested in joining the Book Club, or would like the details, please contact Breanne.  
 Email: [asstlib@allardlibrary.com](mailto:asstlib@allardlibrary.com)  
 Phone: 204-367-8443

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Miracle on  
South Division  
Street

### New Endeavours for Pinawa Art 211

After successfully hosting the 2013 Eastman Judged Art Exhibition in June, Pinawa Art 211 members are preparing for new endeavours. They will be part of the new display in the Pinawa Art Gallery in mid-November. All items will reflect the theme "All Our Best to You". The show will be open until December 21.

The Gallery is open Wednesdays – Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the W. B. Lewis Business Centre.

On December 7, the members will also be part of the Christmas Indoor Market. This event has expanded from the Secondary School auditorium to include the W.B. Lewis Business Centre as a second venue site.

As part of Cancer Care Canada's initiative, "Relay for Life" the artists will be recycling chairs using imaginative and innovative painting techniques. These will be sold in a fundraising effort. More details will be available in 2014.

Throughout the winter artists will be in The Gallery the second Tuesday of each month for J.A.T. This is their "Just About Art" time when the public is invited to come for a coffee and snack to discuss art topics. No reservations are required -just show up at 1:30. Recent meetings have dealt with "how do you price a piece of artwork" to "how do I get started doing art?" A future topic will be a look at Australian aboriginal art.

To join Pinawa Art 211 contact Vivian Thomson at 204 753 2980.

SILENT AUCTION..RAINBOW AUCTION..50/50

**"Sveikt"**  
**Latvian Heritage**  
 A celebration of Lac du Bonnet's Latvian history  
 Presented by  
 Lac du Bonnet and District  
 Historical Society Inc.  
*"Working in the present to preserve the past  
 for the future"*

**Annual Wine & Cheese**  
**Friday Dec. 6, 2013**  
 held at the  
 Lac du Bonnet Community Club

Time: 7:00 pm Tickets: \$15.00

**"Tales from the Amber Sea"**  
 told by  
 Mary Louise Chown  
 Latvia Folk Songs  
 by Donna Drysdale (Turton/Gulbis)  
 musical performance by  
 Arnold & Allan Urban & Betty Dancyt

**"TIN FOR THE BIN" FOOD DRIVE"**

Information and tickets call:  
 John : 345-2613  
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 Leon: 345-8419

**TICKETS available at : Ingham Pharmacy**

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## IERHA Call for Submissions!!

Interlake-Eastern RHA manages the delivery of healthcare in the area that likely includes the residences of your art club members. We have a number of walls in our offices and facilities that would benefit from the promotion of local artists. We know our patients and clients would appreciate the opportunity to view the artistic talent we have in our region. We're contacting you in hopes that you can help us share the word.

We have created a small group composed of staff and board members to review and select locally created art for display in our offices and facilities. The RHA is prepared to rent pieces for a 4-6 month period. Artist contact information will be posted with the pieces in the event a member of the public is interested in making a purchase.

We ask you to please share this request for submissions with your members.

### **Deadline for submissions is November 15, 2013.**

Anyone interested in submitting wall hanging artwork for consideration needs to:

1) Submit images of pieces via e-mail to [kgaudry@ierha.ca](mailto:kgaudry@ierha.ca) or CD-Roms can be mailed to Kelli Gaudry, 589-3rd Ave. South, Stonewall, MB RoC 2Z0.

Please ensure all pieces have a title that includes the artist's name and the artwork name (if one applies).

2) Include a name, phone number and mailing address where we can contact you. Please also identify dimensions of any oversized pieces

3) Identify a monthly rental fee (per piece if the fee varies from piece to piece).

Artists of selected submissions will be notified by phone.

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## OTHER REGIONAL ARTS EVENTS & NEWS

**The Winnipeg River Echo** is looking for someone to cover the Lac du Bonnet area news in their local paper. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Don Norman, Editor, at [theecho@mymts.net](mailto:theecho@mymts.net) or call 204- 367-9468.

Nancy Bremner of the **Pinawa Community Development Corporation** is looking for artists who may be interested in two events in Pinawa on December 7. The Artisan Square is being marketed to only artists and artisans that fill the criterias of : Oil, Watercolour, Drawing, Stained Glass, Pottery, Fibre art, Printmaking and Photography. There is limited space at this venue with only 15 remaining areas to be filled at the W.B. Lewis Business Centre. For more information and artisan square rules, please contact Nancy directly at 204-753-5172 or [bremnern@pinawa.com](mailto:bremnern@pinawa.com) .

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It's the time of year when so many communities host their annual Christmas Craft and Vendor Shows... check out the events page on the WRAC website to see a full listing of regional events (including these seasonal specials)... perfect time to support locally while finding the perfect gift!!!



## WRAC FEATURED ARTIST FOR NOVEMBER:

Irène Loire-Maillard

For October, Winnipeg River Arts Council features Pinawa artist Irène Loire-Maillard, a member of both WRAC and Pinawa ART 211. Her work has been exhibited often in Eastman region and she has been a student and practitioner of fine arts for many years (oil, acrylic and watercolour, drawing, clay sculpting, stone carving and photography).

She has studied in various cities across Canada and of late, Southern Spain. She was also privately tutored in stone carving by an Inuit carver in Nunavut.

Her paintings reflect a blend of science and art. She has travelled extensively and uses memories of colour, sounds and smells of various cultures. Currently her passion has led her to create abstract landscapes, using various techniques to create texture, form, colour, composition, layering and clean lines. Fascinated with the origins of the universe, she is in awe of the beauty of naturally sculpted forms.

She states, "Abstract art evokes thinking, feeling and seeing with one's own interpretation." This is what she strives to accomplish with her art.

Loire-Maillard's acrylic painting, "Influenced by Caravaggio," won the first prize at the *Eastman Judged Art Exhibition*, held in Pinawa during June of 2013. This piece was displayed, along with other award winning works from rural and Northern Manitoba, at *The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural and Northern Art Show* (September 9 to October 6) held in the Pavilion Gallery Museum in Assiniboine Park, Winnipeg.

Loire-Maillard is interested in art forms of all kinds. She has lived and worked in Canada's Arctic where she collected many fine examples of local visual arts and carvings. For several years, she belonged to a creative writing group based in Pinawa. Also, her husband, Roger Dutton, is a long-time member and fervent supporter of the Pinawa Players so she sometimes gets persuaded to become involved in their ever-popular community theatre productions.



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Do you have a website showcasing your art or talent? Is there a link out there on the world wide web to your accomplishments? WRAC would love to know about them! Part of the mission of the Winnipeg River Arts Council is to promote the talent of our members! We want to accomplish part of this by linking our members to our webpage ([www.winnipegriverarts.com](http://www.winnipegriverarts.com)). If you have information that can be shared with us, please let Debbie know as soon as possible and we will make the connection for all our visitors to see. Also, don't forget to tell us about your upcoming events, promotions, etc as we will gladly share them on our calendar pages.

Debbie is also working on a portfolio of the artists within our membership. If you have a bio page or something that can be shared in this format, please sent it to Debbie at your earliest convenience. The portfolio will be used in various displays around the region in 2014.

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Ticket are sure to sell out fast so don't delay in getting yours!! As per our fabulous membership deal, members qualify for reduced ticket prices of \$20.00/person. General public prices are \$25.00/person. **Members wishing to qualify for the discounted price should contact Debbie Majeau** (WRAC Program Coordinator) to secure their tickets. Tickets for general sale will be available throughout our communities in the coming weeks so keep your eyes open & tell your friends!

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*Capture* the good times,  
*Develop* from the negatives,  
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## **An Important Message from MACA**

Dear Manitobans for the Arts Members and Supporters,

Manitobans for the Arts invites you to join us **on January 28th 2014 for a special event (5:00 to 7:00 pm) at The Manitoba Museum** as we unveil plans to ensure arts and culture are at the forefront of the next civic, provincial and federal elections. This event will launch a community-wide advocacy campaign and we encourage attendance by arts organization representatives, individual artists, stakeholders, and board members.

It is very important that arts and cultural supporters, workers and volunteers come together to speak with one voice as we enter this critical phase of election planning. Your input and assistance is essential, so please plan to attend to help us make arts and culture a priority.

Another invite will follow but in the meantime, please hold the date and distribute widely to your networks.

### **Some Websites & Partners You Might Want To Check Out....**

**ACI Manitoba ([www.creativemanitoba.ca](http://www.creativemanitoba.ca))** ~ ACI Manitoba is The Arts and Cultural Industries Association of Manitoba. They are a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the arts and cultural industries of Manitoba and helping to develop sustainable careers for those working in arts and culture. By providing opportunities for business skill development through their various workshops, courses and seminars, they help take your creative career to the next level.

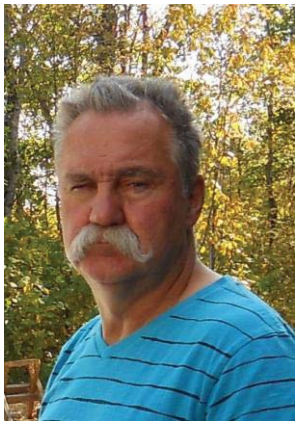
**Manitoba Arts Network ([www.manitobaartsnetwork.ca](http://www.manitobaartsnetwork.ca))** ~ Manitoba Arts Network is a non-profit provincial programming organization with the mission of showcasing and advancing arts and culture in all regions of Manitoba. The Network is dedicated to connecting Manitoba's communities by celebrating and sharing the arts.

**The Canada Council for the Arts ([www.canadacouncil.ca](http://www.canadacouncil.ca))** ~ The mission of the Canada Council for the Arts is to foster and promote the study and enjoyment of, and the production of works, in the arts.

**The Manitoba Arts Council ([www.artscouncil.mb.ca](http://www.artscouncil.mb.ca))** ~ The mission of the Manitoba Arts Council is to promote, preserve and support the arts as essential to the quality of life for all the people of Manitoba.

**For more awesome links, please visit the WRAC website and click on the "links" tab on the left side of your screen ☺**





## WRAC FEATURED ARTIST FOR AUGUST: BRIAN KNOCKAERT



For the month of November, Winnipeg River Arts Council features artist Brian Knockaert, a self-taught wood turner. Born and raised in St. Boniface, Manitoba, he moved to his cabin in St. Georges in 1998. He spent most of his working life in the steel industry and also worked at Pine Falls Hospital before retiring in 2008.

Knockaert combines his creative artistry and woodworking knowledge to create unique pieces. Over the years, he practiced his art and used various resources to build his skills; books, YouTube videos and internet research have been the most helpful.

His love of woodworking started with refinishing old furniture. This led to restoring old clocks and building his own. He began to carve birds, caricatures and walking sticks for family and friends.

After someone gave him an old lathe, he started to create pieces from the trees around him. Then he bought a bigger lathe from his brother and started to “play with turning wood.” His wife, Donna-Rae, teases him that he has a lathe addiction. The larger lathe helps him craft more intricate creations, protecting the natural integrity of each piece.

Knockaert can look at the block of wood and see a finished piece. Local woods such as Manitoba maple, black and white ash, birch and willow are commonly used. Many friends and neighbours are always “on the lookout” for distinctive chunks of wood, which he crafts into works each with their own character, style and finish.

Selling his creations was never his plan; this was a simple hobby of love and creativity to share with those he chose. But when family and friends started to ask to buy his objects, he started to sell them. It still surprises Brian when someone wants to purchase one of his works. The most interesting part of selling is where the pieces have gone - throughout Canada, the United States, Mexico, Switzerland and Australia. Currently Brian’s works are sold locally at “Through the Arbour” in Pine Falls or by email [brahm@wsemail.net](mailto:brahm@wsemail.net).

# Celebrating STORIES

**SUE  
SORENSEN**



Born in Saskatchewan, Sue Sorensen now lives in Winnipeg and teaches English at Canadian Mennonite University. Her first novel, *A Large Harmonium* (Coteau Books) was named Best First Book at 2012 Manitoba Book Awards. Her poetry has been published in the anthology *Desperately Seeking Susans* (Oolichan).

**TUESDAY  
APRIL 2, 2013  
2:00 pm**

**Pinawa Public Library**  
(Vanier Drive, Pinawa, MB)

**TUESDAY  
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**Lac du Bonnet Regional Library**  
(Third Street, Lac du Bonnet, MB)

**WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 3, 2013  
7:00 pm**

**Allard Regional Library**  
(PTH 11, St. Georges, MB)



**SHANNON  
GIBSON** is a sixteen-year-old writer who has been published in eight Canadian anthologies of short stories, and one of poetry. She

self-published a historical fiction novel based on the life of Helen of Troy, from Helen's childhood to her death.



**LUCAS JANSSON** finds inspiration in different genres and plays in a Progressive Death Core band, hoping to make it big in the world of metal music. He has been

playing guitar and singing for about two years now. He has close to 30 songs, written with lyrics and guitar.



**DUSTY MOLINSKI** is an avid canoeist and naturalist with a special fondness for the Brokenhead River. As an instructor and guide, he helps others enjoy Manitoba's waterways. Off the water, he works at Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre.



**GRANT PROSSER** is a self-taught guitarist and singer/songwriter from Hadashville who felt inspired to play at the tender age of 12. Since then, Grant has played in bands, as a solo artist, and as a duet with Alana. Grant enjoys working on his visual art, when not intertwined with music.



**ALANA SHORT** started piano lessons at six, voice lessons at twelve, and has completed Royal Conservatory certifications up to Grade 6. She also plays saxophone, guitar and ukulele. Grant and Alana play original songs of a mysterious, playful nature, along with cover songs.



**MARCEL PITRE** did not start writing until 1999. Inspired by a family reunion, he bought a computer and started writing. Although his five books have not been published, he writes

monthly newspaper articles and short stories about local history. A sixth book is near completion.



**MANFRED (FRED)  
PSOCH** had plenty of musical training in Europe before he came to Canada and started working with Manitoba Hydro in Great Falls, and then in Gillam. In 1994, he retired in St.

Georges where he renewed his musical association with Marcel Pitre.

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