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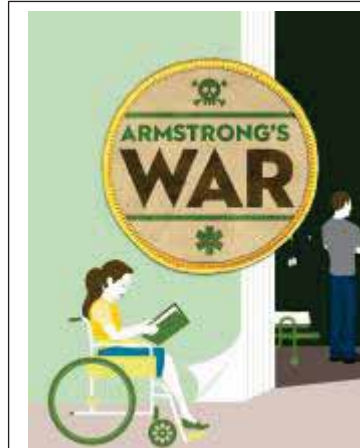
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TICKETS CAN NOW BE PURCHASED AT VARIOUS VENUES THROUGHOUT THE REGION!

Why Join the Arts Council? Over the past few years, WRAC representatives have approached local artists and arts organizations to let them know about the new regional arts council. These people, who love the arts, often ask, "Why should we join?" First off, one can envision WRAC as an umbrella that supports all Eastman artists and arts organizations. WRAC seeks to connect, promote and build the arts, and bring expertise to our area. Some examples:

- **Armstrong's War** by touring MTC actors
- **Local art shows**
- **music festivals and library programs**
- **rural youth mentorships**

And that's just the beginning! WRAC needs your continued support through memberships.

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PAINTED TURTLE POTTERY OPENS AT 20 HARD ROCK ROAD IN LAC DU BONNET: Cottage Country Co. is now operating **Painted Turtle Pottery**. Groups/individuals of all ages are welcome. The goal is to create a piece of functional pottery or work of art. Instruction will be provided. How It Works: You pay studio fee \$9 adults - \$7 kids, pick piece/pieces, all individually priced, choose from selection of colours and paint your piece. When the piece is finished, the final glaze will be done and you can pick it up in a week. Book a birthday party, bridal shower, ladies night, office party, club event, school trip, movie night, kids' camp or "paint me a story" party. Email Kathryn Jones at cottage2@mymts.net or call 204-345-6120.

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This will allow the art exhibition to be held in conjunction with the "Fire & Water" music festival.

The co-ordinator is **Janice Charko** and her team from Lac du Bonnet. EJEA began in 1988 as a showcase and sale of art work by non-professional artists throughout the Eastman region. Since 1990 it has been held on a biennial basis in towns throughout the region.

In 2013, as its contribution to the town's 50th anniversary celebrations, Pinawa Art 21 hosted this, the largest visual arts event in the Eastman region.

Previous locations have included Niverville, St. Anne and Beausejour. This event is financially supported by provincial government, corporate donors, the Manitoba Arts Network and WRAC. (At right: picture of 2013 Pinawa's EJA show)

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- KAREN MUNN



Karen Munn, WRAC board member (treasurer) and avid quilter from Pinawa, is pictured with the beautiful lap quilt she created. She donated her time and talents to make this "LOVE QUILT" which will awarded to a lucky raffle ticket buyer. Tickets can be purchased from Karen in her quilting shop at Lewis Centre in Pinawa, from WRAC board members and at various outlets throughout the region. Prize-winning ticket will be drawn at MTC TOURING PRODUCTION!!!!

In the past month, Winnipeg River Arts Council featured quilter and fibre artist, **Karen Munn**. With her husband, she moved from Winnipeg to work as Pinawa Golf Club's chef and manager but, in 2006, she retired from this job. Munn is now the owner of Karen's Market and Quilt Stop in Pinawa. She says, "If someone had told me forty years ago that I'd quilting and doing fibre art, I wouldn't have believed them."

In 1959, she joined the Navy but left after three years, married and moved to Edmonton. After her son was born, she worked as a server but found she liked the kitchen better. It was where she discovered the joy of cooking different ethnic foods and inventing recipes.

There were not many women chefs around in the sixties but she managed to take cooking lessons. Although she spent several years doing other jobs, she eventually opened a company in Winnipeg called Tasty Vittles. For almost ten years, she supplied frozen meals to seniors.

After retiring from the golf course kitchen, Munn wrote cookbooks and spoke about wellness to groups around Manitoba but soon realized there was still something missing. Then she discovered quilting and learned how to co-ordinate colours, putting them together to make something unique and beautiful. She says, "It was the hobby that got away. Like cooking, my imagination went to work and it seems that I could not learn enough."

After Winnipeg fibre artist, Pat Findley, came to Pinawa to teach about fibre art, this class unleashed Munn's other fabric talents. Now she adds buttons, beads and other items to her quilted backgrounds. She says, "If I had more time, I'd have so many pieces that there would no place to store them."



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PINAWA ART GALLERY NEWS

The Pinawa Art Gallery re-opens January 22nd with an all new look and theme. The Gallery's artists have removed their 2014 items and restocked the display areas. The theme will be "Embracing the Polar Vortex"!!

Gallery hours are Thursday - Saturday from 11:00 - 3:00 PM. There is no admission charged and all items are for sale. The Gallery can process VISA or MasterCard charges for larger items. If you've never visited before, it is located in the Lewis Business Centre on Aberdeen Avenue.



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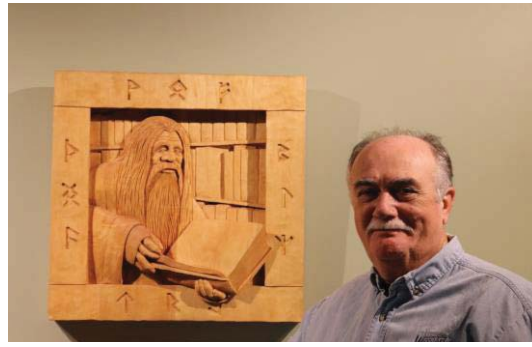
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RICK BRERETON**



Rick stands beside what he considers one of his best relief carvings, The Wizard, which has earned him a number of Best of Show awards.

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council featured woodcarver Rick Brereton from Lac du Bonnet.

Brereton's work is known throughout western Canada and the north central USA. His highly skilled knowledge and passion for his craft has him much in demand on both sides of the border. As an accomplished carver, he has won many best of show awards. He is also an experienced and knowledgeable competition judge and a sought-after instructor, teaching woodcarving throughout the year in Canada and the USA.

Brereton grew up on a farm near Birtle, Manitoba where he developed a love of wildlife and a passion for working with wood from his father, a carpenter and farmer. During a thirty-five year career with the Winnipeg Police Service, he honed his skills of working with people and developed a strong background as a qualified hands-on instructor. He joined a woodcarving club twenty-three years ago and has continued developing his skills and sharing them with others. Brereton and his wife Cathie, also an accomplished woodcarver and crafter, have spent a great deal of time promoting their passion for woodcarving, and working for the woodcarving community to help it grow and develop.

Brereton has worked with many of the world's top woodcarving instructors, but credits his early local mentors for the true inspiration for his work. In the early years, he fell in love with relief style woodcarving, which led to many commissioned carvings, including a large buffalo relief at the University of Manitoba and a series of large historical panels in Minnesota. Retirement brought Rick and Cathie Brereton to their lakeside home in Coppermine. Their woodcarving shop, on the second floor of their garage, is the weekly gathering place for over twenty-five people learning the craft. Brereton believes that encouraging new carvers to share in his passion provides him a wealth of satisfaction.

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ART EXHIBIT AT LIBRARY ALLARD: Myrtle Lalor is a familiar name to long-time residents from the Powerview-Pine Falls area. She was a poet and musician, avid gardener, and founder of the first library in this region. Last, but far from least, she was an accomplished painter whose watercolours of the Winnipeg River in its early days bring to life a time that many of us never had an opportunity to know. The St. Georges Historical Society will be holding an Art Exhibit to honour Mrs. Lalor and feature her work. The Bibliothèque Allard Library will be home to a number of her paintings for a couple of weeks, launched by a reception on the evening of **March 20th from 7:00-9:00pm**. We are eager to share these glimpses of our countryside as it was many years ago, and look forward to seeing many of you at the library for the showing. Apparently Mrs. Lalor gave a number of her paintings as gifts to people over the years. Do you have one of these paintings in your home (or know someone who does)? Would you be willing to loan it to the museum for the period of the art exhibit so everyone can see it? If so, please contact Diane Dubé (367-9970), Don MacLellan (367-2627), or Lorie Finkbeiner (367-2738).

Recently, the Eastman arts community was saddened to learn of the passing of Claudia Chomichuk, a talented artist and WRAC member, who worked on her amazing glass creations in her beautiful studio, Purple Pelican Art Glass Studio, at Hillside Beach in the RM of Alexander. WRAC offers sincerest condolences to her family.

MTC TOURING SHOW: On February 14, WRAC presented Manitoba Theatre Centre's touring play, "Armstrong's War" in Pinawa, and the audience responded to this thought-provoking performance. **Justin Otto**, a graduate of Lac du Bonnet Senior School in 2009, played Michael Armstrong. His parents live in Pinawa. This was a unique opportunity to see a professional production, supported by MTC's amazing touring crew. Kenzie Neufeld, visiting Gail Davey's granddaughter in Lac du Bonnet, won the lap quilt, made and donated for the raffle by Karen Munn, WRAC's treasurer. Gail says, "Both girls talked about the play for two days." Vickie Short, librarian at Lac du Bonnet Library, won the 50/50 draw. The play attracted 109 people and recruited a small army of volunteers who showed up from across the region to help set up and pack up (3 students from Whitemouth School, 3 students from Powerview School, 5 students from Pinawa Senior School, 5 adults from Pinawa Players, 1 adult from Lac du Bonnet, and 2 adults from St. Georges). WRAC also thanks Barrie Burnett and Rich Hamon from Pinawa for technical advice. WRAC is already looking forward to next year's show.

St-Georges Historical Society Exhibit of Myrtle Lalor Art

This organization is planning an exhibit of the art of Myrtle Lalor (see above) and they are looking for portable walls on casters if possible, gridwall panels and tabletop easels. Some of the paintings are 24" x 28" and have glass fronts so they are heavy. If you have display stands, etc that you would be willing to lend for this exhibit, please contact Diane Dubé at 204.367.9970 or cdc@granite.mb.ca

Save the Date - April 23/15

Lac du Bonnet Library invites people to their third annual **Celebrating Stories** evening. It will feature two authors: Dana Wood with her book, *Mama, I'm Not Gone*, and local Lac du Bonnet resident, Michelle Grimmelt and her book *The Aura of the North*. Singer-songwriter Cohen Sieg will also entertain with his guitar. Watch for the posters and more info!

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Cabin fever spawns creativity for Eastman Judged Art Exhibition: Although we might feel like a nation of shut-ins right now, there is lots of activity going on behind opaque, frost covered windows. Artists and artisans are busy retaining their spirit and sanity working in the media of their choice. The isolation of our province, its weather and its cultural diversity has generated a unique talent pool of creative individuals. The existence of talent is certainly not absent from the Eastman region and an opportunity to showcase the eclectic work of its artists and artisans is coming up this summer at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre on the long weekend of July 31st to August 2nd. The event is the **Eastman Judged Art Exhibition**, co-sponsored by **Fire & Water Music and Arts Festival** and **Winnipeg River Arts Council**. All artists from the Eastman Region are invited to participate. Categories for entry are **painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, ceramics, sculpture, fibre arts, mixed media and digital art**. Three professional judges will be adjudicating the work and providing constructive feedback. Honorary awards will be also be generated for each category.



Photo from previous Eastman Judged Art Exhibition in Pinawa

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For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council featured Bernice Phillips, a visual artist from Powerview-Pine Falls. Although she has lived there for thirty-nine years, she still feels inspired by the beauty of the river and surrounding forests. Phillips grew up in Rivers, Manitoba, but moved to the area in grade ten. After marriage, she lived in Toronto for two years, but returned to be closer to her family and nature.

Phillips paints mostly with acrylics, on various surfaces, and likes to decorate useable objects such as glass blocks and furniture. She also learned how to use water colours and airbrush, and paints murals on walls of all kinds. Like many artists, she took up painting after attending a workshop. Since then, she has taken many classes and gone on to instruct other artists. She notes two workshops which especially influenced her, one with Nancy Lou Ateah from Victoria Beach, and another with Roberta Laliberte from Powerview-Pine Falls.

Phillips likes experimenting, and reads to learn more about brushes, paint and other products. She says, “I look at growing things, to see how they’re put together. I try to replicate that.”

In 2013, she exhibited her work at Eastman Judged Art Exhibition in Pinawa. During March, her paintings will be displayed at Gwen Fox Gallery in Selkirk, which will also showcase the art of her sister, Emily De Groot. Phillips used to sell her work, along with forty other artists, at the Artists’ Coop near Grand Beach. She also served on the Winnipeg River Arts Council board.

For twelve years, Phillips sold local artists’ work in her store, “Through the Arbour,” in downtown Pine Falls. This store also carried coffee, chocolates, handicrafts, health foods and herbal products. Her husband, Jon Phillips, does massage therapy in a room in the back and proudly shows visitors examples of his wife’s art.

Recently, Phillips downsized her business but the store is still open and the massage therapy continues. She says, “I am grateful; my family has always supported my art. It means a lot to me.”

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ART EXHIBIT AT LIBRARY ALLARD: On March 20th, a large crowd gathered to enjoy a wine and cheese reception and view the collection of art created by Myrtle Lalor, a familiar name to long-time residents from Powerview-Pine Falls area. Her watercolour paintings depict the early days of pioneer life along the Winnipeg River. She was also a poet and musician, avid gardener, and founder of the first library in this region. The St. Georges Historical Society organized this exhibit and Bibliothèque Allard Library will display her paintings for the next few weeks. Many of the guests at the reception remembered the scenes captured in Lalor's art and shared their own memories of the early development of this community.



(above) Marcel Pitre listens to Kevin Lalor speak about Myrtle Lalor and her art/life in the area.

Watercolor Floral Painting Workshop: Allard Library is hosting a workshop with artist Nancy Lou Ateah on **Saturday April 18th, 2015 from 10:00am – 3:00pm.** Registration fee is \$80.00 includes supplies, or \$55.00 without supplies. A \$25.00 deposit is required upon registering. You will be given a supply list at that time if you wish to pick up your own things. There is a maximum of 10 participants for the workshop. Sign up early to avoid disappointment. Call 204-367-8443 for info.

Save the Date - April 23/15: Lac du Bonnet Library invites people to their third annual *Celebrating Stories* evening. It will feature two authors: Dana Wood with her book, *Mama, I'm Not Gone*, and local Lac du Bonnet resident, Michelle Grimmelt and her book *The Aura of the North*. Singer-songwriter Cohen Sieg will also entertain with his guitar. Watch for the posters and more info!

PINAWA ART GALLERY: Gallery hours are Thursday - Saturday from 11:00 - 3:00 PM. No admission charged and all items are for sale. The Gallery can process VISA or MasterCard charges for larger items. If you've never visited before, it is located in the Lewis Business Centre on Aberdeen Avenue.

VISUAL ARTISTS - PLEASE NOTE: For this year only, two important art organizations in Eastern Manitoba will join for an art extravaganza in Lac du Bonnet. The Eastman Judged Art Exhibition 2015 will be held in Lac du Bonnet in conjunction with the annual "Fire and Water" festival. Pinawa Art 211 members will also be in place with their annual show and sale to complement the Judged Art event. The concurrent events will be July 30 - Aug. 02. Pinawa Art 211 will not be part of the annual Pinawa birthday celebrations for 2015 because of this co-joined event in Lac du Bonnet but welcome guests to their other initiative, The Pinawa Art Gallery in the W. B. Lewis Centre, Aberdeen Avenue.

Check out WRAC website for info: newsletters, artists' profiles, by-laws, sponsors, links to great arts related sites! Thanks go out to Bill Campbell of Datahelps for looking after the website and updating regularly.

Calling all WRAC artists/members: Kkathryn Jones, Pinawa Bay potter and also a Winnipeg River Arts Council member, invites the talented artists in the area to participate in the Artisan Village held at her shop (**Cottage Country Co. & Painted Turtle Pottery**, 20 Hard Rock Road, near Lac du Bonnet). On Saturday the 16th of the May Long Weekend, from 10 am to 4 pm, a large tent will be set up where cottagers and locals can purchase items for sale and meet the artists first hand. This is the SECOND installment, last year was a success, so this year the goal is to be even bigger and get more artists and artisans showing and selling their work. Kathryn says, "I believe this would be a great kick off to the summer and a great opportunity to meet other members and network." If you are interested, and you are a WRAC member, please let her know as soon as possible. (work # 204-345-6120)

Powerview School Middle Years Drama presents "Rapunzel." Play dates are set for April 9th and 10th. Tickets are \$8.00 and are available at school office (204-367-2296). Get yours now – they sell out fast!



Photo from previous Eastman Judged Art Exhibition in Pinawa

Eastman Judged Art Exhibition: The existence of talent is certainly not absent from the Eastman region and an opportunity to showcase the eclectic work of its artists and artisans is coming up this summer at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre on the long weekend of July 31st to August 2nd. The event is the **Eastman Judged Art Exhibition**, co-sponsored by **Fire & Water Music and Arts Festival** and **Winnipeg River Arts Council**. All artists from the Eastman Region are invited to participate. Categories for entry are **painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, ceramics, sculpture, fibre arts, mixed media and digital art**. Three professional judges will be adjudicating the work and providing constructive feedback. Honorary awards will be also be generated for each category. **Entry information is available from Janice Charko at EJAE2015@outlook.com or Del Lion at dellioncraft118@gmail.com**

WRAC Featured Arts
Organization for MARCH 2015-
EDGEWATER RECREATION
COMMISSION



Lori Vialoux (left)
Edgewater
Recreation Director
and WRAC Board
member



For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council featured the Edgewater Recreation Commission, with its goal of providing quality recreation and opportunities that encourage and promote healthy living. Although it is located in Powerview-Pine Falls, it also serves people from adjoining regions: the Beaches, Great Falls, Stead, St. Georges, and other areas on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. In fact, forty to fifty per cent of participants in their programs come from outside the town. The recreation commission started out on July 30, 1981, as the Pine Falls Recreation Association. The present Recreation Director, Lori Vialoux, has worked for the commission since 2007. She lives in Traverse Bay, and her family ran the Birchwood Motor Hotel for twenty years, so she knows the people and the area well.

Edgewater joined WRAC because many of their programs include arts activities. They hold PHAT Camp for kids, with dance, theatre, and creative movement. At various times, they've offered guitar and fiddle lessons. In the Fall Fest, they hold photography and scarecrow decorating contests. In summer day camps, the kids make lots of art, mixed in with exercise and competitions.

Edgewater also offered a special program called "Creative Families," in partnership with Wings of Power. Every week, adults and kids of various ages got together to work on a specific art project. One week, they took water colour lessons from Victoria Beach artist, Nancy Lou Ateah. In other sessions, they created tie-dye tee-shirts, beaded necklaces, soap, and lamps.

Vialoux also helped organize the Beaches Drama Club. Actors of all ages would meet at the Victoria Beach Sports Club, start rehearsing in January, and put on productions in June. Vialoux says, "This group is still interested in performing, but we haven't got the energy to put on a show right now."

In 2014, Edgewater Recreation organized "Fall in Love with Art." For four weeks in the fall, students met in Powerview School art room, after regular classes ended, and worked with visual artist, Roberta Laliberte, creating mini-collages ("Junk Journaling") in old books. For another four weeks, they worked with Nancy Lou Ateah. For 2015 Winter Fest, Vialoux hired a professional snow sculptor to give lessons. He carved a giant snow horse for the festival and taught kids how to make snow sculptures.

In addition to arts, Edgewater coordinates and promotes local sports, recreation, and fitness programs. Examples of their unique programs include: dog obedience, Kids in the Kitchen, Earth Day activities, Growing Your Own Mushrooms, science camps.

They distribute a wide-ranging annual publication listing dozens of activities, events, and groups.

ART OF MANAGING YOUR CAREER COMING TO EASTMAN

ACI (Creative Manitoba) has asked Winnipeg River Arts Council to partner in offering portions of The Art of Managing Your Career course in the Winnipeg River region during the upcoming fall.

Several local artists have already expressed interest in taking this course but WRAC needs to guarantee 10 - 15 participants to make it worthwhile to run it in the area. The instructional units may be offered as a combination of learning and socializing, with a meet-and-greet at the end of the class, to give the artists in the region a chance to network and connect.

This is a course for self-employed artists, developed by artists and cultural workers. ACI has run The Art of Managing Your Career for four years now and over 200 Manitoban artists have graduated! The course costs \$200 for ACI members.

AMYC will help you to:

- Envision and develop a career strategy
- Create a business plan Market and promote your work
- Manage a project
- Manage your financial affairs
- Manage legal matters
- Communicate effectively
- Develop effective business skills

Who is the course designed for? The course is open to anyone with an existing arts practice including actors, craftspeople, dancers, filmmakers, musicians, new media content creators, visual artists and writers. If you are a self-employed artist, or looking to increase the portion of your employment derived from your art, then this course is for you.

Dates have not yet been finalized. You can contact **Jennifer Hudson Stewart** to let her know if you are interested. Email: info@winnipegriverarts.com Phone: (204) 340-0889

You can also check out the ACI website for more detailed information about The Art of Managing Your Career. Or, if you have any further questions about the course, please email **Alicia** at alicia@creativemanitoba.ca

FYI: Applications will require a completed form, resume, and an updated portfolio to showcase your work.



The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library hosted the 3rd Annual Celebrating Stories on Thursday, April 23. Pictured above Michelle Grimmelt, author of *The Aura of the North*, musician Cohen Seig, and Dana L. Wood, author of *Mama, I Am Not Gone*. Thank you to the Lac du Bonnet Library for planning this event.



Waiting a full year to see some of Manitoba's best in independent music is just too long. The organizers of the Fire & Water Music Festival couldn't shake that festival feeling and have put together a night of talent that is sure to blow your mind and have you jumping, jiving, swaying, and swinging right out of your chairs.

Come see The Mariachi Ghost, Sweet Alibi and The Psychics perform live in Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba on May 24th, 2015. Doors open at 5:30, show starts at 6:00 at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre.

As always, this is a family friendly event, and kids under 12 get in free. Ticket are \$20.00 each and are available to purchase online or from one of our local ticket vendors.

Blaine's Books, Movies, Music (1795 Henderson Hwy in McIvor Mall, Winnipeg, MB)

What's On Second? (2nd Street – Lac du Bonnet)

Ingham Pharmacy (29 Park Ave – Lac du Bonnet)

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The birds are chirping and so are we..... by Erika Uustalu-Nicholson

Over the years, the Eastman Judged Art Exhibition has featured a bird logo to highlight the event. This year the little chickadee has morphed into a stylistic design incorporating the elements of fire and water to identify the exhibitions alignment with the Fire and Water Music and Arts Festival which will take place July 31st to August 2nd at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre.

Posters have begun to be distributed throughout the Eastman region calling all artists to participate in this exciting event. There are eleven categories for entries which will be judged by three professional judges in the art field. The regular deadline for entries is July 17th but entries that are received by July 1st will be entered into an Early Bird Draw. The prize includes a night at the Inn at the Forks and two day passes for the Canadian Museum of Human Rights in Winnipeg.

Information and entry details are available at EJAE2015@outlook.com or dellioncraft118@gmail.com or 204-345-8483



EJAE 2015

July 31 – August 2

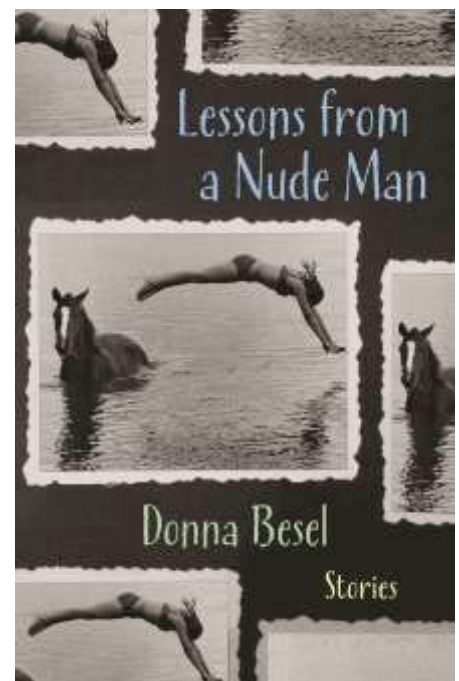
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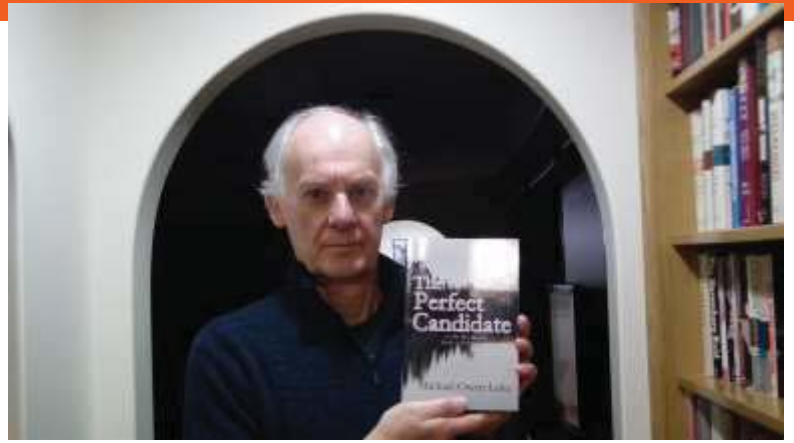
On April 9 and 10, Powerview Middle Years Drama Club presented the comedy "Rapunzel" for family and friends. Drama teacher Tanya Magnan said, "This group has worked really hard to get to this level of confidence and I am so happy for them." Several students really stepped up their acting chops to deliver very funny performances. Sets and costumes also added to the magic.

Launch of Lessons from a Nude Man - June 05/2015 at 7:00 pm McNally Robinson Booksellers, Grant Park Store in the Atrium, Winnipeg

Boreal author Donna Besel announces the arrival of her long-awaited book; *Lessons from a Nude Man*. Regina's Hagios Press published this collection of short stories through their critically acclaimed "Strike Fire - New Author Series." Six stories have appeared in *Prairie Fire* and other publications. CBC Literary Awards shortlisted the title story, "Lessons from a Nude Man." Another story, "Dead Skunk," won second place in *Prairie Fire's* annual writing contest. A third story, "Fare Well," won first place in *This Magazine's* "Great Canadian Literary Hunt." Three new pieces also appear. Now all of these great stories can be read and enjoyed in one place. In the last week of April, Besel presented on a writing panel at the Creative Nonfiction Collective Conference in Victoria, BC, and did readings at Port Alberni, Courtney, and Campbell River on Vancouver Island. In May, she will be doing several readings throughout Saskatchewan.



For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features Pinawa writer Michael Luke. Born in England, he came to Canada at age ten and grew up in the Montreal area, on the banks of the beautiful Richelieu River. After graduating with a B.Sc. he did research at a major pharmaceutical company in Montreal for several years before moving with his wife, Anna, and newborn son to Pinawa to take up a job with AECL. Apart from two years in Victoria and two years in Deep River, Ontario, Luke has lived in Pinawa ever since.



WRAC's Featured Artist for this month is writer Michael Luke.

He says, "Writing for me has been an ever-present hobby, something I've enjoyed for as long as I can remember. I can recall as a teenager buying thirty-five cent paperbacks and thinking to myself that one day I'd like to see my name on a book."

It took over fifty years, and retirement, but Luke finally made it with his first novel, *The Perfect Candidate*, a self-published murder mystery set in and around the Whiteshell area. The most gratifying aspect of getting into print has been the reaction of local readers who have told Luke how much they enjoyed his novel.

The Perfect Candidate is the first book of a trilogy. Book 2, *The Morning Light Conspiracy*, will be available in June. For both books, the many moods of the Winnipeg River, at times scintillating and joyful, at others dark and moody, have been both an inspiration and an effective backdrop. Luke is keen to encourage others with a story to tell or a history to recount to get into print or to go the eBook route. These days, for anyone interested, a range of helpful tools can assist in producing this kind of self-expression.

Luke also serves as chair of Pinawa Library Board and would like to see rural libraries take a bigger role in facilitating authorship.

Magazines to Masterpiece with Roberta!

On Saturday May 23rd from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Library Allard will be hosting a "Magazines to Masterpiece" Mixed Media Art class with instructor Roberta Laliberté! Cost - \$53 per person (all supplies are included in the cost) ALL CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO EDGEWATER RECREATION COMMISSION OR ERCI.

Spend the day cutting up magazine pages, reorganize and paint them into pretty little art pieces. No drawing skill required, almost as easy as paint by number! Great for beginners! It's almost like being back in grade school!

To sign up for this unique event you can register at Library Allard or Edgewater Rec office. Check out the library's Facebook page for more details about this event and other events the library is having in the future!

Winnipeg River Artist's Festival

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

at Cottage Country Co. & Painted Turtle Pottery

20 HARD ROCK ROAD

Lac du Bonnet

Hwy 11 & 313 intersection

10 am

to

4 pm

Featuring local artisans

Authors, wool felting, turned bowls, birch painter, photographer, handmade knives, painter, potter, and chainsaw carver



Supported event

LAC DU BONNET SENIOR SCHOOL'S
SPRING BAND CONCERT
 AND COFFEE HOUSE FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY, JUNE 2nd
7:00pm
 LDB Senior School Gym



Come and enjoy some great music performed by our hardworking students and learn all about what the Band Program has to offer.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Looking for a place to showcase your talent at the beach?

Introducing

The Beach Exchange

This is a call to artists who would love to show their art in the heart of cottage country! The Beach Exchange is a unique 200 square foot venue which can be rented by the day or week for artists to display their art. Artists are welcome to also do demonstrations, workshops or classes. The Beach Exchange is located in Albert Beach, Mb (20 minutes north of Grand Beach, off of Hwy 59), across from Saffies General Store and next to Le Gouter Crepiere.

For more information or to reserve a day call: Lise Bourassa at 204 756 3846 or email staff@saffies.ca

Check out WRAC's website, winnipeggriverarts.com for info, newsletters, artist's profiles, by-laws, sponsors and links to great arts related sites. Thanks to Bill Campbell of Datahelps for looking after the website and updating regularly.



Canada 150: Join the Celebration!

Whether you're part of an organization, a community, or a business, or are an individual, there are countless ways to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017.

The Canada 150 Fund will support local and national activities that bring Canadians together, honour the exceptional and give back to Canada by leaving lasting legacies. We're now accepting funding proposals for Canada 150 projects.

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, February 17, 2016



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Hound of the Baskervilles

Lac du Bonnet Community Centre

An ancient family curse, a desolate moor, a spectral hound and a deranged killer on the loose.

"Hysterical, my dear Watson!"



The Winnipeg River Artists Festival was held Saturday, May 16 at Cottage Country Co. & Painted Turtle Pottery. Pictured above Brian McKenzie, Shirley Kurian, photographer & Kathryn Jones, host & potter. Photo credit, Arlene Davidson (the Clipper)

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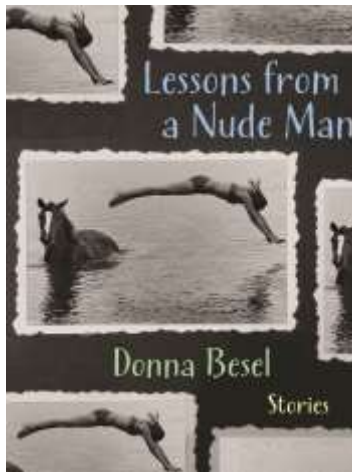
Present

Donna Besel

Lessons from a Nude Man: Stories

Friday June 5, 7:00 pm

Grant Park in the Atrium



Donna Besel's unique short stories combine aching sadness and laugh-out-loud humour, reflecting the isolation, hardships, and beauty of life in and around the boreal forests she knows well. Hagios Press of Regina published this book through their critically successful program "Strike Fire - New Authors Series." Six of the stories have appeared in Prairie Fire and other publications. Three have garnered national honours: CBC Literary Awards shortlist, second place in Prairie Fire's annual contest, first place in This Magazine's Great Canadian Literary Hunt.

Donna Besel grew up in the Whiteshell Provincial Park and now lives on the Winnipeg River near Powerview-Pine Falls. She leads creative writing workshops for children and adults, and instructs in Artists in the Schools program all across Manitoba.

Pinawa's art gallery in the W.B. Lewis Centre welcomes two new members.

Bob Munn is a retired radio personality from CJOB. He has always had the idea of trying out drawing. His newest works in ink, graphite and mixed media are now part of The Gallery's latest exhibition. He will have his own space for his works as well as having a ink and water colour image of the Pinawa Channel on The Gallery's theme wall.

For the next few months this wall will feature the artists' images on a theme "My World". Everyone was challenged to look beyond the pronoun and perhaps expand into other environments.

Within The Gallery a new area features a large machine sewn, beaded, and troumped work quilt by former Pinawa and master quilter Maureen Carefoot.

Fabric artist, Karen Munn, has placed three multi-fibre quilted items on the back display wall to complement works by Joye Platford.

The Gallery is open Thursday - Saturday from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM but in June will extend its Saturday hours to 4:00 PM.



Annual General Meeting

Monday, June 15, 2015

7pm

At Town of Lac du Bonnet Office,

84 Second St., Lac du Bonnet

Refreshments to follow meeting.

Please RSVP your attendance to
Jennifer at

winnipegriverarts@gmail.com or
204 340 0889





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WRAC's Featured Artist of the Month Cathie Brereton

For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features Cathie Brereton, a wood carver from RM of Lac du Bonnet. Born and raised in Ottawa, she's been coming out to the family cottage since 1990. After retirement from Winnipeg careers in 1994, Cathie and husband Rick became year-round residents.

When Cathie saw how much Rick enjoyed carving, she tried it. In Winnipeg, they belonged to a group called "Les Gens du Bois." This name means "people of the wood" and is taken from the title of a book by Benoit Des Chenes, whose carvings can be found in St. Boniface churches, hospitals, and many other places. In June, the Breretons plan to visit him in his home town, Ste. Jean Port Jolie, Quebec – "The Carving Capital of Canada."

Brereton's passion for wood and wildlife drive her art. She says, "I also love it because I get to spend time with Rick, carving and going to shows. Also, I like the creative process, the freedom of forgetting about perfection."

She has won various acclamations, including "Best of Show" and "People's Choice" in Lake Bronson, Minnesota, and also awards from Prairie Canada Competition in Winnipeg. She loves classes and shows, and says, "The people we meet are so interesting, a whole different culture, getting together and sharing secrets."

The preferred material is basswood, from Minnesota. It is a hardwood and holds details, but doesn't chip or crumble.

The Breretons host informal classes at their Cape Coppermine home. About twenty-seven adults attend, (but not all at once) to learn about reading grains and handling tools. Brereton says "People just throw in a few bucks to pay for materials. I'm always amazed by how quickly people learn and how projects turn out."

Brereton also quilts and belongs to the Riverside Quilters, and enjoys creating beaded bracelets. Along with her work as reeve, she has more than enough to keep herself occupied.

The Deep Bay Artists' Residency at Riding Mountain National Park of Canada is a multi-disciplinary program that provides professional artists and administrators with time and a facility in which to focus on their work. Since 2006 more than 80 artists have experimented and created new art in the beautiful natural setting of the National Park.

Janelle Hacault is the first artist-in-residence at the Deep Bay cabin this season.

Janelle is a professional contemporary dance artist and an educator based in Winnipeg. From Flin Flon, Manitoba, she is a graduate of the Senior Professional Program of the School of Contemporary Dancers and holds a BA Honours from the University of Winnipeg. Janelle is co-founder of thedancepost.org and co-founder/general manager of Nova Dance Collective.

For more information about this program visit the Manitoba Arts Council website www.artsCouncil.mb.ca/featured-programs

The Deep Bay Artists' Residency

Riding Mountain
National Park of
Canada



Artists Off The Avenue

Don't miss Centennial School students artwork displayed in store fronts around Lac du Bonnet. On now until June 12th.



Check out WRAC's website

www.winnipegriverarts.com

Thanks to Bill Campbell for keeping our site up to date.

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Wednesday, February 17, 2016

The Hound of Baskervilles

At Lac du Bonnet Community Centre

2015 EJAE Early Bird Entry Prizes!!!

All entries received by Wednesday, July 1, 2015 will be entered into a draw to win;

From the Inn at the Forks - One night accommodation in a Deluxe Room with Valet Parking and Breakfast for Two! (good until July 1, 2016)

From the Canadian Museum for Human Rights - 2 complimentary admission passes. (valid until August 2nd, 2016)

All you have to do is get yourself organized to send us, by July 1st - your completed entry form, along with titles, sizes and medium filled in for each entry and with your cheque for the entry fees. On July 1st, we will make the draw for the lucky winner of a night at the Forks in Winnipeg!

Information and entry details are available at EJAE2015@outlook.com or dellioncraft118@gmail.com or 204 345 8483.



EJAE 2015

**July 31 –
August 2**

Lac du Bonnet



Donna Besel reading from her book, *Lessons from a Nude Man* at her book launch, June 5th at McNally Robinson Booksellers. Photo credit Emily Christie.

On June 5, at the McNally Robinson Bookstore in Winnipeg, over 130 people attended the long-awaited launch of Besel's collection of short stories, *Lessons from a Nude Man*. The crowd at the McNally launch purchased almost all of the copies. At one point, event staff worried that some people in the line-up would not get a book. Many writers from Winnipeg and various Manitoba communities showed up, along with other fans of Besel's work, including people from Powerview-Pine Falls, St. Georges, Lac du Bonnet, Beausejour, and the Whiteshell. Some folks came from as far away as Minnesota and Vancouver Island. According to reports, this launch attracted the most people in the history of Hagios Press. Also, on the Saturday of June 13, the Winnipeg Free Press listed *Lessons from a Nude Man* at number one spot in McNally Robinson's Bestsellers chart (Paperback Fiction category). John Toews, event coordinator of McNally's, called the launch a "resounding success" and expressed his great pleasure that so many rural people attended.

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Community Futures Winnipeg River is working with the Lac du Bonnet Community Harbour Committee to determine the feasibility of developing a harbour / marina in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. We are contacting you today to ask for your input by completing our online survey (link below). The survey takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

<http://fluidsurveys.com/s/ldbcommunityharbour/>

the HOUND of the BASKERVILLES
BY SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE
ADAPTED BY STEVEN CANNY & JOHN NICHOLSON

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For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features multi-media visual artist, Diane DePauw, from Lac du Bonnet. She grew up in Morris, but moved to Winnipeg where she worked as a teacher.

After fourteen years in Winnipeg, her love of travel led her to pursue a career as an international educator, living and teaching in England, Thailand, Viet Nam, Tanzania, and Venezuela. In summers, she often visited her sister's cottage on the Lee River. She loved the area and eventually bought a house the town of Lac du Bonnet.

DePauw's great inspiration is nature and she spends a great deal of time in the surrounding forests. They provide many of the materials she uses, such as pine cones, tree branches, bark, flowers, and leaves. She incorporates these elements into her work, also using acrylic paint, ink- stamping, pencil crayons, paper, and canvas.

Five years ago, DePauw took a two-week course offered by the Model Forest, called "Non-Timber Forest Products." This course taught the participants how to use natural objects to make artistic creations and other useful items.

Four years ago, the drive to create grew stronger and she started to think about art more seriously. She had already learned plenty from artists who taught in the many schools where she worked, all over the world.

In Viet Nam, she spent more and more time with artist friends, watching them work, looking on-line, and finding pictures of art she liked. She says, "I regretted that the art supplies found in North American stores like Michael's, were not available to me, but the markets, and nature, provided me with materials."

DePauw has not exhibited her art, but has given lots away as gifts. She says, "After a career that demanded so much structure and planning, art gives me the freedom to explore aspects of myself that I never knew were there."

The Churchill Artists' Residency supports professional artists from Manitoba to undertake two week residencies in Churchill, Manitoba, at the Churchill Northern Studies Centre (CNSC). Founded in 1976, the CNSC provides various services to researchers working on a diverse range of topics of interest to northern science.

Tanja Woloshen is the artist-in-residence at the Churchill Northern Studies Centre: June 24 - July 8

Tanja is a dance artist and educator whose creative practice explores transformation and inclusive ways of seeing. In 2013, Tanja debuted a half-length dance work, Encounters of the Man Kind, a mythopoetic investigation of men and intimacy, inviting audiences to look at the relations between space and the body. Tanja's current work explores the human relationship with nature and intrinsic wildness. Recent projects also include dancing for Lise McMillan, Sarah Anne Johnson, Jolene Bailie, Natasha Torres Garner, and Mia Van Leeuwen.

While in residence at the Churchill Northern Studies Centre, Tanja will undertake research in preparation for a future dance production project titled Holy Wild. This work will explore Tanja's interests in non-linear narratives, the multiplicity of identities, recognition and ecology. Research for Holy Wild will involve reading anthropological and shamanic writings about transformational experiences with nature, and excursions into nature to gain embodied knowledges of Manitoba's northern wilderness.



Churchill Artists' Residency



We're looking but are we seeing?

By Erika Uustalu-Nicholson

Recently, I spoke to a newly retired friend of mine. She told me that this is the first spring that she noticed how beautiful the tulips were that grew besides her steps. Up to now, their existence had garnered only a fleeting glance between work and errands. My friend commented that this small recognition of something simple and beautiful was life-enhancing. She said, "When I finally took the time because I had the time to look at those flowers, I knew that I should have paused and enjoyed these kinds of moments, way before I retired."

Working or retired, everyone's lives are busy and sometimes our realities are shaken up by unexpected illness or tragedy. However, to maintain our balance perhaps we need those small moments -the personal ones that help you heal, re-direct or just carry on.

So consider picking up a camera as you gaze across a horizon line of land or water. Take an art class. Dust off that musical instrument. Write that memoir that you've been meaning to share with your grandchildren ... and enjoy your tulips!

For inspiration and ideas as to how you can further your creative journey, the Eastman Judged Art Exhibition is being held in Lac du Bonnet this summer from July 31- August 2. Entry information is available at EJAE2015@outlook.com or at dellioncraft118@gmail.com

There are Early Bird incentives for all entrants who register by July 1st. (*Early Bird Deadline extended to July 3rd*) Regular deadline is July 17th. Posters will be up in Eastman communities in July to further advertise this event.



2015 Eastman Judged Art Exhibition



Volunteer John Valentine at the Gwen Fox Gallery.

The Selkirk Community Art Centre, home of the Gwen Fox Gallery, can display your art work. It is located in a beautiful heritage building at 101-250 Main Street. You need to become a member, but this gallery is another nearby place where you can exhibit and sell your art. Just so you know - you may have to wait to get exhibited, because it is such a popular place for people in and around Selkirk interested in art.

Contact Info: phone – 204-482-4359
Email: gwenfox@shaw.ca
Website: www.gwenfoxgallery.com

Powerview School Junior Drama Club Visits Centennial School in Lac du Bonnet

On June 17, twenty-five young actors from Powerview School, in grades two, three and four, presented their work to Centennial School students and kids from the nearby day care. The actors brought along props and costumes, performed versions of Robert Munsch books, sang, danced, and mimed a piece about friendship. The Centennial students appeared to enjoy the presentation, paying close attention, and giving lots of applause.



July 31 –
August 2, 2015

Check out your local
library for summer
programs!



It's time once again to shine the spotlight on Manitoba's rural and northern artists. Throughout the month of July, the Assiniboine Park Pavilion Gallery Museum will again be the setting for the impressive display of award-winning artworks from beyond the perimeter that is the Rural & Northern Art Show. This year's show, features 46 artists, all of whom wowed the jurors at the Westman, Parkland, Central, Interlake and Northern regional juried exhibitions held earlier this year. Running from July 8-28, join us and many of the artists at the Opening Reception on Sunday, July 12 from 4PM-6PM on the 2nd floor of the Pavilion Gallery located at 55 Pavilion Crescent in Winnipeg's Assiniboine Park. The reception is free to attend and all are most welcome! Otherwise the Pavilion Gallery will be open daily from 9AM - 5PM. The gallery offers free admission, wheelchair accessibility and free parking. –Manitoba Arts Network



Author Mike Luke of Pinawa, will be presenting his newest novel, "The Morning Light Conspiracy", volume 2 of his "Finding Cindy" series.

Wednesday, July 29th, 2015

At 6:30pm.

Refreshments will be served.

WRAC will be holding a fundraising raffle and is currently seeking donations of works of art. Tickets to go on sale this fall, draw date will be February 17, 2016.

If you have something you would like to donate please contact Jennifer at winnipegriverarts@gmail.com or 204 340 0889.

Please check the calendar on our website for other upcoming events and office hours during the summer months.

winnipegriverarts.com

Or call ahead to make sure we are open, 204 340 0889.



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**2015 EJAE
Winners**

Pictured above is artist Autumn Robbie-Draward. Her entry, "Lost" was awarded Best in Show at 2015 EJAE. People's Choice was awarded to Marcel Fortin for his work, "Leslie Park" & Shirley Kurian for "Pine Point Rapids".

Acrylic

1. Stephen R Young "Tregiffian"
2. Jodie Wentz "Bygone"
3. Brianna Wentz "Light amongst the impending Doom"

Ceramics

1. Pat Fallis "Ode to a Grecian Urn #1"

Drawing

1. Robert Munn "On Guard"
2. Erika Uustalu Nicholson "Sentinel"

Fibre

1. Erika Uustalu Nicholson "Binky"
2. Janice Charko "Royal Doulton I"
3. Karen Munn "Sunflower"

Mixed Media

1. Autumn Robbie-Draward "Lost"
2. Huguette La Croix Gauthier "Spring Doe"
3. Huguette La Croix Gauthier "Salmon Run"

Printwork

1. Kyla Tyndall "Whiteshell"

Oil

1. Karen Pankiw "The Fates"
2. Karen Pankiw "Leg Study"
3. Brenda McKenzie "Quiet Time"

Sculpture

1. Huguette La Croix Gauthier "Spirit Owl"

Photography

1. Irene Loire-Maillard "Internet Café? –Sahara Desert"
2. Stu Iverson "Nordic Noir"
3. Jack Turner "Picnic Point"

Watercolour

1. Jan Claude "Opening Memory's Gate"
2. Jerry Kozak "Cloud/Rain Grand Beach"
3. Jan Claude "Young Summer Thoughts"

Wood Carving

1. Rick Brereton "Koruru Mask"
2. Iris Bidinosti "Crusaders Castle"
3. Iris Bidinosti "Cascada del Casitas"

Lac du Bonnet's Janice Charko successfully hosted the 2015 Eastman Judged Art Show (EJAE) in the community centre during the August long weekend. It was held in conjunction with the annual "Fire N Water" music festival. This was the third time in the thirty year history of EJAE that Lac du Bonnet had taken this role. Congratulations to Janice Charko and her committee members for a job well done. More than 400 people signed the guest book at the entrance to the display area.

The art exhibition is held on a biennial basis. The next one will be in another community in 2017. The town of Pinawa hosted this in 2013. Any community in the Eastman region can offer to present this event. Interested communities need to have a venue large enough for 300 people, a storage facility for the display units and a committee of eight people to organize and coordinate the exhibition. There is a binder of the necessary information for schedules, job descriptions and finances available for the use of the next organizing committee. A legacy grant from the Lac du Bonnet show will aid in the preparation of the next one. Contact person is Roger Langlais (roger.langlais@gov.mb.ca) in the Beausejour provincial building.



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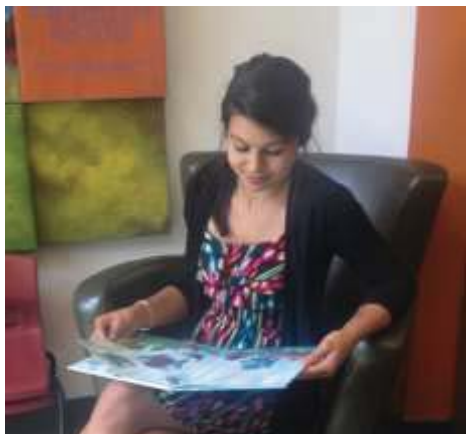
For this month, WRAC features Bibliotheque Allard Regional Library, which opened on May 3, 1983, in École Communataire St. Georges. In November, 2008, it moved to its own space on Highway 11, thanks to fundraisers, donations, grants, and municipal funds.

Library Allard is also the administrative centre for Victoria Beach Branch which opened in November, 2009. The two libraries serve RM of Alexander, Town of Powerview-Pine Falls and RM of Victoria Beach. Library Allard also provides open shelf service to Manigotagan, Bissett, and Seymourville so people in these communities can receive books in the mail and access the library's catalogue. The library's mission is to provide access to resources and programs, and to enhance knowledge, joy of reading, and quality of life. It has hosted multiple displays such as "Now That's a Hat" Exhibit from Brandon's Daly House Museum in fall of 2014 and this spring's Myrtle Lalor Art Exhibit with wine and cheese reception.

Each year, they present Remembrance Day displays, Crèche Festivals (nativity scenes in multiple formats, from end of November to beginning of January), and the popular TD's Summer Reading program for kids. The library also hosts ongoing art and craft classes, from water colour painting to Lego Club, with a Lego sculpture contest on the September long weekend.

Author presentations happen often. Next upcoming readings include: Michael Luke in July with his newest from the "Finding Cindy" series, *The Morning Light Conspiracy*, Andreas Oertel's newest junior fiction in October. The library organizes a photo rally in early October and is working at getting two storytellers and two musicians in November. For more info about programs and events, check out www.allardlibrary.com or their Facebook page.

Dedicated and friendly staff include: Kelly Murray, Jen Kemball, Madeleine Boisjoli, Valerie Townsend, Kailyn Coss (summer student), and from Victoria Beach Branch, Maggie Tagliaferri, Vicki Peterson. Board members include: Bruce Morrison (chairperson), Lorie Finkbeiner, Gord Kave, Gerry Dupont, Linda McMillan, Vicki Jonsson.



Head librarian Kelly Murray says, "Our board's desire is to have the library as the hub of the community."

WRAC Featured Organization of the Month Bibliotheque Allard Regional Library



Outdoor reading area at Bibliotheque Allard Regional Library.

Visit their website www.allardlibrary.com



Winning this contest will go a long way towards helping them build a new Heritage Centre ("We are the people of the river. Nous, les gens de la rivière") to replace their Museum which tragically burned down last year.

Thanks for your support everyone – together we can do this. Let's show Manitoba how strong we are as a Region.

The St-Georges Historical Society has placed in the Top 10 Finalists for the Manitobaville contest!

They are the only entry in the Eastman region to make the Top 10.

Let's rally as a region and help them win by voting for them every day until the contest closes at noon on August 21st.

You can vote online here, <http://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/ctv-winnipeg-contests/manitobaville>



"This side-splitting parody of the Sherlock Holmes story turns a tale of terror on the desolate moors of Victorian England into a mile-a-minute comic romp. The audience is kept in constant hysterics as the show's three actors pile up one pun after another, and outrageous sight gags fly by at a rapid rate." -- Sun Journal, Maine

"The show strikes the silly-yet-dignified tone of vintage British sketch comedy — and suffice to say that by the end of the proceedings, both the scenery and what's left of that fourth wall are as battered and tattered as a hellhound's chew toy." -- Asbury Park Press, New Jersey

Bob says: "Madcap, zany, and highly comical are all words that come to mind when I think about this show," Bob says. "It's the perfect antidote to a bleak winter and brings a fresh look at an old classic."

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 7:30pm

Lac du Bonnet Community Centre



Looking to the Future...Engaging Today and Tomorrow's Volunteer

Registration: **Early Bird Deadline/ACI Members: September 18, 2015 – save 10%** **General Deadline: October 2, 2015**

Location: ACI Manitoba, 245 McDermot

Please contact Lindsey at [204-927-2787](tel:204-927-2787) or admin@creativemanitoba.ca

- Dates (7 hour course plus optional half day train the trainer):
- 7 hour course **October 13, 20, 2015**
- Train-the-Trainer half day course **October 27, 2015**
- Time: 1-4:30 pm (all days)
- Cost =
- 7 hour course - ACI members \$99
- Optional half day train the trainer - ACI members \$49
- ACI rural members – 50% off

The 4P Festival in Powerview-Pine Falls will host its first ever chainsaw carving contest. It will be held as part of the annual Labour Day festivities, on the Saturday of 4P, and located between Chicken Chef and Papertown Motel. Festival organizers hope to attract lots of new audience and carvers from far and wide. This competition has already attracted attention from Winnipeg Free Press and "Carver Kings" – a television program about chainsaw carving. Spectators will be protected by fencing and the completed sculptures will be auctioned off at the end of the day.



Look for Jim Niedermeyer (pictured above) and Walter Keller, local carvers and WRAC members, to be participating.

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Expressions: Exploring Recovery through Art

North Eastman residents will be displaying their work or performing at Steinbach's Cultural Arts Centre. The event is called Expressions: Exploring Recovery through Art and opening ceremonies take place on October 2. The Steinbach Arts Council, various mental health organizations, and community volunteers will present this event in recognition of Mental Illness Awareness Week. Individuals who have used art of all kinds to cope with mental health challenges will be sharing their work with the public. Contact Kim at 204-371-0824 for more info.

“The world is full of obvious things which nobody by any chance ever observes.”

— Arthur Conan Doyle, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*

February 17, 2016

7:30pm

Lac du Bonnet Community Centre

“Storytelling with a Twist”

From September 1 to October 6, on Tuesday evenings, local author Mary Louise Chown will be leading “Storytelling with a Twist” workshops at the Lac du Bonnet Library. She will guide participants in stimulating memories using sensory techniques, and then enjoying the stories that will emerge. Contact the library for more details, 204 345 2653.





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WRAC Artist of the Month Robert Munn

For this month, WRAC features Pinawa visual artist Robert Munn. At the recent Eastman Judged Art Exhibit in Lac du Bonnet, one of his pieces won first place in the drawing category.

Munn was born in Fort Frances and grew up in Atikokan. Prior to working for twenty-five years as a broadcaster for CJOB Radio in Winnipeg, he attended Ryerson University where he studied Radio-Television Arts. After graduation, a radio station in Thunder Bay hired him.

When he left CJOB, he wrote a Nostalgia Column and ran a Nostalgia Music radio program for Seniors Today. In 2002, Munn moved to Pinawa with wife Karen, who took over the restaurant at Pinawa Club. Karen is a WRAC board member, quilter, and owner of Karen's Market and Quilt Shop.

Munn took a drawing course at Ryerson, but did not pursue his talent until a year ago when he decided to take drawing classes, organized by WRAC and taught by Mary Louise Chown, a well-known artist and storyteller from River Hills. These classes re-ignited Munn's interest and, ever since, he has produced plenty of drawings.

Munn uses pencils and adds colour with inks or coloured pencils, or a combination of both. He has tried oil paints, but finds them too imprecise. He says, "I love the detailed work – adding all the lines and colours of fur or feathers."

When asked about his influences, he says, "I like realistic art, not abstract. I prefer Rembrandt and Gainsborough to Picasso. As for modern artists, I admire Canadians like Robert Bateman and Ron Parker, for their portrayals of wildlife, and the American artist Paul Calle, with his pictures of trappers and mountain men."

He plans to sell his art at the Pinawa Christmas market. He does not draw to sell his work; his main focus is creating art. But he looks forward to setting up a display table with Karen, who also loves making art, with multi-coloured fabrics instead of pencils.



Another season of lively theatre opens with "The Dixie Swan Club," a play about five women friends from a college swim team who get together for a summer weekend at a beach house. The Pinawa theatre company held auditions on August 25 and 27, and they look forward to welcoming new actors to their stage, showcasing their production crew's talents, and continuing to charm Eastman audiences.



Pinawa Players

Eastern Manitoba Concert Association Season Returns!

Starting on September 25, the Eastern Manitoba Concert Association offers another season of entertainment for Eastman residents. 2015-2016 concert series will include:

September – Snowbird Tribute – Laura Gillespie portrays Anne Murray

October – Terry Barber – acclaimed countertenor

Christmas show – Jesse Peters' Vintage Christmas – vocalist/pianist

January – Duo Rendezvous - classical guitarist and violinist

February – Sierra Noble – fiddle and folk-pop songs

March – Hot Thespian Action – comedy sketches

April – Del Barber and the Profiteers – country/folk group



Laura Gillespie performs in the Anne Murray tribute, Snowbird. Friday, September 25th, at the Pinawa Community Centre.

EMCA Bursary – The Eastman Concert Association awarded Pinawa student and musician, Lian Drabyk, a \$500 bursary to help pay for her attendance at International Music Camp. They present this bursary to an Eastman student every year, providing they can find a suitable candidate.



Local author Donna Besel will be busy during September. She will be presenting and reading from her collection of short stories, *Lesson from a Nude Man*, at the Falcon Lake Book Club on September 14th, at the Art Gallery of Regina on September 17th and at McNally Robinson Bookstore in Saskatoon on September 18th. After that, she will be reading at "Voices from Oodena" with Thin Air (Winnipeg International Writers' Festival) on September 20th at the Forks in Winnipeg. She has also been invited to contribute stories to CBC Radio's *Definitely Not the Opera's* fall season.

Lessons from a Nude Man is available at WRAC office during office hours (Tuesday and Thursday 9-12), Cottage Country Co. & Painted Turtle Pottery on Hard Rock Road (near Drifters) in Lac du Bonnet, and *Through the Arbour* in Pine Falls.

Nyco Rudolph is a Winnipeg-based illustrator who loves film noir, horror comics, dinosaurs and all kinds of pop culture. Using a mix of traditional and digital mediums, Rudolph creates ferocious yet fun tributes to all of these things. This fall, he's taking his unique brand of art on a road trip across Western Canada. Nyco's work will be on display at the Saskatoon and Edmonton Entertainment Expos, but what better way to kick off the convention season than a local show right here in Winnipeg next Friday? Stop in and say hi, catch a sneak peek of his newest pieces, or even pick out a favourite to take home with you! Refreshments will also be provided!



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SUNDAY NITE SOCIAL
TOWN APPRECIATION BBQ
VARIETY OF FOOD TRUCKS
WAGON HAY RIDES
YOUTH & ADULT TALENT SHOW
YUMMY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
3 X 50* TV RAFFLES
3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



33rd Annual

4P

Festival



Clockwise from top left; 1st place Talent Show – Jolene McKay, 3rd Place Talent Show – Joshua Richards, 3rd Place Talent Show – Faith Swampy, Wannipigow Fiddle Band performed at the Fish Fry, Sand Castle Competition, 2nd Place Talent Show – Dana Feakes.



4P's Got Talent was a huge success this past Labour Day Weekend. We had 13 youth compete with a variety of artistic talents ranging in age from 4-15. There were incredible singers, musicians and dancers that made it very hard for this year's judges to decide. 1st place of \$100 was honored to Jolene McKay who at 12 years old played guitar and had the most gifted gentle singing voice. 2nd Place of \$75 went to Dana Feakes whose sweet singing voice and performance of the Cup Song with all the actions. 3rd Place was a tie as the judges could not eliminate either of these artists, each receiving \$40. Joshua Richards at 10 years of age blew everyone away with his guitar playing and Neil Young songs and tied with him was 14 year old Faith Swampy who danced the Red River Jig with incredible talent and passion. This event is definitely growing and judging the crowd of over 200 people who came to watch the performances proves that this event is one that will continue for many years as part of the 4P Festival!

Another artistic event that was included was a Sand Castle Building Competition. We were pleasantly surprised to have this year's Grand Beach Sand Castle Building Competitions 1st Place winner attend our first year's event and create a beautiful dolphin & mermaid sculpture that stood in place for 2 weeks after the event for all to see. This gentleman, by the name of Majid Kermani, came to Canada 11 years ago and he now lives in Selkirk. He professed that creating sculptures in sand is definitely his passion. He travels all over to exercise his talent and he did this on the sandy beach in St. Georges, winning 1st place and \$50. 2nd Place and \$25 went to Anita & Louise Huzul from Stony Mountain with their Sand Turtle.

The Manitoba Arts Council is pleased to announce a new international residency program!

Basse-Normandie Creative Residency

The Basse-Normandie Creative Residency program is a partnership with Région Basse-Normandie. It is a program that allows professional visual artists from Manitoba to undertake a 45-day creation-based or professional development residency in the Basse-Normandie region of France at The Centre de Création Contemporaine, L'Utopik factory.

USINE UTOPIK is a Centre of Contemporary Creation with a mission to support and promote visual arts and contemporary writing.

Max.grant: up to \$10,000 * Application deadline: October 15 * Residency dates: March 15 to April 29, 2016.

Learn more about the Manitoba Arts Council's Residency Programs.

Questions? Contact a program consultant | 204 945-2237 | info@artscouncil.mb.ca

Other international residencies: Iceland Performing Arts Residency & Brooklyn Visual Arts Residency



RURAL YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

For the sixth year in a row, WRAC will offer a rural youth mentorship program in the Eastman area. WRAC is presently looking for two young people of ages 16 to 24 who are interested in pursuing a career in the arts. The mentorship starts up in January of 2016 and runs until May. Donna Besel, a professional author, will be the mentor for 2016 program and she's looking for two youth who are interested in creative writing. During this time, participants will meet with the mentor for several sessions and also complete projects to advance their art. Past mentorships have included youth from Pinawa, Powerview-Pine Falls, and Lac du Bonnet. They have been mentored in photography, visual arts, and writing. Please contact WRAC if you are interested or know of suitable youth. This program is funded by ACI (Creative Manitoba) and facilitated by WRAC.

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Tickets are available at the Pinawa Solo Market, Ingham Pharmacy Lac du Bonnet, and Pharmasave in Beausejour first or second week of October. To reserve (and pay) for your ticket please call Myrna at 204-753-2530.



WRAC

Artist of the Month

Annie Bergen

For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features visual artist/muralist Annie Bergen.

Bergen painted her first mural at seventeen. Since then, she has created several large pieces in Winnipeg. She says, "The end result is something for everyone to enjoy and appreciate - adding color and beauty to urban landscapes."

She also instructs in the Artists in the Schools program, travelling throughout Manitoba, working with students to research, design, and paint murals to beautify their schools.

Bergen enjoys the physicality of the large scale of murals and the fact that the design process pulls art and research together in a pleasing way. She graduated from University of Winnipeg, majoring in History, so she says, "The research part engages my mind and satisfies my inner historian."

She also enjoys incorporating mosaics into her art and community projects. She says, "I am especially proud of "Restoration," the wall art on the Red Road Lodge in Winnipeg."

Working with family, friends, and community groups to engage the Main Street population, she created this mosaic/mural, combining glass, tile, found objects and painted elements. Funded by the Manitoba Arts Council and the "Neighborhoods Alive!" organization, this wall art received Winnipeg's 2013 Mural of the Year award.

In 2014, Bergen collaborated with Siyee Mann to create another mural, working with neighborhood kids and summer youth groups. This project, located on an MTS building on Salter and Burrows Streets, won another Mural of the Year award.

Bergen lives east of Whitemouth, with her partner Lee and daughter Aurora. Three years ago, they moved from Winnipeg, determined to follow their dream of self-sustainable life on a rural property. They wanted to be located near the Whiteshell and other parks, but still be close enough to Winnipeg to visit city family and friends.

Bergen gets inspiration from family, their new rural lifestyle, and the surrounding lakes, rivers, and wilderness. She also loves sharing her skills with young people, engaging the community, and collaborating with artists.

She sums up her artistic motivation a quote from Henry Ward Beecher - "Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature into his pictures."





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Art Classes with Vivian

Starting Tuesday, October 13th

Time is 1 pm to 4 pm.

Cost \$60 for 6 weeks

Bring your own supplies; canvas, brushes, easel, paint etc.

Any Questions, please contact me,
thomsv@mymts.net



On September 20th, after returning from a book tour in Saskatchewan, local author Donna Besel read from her collection of short stories, *Lessons from a Nude Man, at the Forks*. She participated in "Voices from Oodena," the Sunday event of the Winnipeg International Writers Festival. Her book was sold at this festival, also known as "Thin Air" (September 18-26), and displayed with other "Thin Air" writers' books at McNally Robinson Bookstore, which hosted several events.



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LOTW Craft Beer
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Calling all craft beer lovers! MBL and UCB is now selling Subarus Gold Ale, a flagship beer from Lake of the Woods Brewing Company, at select Liquor Mart outlets, select wine and LCBO, in a 1.89 litre (64 oz) glass bottle. The growler bottles can also be filled with your favourite brew at LCBO when you visit one of our locations.



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Date: Monday, October 19 Time: 7-9 PM
 Location: 400-245 McDermot Avenue, Winnipeg
 Admission by donation

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From the First Pinawa Players Production 1964 "The Alley Cats"

L. to R.: Lynette Olsen, Pat McWilliams, Don Thompson, Doreen Thompson, Maureen Dobbin, Linda Thompson

WRAC News November 2015

WRAC Artists of the Month Pinawa Players

For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features the Pinawa Players. The well-known local theatre group had its roots in Deep River, Ontario, a town established in the 1940s for employees of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL).

In the early 1960s, AECL expanded its operations to Manitoba, and created the town of Pinawa. Most of the employees came from Ontario, with many of them already active in the "Deep River Players."

In 1964, this nucleus of thespians formed the fledgling "Pinawa Players." They helped guide the construction of the Pinawa Community Centre Auditorium, and its stage, which benefited not only the Players, but also many other community groups.

In April of 1964, they presented their first production, "Variety - The Spice of Life," in the Pinawa Elementary School gymnasium, featuring a one-act play "Mother's Day," and showcasing local musical and dance groups. In the autumn of 1965, they hosted the first Players' production the new Auditorium.

For John Tait, the present chair, the 1979 musical, "Annie Get Your Gun," sticks out in his memory. He says, "With a cast of over 100 community members, it was a memorable extravaganza, involving the whole town - adults and children from community groups, choirs, musicians, and even acrobats!"

For 51 years, the Pinawa Players have presented over 100 plays including comedies, dramas, musicals, dinner theatre, and children's shows. They usually stage two productions per year for enthusiastic Pinawa and surrounding-area audiences. This year, they continue their tradition with the dinner theatre, "Dixie Swim Club," being held during November 18-22.

The Players continue to support community building. In 1982, they helped found the Association of Community Theatres (A.C.T.), which connects Manitoba's amateur theatre groups and sponsors an annual drama festival. They've hosted four festival weekends, most recently in 2013.

Also, they participate in Pinawa Birthday Weekend Parade, host the annual Christmas Carol Sing at the Shopping Mall, and have joined Winnipeg River Arts Council.

The Players welcome anyone interested, whether it be acting or helping backstage. John Tait says, "There's no lack of jobs and fun when a performance is being prepared!"

Pinawa Players
Presents
The Dixie Swim Club

November 18 – Theatre Only \$15

November 19-21 – Dinner Theatre \$40
Catering by Bostroms Catering

Tickets are available at the Pinawa Solo Market, Ingham Pharmacy Lac du Bonnet, and Pharmasave in Beausejour first or second week of October. To reserve (and pay) for your ticket please call Myrna at 204-753-2530.



Pinawa Players 1964: "The Volunteer Fire Brigade" Men's Barbershop Quartet:
L. to R.: Harry Allen, Brian Finlay, Jock Guthrie, Bob Hollies

RURAL YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

For the sixth year in a row, WRAC will offer a rural youth mentorship program in the Eastman area. WRAC is presently looking for two young people of ages 16 to 24 who are interested in pursuing a career in the arts. The mentorship starts up in January of 2016 and runs until May. Donna Besel, a professional author, will be the mentor for 2016 program and she's looking for two youth who are interested in creative writing. During this time, participants will meet with the mentor for several sessions and also complete projects to advance their art. Past mentorships have included youth from Pinawa, Powerview-Pine Falls, and Lac du Bonnet. They have been mentored in photography, visual arts, and writing. Please contact WRAC if you are interested or know of suitable youth. This program is funded by ACI (Creative Manitoba) and facilitated by WRAC.

“October extinguished itself in a rush of howling winds and driving rain and November arrived, cold as frozen iron, with hard frosts every morning and icy drafts that bit at exposed hands and faces.”
 – J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

EMCA 2015-2016 Season Continues!

All performances at Pinawa Community Centre at 8pm.

December 11 - Christmas show – Jesse Peters' Vintage Christmas – vocalist/pianist

January 15 – Duo Rendezvous - classical guitarist and violinist

February 26 – Sierra Noble – fiddle and folk-pop songs

March 18 – Hot Thespian Action – comedy sketches

April 22 – Del Barber and the Profiteers – country/folk group

Individual tickets are available at the door. Tickets also available at; Ingham Pharmacy, Uniquely Pinawa Giftshop & Beausejour Guardian Pharmacy. Subject to availability. Contact Cathy, 204 753 2767 or Colin, 204 753 8295.

www.emcaconcerts.com



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:
2016 Manitoba Arts Award of Distinction

APPEL DE MISES EN CANDIDATURE :
Prix de distinction en arts du Manitoba 201

As Executive Director of the Manitoba Arts Council, I want to extend a personal invitation to you and your organization to consider nominating an established Manitoba artist for the 2016 Manitoba Arts Award of Distinction.

This biannual award recognizes the career achievements of a senior Manitoba artist currently working at the highest levels of artistic excellence in any art form, and making a significant and ongoing contribution to both the Province and the Manitoba arts community.

Candidates for the \$30,000 award must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants and must have spent the majority of their artistic career in Manitoba. They must have resided in Manitoba for the 12 months immediately prior to their being nominated.

Two letters of reference from professional artists working in the same artistic discipline are required. The candidate may be nominated by anyone in Manitoba. The nomination deadline is December 15, 2015. For more information and guidelines: www.artscouncil.mb.ca

I encourage you to nominate a Manitoba artist to join these previous Arts Award of Distinction recipients: Robert Archambeau, J. Roger Léveillé, William Eakin, Roland Mahé, Dr. Robert Turner, Aganetha Dyck, Guy Maddin, Grant Guy, Robert Kroetsch, and Leslee Silverman.

Sincerely,

Douglas Riske

ROBERT ARCHAMBEAU
2014 Manitoba Arts Award of Distinction



The Manitoba Arts Award of Distinction recognizes the highest level of artistic excellence and distinguished career achievement by professional Manitoba artists in any art form. The \$30,000 Award is presented biennially by the Manitoba Arts Council as part of its commitment to recognize and support professional artists in Manitoba.



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WRAC Networking Event

Wednesday, November 25th

6:30 pm at Lac du Bonnet Library

Guest Speaker: Heidi Hunter will be speaking about "the Art of Managing your Career"

Watch your inbox, more info to come.

Should I Make Art?

BY JOHN OSEBOLD



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Art & Eats

Friday, November 6 at 7pm

Come and make a painting and enjoy some good food and company. Will take place at Karen's Market in the Lewis Centre. Cost is \$35 per person.

Contact Joye, 205 459 0355 or
joyezart@gmail.com





RIVER OF LIFE

Stories about Climate Change - A Lived Experience

- a participatory workshop

Facilitator and storyteller – Mary Louise Chown

November 27, 9am to 1pm

Moon Gate Bed & Breakfast, 61105
Hwy 406 south of Whitemouth

Lunch catered by Spicy Radish

Hosted by North Eastman
Transition Network with funding
by Athabasca University

15 participants, maximum.
Registration only \$20.

To register, contact Irene Friesen
Wolfstone, 204-753-2699,
wolfston@mts.net

Mail \$20 by Nov.20th to North
Eastman Transition, Box 159,
Pinawa RoE 1L0

“The Cranberry Feast”

Library Allard is hosting an evening called The
Cranberry Feast: Stories and music from the banks of the
Winnipeg and Whitemouth Rivers on **Thursday,**
November 12th, 2015 @ 7:00pm!

Storytellers Sheldon Sveinson and Mary Louise Chown
and musicians Shannon Shewchuk and Michel Dupas
will be performing a unique play to celebrate Canada
Storytelling Night! This is an event held all across
Canada. Tickets are \$15.00 each and are available at the
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EAT, DRINK, & BE LITERARY;

A fundraiser for the Manitoba Writers' Guild

November 15th at 6pm

As Prairie Ink Restaurant and Bakery in
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Hosted by Terry Macleod, with readings by
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“Juhlī” Finland

Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society

Annual Wine & Cheese
Friday December 4, 2015
at the Lac du Bonnet Community Center
7:00 pm

*Come celebrate our Finnish Heritage with the sights
and sounds of Finland*

Tickets available at Ingham Pharmacy



An Invitation to *Submit Your Art* for the *2017 Multifaith Calendar*



ARTISTS' CALL for SUBMISSIONS



Love and Compassion Multifaith Calendar 2017

Each year, The Multifaith Action Society invites artists to submit works of art for consideration in its upcoming **2017 Multifaith Calendar**.

The theme for our **2017** edition is: *Love and Compassion*

'Love and Compassion' is really an open-ended topic. Do you have ears to hear your favourite music; eyes to see the beauty of the sunset; hands to hold; people to cry and laugh with; a roof over your head; work to make you think; freedom to believe what you want? These are all the simple but often profound ingredients of gratitude. And once we start looking for them, they can come rushing into vision.

This year, we ask artists to ... This theme is open to the artist's imagination. Work can be in any medium. The interpretation of the theme will be determined by the overall collection of images received. All artists are encouraged to submit images for consideration (up to five are accepted), including artists who have had their work showcased in past.

How We Pay Artists

Selected artists will be offered an honorarium of **\$250** for a month *Calendar* image, **\$500** for the cover image and **\$100** for smaller inset images placed throughout the *Calendar*. In addition, artists will receive a set of complimentary *Multifaith Calendars* once published.

How To Submit Entries

Submit digital images in low resolution (72 dpi) to: artsubmissions@multifaithaction.org
Should your piece be chosen, we will request a hi-resolution file (i.e. 9" x 9" @ 400 dpi—JPEG or TIFF).

Deadline for submission: January 31, 2016

Further information... can be found on the *MFC* website: www.multifaithcalendar.org/Info-for-Artists or e-mail: artsubmissions@multifaithaction.org



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Art of Managing Your
Career, Heidi Hunter

Pictured above and below, just a sampling of the many beautiful and unique displays at the 6th Annual Festival des Crèche at the Library Allard, St. Georges, until January 9, 2016. Come during regular hours or call the library to book a tour, 204 367 8443.



WRAC's office will be closed for the holidays after Thursday December 17th at noon until Tuesday, January 5th.

Please visit our website at www.winnipegiverarts.com or email winnipegiverarts@gmail.com

Happy Holidays!



WRAC

Featured Artist of the Month

Marcel Fortin

For this month, WRAC features visual artist Marcel Fortin. Born in North Bay, Ontario, he lived for several years in British Columbia. While living in BC, he met his wife, who is from this area. About fifteen years ago, they moved back to the town of Lac du Bonnet.

Fortin identifies as a self-taught artist and uses oil paints to create his life-like paintings. He took the usual art classes in school and says he was interested in art “off-and-on,” since he was sixteen. But, in 2008, he decided to pursue his artistic talents more seriously.

This happened after he painted his first big project, a hockey mural on his son’s wall. People who saw it said he really should do more art. Inspired by their encouragement, he used the books and videos of famous art teacher Bob Ross to refine his techniques. Ever since then, he has worked hard at developing his distinct style. Fortin says, “I use art as a form of meditation and a way to relax. I get completely absorbed in it.”

This dedication appears to have worked. He sells paintings to interested patrons and gets commissions for specific subjects. Although he doesn’t have a website, he has created a Facebook page for his art and posts samples of paintings on the “Living in Lac du Bonnet and loving it” Facebook page.

In 2013, he submitted his work to Eastman Juried Art Exhibition in Pinawa. In 2014, he won People’s Choice Award at the art show held in conjunction with Fire & Water Festival. In 2015, he won another People’s Choice Award at the Eastman Juried Art Exhibition in Lac du Bonnet.

Fortin’s art attracts plenty of positive attention. He says, “I get lots of good comments. And the biggest fan of all is my mother!”



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Karen’s Market –Pinawa

WRAC Office - 4 Park Ave, Lac du Bonnet

Art and Eats

An evening of painting and eating

Friday January 8 at 7:30

Or

Sunday January 10 at 1:30

Cost \$35



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Hosted by Joye Platford and Karen Munn

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Contact Joye Platford at 204-459-0355 or Joyezart@gmail.com



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2015 Christmas School Concert Schedule

Whitemouth School	December 16, TBA
F.W. Gilbert School	December 17, 7pm
	Pinawa Community Centre
Lac du Bonnet Centennial School	December 17, 1:30pm & 6:30 pm, LdB Comm. Centre
École Powerview School	December 17, 6pm

Artist Heidi Hunter spoke to WRAC members about the ACI, Art of Managing Your Career course, at the Lac du Bonnet Library on Wednesday, November 25th.



This course is open to anyone with an existing arts practice including arts, craftspeople,

dancers, filmmakers, musicians, new media content creators, visual artists and writers. If you are self-employed artist, or looking to increase the portion of your employment derived from your art, then this course is for you!

If you are interested in this course please contact Jennifer at winnipegrieverarts@gmail.com



"I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields, that it kisses them so gently? And then it covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt; and perhaps it says "Go to sleep, darlings, till the summer comes again."

Lewis Carroll

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking Glass