



WRAC News

January 2019

On Friday, January 18, clap your hands, warm your heart and treat your soul to Western Canadian Folk songs from Alberta's internationally recognized troubadour, John Wort Hannam. The Pinawa Community Centre offers you top-notch affordable musical entertainment. Check out the new comfy static-resistant chairs, bathe in pristine sound, meet the band, and enjoy locally-produced snacks. What could be better? Bring your friends! Tickets are available at Pinawa Solo, Ingham Pharmacy, Beausejour Music, or at the door.

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Winter Warm Up At Lazy Tuesday's

Winnipeg River Arts Council Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, February 23rd 8pm

Join us at this fundraising dinner where funds raised will help to promote local visual, performing, literary and musical artists in our region and bring quality entertainment act such as Truck Stop Circus touring productions and special events to our surrounding communities.



Enjoy a delicious meal starting with soup or salad. Followed by Sauerbraten, German roast beef cooked in brine and smothered in a Bavarian Ginger Sauce, served with spaetzle and red wine cabbage. Black Forest Torte for dessert.

Live entertainment by local musician Ray St. Hilarie

Tickets \$50 each, available by call/text 204 340 0889 or email winnipegriverarts@gmail.com



Brushes & Beers

Painting workshop with Roberta Laliberte

Sunday, January 27th 2pm Chicken Chef, Lac du Bonnet

\$45, includes instruction & supplies

To register call/text

204 340 0889

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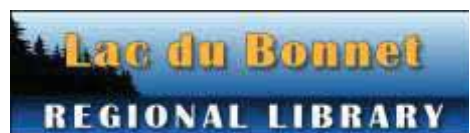


FEBRUARY 9 / 10, 2019

FAMILY FORT NIGHT

Build a reading fort in the Library!
Join us for snacks, stories and more!

Thursday, January 24th
6:30 - 7:45pm





Featured Artist of the Month

Ron Neufeld

For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features writer Ron Neufeld. Born in Calgary, he has also lived in the United States and British Columbia. Neufeld's background is in the construction trades. After retiring in 2013, he moved to Vancouver Island where he began taking creative writing courses at the University of Victoria. In September of 2018, he moved to Pinawa, in order to be closer to family living in Winnipeg.

Since then, he has wasted no time jumping right into the lively arts scene in Manitoba. He has attended the Eastern Manitoba Concert Association's performances and author readings at McNally Robinson's Bookstore in Winnipeg. He also volunteered to help with set-up and takedown at Mary's Wedding (the Theatre Projects play in Great Falls), signed up for the memoir writing classes offered by Winnipeg River Arts Council at the Lac du Bonnet Library, and recently agreed to serve on WRAC's board of directors.

Neufeld grew up in a family of storytellers - refugees from the Ukraine who settled in Calgary after World War II. His earliest childhood memories are of Sunday evenings lying on the living room carpet listening to his parents, their friends, and especially his grandmother share stories of unbelievable hardship, suffering, and loss. But he also heard stories of resilience, hope, resourcefulness, and love.

In 2007, together with his father, he wrote and self-published his memoirs. Neufeld says, "These tales told by immigrants were often infused with laughter and so I learned that tragedy and humour are not incompatible."

His constant companion is a Border Collie-Great Pyrenees cross named Magnus and he loves exploring his new community with his canine friend. He writes daily, both short stories and memoir, inspired by the beauty of the Whiteshell Provincial Park and the artists who live along the Winnipeg River. He cares deeply about nature and the environment and wants to explore this topic in greater depth in his artistic work.

He says, "Landscape and how it shapes us is an important theme in my writing."



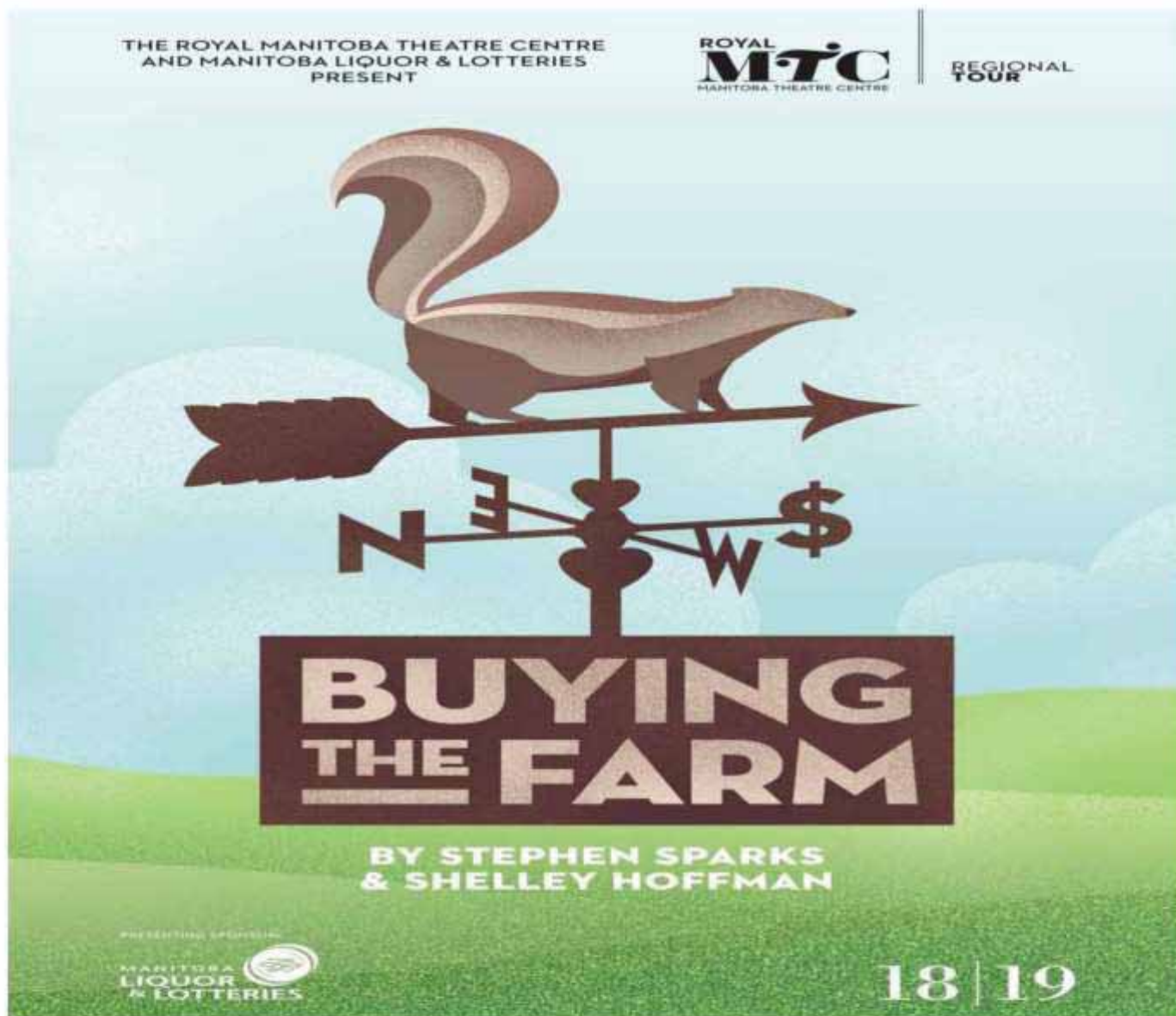
EMCA presents Desiree Dorian

IMA 2018 Country Album of the Year

February 8, 2019 7:30pm Pinawa Community Centre

Tickets: \$25 - Adult, \$20 - Student

Available at the door, Ingham Pharmacy, Pinawa Solo Market & Beausejour Music. Subject to availability.



Change is in the air! Magnus Bjornson has some issues. His finances are in tatters, his great niece is hiding out, his health is not what it once was and now he has a determined Real Estate developer banging on his *door*. *What's a bachelor farmer supposed to do?* A dance as old as time its self. A comedy about hope, last stands, skunks and love among the chickens.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Pinawa Community Centre
Tickets \$25

Available at Ingham Pharmacy,
 WRAC Office – 4 Park Ave – Tuesday & Thursday mornings
 or from WRAC Board Members

7:30 pm



Text/Call 204 340 0889

winnipegriverarts@gmail.com

CALL FOR ARTIST SUBMISSIONS

2019/2020 Salt Spring National Art Prize

\$40,000 in awards

**SALT SPRING PRIZE - THE JOAN McCONNELL AWARD
+ RESIDENCY FOR OUTSTANDING WORK**

\$20,000 (\$15,000 and a \$5,000 Salt Spring Island artist residency)

JURORS' CHOICE AWARDS

Four awards of \$3,000 selected by each juror

PEOPLE'S CHOICE - ROSEMARIA BEHNCKE AWARDS

Three awards determined by a vote of visitors to the exhibition

1st prize \$3,000

2nd prize \$2,000

3rd prize \$1,000

SALT SPRING ARTISTS AWARD

For outstanding work by a Salt Spring Artist \$2,000

Online submissions open January 10 - May 31, 2019

Open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada who are 18 years of age and older

Guidelines and submission details to be found on our website
www.saltspringartprize.ca

A biennial competition and exhibition of Canadian visual art offering \$40,000 in awards
in partnership with the Salt Spring Arts Council

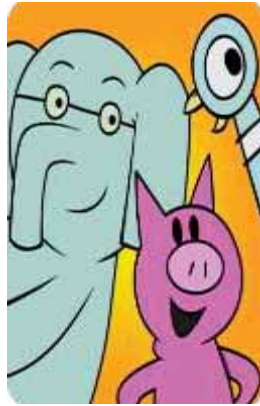


ALLARD LIBRARY

Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library

Discover the Possibilities!

Join us in January as we search for words with Mo Willems friends Elephant, Piggie and Pigeon. In the library, you will find a large word search posted up on the side of the library book shelf. Along the side of the word search there will be a dry erase marker. Are you up for the challenge? How many words can you find?




CBC NONFICTION PRIZE

The 2019 CBC Nonfiction Prize is now open. You could win \$6,000 from the [Canada Council for the Arts](#), a two-week writing residency at the [Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity](#) and have your work published on [CBC Books](#).

Four finalists will each receive \$1,000 from the [Canada Council for the Arts](#) and have their work published on [CBC Books](#).

The competition is open for submissions from Jan. 1 to Feb. 28, 2019.

<https://www.cbc.ca/books/literaryprizes/cbc-nonfiction-prize-1.4090951>

Express Yourself 

Using Arts to be a Healthy You

Join art therapist Joye Platford for six art classes, where you will work through topics such as inner conflict, mental illness, personal growth and personal development.

Tuesdays March 5-April 16, 2019
Time: 6:00-7:00 pm
Designed for youth ages 13-17 years

Program supported through funding by the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority

Contact
Whitemouth
River Rec.
204 348 2221
ext 106

Or
<https://tinyurl.com/y8drz2p4>





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TOP ROW: JOAN MARION, INSTRUCTOR ROBERTA LALIBERTE, PATTY STRUSS, JO-ANNE BORYS. FRONT ROW: MARJORIE SCHATKOWSKY AND SANDI HURST, DISPLAY THEIR ARTWORK AT BRUSHES & BEERS, HELD ON JANUARY 27TH AT CHICKEN CHEF IN LAC DU BONNET.



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Save the date!

The New Canadian Curling Club
Tuesday, February 4, 2020
Lac du Bonnet Community Centre

ROYAL MTC



Featured Artist of the Month

Logan Goulet

For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features musician Logan Goulet. Besides being a talented multi-instrumentalist (guitar, bass, vocals, programming), he is a songwriter and producer. He also dabbles in theatre and sits on the board for the Eureka Theatre Group in Lac du Bonnet.

Goulet has spent most of his life in Lac Du Bonnet but his father is a pilot who has worked all over the globe so he has lived in Nigeria, Maldives, and Indonesia for short periods. For over fifteen years now, Goulet has been consistently living in Lac Du Bonnet.

He first started really getting into music, and to a lesser extent acting, when he was thirteen and he lived in Bali, Indonesia. At the school he went to, the music program focused heavily on learning an instrument and writing music, so his skills kind of branched from there. Along with some guitar lessons, he attended Mid Ocean School of Media Arts in Winnipeg and learned about audio mixing and production.

He says, “What I find inspiring is the ability through music to take all the crazy ideas you have running through your head and turning them into something you can share with others, and hopefully inspire them as well.”

While most of Goulet’s music projects have been stuck in what he calls “production heck,” more recently he has performed at Fire and Water Music Festival, supporting his uncle Richard Nadolsky. He also appeared as the wicked Wendigo in the local stage production, "The Saga of JD McArthur", which has a cast recording album that should be available soon. As well, he finds time to co-host a music interview podcast called Zoofonix.

Goulet admits that he hasn’t received any great critical acclaim (yet). Given that disclaimer, he does admit to winning a talent contest in 2003, which really surprised him, and placing second in another one in 2004.

He keeps himself motivated as an artist by saying, “Don't let that little voice of doubt in your head stop you from showing the world what you have to offer. It's a better place with your creativity out there!”



Deadline is June 17th.

You can find all the information on OJCE 2019 on our website:

<https://www.manitobaartists.com/ojce-2019/>



CELEBRATE I LOVE TO READ MONTH!

**February is "I Love to Read" month at the
Lac du Bonnet Library!**

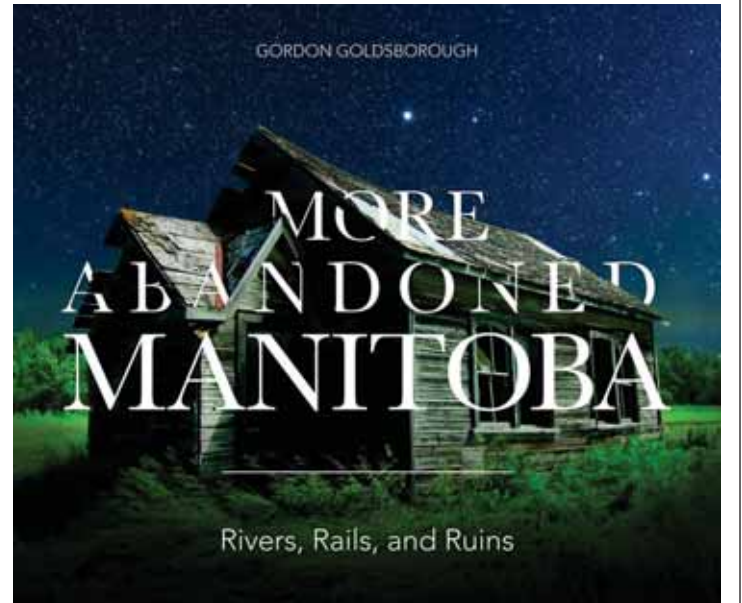
Each time you visit the Library, you are entitled
to enter to win one of the nine book draws.

The draw will be made on March 1st. See you at the Library!

The Pinawa Public Library is pleased to be hosting author Gordon Goldsborough, during the 2nd annual Whiteshell Winter Arts Festival.

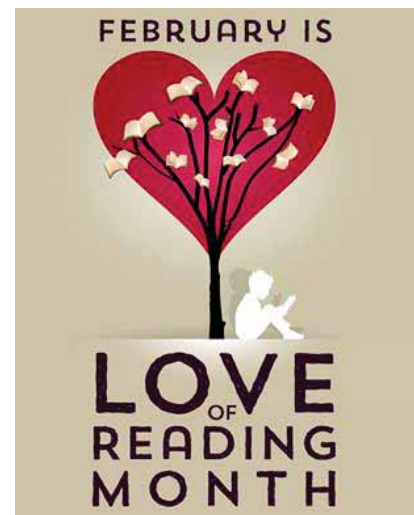
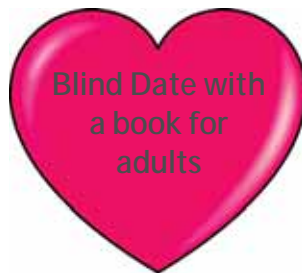
On Saturday the 9th from 2:00-3:00 p.m., Gordon Goldsborough will talk about his book, *More Abandoned Manitoba: Rivers, Rails, and Ruins*.

Goldsborough's first book, *Abandoned Manitoba*, was a huge success when published in 2016 and became the top selling non-fiction book of the year in Manitoba. His second book features more abandoned sites throughout the province. Mr. Goldsborough spends most of his evenings, weekends, and summers exploring and documenting abandoned places in Manitoba and researching and writing about their histories. Many old buildings and sites are being torn down and with each one a piece of history is lost. He "wants to make Manitobans proud of the history they have", and is providing an invaluable service to the province by making this detailed record of its past.



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It's "Love to Read": month and library Allard is celebrating in a few fun ways!



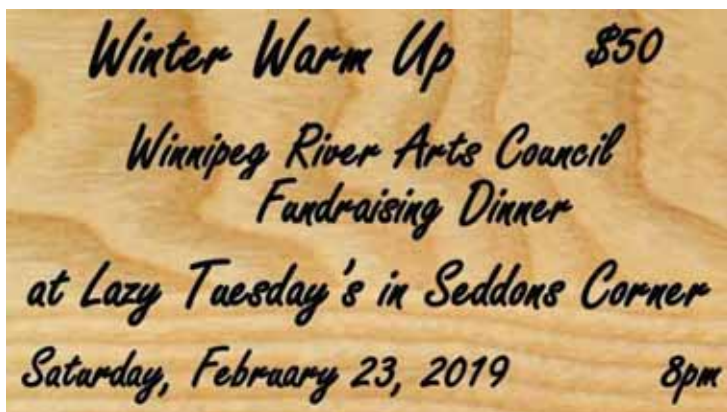


Searchlight is CBC Music’s long-running hunt for Canada’s undiscovered musical talent, judged by a combination of audience voting and a panel of celebrity judges, who represent a cross-section of the best that the Canadian music industry has to offer.



Vote now for local artist Cohen Sieg!

<http://www.cbcmusicsearchlight.ca/>



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Live Entertainment by Ray St. Hilarie

Enjoy a delicious meal starting with soup or salad. Followed by Sauerbraten, German roast beef cooked in brine and smothered in a Bavarian Ginger Sauce, served with spaetzle and red wine cabbage. Black Forest Torte for dessert.



WHITESHELL WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL



FEBRUARY 9-10, 2019



PINAWA, MANITOBA

whiteshellfestival.com

#WWAF19



WRAC Artist of the Month

Nicki Blatz

For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features visual artist Nicki Blatz. A long-time resident of the area, she has lived in Great Falls since she was eleven years old, over forty-five years ago.



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Recently retired, she made a New Year's resolution to paint, sketch or draw every day. She says, "Fortunately, that is one resolution I have been good at keeping."

When asked about her preferred medium, she says that she previously "dabbled with acrylics." But, since last October, she has been exploring the use of watercolour paints. Last fall, she created a small collection of greeting cards for the Great Falls Christmas craft sale. She says, "I liked the medium and was surprised by how well my work turned out."

When she was a kid, Blatz learned how to make art by sitting and drawing. She also remembers her grandfather giving advice about line placement and offering tips on how to create a more realistic picture. She says, "Those few hints made my pictures look so much better!"

In high school, she took art classes with Sister Pauline, a legendary art teacher who worked at Powerview School. For several decades, this talented and enthusiastic nun inspired hundreds of students (and adults) interested in all forms of art.

To further hone her skills, Blatz has participated in numerous workshops given by well-known Victoria Beach artist Nancy Lou Ateah. Blatz also takes the time to watch YouTube tutorials. Other than the printed greeting cards, she has not exhibited her work but feels encouraged by the response to her cards.

When asked what inspires her as an artist, she says, "I have always loved painting and drawing or art in general. I love observing Nature, light and shadow, water, flowers, birds, and outdoor scenes."

Do you know someone who should be the featured artist of the month? Let us know!

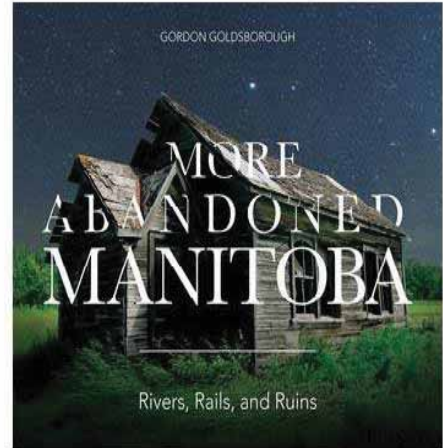
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7th Annual

Celebrating

STORIES with Gordon Goldsborough

An evening of storytelling based on his book "Abandoned Manitoba: From Residential Schools to Bank Vaults to Grain Elevators" a runaway success in 2016. Gordon returns with more compelling abandoned sites across Manitoba in his new book "More Abandoned Manitoba: River, Rails and Ruins". Join Gordon as he discusses his adventures across our province.



MUSIC with Paul McIntosh

A singer-songwriter with deep roots in Lac du Bonnet, Paul's music reflects his varied passions. From agriculture to politics; his stories bring to life the beauty romance and tribulations of life on the family farm. With his eye to the personal and the "heart" of a story, his music will draw you in and make you part of his world.

Join us for an evening of stories and music!

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

Thursday, April 4, 2019 7 – 9pm

Refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to everyone.



Don't miss your chance to see these outstanding artists this Friday, April 5 at 7:30 pm in Pinawa.

Nine men who can sing acapella – what more can you ask for?! Those Guys, from a cross-section of the Winnipeg music and theatre community, have built a reputation for dynamic, feel good performances. Their repertoire, ranging from The Nylons to Justin Timberlake (and everything in between) features complex, often original, musical arrangements sung without a single backing instrument. You'll love it all!

EMCA: Great talent, modest prices
 Tickets available at Ingham Pharmacy, Pinawa Solo Market, Beausejour Music, or Mary-Anne (204-782-3958), or at the door, subject to availability.
www.emcaconcerts.com



One day watercolour workshop

*Come and paint
 "Flowers beyond borders"
 painting with
 Nancy Lou Ateah.*

Saturday, March 23

11am – 4pm

\$50

*Victoria Beach. Venue TBA
 nancylouateah@gmail.com*

SPRING INTO THE LIBRARY



Tuesday, March 26 - 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
 Wednesday, March 27- 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm
 Thursday, March 28 - 10:30 am to 12:00 pm



Spring crafts,
snacks, stories
& more!

To register: (204) 345-2653
 or visit the Library.
 Registration is encouraged
 (Ages 5 to 12)



Spring break art day! 10:00 to 3:00
Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Cost is \$25 for the day or \$15 for a half day.

bring own lunch (no nuts please)
 At Joyezart therapy studio, 708 Park Ave
 Beausejour, lower level.
 Program provided by Joye Platford, Art
 Therapist

To register call or text 204-459-0355
 Open to grades 2-6



In the morning we will have
 a 'hoot' and create some
 owl inspired art

In the afternoon we will
 have some fun and create
 board games



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 Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library
Discover the Possibilities!

Have you heard of the game FORTNITE? People all over the world are playing this game on a regular basis. We are putting their Fortnite skills to the test!

In March, the library will have a game called "Guess the Fortnite Dance?" set up for our younger patrons. Simply pick up a form at the circulation desk, guess the name of the Fortnite dance by looking at the silhouettes and hand it in! If you have them all correct, you'll get a prize from the treasure chest. Our older patrons will receive a free movie rental for playing if their answers are correct! Good luck!





NEW Artists in the Schools Program

A key initiative under Manitoba Arts Council's (MAC) 2017-2022 strategic plan, Designed to Thrive, is the review of its programs. The intent is to streamline the granting process, preparing for a more efficient and effective online application system.

MAC has reorganized its granting programs under 6 streams: Create, Share, Learn, Support, Indigenous 360, and Recognize. Within these streams are a total of 15 programs. All former program budgets were amalgamated, and new standardized guidelines and forms were created.

In December 2019, MAC launched its new arts-in-education program, Artists in Schools.

What has changed:

Our previous Arts & Learning programs, ArtsSmarts and Artists in the Schools, have now become one program: Artists in Schools. This program has three grant types available: Workshops, Short-term projects and Three-year projects.

Applications will no longer be submitted by the school. The professional artists, arts/cultural professionals, Indigenous Knowledge Keepers, professional arts groups or organizations participating in the project will submit the application through MAC's Online Application System.

Eligible applicants can apply to work with any school listed in either the First Nations Operated School Directory or the Manitoba Education and Training Schools in Manitoba Directory. MAC will no longer publish a directory of artists who can work in schools.

[Learn more about the Artists in the Schools program](https://artscouncil.mb.ca/grants/artists-in-schools/) <https://artscouncil.mb.ca/grants/artists-in-schools/>

CNAL's Canada's Map of Arts and Learning

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We encourage you to create a profile on the Canada's Map of Arts and Learning on the Canadian Network for Arts and Learning website. This is an online interactive map that schools will be encouraged to use when searching for an artist to work with their students. You can also send schools to your profile on the map to learn more about your work.

MAC will be announcing the new program to schools in the coming weeks.

Go to Canada's Map of Arts and Learning <https://www.eduarts.ca/canadas-map>



The Manitoba Society of Artists is pleased to sponsor the 87th Manitoba open Juried competition and exhibition.

This year's OJCE will be held June 27 - September 14 in Winnipeg at the Mennonite Centre Heritage Gallery on Shaftsbury Avenue. Janice Mason Steeves and Melanie Rocan are this year's jurors.

Note that all works submitted must be for sale, with artists receiving 60% of any sale. The maximum width of art is 54".

Deadline is June 17th. You can find all the information on OJCE 2019 on our website: <https://www.manitobaartists.com/ojce-2019/>



Winnipeg River Arts Council AGM

Monday, June 10, 2019 5:30pm

Community Futures Winnipeg River – 4 Park Ave, Lac du Bonnet

All Members Welcome!!



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For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features visual artist Lisa Delorme Meiler, who proudly identifies herself as a born-and-raised prairie girl, and a Métis artist. Although she now resides in the town of Oakbank, she has lived in various communities in the Northeast region for most of her life.

An emerging fine artist, she has been working hard to perfect her acrylic art. Recently, she began to explore other mediums such as hand painted earrings and hand painted glassware. Although she was trained as a graphic artist, she says she is self-taught as a “fine artist,” never having any formal fine arts education.

But she’s always known she loves to create art and express herself artistically. She said, “My life-long passion was encouraged from childhood to adulthood. My paintings are inspired by the beauty of nature and the world around me.”

To share her talents, she has facilitated art workshops in the Seven Oaks School Division through Manitoba Arts Council’s Arts Smart Program and has volunteered her time facilitating art workshops for organizations like Wahbung Abinoonjiiag Inc. and Siloam Mission.

In 2013, she started exhibiting her work, with her debut presentation being a self-hosted art show. Since then, she has exhibited her art at events such as Manitoba Art Expo, Neechi Niche, Envision Festival of the Arts, and the Artisan Square at the Fire and Water Festival in Lac du Bonnet.

Her artwork has been published in *Red Rising Magazine*, which featured her paintings, “Storytelling as a Resistance” (November 2016 – Issue 4), “Love” (March 2017 - Issue 5), and “Le Métis” (Issue 9, which will be published in March 30, 2019).

Also, her art was used on the cover of the “Late O’clock” album, recorded by a Manitoba band called The Deeds, who were nominated for the best rock album of the year at the 2017 Indigenous Music Awards.

The painting in the accompanying photo is called “Lost in the Fire,” inspired by the Manigotagan region, with photo credited to Faye Hall. When asked for inspiring words, Delorme Meiler said, “My hope is that my paintings ignite a love of art and trigger an emotional response and a connection. I want the viewer to enjoy the work infinitely.”



Creative Manitoba

CALLING ALL ARTISTS...

We want to hear from the artists supported by the Arts Councils! We ask that you please distribute this email to your members, giving them the chance to benefit from standing up and being counted as Manitoban Artists.

It is time to stand up and be counted as an artist or creative practitioner in Manitoba. While “official statistics” boast of a large creative class in Manitoba, we know for certain that many artists are working under the “official” radar and have never been properly counted or accounted for. We are attempting to change this narrative, but need your help to accomplish this. Creative Manitoba is distributing a very brief survey that should take you no more than 5 minutes to complete and your results will be kept 100% confidential. The intent of the survey is to gain a better understanding of the arts economy and ecology – your participation in this survey will help us make Manitoba a place where artists can grow, thrive and prosper.

Copy & Paste the address below to take the survey.

<http://www.amsc.mb.ca/creative-manitoba/pages/forms/form-wizard.php?cid=10>

ROYAL MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE – Regional Tour

The New Canadian Curling Club

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM
PLAY at 7PM
Lac du Bonnet
Community Centre
Tickets \$25

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Library Spring Tea

*For Volunteers and
Friends of the Library*

Friday, May 3rd

2:00 to 4:30 pm

Everyone Welcome!

Thank you to our Volunteers and Patrons for all that you do for us. Please join us for refreshments & conversation, to let us show our appreciation for your continued support.

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

84 – 3rd Street, Lac du Bonnet

(204) 345 2653



Express Yourself

Using Arts to be a Healthy You



Join artist, Joye Plaford, for 6 FREE art classes! Sessions will incorporate various forms of art to use as a tool for self-expression. No experience required.

Thursdays April 25-May 30, 2019

Time: 11:50-12:50 pm (lunch break)

Designed for youth grades 8-12 (Whitemouth School Students)

FREE DROP-IN - No registration required

Location: Whitemouth School Art Room

Visit www.whitemouthriverrec.com

Email: recreationdirector@whitemouthriverrec.com

(204) 348-2221 ext. 106

Program supported through funding by the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority



LEFT: Paul McIntosh performs for guests at the Lac du Bonnet Library “Celebrating Stories and Music” on April 4th. **ABOVE:** Gordon Goldsborough shares his adventures across the province with the audience.

Silent Auction,
Canteen, 50/50

you're invited to Library Allard's

KICKASS WOMEN'S DAY

École Powerview School Gymnasium

Saturday, April 27th, 2019
10:00am - 3:00pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND STAY FOR THE DAY!

Sign Making Workshop @ Library Allard

Wednesday, May 2nd @
6:30pm

COST: \$60.00
all supplies included

You customize:
Pick your saying
Your sign color
Your font color

Workshop provided by
WOOD-N-KNOTS



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MUSIC FESTIVAL

JULY 5 & 6 • 2019

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PLAIN AS GHOSTS • SNARKY REMARKABLE • ODDER THAN THE OTTERS • SONIA EIDSE

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Individuals interested in showcasing or selling their work, or want to volunteer, are asked to email artsfest@pioneervillagemuseum.ca

wrrdassist@gmail.com to register.' At the bottom right is the Lac du Bonnet & District Chamber of Commerce logo with the website 'www.lacdubonnetchamber.com'."/>

Art Café

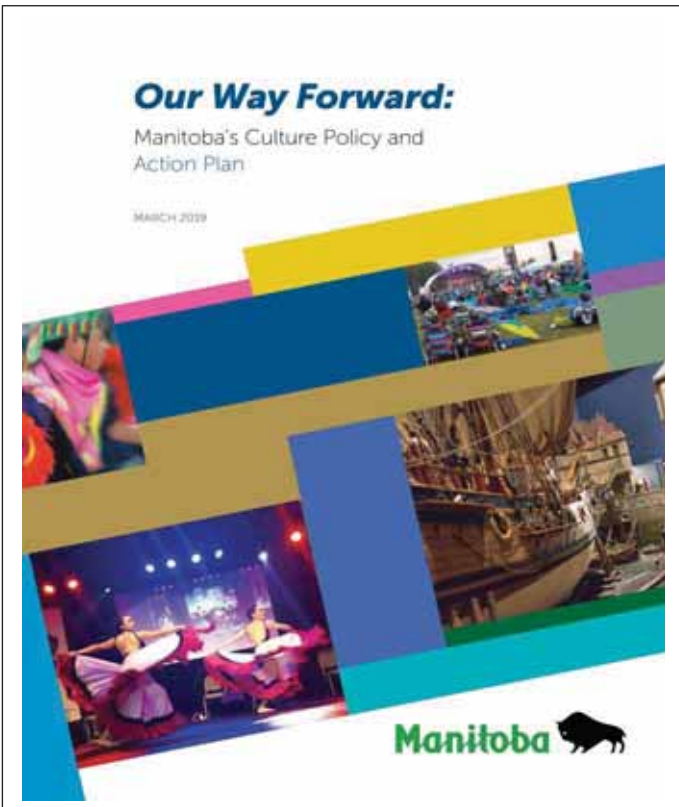
Seniors and Friends
 Pinawa Art Gallery
 Tuesdays 1:30 to 3:00
 Until the end of April
 Donation \$5

Facilitated by Art Therapist Joye Platford

Try art, look at art, visit, relax
 Making or looking at art can improve mood, health,
 co-ordination, build community
 Come join us!

Continuation of program which was started with the help of a Health Together Now grant and support of Two Rivers Supports to seniors.

POSTING THESE INCREDIBLE STATS ABOUT THE ARTS IN MANITOBA AGAIN FOR THOSE WHO MISSED IT.



"Culture is an economic driver in our province. In 2016, it accounted for \$1.6 billion, or 2.7 per cent of Manitoba's total GDP. It also provided direct employment for 22,500 Manitobans, or 3.4 per cent of Manitoba's workforce. This is more than all jobs in agriculture; roughly equivalent to all jobs in Manitoba's air, rail, water and ground transportation sectors combined; and almost five times as many jobs as in Manitoba's utilities sectors. In terms of GDP, the culture sector outperforms other Manitoba industries considered to be major economic drivers. Manitoba's culture GDP in 2014 (\$1.6 billion) was nearly equivalent to that of crop and animal production (\$1.8 billion) and electric power generation, transmission and distribution (\$1.7 billion)."

Source:
[/manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/culture/culture-policy-action-plan.pdf](http://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/culture/culture-policy-action-plan.pdf)

WRAC AGM
 MONDAY, JUNE 10 5:30pm
 Community Futures Winnipeg River - 4 Park Ave, Lac du Bonnet

Following the meeting join us for refreshments and the unveiling of the paddles painted by WRAC members.

The Lac du Bonnet
LISTENING ROOM
 PRESENTS

PAUL MCINTOSH
 WALTER MOONEY
 KEN KANSAS

THE LOCAL YOCAL HOLLER
 APRIL 24, 2019 ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
 Doors Open at 7 - Show starts at 7:30
 TICKETS \$10 EACH - AVAILABLE AT INGHAM PHARMACY

For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features woodcrafter and visual artist, Melvin Vincent. Before the Pine Falls Pulp and Paper Mill ceased operations, he worked in the thermal mechanical section and, prior to that, he sharpened materials in the stone ground area. A lifelong resident of St. Georges, he is a self-taught artist with a great fondness for decorating pieces of wood with acrylic paint.

Like many people in our region, Vincent has always enjoyed nature and wildlife, and his interest in painting grew out of his interest in taxidermy. He said, “It began with Charlie Niedermeyer. He gave me a crash course in taxidermy and I did it for fifteen years. Then I started painting and I’ve been doing that for the past fifteen years.”

Many Eastman residents know Charlie Niedermeyer for his handcrafted knives, wildlife carvings, and paintings. Niedermeyer’s work has been purchased by hunters, fishers, and art-lovers from all over the world. Recently, he donated a hand-carved paddle with the blade covered on both sides with scenes from the boreal forest. It will be auctioned off in a WRAC fundraiser, along with smaller paddles decorated by selected WRAC artists.

Niedermeyer’s son, Jim, another well-known local artist, creates chainsaw carvings and has participated in multiple large-scale competitions. Inspired by the Niedermeyers, Vincent started chainsaw carving and joined the Winnipeg River Carving Association. Now he’s the president of this organization.

Recently, the Festival du Voyageur in Winnipeg asked the Winnipeg River chainsaw carvers to put on a showcase carving event. Some of the carvers required slabs to make benches. Vincent volunteered to saw the slabs, and went out and bought a portable Alaskan saw mill.

This opened up new artistic possibilities that he wanted to explore so he has sliced up hundreds of cottonwood, poplar, and other woods into slabs of varying thickness. He makes sturdy benches out of the pieces, etches the surfaces with a heated drawing tool or paints wildlife and boreal forest scenes on the wood, and covers his artwork with a durable finish. He also saws logs on a diagonal angle to create smaller works of art. He keeps the live edge on the slabs to add striking visual interest. “Live edges” means the bark is not removed from the logs.

In 2017, he suffered a stroke and had to be rushed to Winnipeg from the Pine Falls Hospital. His doctors told him the stroke could have crippled him for life. He said, “Thank God for Stars Ambulance. I received medical attention quickly.”

Grateful for the airborne life-saving assistance, Vincent created a wood bench which was auctioned off with all proceeds going to Stars Ambulance. They raised \$1650.00 from the bench he donated.

Given the rapid medical care and his determination to keep active, he now suffers only a few minor symptoms. From the looks of his many projects-in-progress and workshops full of his art, he has been very active. His business is called “Vincent Woodworking and Arts” and interested buyers can call 1-(204) 367-4376 to view his work. He said, “I have lots of paintings, wood carving, and benches. I’d really like to sell some and make room for my new projects.”

It’s worth the trip to St. Georges, just to see the magical creations he fashions from large pieces of wood.

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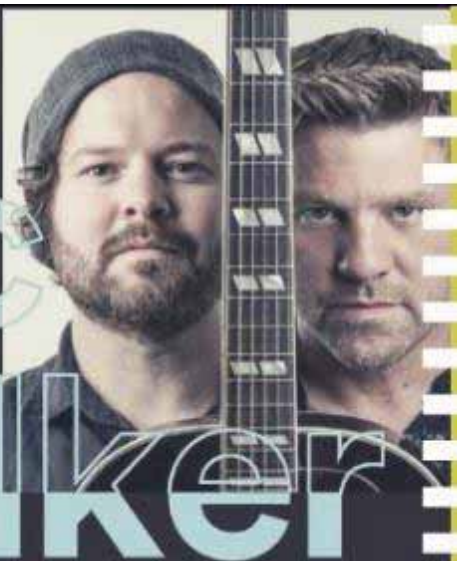
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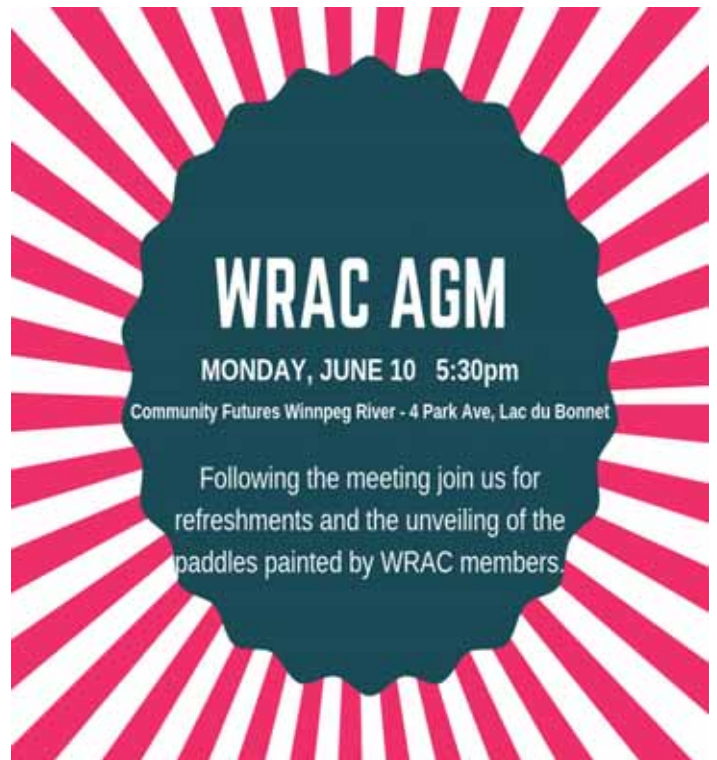


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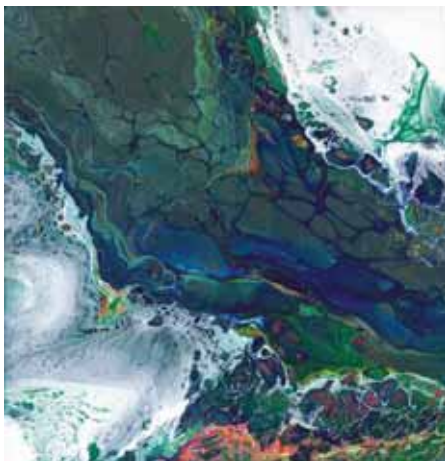
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These works of art by WRAC members will be auctioned of August 1 – 29, 2019. Bids can be placed online, www.winnipegriverarts.com or contact Jennifer at 204 340 0889 or winnipegriverarts@gmail.com

The paddles will be displayed throughout the region over the summer.

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Above: Full sized paddle carved and painted on both sides of the blade by Charlie Niedermayer.

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Edythe Brown Ehrlich along side a Lac du Bonnet School student who is wearing Edythe's original wedding dress. This photo was taken during a fashion show fundraiser many years ago. In the photo it shows Edythe wearing her mom's (Anna Waters) original outfit & hat that she wore to Edythe's wedding in 1937.

Edythe Millicent "Edie" Brown mayor of Lac du Bonnet 1952 - 1957

Edythe was reputed to be Manitoba's first woman mayor, and as the news spread across Canada people started to recognize Lac du Bonnet on the map.

Voters turned out in record numbers on October 24, 1953 when 95% of eligible voters cast their ballots. Some were even turned away because they arrived past the 8:00pm poll closure. Mayor Edythe Brown obtained a sewage system for Lac du Bonnet free of charge in compensatory negotiations with the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board as a result of Winnipeg River flooding caused by the McArthur Falls Generating Station. In power she also accomplished the installation of vapor streetlights, black top streets, concrete sidewalks, and dial telephone service.

On her 90th birthday Edythe was given the key to the Town of Lac du Bonnet.



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WRAC Artist of the Month

Wayne Letkeman

Letkeman is a self-taught artist, using oil as his medium. Like many people, he never felt that he had much artistic talent. But his purchase of a home a few years back motivated him to try his hand at painting. He needed to decorate his new place but found that he did not like any of the interior decorations available in stores. So he decided to try creating some himself.

While flying and living in the North, he had many opportunities to see the Northern Lights. He began to try recreating those images and discovered he really enjoyed the results. Although he has not had any formal training, he wanted to learn more.

One of Letkeman's paintings, a work depicting the Northern Lights, was chosen to be included in a six month art show currently travelling around Manitoba. This exhibition will conclude in October. Also, his work was selected to be exhibited at several galleries in Southern Manitoba in 2020. Feeling inspired by this recognition, he plans to create many more paintings. Letkeman also enjoys landscape and seascape, with ambitions to go in different directions, depending on his increasing growth in artistic quality.

He said, "Although I'm not sure at this time if my skills could lead into teaching, I have developed a passion which is enjoyable and relaxing."

To check out his work, interested people can follow his Instagram account - [wletkeman300](https://www.instagram.com/wletkeman300). They can also enjoy samples of his art by visiting his website at www.paintingpilot.com.

For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features visual artist Wayne Letkeman, a commercial pilot employed by Adventure Air in Lac du Bonnet. In 2016, while living in Thompson, he started painting. He moved back to this area last summer, but he had lived here previously while working at Tantalum Mining.



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July 2019
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FEATURED ARTIST

Mary Louise Chown



For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council revisits previously featured artist Mary Louise Chown. A woman of many talents, she is a storyteller, visual artist, musician, and observer of life. Over the years, she has done batik, printmaking, acrylic and watercolour, videography, writing, as well as performance art. She says, "I am no longer a prairie chicken, more like an old crone, and I have explored many art forms in my life."

About eight years ago, she and her husband bought a farm near River Hills, on the Whitemouth River, where they keep bees and laying hens, and where she opened the Ladyslipper Art Studio and returned to drawing, painting, and teaching art in the Eastman area.

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For most of Chown's adult life, her main art form has been storytelling, having begun this arts practice in the 1970's. She learned storytelling by telling stories, asking for feedback, and listening to her mentor-storytellers. She says, "I love the old mythologies and folktales, and the ways they can still speak to us."

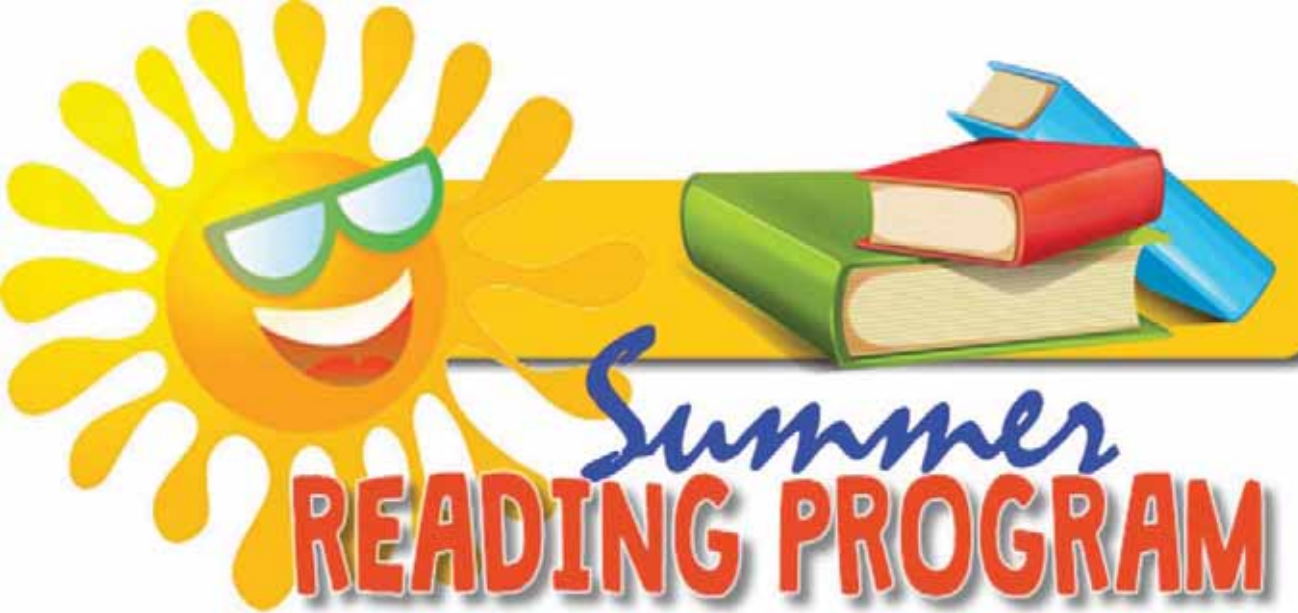
As far back as she can remember, she has drawn and painted. For a while, she had a studio in the Exchange District in Winnipeg. At forty-nine years old, she studied Fine Arts at university for four years, which taught her even more about all forms of visual arts. After that, the storytelling, drawing, and painting began to merge and feed each other. She says, "Everything requires practice, practice, practice ..."

Chown feels a connectedness between all animate and inanimate things on Earth and experiences the deeper spiritual meaning of life through the intensity of the physical environment. She says, "My images are drawn from the flowing shapes I see around me. I'm always attempting to penetrate the mystery of the world and the wonder of my own existence."

She has taught beginning drawing at several community clubs and also through WRAC programs. When she worked in Manitoba Arts Council's Artists in the Schools, she taught painting, collage, and storytelling in schools across the province. She has also taken extra training in videography at Red River Community College, written a book about her work as a visiting artist in hospice and palliative care, and taught all levels of storytelling from beginners' level.

Her artwork has been displayed in several group shows in Winnipeg and one of her video installations was exhibited in Winnipeg, Inuvik, and in the loft of the barn on her farm. The video component of this installation won an award in Edmonton.

Chown believes that all the elements of life can be found in the creative arts — the commonplace transformed into the extraordinary through imagination and skill. Her words of encouragement for aspiring artists: "All art forms tell a story. Use your art to explore and celebrate the world around you."

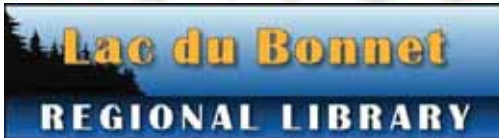


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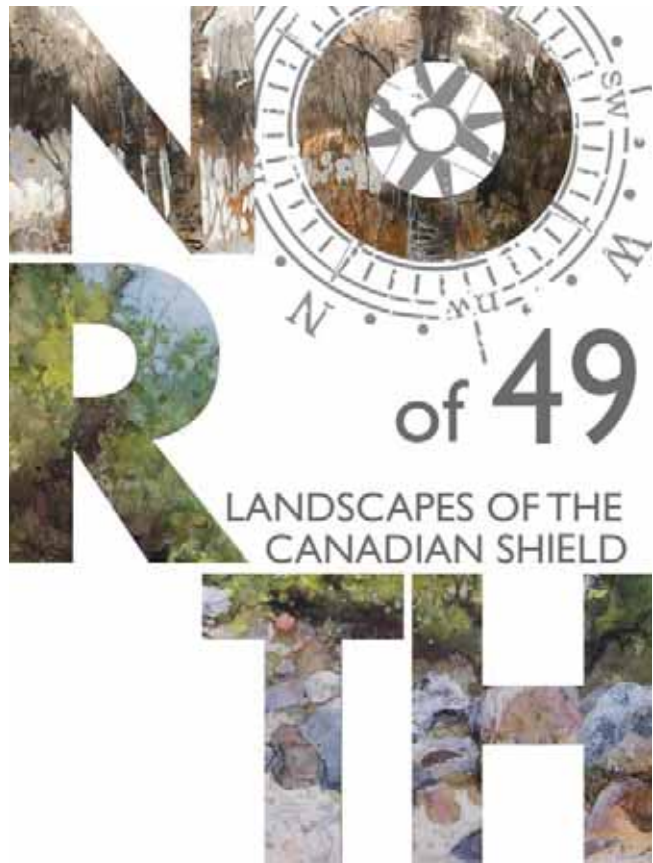
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August 2019
Issue 8

FEATURED ARTIST

Bernice Phillips



For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council revisits previously featured artist Bernice Phillips. A long-time resident of Powerview-Pine Falls, Phillips holds several positions along with her growing art practice. She cooks meals for seniors and works at "Through the Arbour," the family-run business that provides massage, herbal products and consultations, reflexology, "Day Spa" services, and natural body care products. Also, when necessary, she looks after grandchildren.

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But art has always been central in her life. As a child, she would take her father's scrapbook and wonder at the pictures he drew as a young man. She says, "Contemplating his concepts and visions, I was in awe at how he was able to bring his work to life."

In her younger years, demands of work and family were constant. As the third daughter, with four younger brothers, she had a busy home life. She says, "Like many of us, art got put on the back burner."

Phillips used drawing and gardening to find peace, away from a not-so-nice world of bullying and expectations. After she left home, she married and had children, and enjoyed all the fun and learning experiences that come with family life.

When her kids started school, Phillips began taking workshops in various art methods, such as pottery at Powerview School. She says, "I loved working with clay, using the wheel, and exploring the pinch method and sculpting!"

After pottery, she tried stained glass, willow furniture-making, air-brushing, embroidery and quilting, to name a few. Then she signed up for a tole painting workshop ("the folk art of decorative painting on tin and wooden utensils, objects and furniture"). She knew she had finally found her medium. She began to look at the world with different eyes, seeing the way light and shadows changed the shades of leaves and plants.

After painting in acrylic for many years, she decided to explore watercolour by taking workshops with two well-known local artists, first Nancy-Lou Ateah and then Roberta Laliberte. In the last few years, she started experimenting in mixed media. This opened up a whole new path, combining watercolour and acrylic, working on many different backgrounds such as glass, wood, and canvas.

Phillips is currently showing her art at the Gwen Fox Gallery in Selkirk, along with three other artists, until July 27. In August, on the 17th & 18th, her work can be seen at her home in Powerview, in the Garden Path Studio, Stop #10 of the Boreal Shores Art Tour. She also decorated one of the beautiful paddles that will be auctioned off during August in the "Paddle the River" fundraiser for Winnipeg River Arts Council.

Phillips says, "My art usually reflects my surroundings, the trees, animals, and my beloved garden where I spend many hours enjoying the outdoors."



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Paddle the River Art Auction



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winnipegriverarts@gmail.com
call/text 204 340 0889
or via WRAC's Facebook page



Bids may be placed in person at the Night Market,
August 22, 5-9pm Third St., Lac du Bonnet

Paddles may be viewed;
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Papertown Motor Inn August 17 & 18
Night Market, Lac du Bonnet August 22
Powerview-Pine Falls Town Office August 23 - 29



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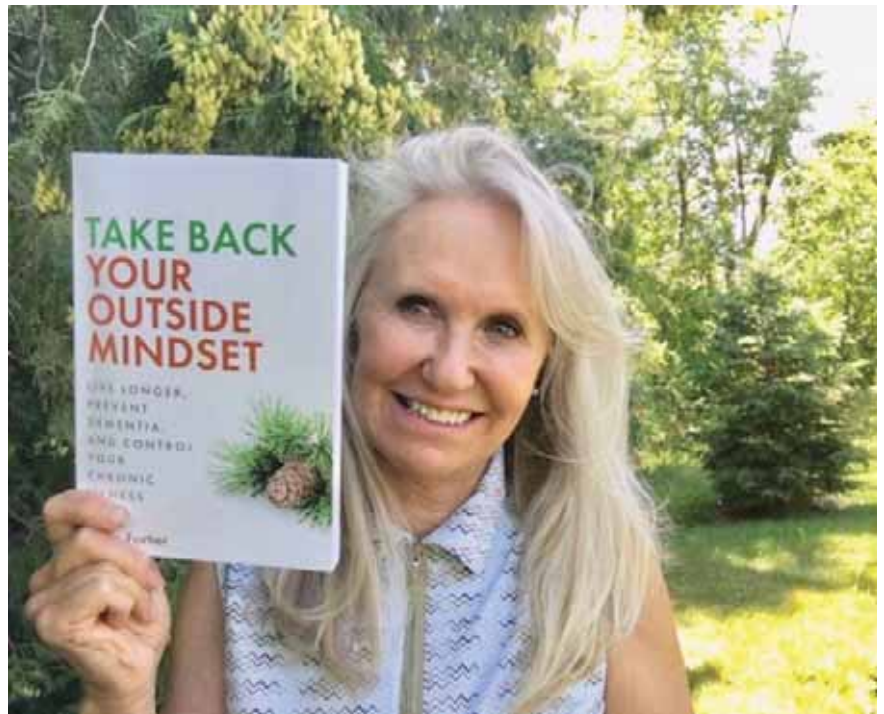
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FEATURED ARTIST

Verla Fortier

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features writer Verla Fortier, a former nurse and retired Professor of Nursing with a Masters' Degree in Health Science. Two years ago, after forty-five years away, she returned to her home town of Pine Falls, where she grew up, on the edge of the boreal forest. Around the same time, Fortier learned that she had a serious chronic illness.



Although she was in her sixties and she had spent forty years as a nurse and nursing professor, she began to fully discover how being outside near trees, shrubs, and grass affects health and wellness. She found plenty of evidence to prove the game-changing qualities of green space, in the fields of physics, biology, chemistry, neuroscience, urban planning, forestry medicine, botany, ecology, geometry, and psychology. It transformed her life – and she wanted to show other people how it could change their lives, too.

She said, “I took a sharp left turn into tree research to control my fears of dying too early, losing my mind to dementia, and my illness running rampant.”

Fortier knew she wanted to write, and now she had a strong motivation. She took an online course on “How to Write Non-Fiction” and started creating her first book. In this publication, she tells her personal story, includes her research on urban green space, and provides practical tips that she learned along the way. She hopes the book and its companion workbook will save readers time, effort, and frustration so they can feel better than ever as they age, with or without chronic illness—whether they live in the city or the country.

Fortier’s book launch is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, at Allard Regional Library in St. Georges. From 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., she will share highlights from her research and describe how her messy journey led to writing her first publication.

Her words of inspiration: “Spending time outside will make you live longer, prevent dementia, and control your chronic illness. The science is there.”

A poster for an author read event. The background is a close-up of pine cones and branches against a blue sky. The text is centered and reads: "Author Read with Verla Fortier", "Wednesday, September 25th, 2019 at Noon", "Library Allard Park", "sharing her story", "Take Back Your Outside Mindset: Live Longer, Prevent Dementia, and Control Your Chronic Illness". At the bottom, there is a white banner with the library's logo, name, contact information, and social media icons.

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at Noon

Library Allard Park

sharing her story

**"Take Back Your Outside Mindset:
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A 3D rendering of a book titled "TAKE BACK YOUR OUTSIDE MINDSET" by Verla Fortier. The cover is white with the title in green and orange. Below the title, it says "LIVE LONGER, PREVENT DEMENTIA, AND CONTROL YOUR CHRONIC ILLNESS". There is a small image of a pine branch and cone on the right side of the cover.

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MINDSET**

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Verla Fortier



2019-2020



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EMCA: PINAWA COMMUNITY CENTRE



Dan and Laurel (CA) & Special Guest (MB)

Folk / Roots / Blues

Friday, Nov 01, 7:30 p.m.

Since last with EMCA (2015), master songwriter and hometown minstrel Dan Frechette has released an astonishing 16 new albums, plus another 3 with violinist Laurel Thomsen ! They've toured repeatedly all over the US and Canada, as well as Europe, and will team up here with an amazing musical guest to raise the roof !

**Janelle Nadeau (BC)
“A Prairie Christmas
Concert, presented by
Sunova Credit Union”
Friday, Nov 29, 7:30 p.m.**



Back by unanimous popular demand, the best seasonal show ever ! Two gorgeous harps, six unusual mediaeval instruments and angelic voices deliver sweet arrangements of wonderful Christmas tunes. It's a mystical experience you'll never forget, so bring the whole family for an early holiday treat ! You'll be so glad you did - that's a promise!



**Woody Holler (MB)
Western
Friday, Jan 24, 7:30 p.m.**

Remember the wonderful Western cowboy songs of yesteryear, sung by Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Tex Ritter, Bob Baker and others? Gifted crooner Darryl Brunger (aka Woody Holler) and a star-studded band jazz them up to REALLY make them swing ! We'll all be humming right along as we clip-clop back in time to relive those musical memories.



Twin Flames
(NU/ON)
Indigenous Folk
Friday, Feb 28, 7:30 p.m.

This duo makes beautiful music together on guitar and wooden flute ! Jaaji, Inuk Mohawk from Nunavik, and Chelsey June, Algonquin Cree Metis from Ottawa, met in 2014 while filming a television series. Since then, they've toured North America while gathering many nominations/awards, including two Aboriginal Songwriter of the Year awards. They'll share beautiful thought-provoking songs and stories.



The Andrew Collins
Trio (ON)

Bluegrass / Celtic / Jazz
Friday, Mar 13, 7:30 p.m.

Hang on to your hats as an incredibly precise and lively mix of music races past your ears. In addition to vocals, these three award-winning masters are equally comfortable on mandolin, mandola, mandocello, violin, guitar and bass. Picks will be flyin' and strings will be twangin' all night long. There won't be a foot left motionless !



**The Manitoba Chamber
Orchestra (MB)
Classical
Friday, Apr 24, 7:30 p.m.**

Treat yourself to 23 top musicians (including a local one) under the baton of Kansas City Symphony director Anne Manson. This well-respected Winnipeg-based treasure features full strings, woodwinds and percussion. To celebrate the province's 150th birthday, they'll perform music by Manitoba composers and very popular classical works to please the ears. A spectacular season closer !

**For information on season tickets please visit
emcaconcerts.com**

**Tickets can be purchased at
Ingham Pharmacy, 29 Park Ave, Lac Du
Bonnet, MB**

**Pinawa Solo Market, Burrows Rd, Pinawa, MB
Beausejour Music, 3rd Street, Beausejour, MB
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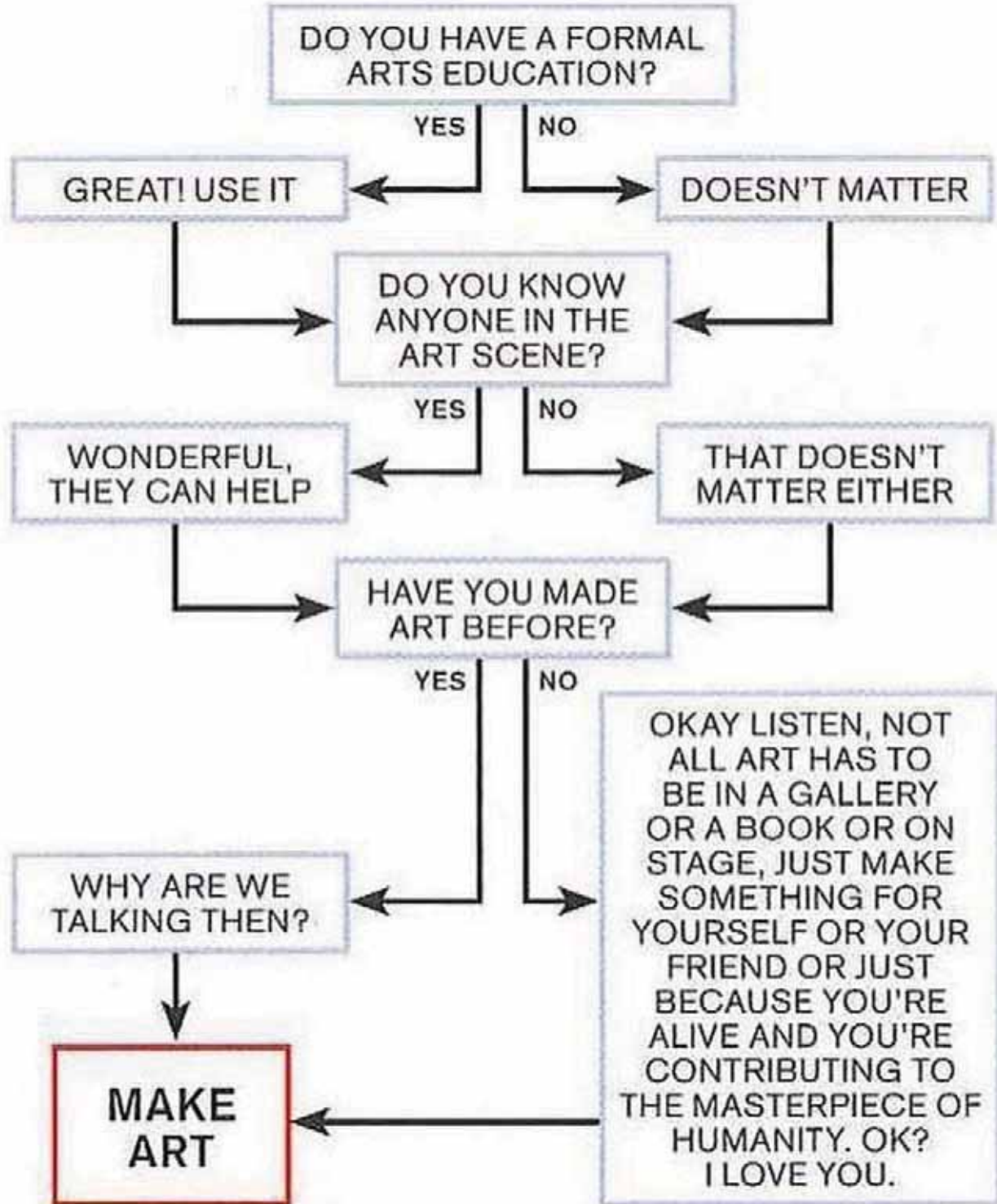
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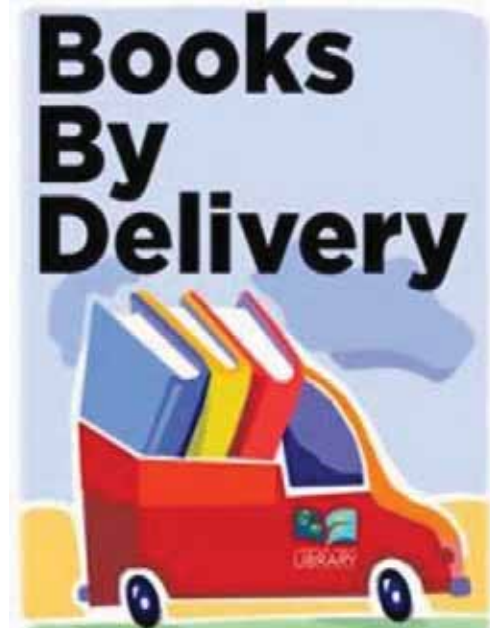
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The Lac du Bonnet

LISTENING ROOM

PRESENTS

The Janzen Boys



We are so happy to announce that The Janzen Boys will be performing at the Listening Room on September 25th!

This family trio from Winnipeg features 17-year-old Simon on bass, 13-year-old Mick on mandolin, and their dad, John, on guitar. These guys are no strangers to Lac du Bonnet, playing Fire & Water Music Festival several times, performing at the Lac du Bonnet Library and at a few private gigs.

With harmonies that are out of this world, The Janzen Boys will have you laughing, crying, and singing along as they perform classic country songs that we all know and love, and great catchy originals that will be delightfully stuck in your head for days. If you are not already part of The Janzen Boy fan club, we know that you will be after you see them live. There is just no escaping the great musical talent and heartwarming interactions as John and his boys share their stories with the audience.

Tickets are \$10 for V.I.P. Members and in Advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets will be available at Ingham Pharmacy on September 6th.

Learn more about the band on our website: <https://sjccentre.ca/event/the-janzen-boys-live>

Pinawa Library's 9th Annual

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday, October 4th
Contact Pinawa Library to register

204 753 2496

September 19, 20 & 21, 2019

MOVIE DAYS!

AT ST. JOHN'S HERITAGE CHURCH & ART CENTRE - 86 MCARTHUR AVENUE

19/9 4:00 PM - American Graffiti 1973 (Drama)

19/9 7:00 PM - Big Lebowski 1998 (Comedy)

20/9 4:00 PM - Wonders of the Sea 2019 (Documentary)

20/9 7:00 PM - Les Miserables 2012 (Drama | Musical)

21/9 2:00 PM - Aladdin 2019 (Family)





October 2019

Issue 10

FEATURED ARTIST

Irene Loire-Mallard



For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council revisits previously featured artist Irene Loire-Maillard. Her artistic interests include drawing, pottery, sculpting, stone carving, photography, and painting using various mediums. She said, "Anything and everything inspires me. Once I have it in my head, I have to transcribe it from brain to material. Not an easy task."

In 2003, she moved to Pinawa to be with her new husband Roger Dutton. Prior to that, for approximately forty years, she lived on West Coast and also for a short time in Nunavut. Loire-Maillard and her husband now spend part of their time in Pinawa and the other part in their "apartment in the sky" in Winnipeg. Loire-Maillard's artistic education is also varied. Since the 1960's, in locations across Canada, she has studied various art mediums through workshops, classes, tutoring, and other methods.

She has even done "plein air" painting in southern Spain. This French term means "in the open air" and applies to painting outdoors, using portable paints and easels, trying to capture the changing qualities of light and weather. Her art is mostly expressionist or abstract.

She said, "I want the viewer to see what moves them and make their own interpretation."

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Her art has been exhibited in several places and won first prize for acrylic painting and photography (content) in the Eastman Judged Art Exhibition. Winners have gone on to have their work displayed at the former Assiniboine Park Art Gallery.

Her first prize acrylic painting resulted from a long study on light and darkness in the art of medieval Italian painter, Michelangelo Caravaggio. She noted that beauty is definitely in the eye of the beholder. "One person told that it looked like I put my brush in feces and smeared it on canvass. Another person offered me over a thousand dollars for it. This painting continues to hang on my living room wall!"

Her first prize for photography (content) depicted three Berbers at a sand-covered computer on the Sahara's edge. She said, "When I finally got to use the computer, half of the keyboard was Arabic. Never did get to send an email. But it was a super snapshot!"

Presently, Loire-Maillard is working on creating abstract human figure drawings and cloud formations. She said, "Our Winnipeg apartment offers inspiration - a huge sky with a sea of green treetops as far as the eye can see."

She has also studied stone carving with an Inuit carver in Nunavut and made a fairly large sculpture of an animal she loves – the muskox. And she loves to write, participating in a local creative writing group with author Donna Besel and, prior to that, taking courses at University of British Columbia.

Mentored by Metro Dmytriw, she recently created a bronze bust of her husband and it is not abstract. She is very excited about the bust and noted, "Roger has lots of texture, with his curly hair and beard, so it was a challenge!"



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with special guest

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The Listening Room is proud and very excited to announce that Romi Mayes will be playing live at our venue on October 16! Romi is an award-winning singer-songwriter whose style and edge are inspiring to all who has the joy of seeing her perform.

Romi's music has been described as edgy, bourbon-infused country blues and bluegrass, characterized by sympathy and honesty.

Known for her powerful lyrical ability to breathe life into the words she sings, Romi's insightful, sweet and raw vocals paint pictures of a heart on her sleeve, sincerity and a road well-travelled.

She started her musical journey at the young age of 15 and has accomplished many things since then including winning the WCMAs for Songwriter of the Year three times, two WMCAs wins for Album of The Year, and was a JUNO nominee for Album of the Year. She tours relentlessly and has shared the stage with the likes of Levon Helm, Ricky Skaggs, Guy Clark, and Blackie and The Rodeo Kings.

Tickets are \$10.00 for advance ticket purchases and for V.I.P memberships. \$15.00 at the door. Tickets will be available at Ingham Pharmacy on September 20, 2019!

Doors open at 6:30 and the show starts at 7:00 on October 16, 2019!

2019 Photo Rally



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Second & Third Place: Carol Hutchinson & Sherry Meade**



Subject: Cold
Angie Papineau

Subject: Blue
Carol Hutchinson



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Instructor: Donna Besel

Classes: Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20, 27 (4 weeks)

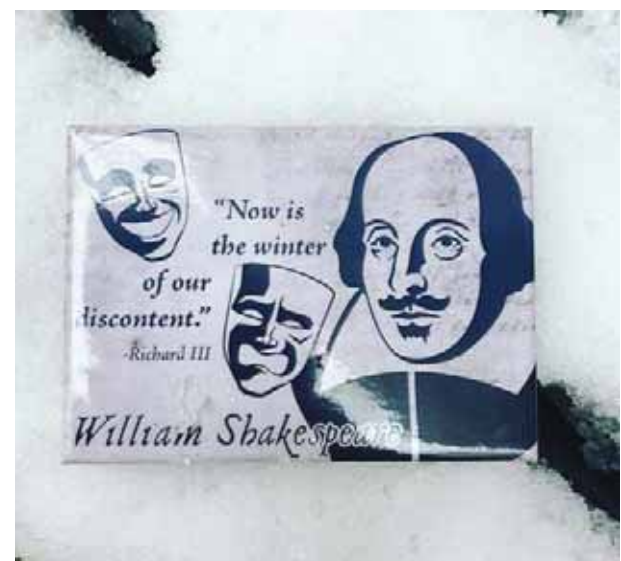
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November 2019

Issue 11

FEATURED ARTIST

Donna Besel

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council revisits previously featured artist Donna Besel, an award-winning, best-selling author who enjoys visual arts, theatre, photography, guitar-playing, and song-writing. Besel knows the Eastman area well. She grew up in Whiteshell Provincial, went to Whitemouth Collegiate, and resided in Lac du Bonnet for more than thirty-five years. She now lives (and writes) on the Winnipeg River, near Powerview-Pine Falls.

Besel said, "In Manitoba, we have many well-known Winnipeg, Mennonite, francophone, and Indigenous writers. When Prairie Fire Magazine asked me to contribute two stories to 'Boreality Project,' a multi-media, four-season artistic interpretation of the boreal forest, I started to fully identify as a boreal writer."

Besel graduated from University of Manitoba with an English Honours Degree and studied education at Brandon University. In 2017, the University of Manitoba featured her in their alumni magazine (UM Today) in an article about overcoming adversity.

She said, "My favourite authors - Alice Munro and Elizabeth Strout. They write deep and astonishing stories about the realities of life."

Besel's writing has earned wide-spread recognition: CBC Literary Awards (three times), Canada Council for the Arts, Manitoba Arts Council.



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<http://winnipegriverarts.com/>

Her collection of short stories, *Lessons from a Nude Man*, captured fourth place on McNally Robinson's 2015 annual bestsellers list, along with two nominations from Manitoba Book Awards and a spot on Canada's Relit Awards. In 2016, she was artist-in-residence at the Deep Bay Cabin in Riding Mountain National Park. Her work has been featured on CBC Radio, and published in literary journals, anthologies, and magazines.

She loves writing of all kinds, leads workshops for writers of all ages, and has done presentations and workshops across Canada at universities, bookstores, libraries, conferences, forums, retreats, and Milner Ridge Correctional Institute.

Previously, Besel taught in Sunrise School Division. For the past nine years, she has worked in schools from Gillam to Sprague, leading creative writing workshops for students in kindergarten to grade twelve, supported by the Manitoba Arts Council's province-wide Artists in Schools program. Upcoming gigs include presentations at "Proutopia," the Winnipeg Beach arts festival (August 31 and September 1), and co-facilitation of "Wild Writing in the Boreal," a writers' weekend at Falcon Trails Resort (November 15 to 17).

Besel's message to writers: "You have something to say and you have the right to say it." Another inspirational quote comes from writer Anne Lamotte: "You own everything that happened to you. Tell your stories. If people wanted you to write more warmly about them, they should have behaved better."



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The Lac du Bonnet

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Tickets are \$10 each for V.I.P. Members and Advanced ticket purchases, available at Ingham Pharmacy and \$15 at the door.

Doors open at 3:00 and the show starts at 3:30 on November 17, 2019!

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Join us at the library, from **Nov 12 - Jan 4, 2019** to help us decorate our Christmas Tree!

The tree is made of felt for our younger patrons little fingers and is bound to keep your little one entertained while you look at books or simply just want to hang out and use our Wi-Fi or computers! We hope you plan to come spend some time at the

library during your Christmas holidays! We have an awesome list of in house library games planned for 2020. Traditionally, the library has an in house game set up in the library every second month throughout the year.



Lac du Bonnet

REGIONAL LIBRARY

Pyjama Storytime
at the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

Thursday, November 14th
6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Come dressed in your comfiest pjs, grab your favourite stuffed animal, and join us for a fun, family evening!

We will read stories, play games, make a craft and enjoy some milk and cookies!

The Lac du Bonnet

LISTENING ROOM

PRESENTS



Everyone, get ready because on November 27th Chris Carmichael is playing live at The Listening Room!

People describe Chris Carmichael's music as meaty, rocking alt-country with a heap of blues. His haunting guitar tone recalls open Prairie skies, endless dusty highways and long, hazy nights. In short: Amazing!

Chris "Chopper" Carmichael is well-known for lending his undeniable guitar skill and incredible tone to some of Canada's premier blues acts like Sue Foley, The Perpetrators, Big Dave McLean, Righteous Ike, Romi Mayes, Sol James, the Scott Nolan Band and many more. His most recent recorded work can be heard on Ken Kansas's 2019 release, 'Ragged Poetry' and Lynn Hanson's 2017 release, 'Uneven Ground'. This past September, he is shared the stage with Steve Mariner of Juno Award-Winning Monkeyjunk and Lindsay Beaver of The 24th Street Wailers. His much-anticipated sophomore solo release is currently in the works. He is constantly working on new and exciting musical projects and is currently in 3 must-see bands: Driver, The Honeysliders and Mayes & Carmichael.



Tickets are \$10.00 for VIP Members and advance ticket purchases. \$15.00 at the door.

Doors open at 6:30 PM.

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<https://sjccentre.ca/event/chris-carmichael-live-in-ldb/>

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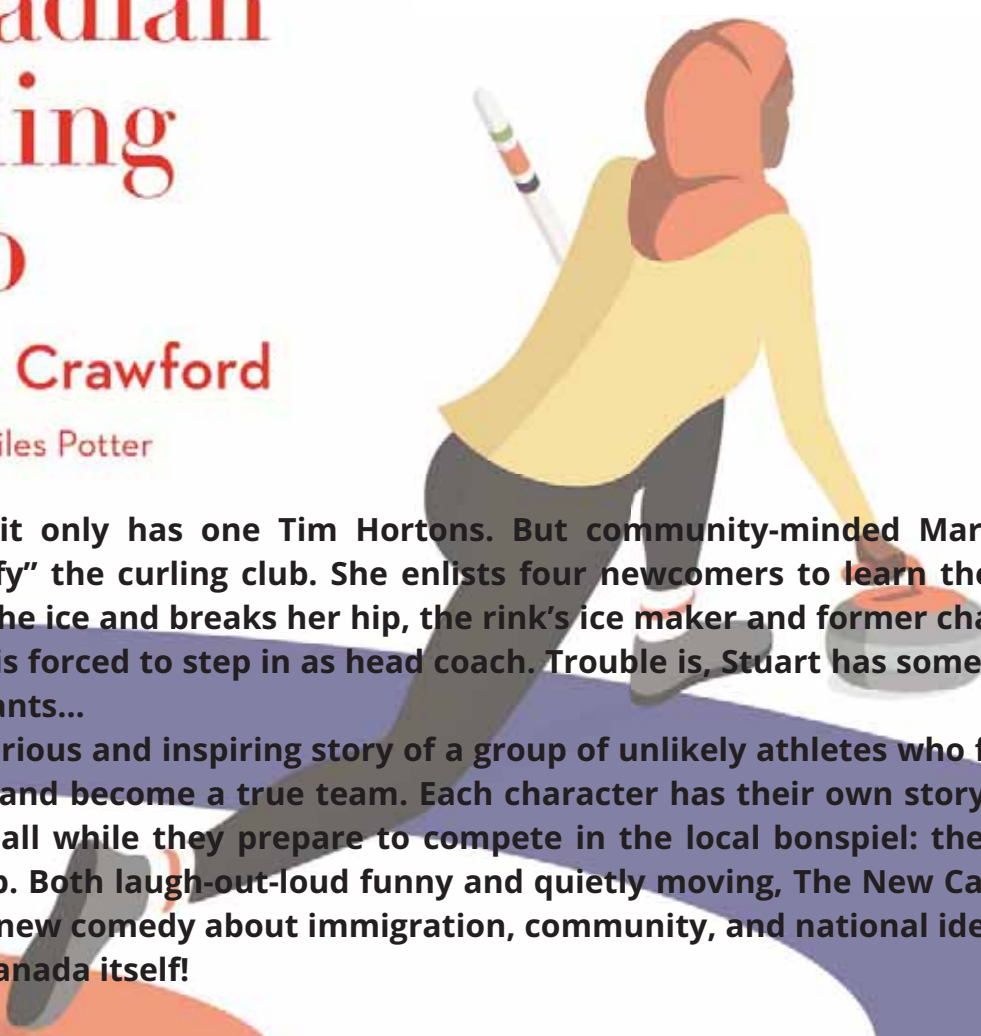
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FEATURED ARTIST

Roberta Laliberte

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council revisits previously featured artist Roberta Laliberte. Born in Pine Falls, she ended up living one house away from the home where she was raised. When she was a child, she started simply copying things she loved, such as Disney cartoons. As a teen, she studied as many art instruction books as she could find and became a gifted copyist. She said, "This is a common problem with self-taught artists."

In the early 1990's, Laliberte attended fine art school in Sackville, New Brunswick. Although she did not complete this course, she got a broader sense of who she was as a creator. As quality art instruction on the internet became more accessible, Laliberte started taking online classes and soon started teaching them.

Recently, she has worked as a teaching artist through the Manitoba Arts Council, and led workshops in St. James-Assiniboia School Division. Various schools have hired her to work with students and provide professional development for staff. She leads paint nights and arts classes for all ages and will soon be offering pottery classes at her studio in Pine Falls. Laliberte now works mainly with mixed media and water-colour on paper and canvas but recently re-discovered her love of pottery. In the spring, an opportunity to teach high school art reawakened this former interest as well as providing enough funds to purchase a kiln.



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Like many artists in the region, Laliberte gets inspired by nature. She also likes the idea of marrying function with aesthetic. Form and function have recently become important influences as she contemplates what she creates and why.

"I feel that my style is becoming less fussy and I am always trying to pare it down to the essence. Regardless of what I am doing and how I am doing it there is an underlying need to create something."

Last summer, she contributed a captivating portrait of a fox to WRAC's popular paddle auction. She has had several group exhibitions and recently her first solo show, "North of 49," was featured in Syracuse, New York. Also, the Boreal Shores Art Tour has included her work, since its inception.

Although people tend to think that artists are born with amazing ability, Laliberte believes failure is a part of the process. She advises anyone who feels pulled to create to dive right in - "practice makes perfect."



"If you keep a playful spirit, being creative can be a fulfilling part of everyday living. We were all born with wonder and curiosity.

For some reason we tell ourselves we aren't capable or qualified, but there is no right or wrong way to create."





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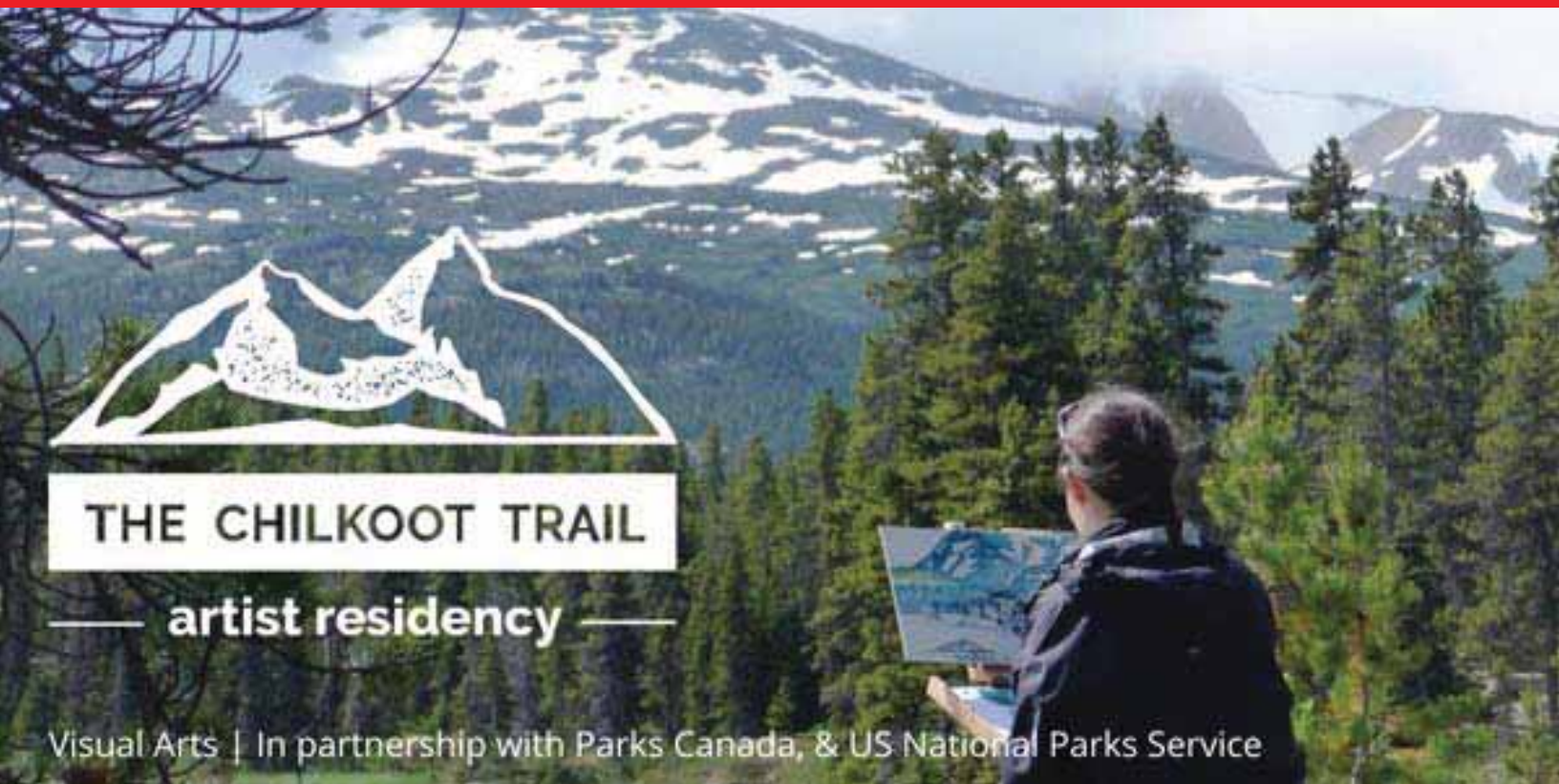
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2021 Chilkoot Trail Residency: Call for Submissions

The Yukon Arts Centre, the US National Park Service, Parks Canada and the Skagway Arts Council are calling for submissions for the 2021 Chilkoot Trail Artist Residency Program. Participants will combine their artistic abilities with a love of the outdoors to offer a unique experience for visitors along the iconic Chilkoot Trail, a 53-kilometer historic route gold-seekers used to reach the Klondike Gold Fields in the late 1890's. The trail crosses the international boundary between the US and Canada and is cooperatively managed by Parks Canada and the US National Park Service. The duration of the residency is from 5 to 10 days on the trail depending on the option you choose, plus two days off trail. The deadline for submission is February 3, 2020.

https://yukonartscentre.com/artist_opportunities/the-chilkoot-trail-artist-residency



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10th Annual Festival des Creche

Tis' the season...

If you haven't had the opportunity to tour the new Winnipeg River Heritage Museum, here is your perfect chance! Get into the holiday spirit and check out the amazing Christmas display.

A collection of over 300 nativity scenes decorate the museum's permanent exhibit space. Bedazzling, this Christmas collection showcases custom made Creches scenes from over 35 countries around the world, including this one, from national and international renowned chainsaw carver Mike Winia.

The festival runs from December 2, 2019 to February 2, 2020. Admission: \$6 (adults), \$4 (students), \$3 (ages 3-6), free (ages 1-3).

The museum is open Monday-Saturday 10:00 am-4pm and Sunday 1:00-4:00pm. Guided tours every day from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Groups of 4 or more please call ahead to book your tour.



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Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library


Discover the Possibilities!

Join us at the library, from **Nov 12 - Jan 4, 2019** to help us decorate our Christmas Tree! The tree is made of felt for our younger patrons little fingers and is bound to keep your little one entertained while you look at books or simply just want to hang out and use our Wi-Fi or computers! We hope you plan to come spend some time at the

library during your Christmas holidays! We have an awesome list of in house library games planned for 2020. Traditionally, the library has an in house game set up in the library every second month throughout the year.



Christmas Concert Schedule

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- December 17 6 pm Ecole Powerview School
 - December 18 7 pm Whitemouth School
 - December 18 7 pm FW Gilbert School, Pinawa
 - December 19 7 pm Pinawa Secondary School
 - December 19 1 pm & 6:30 pm
Centennial School, Lac du Bonnet

The Lac du Bonnet

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AT ST. JOHN'S HERITAGE CHURCH & ART CENTRE - 86 MCARTHUR AVENUE

December 14 - Nightmare Before Christmas

December 21 - How the Grinch Stole Christmas

December 28 - Abominable

Doors Open 1:30 pm Movie Starts at 2 pm

Admission \$2

Canteen will be open to purchase snacks.

Still need some gift ideas?

Tickets to January 24 EMCA Concert - Woody Holler

Tickets to February 4 RMTC presentation,
The New Canadian Curling Club

Stop by Pinawa Art Gallery for an
original piece of art

Contact your favourite local artist!

Buy a book from a local author!



Friday, January 24, 2020

7:30pm

Pinawa Community Centre



Woody Holler and his Orchestra will invigorate you with their Western cowboy songs of yesteryear by singers such as Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Tex Ritter, and Bob Baker.

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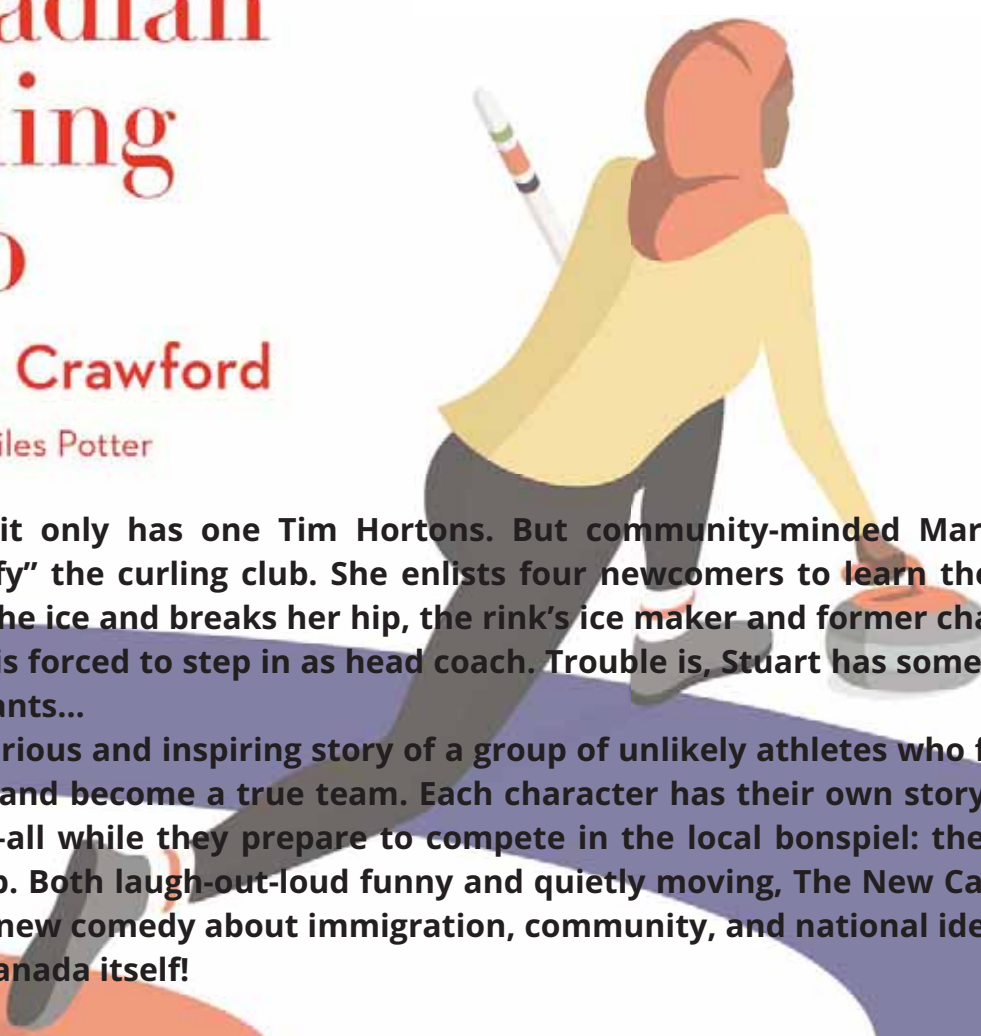
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