



Happy New Year!

January 2022

Issue 1

WRAC Featured Artist

Sandra Lee

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features visual artist Sandra Lee.

Originally from Thunder Bay, Ontario, she has lived in Winnipeg, Stonewall, St. Andrews, Tyndall, and the Brokenhead area. Just over two years ago, she moved to River Hills.

Lee is a graphic designer, who also paints with water colours and acrylics, and creates hand-built clay masks and bowls. Presently, she works part-time in the film industry where she buys and/or makes movie and film props that art or design related.



When asked what inspires her, she says, "Mostly education and experimenting. Right now, I'm enjoying the open clay studio at the Pinawa Art Gallery." In high school, Lee took a commercial art program and then entered a college program for fashion design. She admits, with a laugh, "I didn't finish that program. There was too much sewing."

Over the years, Lee has taken many courses in art, design, and technology, and has also worked as a graphic designer. As well, she attended college and university to become a high school teacher. For more than two-and-half decades, she taught graphic design, illustration and painting.

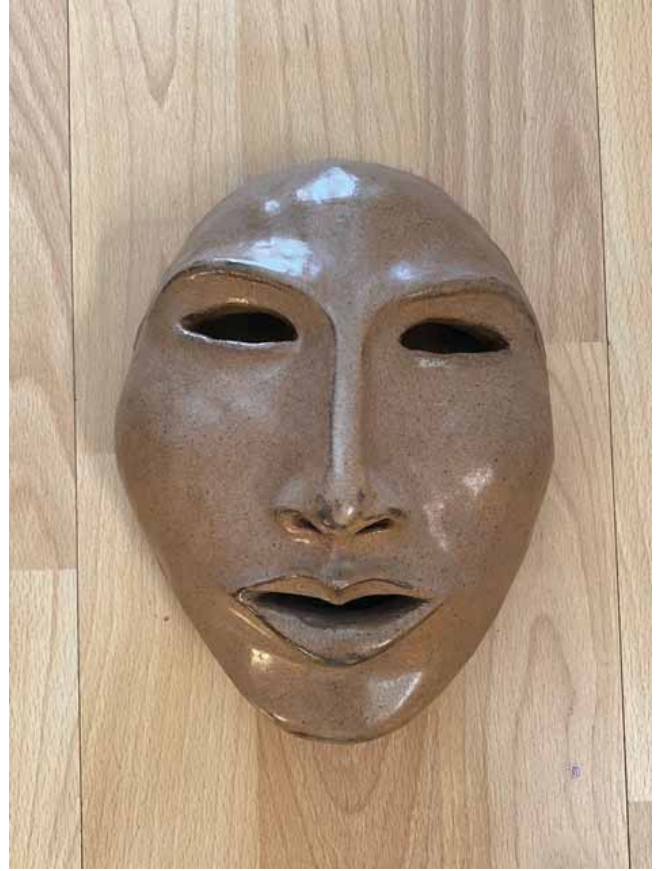
Three years ago, she retired from teaching but she still likes to share her knowledge with family and friends. She says, "We have craft and paint sessions in my porch - Front Porch Studio in River Hills. "This past fall, she made over 30 paper mâché masks for "Dark Harvest" which was partly shot in Beausejour. If all goes according to plan, in the fall of 2022, this movie will appear in theatres everywhere.

If it's a professional job, such as a prop for a film, she does a lot of research. If it for her own satisfaction as an artist, many things inspire her: nature, cultures, films, travel and visiting art galleries and museums. Lee has never entered any work for prizes, and, except for displaying her art on her garage walls in the summer, she has never formally exhibited anything. But, she says, "My prop creations are featured in the films I work on and this is always fun to watch."

To sum it all up, she says, "At this stage in my life, I am fortunate that I can pick and choose what I want to do with my art and design. I choose fun projects that bring me joy and not stress.

The best part - I keep learning new things and meeting new people!"







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Over 252 people attended the Amazing Exhibition ... but if you were unable to attend here are a few more pictures. Continued from our December newsletter.



Highlights:

The opening reception was well attended even dealing with after effects of a snow storm.

The 3 workshops were sold out and thoroughly enjoyed.

Sampling of audience comments:

"Wonderful work"

"I really enjoyed visiting the art display"

"Makes the mind stretch"

"Appreciate it coming to Pinawa"

"So different, so wonderful, so inspiring!"



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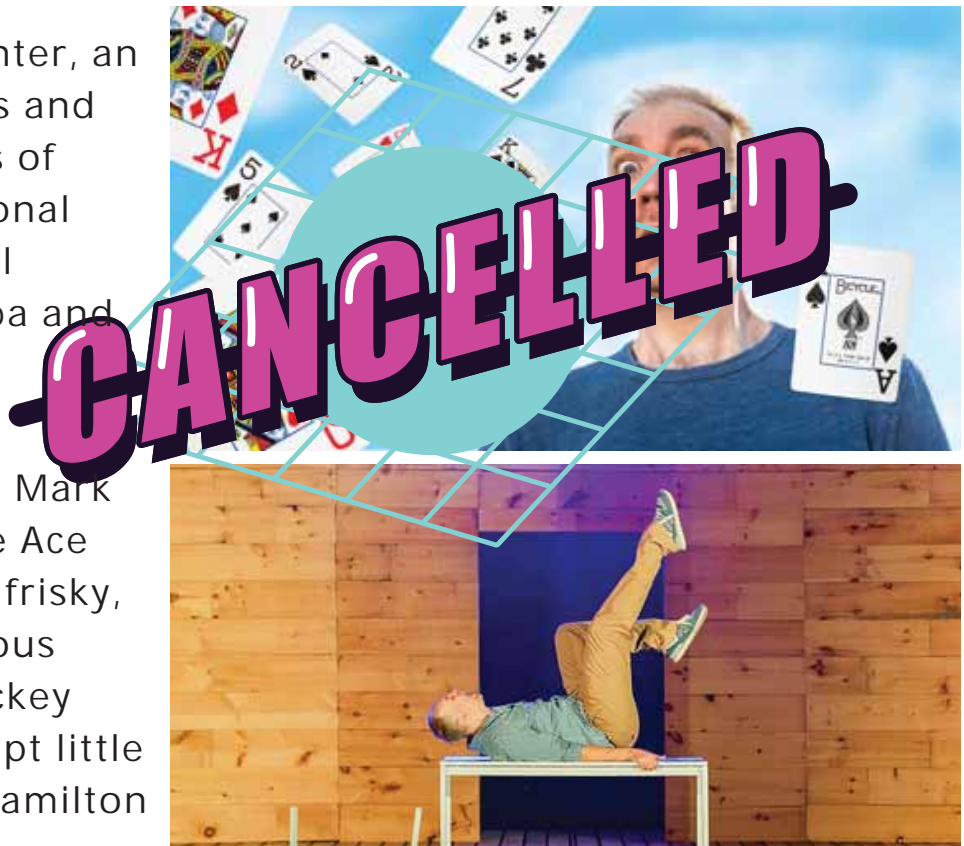
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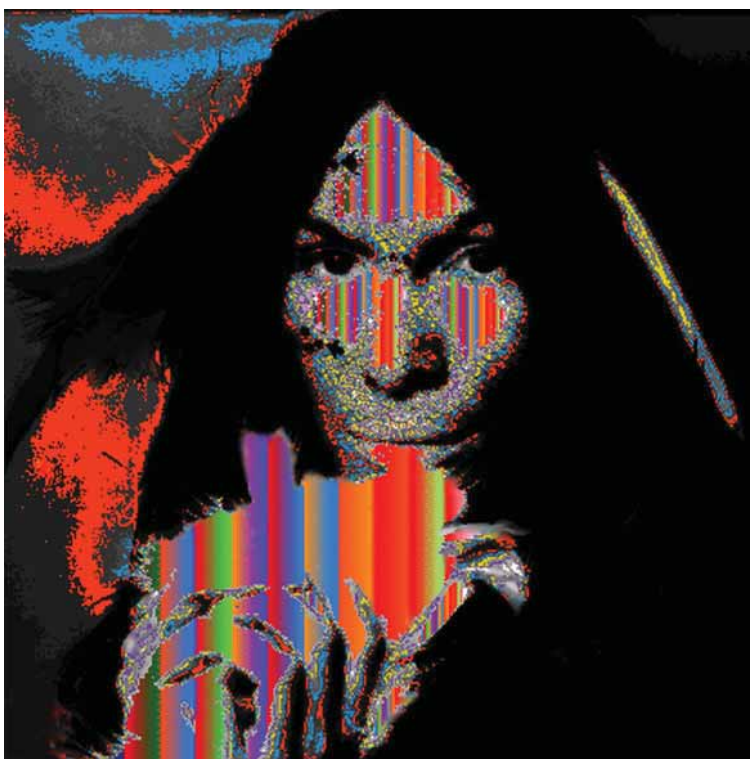


URBAN SHAMAN

CONTEMPORARY ABORIGINAL ART

Due to the high counts of COVID cases in Winnipeg,
Urban Shaman Gallery will be closed till further notice.

Please watch out for our virtual gallery of Ms. Sainte-Marie's exhibit.
link on our website at urbanshaman.org
in the Main and Marvin Francis Media Gallery



Self Portrait, 36"x36" on Kodak Endura metallic paper.

Courtesy of the artist.

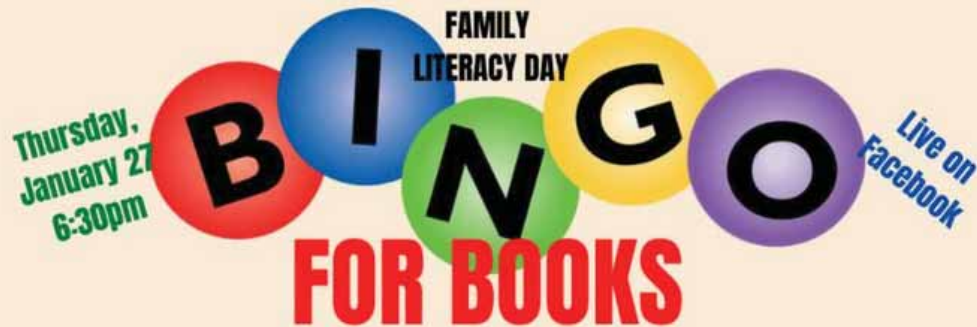
Urban Shaman & aceartinc. present:

Artist: Buffy Sainte-Marie

Title: BUFFY SAINTE-MARIE: PATHFINDER a retrospective by an
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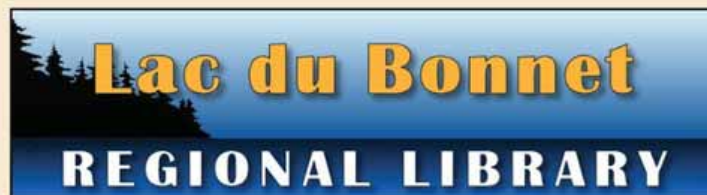
Dates: December 17, 2021 to March 5, 2022

Curated by Natasha Desrochers Lowenthal, of Paquin Entertainment



**Join us for Family Literacy Day
and play Bingo for Books.**

**Bingo cards can be picked up at the library or
can be emailed to you. Contact library staff at
lacdubonnetlibrary@gmail.com or 204 345 2653.**



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Some New Books Available to You:

- Credible Threat by J.A. Jance
- A Rebel in Auschwitz by Jack Fairweather
- Missing and Endangered by J.A. Jance
- You Betrayed Me by Lisa Jackson
- Moon of the Crusted Snow by Waubgeshig Rice
- The Stolen Throne, The Calling, and Asunder by David Gaider
- We Need to Talk by Celeste Headlee
- The Dark Hours by Michael Connelly



Do Not Forget February is Love to Read Month



**We at Winnipeg River Arts Council
wish you a Happy New Year
and safe enjoyable New Year - 2022.**

**From Brenda, Mac, Donna, Joan, Don,
Roberta, Lynette, Joye, Jennifer and
Deborah**



Love To Ready Month

February 2022
Issue 2

WRAC Featured Artist

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features knitter and crochet artist Shelley Street, whose other artistic interests include writing and visual art. Street grew up in Portage la Prairie and lived most of her adult life in Winnipeg. Almost fourteen years ago, she and her husband moved to the St. Georges area, between Great Falls and Silver Falls.

Over the years, Street has crocheted a number of afghans, both full-size and for babies. Recently, she branched out into crocheted animals and other small items, and made a few doilies for her home. She said, with a laugh, "A person can only use so many afghans." When Street was ten years old, her grandmother taught her how to crochet. Prior to that, when she was only four, she insisted that her mother teach her how to knit. She said, "Imagine the patience it took a right-handed person to teach a four-year old lefty to knit! I remember a few tears and temper-tantrums on my part, but I never gave up and I have never forgotten how to knit." Since she was a child, she hadn't done much knitting. But, when she recently came across a shawl pattern she had previously wanted to knit, she decided she had to first finish a Fair Isle sweater she started many years ago. She said, "The sweater was only about half done, so that got me back to knitting."

Shelley Street





During the past few years, Street has also participated in sketching and painting sessions with the Sketchcrawlers. This group, organized by Leah Boulet, meets weekly during the summer at different locations, where they sit down in front of a view they like, and make some art. Sketchcrawlers travel all the way from Powerview-Pine Falls to Pinawa for the sketch nights, and they have visited many scenic spots along the Winnipeg River corridor and The Beaches area. Street said, "I get inspired by looking at what others are creating; and talking with them about their projects gets my creative juices flowing.

She is also interested in creative writing. Although she admits she hasn't done much lately, prior to COVID restrictions she attended classes led by Donna Besel, a local creative writing instructor, and joined a facilitated writing group, based in Lac du Bonnet.

She said, "Both drawing and writing have long been on my wish list of things to try, so I have dabbled in them over the last few years, just for fun. So far, I am only dipping my toe in those two activities. It does not matter whether I am good at them or not. The main thing is that I am doing them. I am doing them for me. If there's something you've always wanted to do, give it a try. Do it for you!"



**Eastern Manitoba Concert Association EMCAÇa Claque!
French Canadian/Métis Music and Dance**

**So fortunate this crew is coming to OUR doorstep
on Feb. 12, 2022!**

**Ça Claque! will lift your spirits with their French and Métis
music and dancing.**

**EMCA is committed to the safety of the artists, audience and
ourselves and follows a Covid Health protocol.**

**Virtual tickets are available by calling Denise at 204-960-5005
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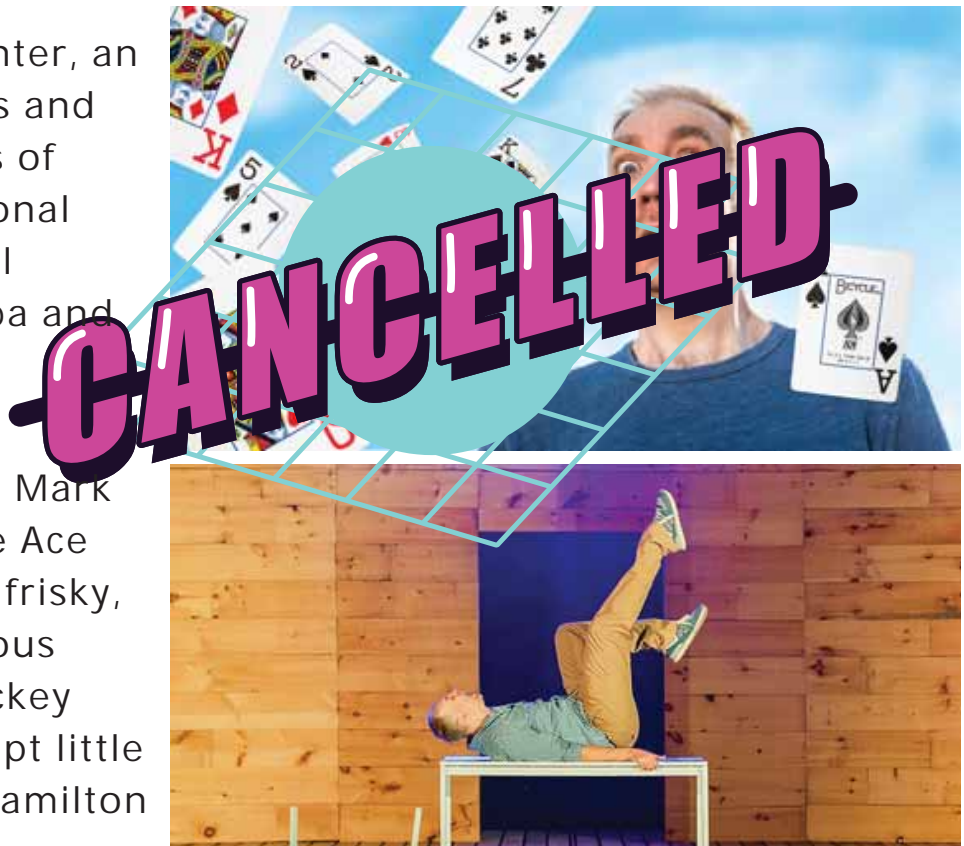
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Online WEBINAR Presented in partnership with
Urban Shaman Contemporary Aboriginal Art Gallery
and Creative Manitoba.



Join us for an online conversation discussing upcoming Grant opportunities on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, from 12pm -1:30pm CT.

<https://creativemanitoba.ca/events/join-wac-mac-and-the-canada-council-to-learn-more-about-applying-for-grants-for-your-artistic-practice/>

We welcome our very special guests:

Dominic Lloyd – Winnipeg Arts Council – Programs & Arts
Development Manager

Tracey Longbottom – Manitoba Arts Council – Program Consultant for
Indigenous 360

J.L. Watson – The Canada Council for the Arts
Program Officer for Creating, Knowing and Sharing: The Arts and Cultures
of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples.



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Sat - Closed
Sun - 1:00 pm - 4:00

**YOO HOO!
BIG BOOK BLOWOUT!**

For the month of February all used
paperbacks, hard covers & children's
books are \$3/bag.

Mystery
Romance
Westerns
something for everyone!

**Lac du Bonnet
REGIONAL LIBRARY**

A cartoon illustration of a bearded man with a large red beard and mustache, wearing a green and blue patterned hat and a blue and green tunic. He has a friendly expression and is looking slightly to the right.

**LOVE TO READ
MONTH**

I ♥ BOOKS

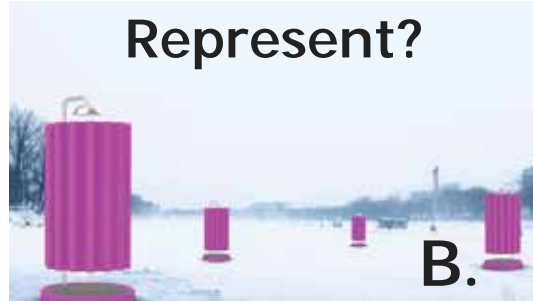
- FILL A BAG OF BOOKS FOR \$3.00
- WEEKLY BOOK DRAWS
- IN HOUSE GAME FOR THE KIDS!

The graphic features several icons: a red book, a red heart, a white book with a red heart on its cover, and another red book. The background is a light beige color.

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Discover the Possibilities!

Can You Guess What These Warming Huts On the River Represent?



Answers on page 9



An Upcoming February Webinar
How to Become An Arts Juror (and What They Do) with Leslie Supnet
Tuesday, February 22, 7-9pm



This workshop will talk you through the application process for becoming an arts juror and what to expect once on a jury. We will look at how to provide fair evaluations of diverse artistic styles and practices, and how to assess applications against the granting criteria. This workshop will also discuss recognizing unconscious bias in your assessments. All are welcome to attend these free online workshops, designed to help you to advance your art career.



February 2022 is

Observed as:

Heart Month

&

Black History Month



Special Days:

Valentine's Day - 14th

National Flag Day - 15th

Louis Riel Day - 21st

February Birthstone:
Amethyst

February Flower:
Violet & Primrose

Answers from Page 8 - Warming Huts

- A. Sunset
- B. Singing in the Shower
- C. Warming Inflation Hands
- D. Sounds Crazy Caboose



March 2022

Issue 3

WRAC March Feature

Deborah Giesbrecht

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council would like to introduce Deborah Lee Giesbrecht, our new administrator. Although she was hired in the fall, restrictions associated with COVID limited in person access. She's now available for conversations and consultations at the WRAC office, located in Community Futures Winnipeg River building, 4 Park Avenue, Lac du Bonnet. Hours remain the same – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 to 12:00.



Aside from a few years in Calgary, Giesbrecht has spent most of her life in Winnipeg. For the past two years, she has been living in RM of Lac du Bonnet, south of town. When asked why she chose to work for the arts council, she said, "I wanted to find a job in the area and get more involved in the community. Also, I'm really interested in meeting local artists. I've been phoning them, a few at a time, to introduce myself." Although she insists she's not an artist, she loves the arts. This passion included volunteering at Warehouse Theatre and Winnipeg Fringe Festivals, attending dance and RMTTC performances, and enjoying the unique sights and sounds of Winnipeg Folk Festival and Folkorama. She also loves art galleries, movies, reading, gardening, crafts, decorating, baking, woodworking, travelling, and concerts (especially country music).

Giesbrecht has over 20 years combined experience in executive administration and management, with a special interest in coordinating events and conferences. She said, "I'm a self-starter and team builder. I like to streamline, plan, market, network, problem solve, develop procedures and programs, and create a positive team environment." Her work experience includes: St. Norbert Arts Centre's executive director, executive assistant to Sunrise School Division's secretary-treasurer, manager and franchise owner of The UPS Store. She also worked for Manitoba Association of Parent Councils, Frontier School Division, and City of Calgary. Given her experiences with Sunrise and Frontier School Divisions, she has first-hand knowledge of the challenges and rewards of working in rural communities.



Jennifer Hudson Stewart

WRAC bids a fond farewell to Jennifer Hudson Stewart, our previous administrator. During the past eight years, she increased the arts council's profile of, grew the membership, and organized dozens of events. Here are some of the major projects she coordinated: Truck Stop Circus, seven Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre touring productions, Paddle the River Auction (fundraiser with paddles painted by local artists).

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Al Simmons and the Combo for the Storm
with special guest Ron Haldorson
Jazz and Comedy
Friday, April 8th, 2022
7:30 PM

Pinawa Community Centre - 20 Vanier

\$25.00 - Adult / \$10.00 - Under 30



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EXTENDED DATE TO MARCH 19



BUFFY SAINTE-MARIE:
PATHFINDER

Artist(s): Buffy Sainte-Marie

Start: December 17, 2021 3:00 pm

End: March 19, 2022 5:00 pm

Galleries: Main Marvin

BUFFY SAINTE-MARIE: PATHFINDER a retrospective exhibition by an innovator of digital art

Curated by Natasha Desrochers Lowenthal, of Paquin Entertainment

VIRTUAL GALLERY HERE!

By appointment only. Contact info@urbanshaman.org or call 204-942-2674 to set up a time to visit the gallery!

Urban Art Biz 8: Buffy Sainte-Marie artist talk March 16 at 2pm CT.

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Performing Arts - Streaming and Live



MATTMAC

March 11, 2022

8:00 pm CST

A free virtual performance with
Special Guest Host, Desiree Dorion!

Blind music producer and recording artist Mattmac has harnessed his melodic pop-trap beats and inspiring story, quickly establishing himself as 'one to watch' on the national scene with his debut album, 20/20.

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Keynote:
Artistic Vision

Debbie Patterson



Creative
Entrepreneurship
Day


THE COMPLETE CREATIVE

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Creative Entrepreneurship Day: The Complete Creative
March 12, 10am - 4pm | Online

We're thrilled to introduce Debbie Patterson, our keynote speaker kicking off #CEDay2022! Free for Creative Manitoba members!

ONE BOOK TO CONNECT US

CANADA READS 

HOSTED BY **ALI HASSAN** | **MARCH 28 - 31** | FIND OUT MORE AT CBCBOOKS.CA

CHRISTIAN ALLAIRE champions FIVE LITTLE INDIANS by Michelle Good	MALIA BAKER champions SCARBOROUGH by Catherine Hernandez	TAREQ HADHAD champions WHAT STRANGE PARADISE by Omar El Akkad	MARK TEWKSBURY champions WASHINGTON BLACK by Esai Edugyan	SUZANNE SIMARD champions LIFE IN THE CITY OF DIRTY WATER by Clayton Thomas-Müller
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Join us on Thursday, April 7th for the library's annual Easter EGGSTRAVAGANZA.

This event will be from 6:00pm - 7:00pm and open to children of all ages.



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Wed & Thu - Noon to 8
Fri - Noon to 5
Sat - 11 to 4:30

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MARCH READING CHALLENGE

Read a book:

- With a green cover
- About another country
- Set in Ireland
- About friendship
- With dragons

Hours of Operation

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Sat 10:30am - 2:30pm
Sun Closed



Is Spring Truly
Around The
Corner?
We Hope So!





May 2022

Issue 4

Apology - For those who were waiting and wondering if you missed the April 2022 WRAC newsletter in your email in box, you did not miss it. Unfortunately, I was away for the month of April (it was not Covid but it did put me down and out for a month); but I am back at the office and I hope you will enjoy the May newsletter edition and we look forward to seeing you at the 2022 AGM - (date to be confirmed soon).

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council would like to feature one of its board members, Brenda McKenzie, a visual artist, writer, and photographer. One of her favourite art quotes comes from Pablo Picasso: “Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.”

In September of 2014, she joined WRAC as the representative from Pinawa. At the Annual General Meeting of 2019, McKenzie agreed to serve a three year term as president of WRAC.

More recently, she is now finishing year one of a second term. Board members appreciate her unfailing reliability, easygoing manner, and insistence on keeping the meetings as close as possible to one hour long.



As one of the directors, she regularly attends board meetings. Along with this monthly commitment, she has shown a constant willingness to step up and assist with whatever project WRAC has planned. She helps with fundraising activities and sells tickets for events and raffles in Pinawa. Also, when the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre brings one of its annual touring productions to the region, she and husband Brian always volunteer to help with setup and takedown. As some know, this job can last for several hours and involves lots of physical activity.

In 1971, McKenzie moved to Pinawa from Winnipeg, to work as a substitute teacher for Whiteshell School District. She also joined with Vivian Thomson and other local artists to start an art club in the local high school, and later, the W.B. Lewis School. In 1998, she was hired as a full-time teacher and worked as an art instructor until her retirement in 2004.

For several years, McKenzie acted as Pinawa Art 211's gallery manager, arranging various displays and organizing the rotation of gallery volunteers who assisted customers. Currently, she continues to volunteer at the gallery, located in the W.B. Lewis Business Centre. In 2013, she coordinated a team of fellow artists who presented the Eastman Judged Art Exhibition (EJAE) at Pinawa Secondary school.

As a visual artist, she has won awards for both her photography and her paintings. The most recent was in the Whiteshell Winter Arts Festival's virtual art contest. In 2012, she published her novel, *Loving You*, about dealing with a relative's dementia. Her second book, *Commitments*, is currently being edited, following suggestions from ECW Press, Toronto.

She says, "Although COVID has curtailed my love of travel, my art and writing have kept me busy while at home."

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**Bouey-Doucet Duo
Classical Concert
You'll want to plan to see this
outstanding Duo this Sunday, May 8th!**



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**Pinawa Players present:
ACT SPRING GATHERING...BE THERE.
For more information go to
<http://www.actmanitoba.mb.ca/actfest.html>**



Theatre is happening in Manitoba!

- ACT Manitoba is,**
- a. Excited**
 - b. Thrilled**
 - c. Delighted**
 - d. All of the above**

to invite you to the Spring Gathering



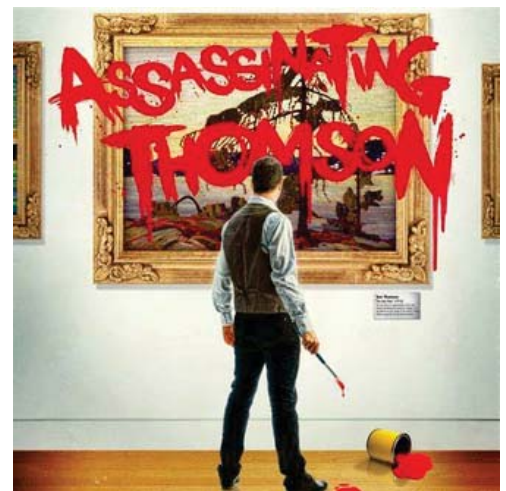
Exciting News!

After a long couple of years off of the road, I am pleased to announce that for the 2022/23 Regional tour we will be bringing you the incredible production of *Assassinating Thomson*!

Assassinating Thomson is a one man play written and performed by Bruce Horak, a well-established theatre and visual artist who lost 90% of his vision after a childhood battle with cancer. In 2011 he wrote and began touring the show.

The play is named for an unsolved mystery in Canadian art history - the mysterious drowning in 1917 of Group of Seven precursor and iconic painter Tom Thomson in an Ontario Lake. The mystery takes you from the tiny community of Canoe Lake to our nation's capital, and eventually to the world stage. Art, politics, greed, ambition, love and murder are intertwined. Tom Thomson's story is a tangled one, but we're in the hands of a brilliant storyteller. Bruce captures the mystery in a stunning monologue about Canadian art and artists, and during the performance he also paints a group portrait of the audience before him. At the end of the performance Bruce auctions off the painting and donates the proceeds to a charity.

Watch for more info in future newsletters regarding the date and location so you save the date and can mark it in your calendar for 2023.



ARTISTS IN SCHOOLS VIRTUAL INFO SESSION

Thursday, May 12, 2022
French: 6 p.m. CDT
English: 7:30 p.m. CDT

over **Zoom**

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Artist Mothers at MAWA

2022
EXHIBITION

"FIRE"

OPENS
FRIDAY
MAY 6th
6-8 PM

Wednesday
- Saturday
MAY 11-28
11 am - 4 pm

ALL WELCOME!
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atmawa

Art: "Star Birth
Contemplation" by
Alice Crawford
modified for poster

Meet the artists on May 8, 14, 21, & 28
Inquire: artistmothersmawa.ca

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The Manitoba Craft Council is excited to be hosting a series of online artist talks via Youtube live! These talks are part of the MCC's 2022 Year of Eco Craft, relating to climate change and environmental sustainability through the lens of contemporary craft practice.



Art in the time of Covid 19 – what does it mean to be an artist or a consumer of art during this moment in time? The pandemics of previous generations are ghostly communal memories that have no imprint on our psyche. So we are relearning to cope one day at a time. Art can seem irrelevant when your loved ones are in a nursing home or working in a hospital. We wait and watch – that is the only...

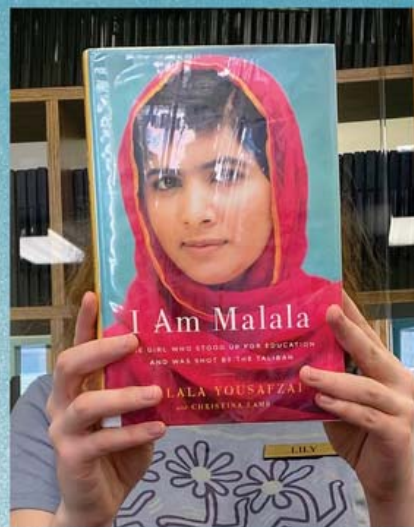


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Email your BOOKFACE to mldb@mymts.net by
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Include your name, age and contact info in your email.
One entry per person per age group.

Vote by liking your favourite on the library Facebook page,
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2022 KICKASS WOMEN'S DAY OUTDOOR MARKET

It's that time of year! We're hosting our 8th annual Kickass Women's Day! This year it will be an OUTDOOR MARKET!

It will be held at the Village Green in Pine Falls on Saturday June 11, 2022 from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

We will have many local artisans this year as well as vendors. We're focusing on bringing the community together and having vendors and artisans showcase their products, homemade goodies, and unique wares.

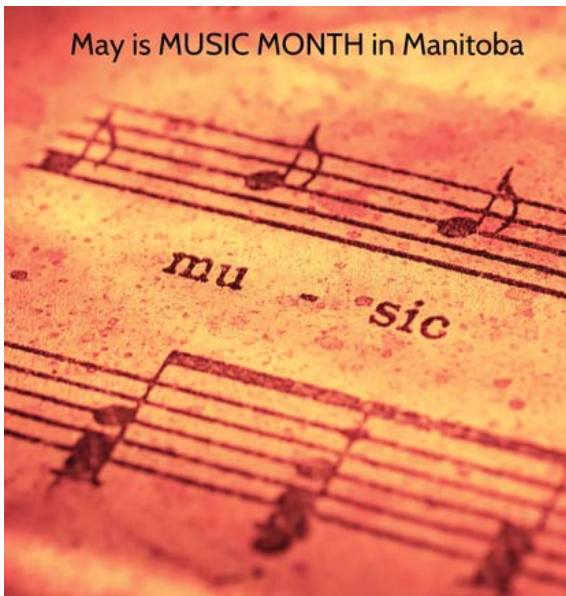
There will be a porta-potty on site for the event. Riverfront Convenience will be there selling delicious food and drinks.

There's a basketball court, tennis court and a play structure for the younger attendees.

We will have a book sale set up, A silent auction featuring vendor and artisan's items, and a Chase the Ace fundraiser... winner takes home \$260.00! (If we do not sell out at the event we will continue selling cards at the library until all are sold)

We're looking forward to seeing you!

Here's the link... <https://allardlibrary.com/event/kickass-womens-day-outdoor-market/>



In recognition of the important contributions of musicians, music educators, and music education programs in our schools and communities, Hon Kelvin Goertzen, Minister of Education and Training is pleased to proclaim the month of May 2019 as Music Month in Manitoba.



Author

Shirley Kurian

The sunflower is the National flower of Ukraine. I have created these note cards. All proceeds from these Sunflower cards will be donated to assist the people of Ukraine. These cards can be found at: The Manitoba Made Store in Lac du Bonnet, The Pinawa Art Gallery, The Pinawa Motor in Pinawa, Riverdale Tourist Camp Hwy 313, Spirit of the Boreal in Beausejour, the Esso station in Oakbank, and you can reach me at zoomonu2@gmail.com Please help me to reach my goal to sell 500 cards.

*"Imagine all the people living life in peace"
John Lennon "Imagine"*

Art Photography by Shirley Kurian
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Find Beauty in All Things.





June 2022

Issue 5



For this month's newsletter in preparation for our **Annual General Meeting**, which will be hosted on **Monday, June 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**, we would like to remind you of the Winnipeg River Arts Council last year's newsletters' monthly features:

Roberta Laliberta - Anne Brough - Mitch Toews - Rick McGregor
Kelly Klick - Jan Claude - Lac du Bonnet Senior High School
Mural Project - Anne Bergen - Jane Marion - Sandra Lee
Shelley Street & 10th Anniversary Winnipeg River Arts Council.

Even though 2021-2022 was a very different year resulting from the global pandemic causing a majority of the world to work from home, attend meetings via zoom, wear masks, social distance when you did meet someone and hand sanitize more frequently - the Winnipeg River Arts Council was meeting, planning activities and informing our members of initiatives even if the majority of them were through you-tube and different social media platforms.

Our May 2022 newsletter issue 4 featured our board chairperson, Brenda McKenzie and to continue on with that theme of WRAC information, we would like to remind you of the WRAC Board of Directors for 2021-2022 and thank them for their many volunteer hours of dedication and commitment:

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Once Again! Congratulations Donna!

<https://artscouncil.mb.ca./2021/05/mac-announces-2021-prizes-in-the-arts-recipients/>

Stay Inspiring ... Never Stop Creating



Speaking about artists in our region, we unfortunately did hear about William (Bill) Klassen from Whitemouth passing away. Bill had a love for music. He could easily entertain a group with his guitar playing and singing skills for hours on end. Over the years he's played in several bands / groups and loved collaborating with other musicians. Music and friendly faces were the two things that could still get him to consistently light up and brought him great joy. He was a volunteer and helped out with the Eastern Manitoba Concert Association,



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday
June 20, 2022
7.00 p.m

Board Room
Community Futures
4 Park Avenue
Lac du Bonnet

For information:

📞 +204- 340-0889
✉️ winnipegriverarts@gmail.com
📍 4 Park Avenue, Lac du Bonnet

Making a Difference!

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**Pinawa Players present:
ACT SPRING GATHERING...BE THERE.**

For more information go to
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Theatre is happening in Manitoba!

ACT Manitoba is,

- a. Excited*
- b. Thrilled*
- c. Delighted*
- d. All of the above*

to invite you to the Spring Gathering

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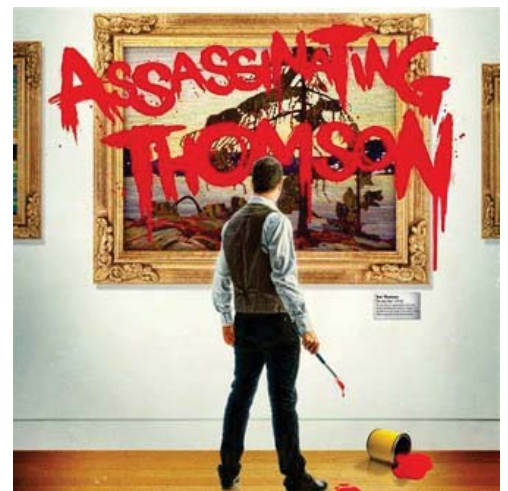
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2022 Arts West Artists Retreat Sunday June 19 - June 25th Artists Retreat - RETURNING 2022

History

Arts West Council will sponsor its 32nd annual Artists Retreat in 2022. The five-day camp is held at the Riding Mountain Conference Centre

(Camp Wannukumbac) at scenic Clear Lake, Manitoba, Canada. It provides participants with an opportunity to concentrate on developing their artistic skills and goals beyond the introductory level, under the supervision of experienced professional instructors. Enrolment at the camp is limited to 40 participants.



2022 CNFC Conference Writing Risk

Three determined and courageous authors talk about the risks they've taken as memoir writers and political journalists.

Join Myrna Kostash, Donna Besel, Angie Abdou and host Ruby Swanson for a panel on Writing Risk.

Please note topics discussed during this session could trigger anxiety.

Date: Friday, June 10

Time: 12:00 – 1:30 pm EDT

Place: Zoom

CNFC's Virtual Conference runs from June 9 to 12, 2022. The complete schedule, author bios and registration information is available here:

<https://creativenonfictioncollective.ca/annual-conference/conference/> — with Ruby Remenda Swanson and 3 others.

SAGE HILL Writing 2022 SUMMER COURSES
JULY 4-14, 2022

FICTION COURSE with Yasuko Thanh

POETRY COURSE with Jordan Abel

NONFICTION COURSE with Lorri Neilsen Glenn

PLAYWRITING LAB with Guillermo Verdecchia

EMERGING WRITERS' COURSE with Lisa Richter & D.A. Lockhart

Apply online at:
www.sagehillwriting.ca

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2022 CNFC Conference Spotlight! Continued.....

On Friday June 10, join panel members Rona Altrows, Sharon Butala and Keith Maillard with moderator Lenore Rowntree in a conversation about creative aging. None of us have a choice about the fact of aging, so it's important for us to age as well as we can. This includes aging creatively, something which is especially important for writers, young and old. Join a conversation with three writers who haven't slowed down with age, who continue to produce and publish inventive and innovative work.

Learn what challenges and successes drive this process for them.

Date: June 10, 2022

(Conference runs June 9 - 12, 2022)

Time: 4:00 – 5:30 pm EDT

Where: Zoom

Conference sessions and registration information available here:

<https://creativenonfictioncollective.ca/.../2021.../>

CNFC PANEL
A CONVERSATION ABOUT CREATIVE AGING
with
RONA ALTROWS SHARON BUTALA KEITH MAILLARD
moderated by Lenore Rowntree

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE: JUNE 9 - 12, 2022

Indigenous Summer Tour 2022
with Special Guest Jerry Sereda
Manitoba Hydro arts network

Southern Tour: July 24-31
Northern tour: August 9-18

Invisible Challenges with Big Daddy Tazz
June 11 | 12 - 2pm | Online

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Creative Accessibility

CNFC 2022 Contest Longlist
Rebecca Andruchow
Carmen Farrell
Taslim Jaffer
Rowan McCandless
Carolyn Pledge-Amaral
Adelle Purdham
Adam Elliott Segal
Alyssa Sherlock
Mitchell Toews

Lac du Bonnet

REGIONAL LIBRARY



This program is geared for children ranging in age from 5 to 10 years old. The program aims to help children become interested in reading and keep their reading levels up over the summer through stories, crafts and games.

The focus will be on outdoor activities and nature, expect to get dirty.

Hats, sunscreen and water bottles are necessary.

July 5 - August 25 Tuesday & Thursday 10:30 am - 12 pm

at the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

Join us for games, activities, reading & fun!

Ages 5 - 10

Please register by June 30, spaces are limited.



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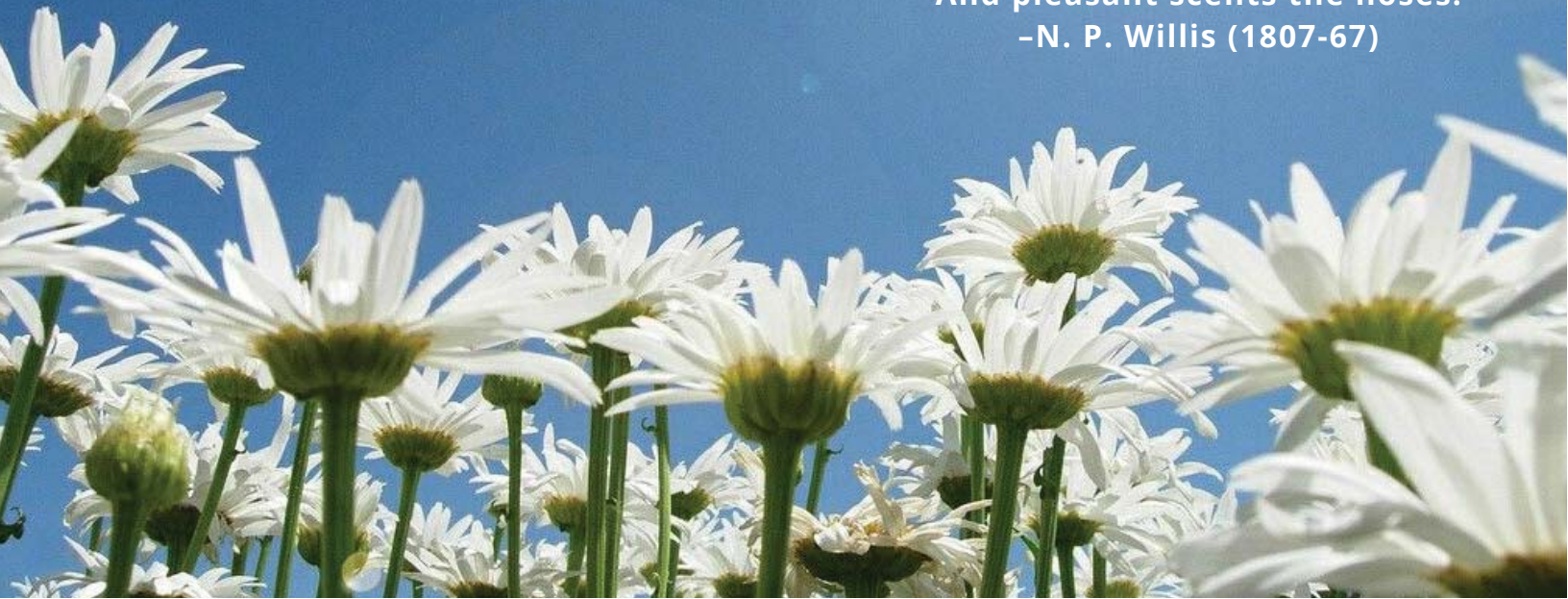
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Hello, June!

It is the month of June,
The month of leaves and roses,
When pleasant sights salute the eyes,
And pleasant scents the noses.
-N. P. Willis (1807-67)



June 5 is World Environment Day.

June 19 is Father's Day this year.

June 21 is the summer solstice, it's the day with the most hours of daylight, so enjoy!

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day (Canada). This holiday is meant to remind Canadians of the contributions of the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples.

June 24 brings Midsummer Day, traditionally the midpoint of the growing season, halfway between planting and harvesting. It is celebrated in many cultures on the night of June 23, as Midsummer Eve.

HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day



July 2022

Issue 6

WRAC Featured Artists

Lynn and Randy Greenly



For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council would like to feature stained glass artists Lynn and Randy Greenly, who moved to Pinawa after Lynn retired in 2013. When asked how they learned to create stained glass art, Lynn said, “In 2018, we took a class in Mesa, Arizona, at our park.

It’s never too late to start something new and you’re only limited by your imagination.” It appears these lessons really motivated both of them, as they’ve been making lots of pieces ever since. Apparently, other people also feel inspired by their art. A number of times, they’ve been asked to do some instructing, but they haven’t yet committed to running any classes. One thing Lynn and Randy Greenly have decided to do is share their work. In 2021, they entered two pieces they worked on together in the Eastman Judged Art Exhibition. They hope to submit individual pieces next year, when this regional art show rolls around again. Also, they will be selling their art at the Pinawa Night Market on July 29, 2022.

As well, they have shared their art in other generous and creative ways. On November 17, 2021, the Lac du Bonnet Clipper recognized their work

to sell stained glass poppies as a fundraiser for the Legion.

On October 22, 2020, the Clipper recognized them again for their Halloween Treasure Hunt, when they set out stained glass Halloween decorations around Pinawa for people to find and keep. As an added bonus, one lucky person who located a special piece won a black widow spider decoration. In 2020 and 2021, they did Halloween and Christmas Treasure Hunts.

Recently, they organized a Canada Day Treasure Hunt with maple leaves as the treasure and a Canadian Flag as the prize.

The couple especially love creating work that includes flora and fauna. When asked about what inspires them, Lynn said, “I think the process of creating new designs drives our passion. We love talking to people and finding out what they are interested in then transforming their idea into a design and then into art.”



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WRAC is looking forward to another year being your organization that builds partnerships and supports throughout the region.

Have you had your phone call from Deb, the WRAC administrator yet; if not she will be calling you soon to hear your story.





FOREST TO RIVER

Experience this artist led exploration of Mother Nature
and your creative spirit!

Your guide, a local artist, will welcome you to the unique community of Pinawa. You'll be guided on a trail walk and forage for art materials on the beautiful Ironwood, a section of the TransCanada Trail along the Winnipeg River, an important trade and travel route. Be inspired as the artist demonstrates artistic inspiration and practice, highlighting two historically important women artists, one from a colonial perspective and the other indigenous. Listen to stories of these two women and get a glimpse into what life was like as a female artist. Engage in the inspiration that artists discover in the Boreal Forest and the Winnipeg River. Savour a locally inspired lunch of wild rice buns, soup, wild harvested tea, and local jam. Let your creativity flow using your foraged materials to create a one-of-a-kind art piece that you get to take home.

For your comfort during this experience, wear clothing and footwear appropriate for the weather and walking on a gentle gravel path. Washrooms are available at the gallery and on the trail. Take as many photos or videos as your spirit moves you. Nature will inspire you at every turn.

The workshop must have a minimum of 4 people registered to run and up to 10 people maximum. It runs 10:00am-1:00pm one Saturday per month June 25, July 23, August 20, September 17 but other dates can be arranged for groups.

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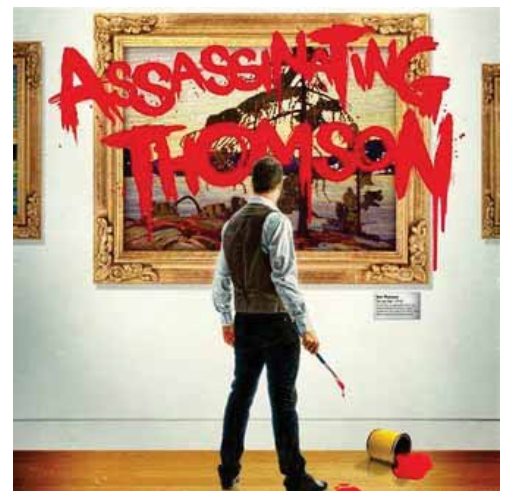
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MITCHELL TOEWS

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Mitchell Toews has placed work in 100 literary journals and anthologies since 2016. A three-time Pushcart Prize nominee, Mitch was a finalist in The 2021 Writers' Union of Canada's (TWUC) Short Prose Competition for Emerging Writers and the 2022 Humber Literary Review/CNFC Canada-wide Creative Nonfiction contest. He was also shortlisted for the 2022 J.F. Powers Prize for Short Fiction.



Join us in 2022 either
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Live Festival: July 20 – 24, 2022

GIFF Online: July 25 – August 7, 2022



The Interlake WAVE Artists of Manitoba (WINNBAC),
commonly called The WAVE.

The WAVE Artists' Studio Tour, a free self-guided tour
of open studios on June 11 & 12 and Sept 3 & 4 2022.

2022 Indigenous Summer Tour dates

The following dates have been confirmed. Each event will feature a music masterclass at 5 p.m., with the concert scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

July 24 - Long Plain First Nation

July 26 - Fisher River Cree Nation

July 28 - International Peace Garden

July 30 - Killarney Turtle Mountain Arts Council, Killarney

July 31 - Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation

August 10 - Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation

August 11 - Misipawistik Cree Nation, Grand Rapids

August 12 - Norway House Cree Nation

August 15 - Opaskwayak Cree Nation

August 18 - Arts Mosaic, Virden



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This program is geared for children ranging in age from 5 to 10 years old. The program aims to help children become interested in reading and keep their reading levels up over the summer through stories, crafts and games. The focus will be on outdoor activities and nature, expect to get dirty.

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July 5 - August 25 Tuesday & Thursday 10:30 am - 12 pm
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Ages 5 - 10

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Month of July Fun Facts



July is named after Roman dictator Julius Caesar (100 B.C.–44 B.C.). Caesar developed the precursor to the Gregorian calendar we use today.

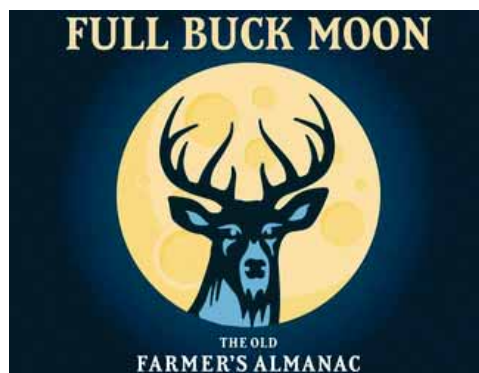
Flower of the month is the Close relative to Delphiniums, Larkspurs. A true blue flower that symbolizes lightness and swiftness.



July 1 is Canada Day, a Canadian federal holiday that celebrates the creation of the Dominion of Canada in 1867.



July 4 is Independence Day (U.S.). On the fourth of July, we celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.



July's full Moon, the full Buck Moon, occurs on Wednesday, July 13. It reaches peak illumination at 2:38 P.M. (EDT) that evening, rising above the horizon just after sunset. Plus, it's the biggest and brightest supermoon of the year.



August 2022

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WRAC Featured Artist

Tanis Thomas



For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features previously profiled coppersmith Tanis Thomas.

Born in Winnipeg, she first lived in the North End, until her family moved to the High Arctic. After several years there, her family shifted further south, settling in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, and then Lethbridge, Alberta. Thomas added, "I've lived in cities and towns from British Columbia to Quebec. In 2016, I moved to Pinawa with my family."

They chose Eastern Manitoba, where they could live on the edge of the Canadian Shield, and, at the same time, pursue artistic interests, study, and raise their family.

Thomas and her husband have relatives on both sides of Lake Winnipeg. For her it's Ochekwi-Sipi and the Beaches area. For him, it's Nopiming Park, in Manigotagan, and Long Lake.

At present, her primary interest is copper. Along with researching traditional Anishinaabe coppersmith practice, she is being mentored by a respected knowledge keeper and cultural educator. Thomas said, "Copper is culturally important to me. As an Indigenous artist, I embrace adaptation and innovation in all of my shop operations, and incorporate technology and contemporary production methods."

Almost all of her inspiration comes from the boreal environment - the land, the bush, the water. It informs everything she does and how she views the world. She said, "As an Anishinaabe Kwe, I'm responsible for protecting water and the best way I can do that is with by educating people about copper and its role in Anishinaabe and Maskéko culture and how that is tied to water."

Thomas' business, Boreal Workshop, is focused on creating beautiful and functional jewellery and items for people to use in their everyday lives. For her, working with copper is an act of cultural reclamation, a form of physical and spiritual therapy, and a great comfort (shaping metal with hammers). Mostly self-taught, Thomas spent summers as a child with her uncle Don LaForte, an accomplished Anishinaabe painter and visual artist, who encouraged her to explore different mediums and methods. When she became interested in becoming a coppersmith, she learned from with her husband, a skilled metalsmith with experience working in copper, silver, and gold. Recently, she began self-led cultural education, along with completing an Athabasca University degree. Her courses include art, art history, conservation, research methods, and creative writing. In the future, she plans to initiate classes on design and rudimentary coppersmith work. Also, she's developing an interpretive cultural education experience in partnership with Debwendon Trail, also known as the Brokenhead Interpretive Wetland Trail on highway 59. It will include a copper gift produced in her shop.



Boreal Workshop information can be found on Instagram and Facebook.



Thomas' pieces are sold in person at gift shops such as the Golden Boy in the Manitoba Legislature and the Winnipeg River Heritage Museum in St. Georges. Her website (www.borealworkshop.com) is regularly updated with new and replacement pieces. Recently, the C2 Centre for Craft gift shop in Winnipeg, a space run by the Manitoba Craft Museum and Library, and the Manitoba Craft Council, invited her to sell her work in their space. Also, she's producing work to gift to her home community (Ochekwi-Sipi Cree Nation) as well as other worthwhile organizations. She said, "This is in the spirit of reconciliation. I'm involved in a partnership to create pieces, with my home community and other communities, on Treaty 1 and Treaty 3 territory."

Future plans include working on proposed projects and new designs, and then exhibits and community work (education and presentations). Thomas strongly believes in reaching out to community arts organizations and artistic disciplines across the region and province.

She said, "With technology, it's possible to work with anyone anywhere now. Art is a vibrant and sustainable industry that speaks to strengths and challenges in our society. It is a great way to use your voice. I love art and plan to keep working in the industry until I walk on from this world."

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**Join us in welcoming** Tanis to the Winnipeg River Arts Council Board.

Every year on August Long Weekend, music takes over Lac du Bonnet during the **Fire & Water Music Festival**. This award-winning festival boasts over 20 acts on multiple stages over 3 days. Being the largest event of its kind, the festival features an eclectic combination of local emerging artists, blasts from the past and current performers. Amazing concerts, special events and the ever-popular evening campfire performances, this is a weekend filled with friends and family fun, and hands down the best entertainment value you will find. **An Awesome Weekend!**



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# THE WEBER BROTHERS



**August 11**  
**7:30 pm**

St. John's Heritage Church  
& Arts Centre  
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Tickets \$20  
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August 20 & 21, 2022

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The 2022 brochures are out now and you can find a list of locations where you can pick one up on their website at

[www.BorealShoresArtTour.ca](http://www.BorealShoresArtTour.ca) .

***Not only*** do you have the opportunity to experience one of the most amazing art tours but you will have a chance to be a winner in another way.

### Passport Prizes

Gift Certificates sponsored by:

\$125 - Winnipeg River Arts Council

\$100 - Pinawa Art Gallery

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A passport can be picked up at any of the stops on the Tour.



# Boreal Shores Art Tour

Welcome to Our World!

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## The Passport

At each stop, the "Greeter" will initial that you were there and when you are finished for the weekend, drop the passport off at your last stop. Draws will be made from the passports of those who travel the most stops during the Tour.

While you are on this art journey do not forget about the

## People's Choice Award

Along the way, choose your candidate for the People's Choice award in each of the 3 regions.

You will find the artist's entry for the theme of

## "A Boreal Slice of Life"

when you see one of the following tags on a piece of work.

Each of these wood "slices" has been lovingly cut and numbered by Louise Kress - #1 in the north section.

Take note of your selection and enter it into the PC box on each passport back.

**All of the artists have been hard at work for 3 years now so don't miss this year's Tour**

Please help us to improve our event by providing the following information. Completing this form enters you in a draw for one of 3 prizes. Telephone numbers will only be used to notify winners.

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Would you use a BSAT specific GPS app on your phone if we had one? \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote for your People's Choice in each region by writing the "Boreal Slice of Life" entry number in the PC box for that region.

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Prize Sponsors: South Region, the Spicy Radish, Centre Region, Papertown, North Region, Birchwood Motor Inn.





**5th Annual Lac du Bonnet Night Market**

Thursday, August 18, 2022

5:00-9:00 pm

Third Street, Lac du Bonnet

Vendors:

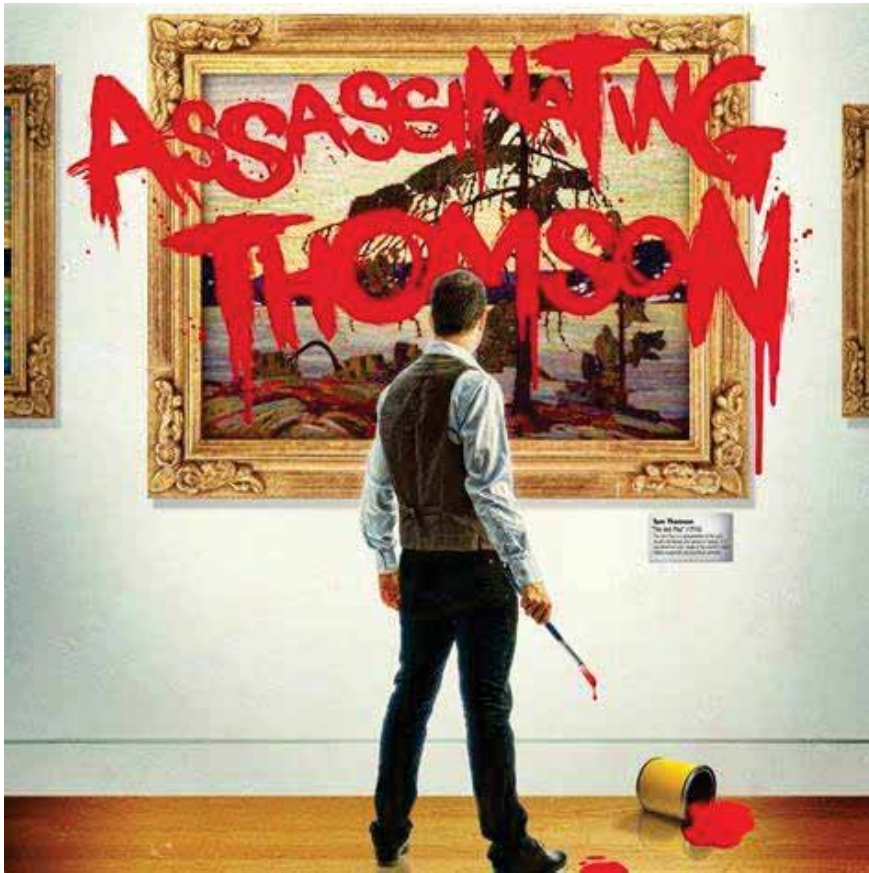
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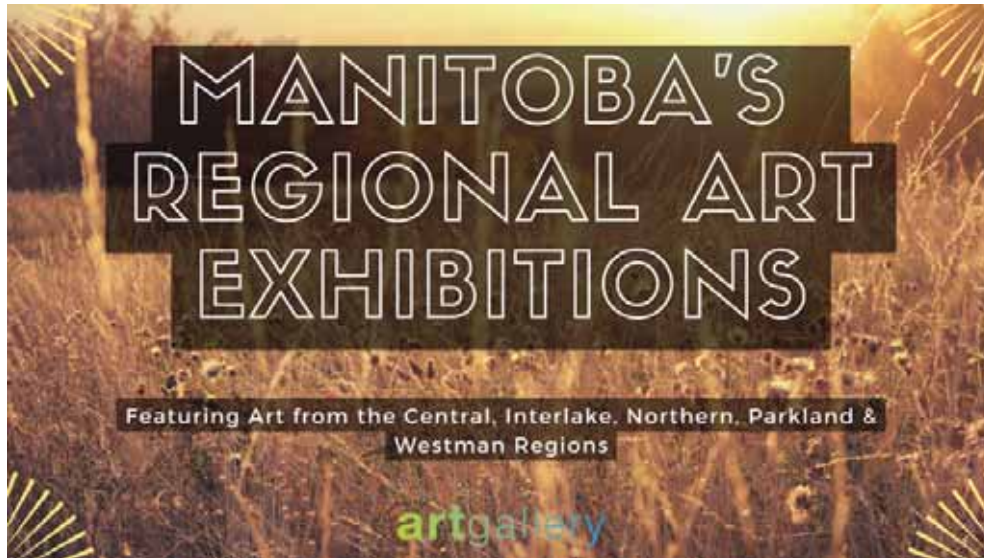


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View The Regional Juried Art Exhibition Now  
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**Fall 2022 AMYC Cohort applications open now! Apply by August 26, 2022.**

# URBAN SHAMAN

## CONTEMPORARY ABORIGINAL ART

**Zeann Manernaluk (Winnipeg, Mb)**

**Guest performer on August 5 at 7pm**

Zeann Manernaluk was born on June 14, 1991, in Winnipeg Manitoba shortly after her birth she was moved to Rankin Inuit Nunavut where she spent her childhood out on the land learning to fish, hunt, and her favorite gathering berries. She moved to Manitoba at the age of 11 for educational purposes, Zeann has been throat singing since the age of 6 and has been performing professionally since she was 12. She has performed in many places across Manitoba. Zeann is very proud to be an Inuit and loves to educate and share her culture, especially with her 2 children.



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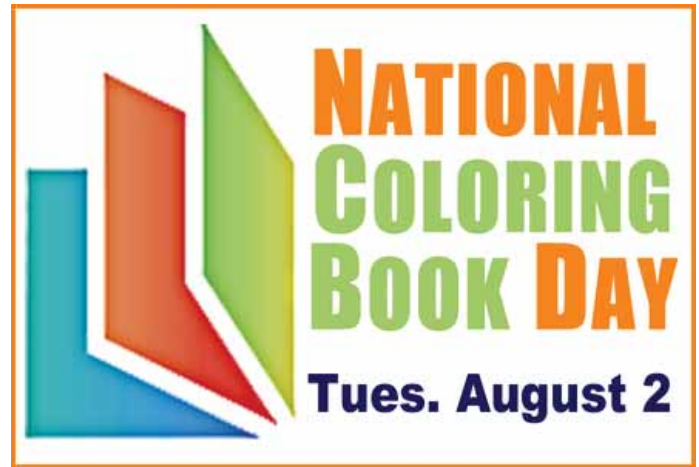
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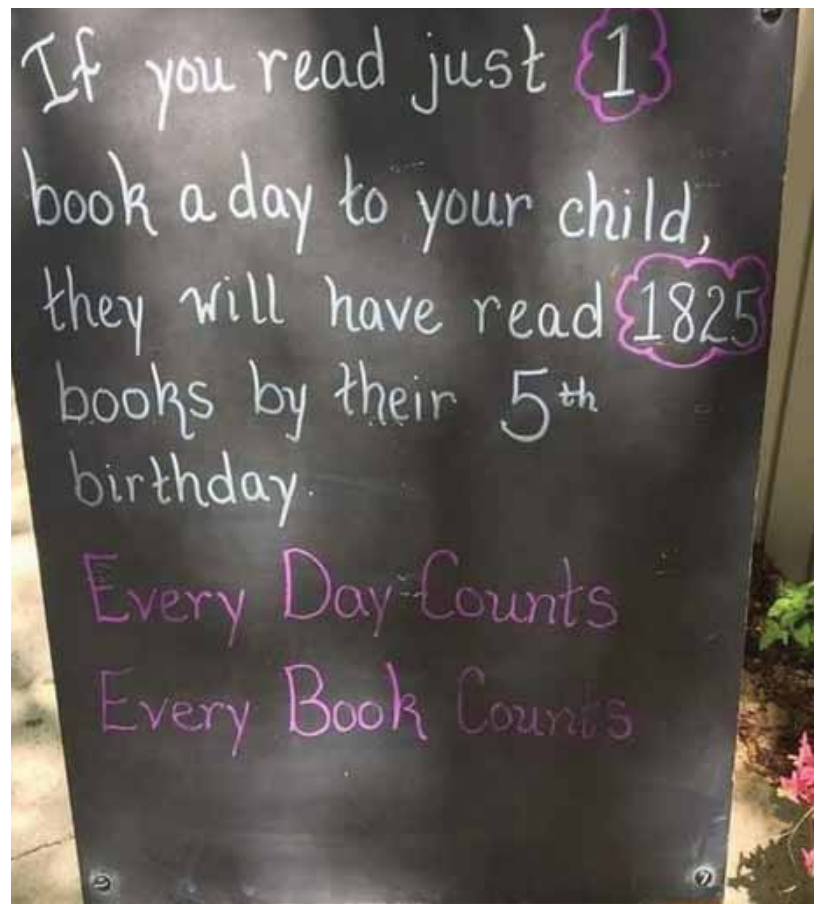
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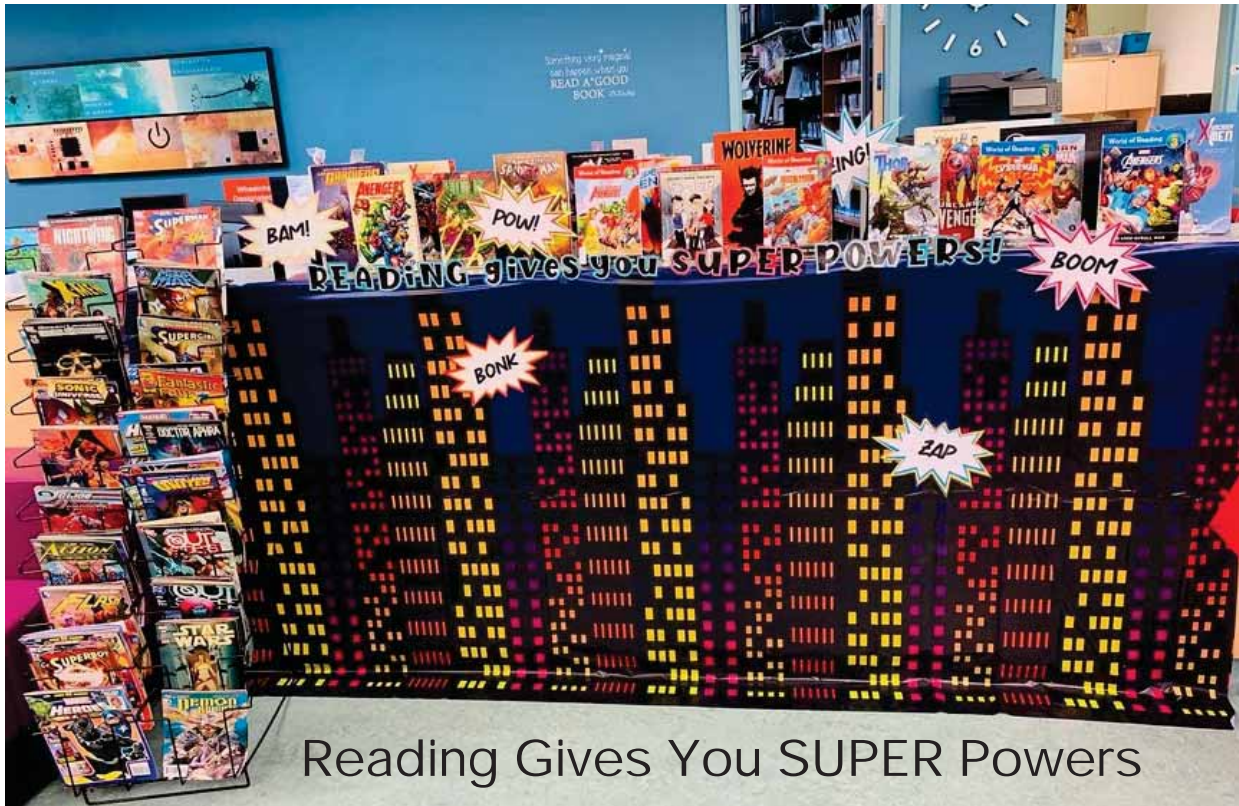
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## Month of August Fun Facts



### August Birth Flowers

August's birth flowers are the gladiolus and the poppy.

The **gladiolus** symbolizes strength of character, sincerity, and generosity.

The **poppy** symbolizes eternal sleep, oblivion and also imagination.

Did you know ... August 1, traditionally known as Lammas Day, was a festival to mark the annual wheat and corn harvest. Lammas also marked the mid-point between the summer solstice and autumn equinox, and was a cross-quarter day. "After Lammas Day, corn ripens as much by night as by day."

Perseid Meteor Shower - August is often a wonderful month for star gazing! It's the month of the Perseid meteor shower, which is one of the most prolific showers and reaches its maximum between August 11 and 13. This year, however, the best of the Perseids occurs at the same time as the full Moon, which means that the Moon's brightness will likely wash out many of the "falling stars!"



### AUGUST

was named to honor the first Roman emperor (and grandnephew of Julius Caesar), Augustus Caesar (63 B.C.–A.D. 14).



### August Quote

"August rain: the best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time." Sylvia Plath, *The Unabridged Journals of Sylvia Plath*



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## WRAC Featured Artist

## Judy LeRoye

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features artist Judy LeRoye. Her first home was in Great Falls. She has also lived in Grand Rapids, Great Falls, Gillam, Pointe Du Bois, and Winnipeg, but for the past four years her permanent residence has been Pine Falls, Manitoba.

She said, "I was born at the local hospital, back when parents still had the joy of being able to give birth in this treasured town. I purchased my house some 17 years ago in preparation for my retirement as this is where I have always wanted to live."

Her educational background includes a Transportation Degree with the University of Manitoba Transport Institute. Prior to retirement, she worked for Manitoba Hydro as their Senior Transportation Analyst.

LeRoye mainly works with glass seed beads, producing extremely intricate pieces. Beading gives her the most joy, but she also incorporates other type of metals and stones.



As a young teeny bopper, she learned from childhood friends in Grand Rapids. These creations instantly excited her and she was hooked. As her passion grew, she jumped from free hand-beading of the hippy chokers and bracelets of the 60's and the 70's, and it led her to learn the art of bead looming. Despite her interest in this discipline, she's stopped doing the bead looming as it seems there's no market for those types of pieces anymore. She said, "I'm a pretty good knitter as well. But those items are labors of love for the grandbabies."

Although she doesn't have formal training, as time went on it she learned how to move the beading wire through the beads to create spectacular patterns. Even now, when she uses a pattern, she changes it up and makes it unique in her own special way. She hasn't instructed any classes yet, but she has taught her grandchildren, and passed on her knowledge to great nieces and cousins. She said, "I love one-on-ones sessions; it's heart-warming to bond and blend the colors.

She shares her work on Facebook and has many long-term and return customers who love the look and feel of wearing her art on their wrists and ankles. Also, the Winnipeg River Museum in St. Georges sells her work in their gift shop. This summer, she was delighted to be invited to join the Boreal Art Show Tour and she plans to continue doing this every August. For LeRoye, the joy of creation and the blending of colors never get old and she uses it as a calming medication to get through life's daily stresses.

She said, "Beading gives me strength, balance, and joy. I do most of my beading in my bright and cozy sunporch with calming music playing on my Alexa, usually Leonard Cohen or Corrine Bailey Rae."





By Judy LeRoye

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## Boreal Shores Art Tour - People's Choice Award Winners



# What's better than breathing? Life Drawing at the Gwen Fox Gallery in Selkirk!

## Life Drawing

### **SESSION 1 - \$60**

Sept. 11 - 1 pm-4pm  
Sept 18 - 1 pm-4pm  
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### **SESSION 2 -**

Drop-in - \$20  
Oct 2 - 1 pm - 4 pm

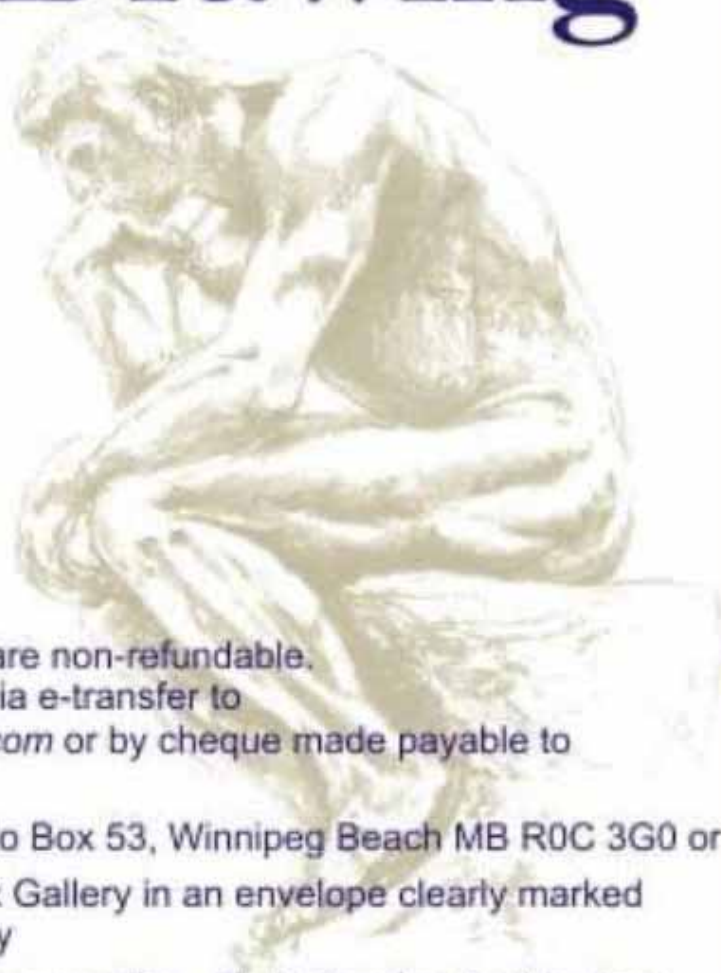
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Oct 30 - 3 pm-6 pm

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Artists must bring their own supplies. No instruction for this class



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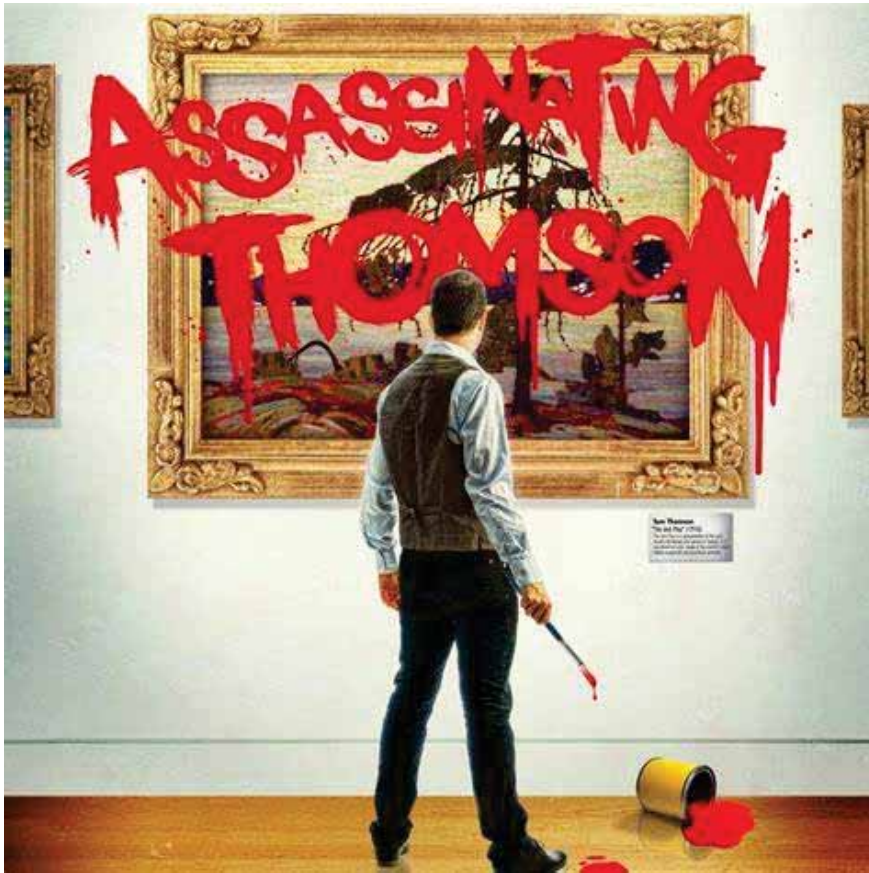
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## 2022 Leggo Sculptures



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## Month of September FUN Facts



September Birth Flowers

September's birth flowers are the aster and the morning glory. The aster signifies powerful love and the morning glory represents affection.

In the northern hemisphere, **September 22nd** is the **fall equinox**. This means that the day and night hours are roughly the same. From here on out the daylight hours will begin to get shorter.

**Film** - An important documentary: The film *One Day in September* narrated by Michael Douglas is the only film with September in the title to win an Oscar. It won the Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature in 2000. The film documents the brutal killings of 11 Israeli athletes during the 1972 Summer Olympic in Munich, Germany on Sept. 5th, 1972.

### Let's Sing a Song!

September seems to be a popular month to write about in hit songs across all genres! There's the punk rock anthem, Wake Me Up When September Ends by Green Day, the Frank Sinatra classic, The September of My Years, and the dance-funk hit, September by Earth, Wind and Fire.

September was once the 7th month of the year, until the winter months became official on the calendar. Septem means 'seven' in Latin..



Look up at the moon  
A full moon in September is known as the corn moon or harvest moon. Corn is at its highest in September, and the harvest is set to begin.



October 2022

Issue 9

## WRAC Featured Artist

## Marilyn McNish

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council revisits previously featured artist, Marilyn McNish. A self-taught visual artist, she creates stunning paintings, most often large-scale, using acrylic on canvas. She said, "Composition means everything to me. The image needs to grab at my soul, provide a connection to my past or the hopes in my future. I am amazed how my paintings connect with others as well."

Since 2009, McNish has lived with her husband in the village

of Manigotagan. During her corporate career, she trained staff and dealt with constant changes, new employees, and project rollouts. She always had a passion for painting but didn't take it seriously until retirement and relocation in a small boreal community. Living on the Manigotagan River, surrounded by nature and wildlife, it felt natural to quietly step into an art career.



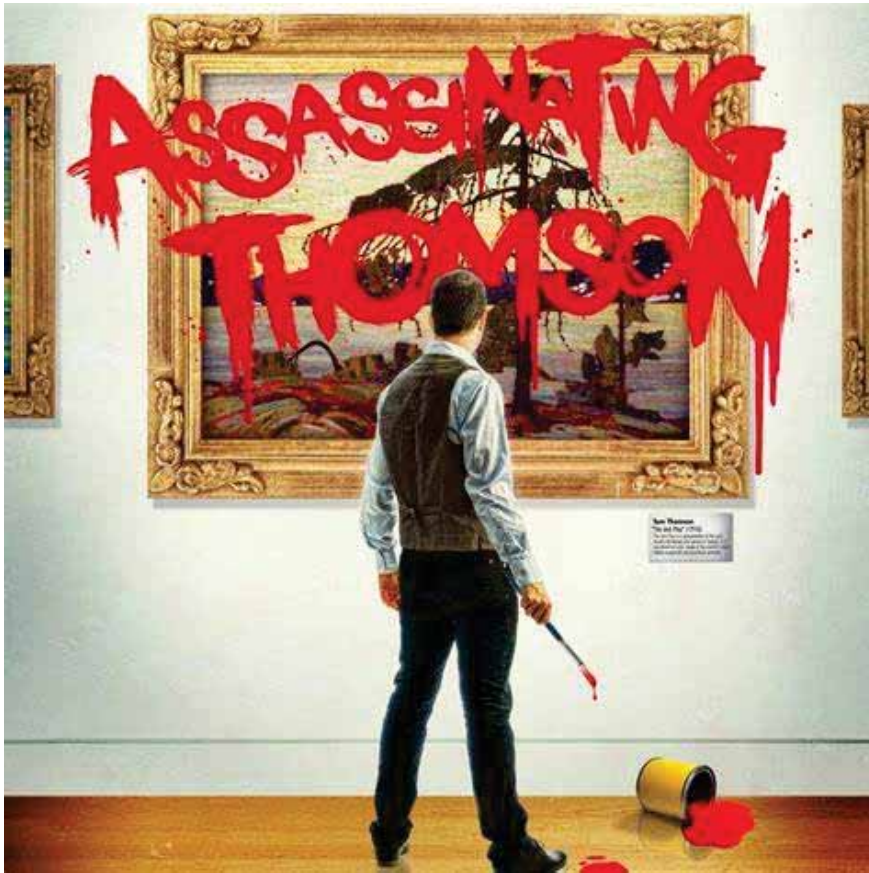
After the move, she worked as a substitute teacher at the Wanipigow School in Hollow Water. Then someone asked her to teach art to adults and children. She said, "This request spurred me to spend hours studying best practices and methods."

In 2021, with encouragement from Wanipigow's art teacher, McNish applied for and received a grant from Manitoba Arts Council's Artists in Schools program, to teach acrylic painting for two weeks. Once she completed the Wanipigow residency, she contacted the principal at Churchill's Duke of Marlborough School. As a result, in April of 2022, she did an art residency in this northern school, working with kindergarten to grade 12 students. In January of 2023, she plans to return to Churchill to do a special project with the high school students. Once again, her trip will be funded via MAC's Artists in Schools program.

McNish said, "Every time I sell a painting, or print, or have a child's eyes light up when they have learned a new brush skill, it is so rewarding. I greatly appreciate the Manitoba Arts Council and our government's support for the arts, allowing me to teach in the north."

In March of 2022, Cre8ery Art Gallery in Winnipeg exhibited her art solo art show. From October 23 to November 19, her work will be featured at Gwen Fox Art Gallery in Selkirk. Also, every year, she participates in the Boreal Shores Art Tour and she plans to do so again in August of 2023. Her final inspiring thoughts: "I encourage everyone to buy art, display art, and attend art functions. We have been cooped up for two long years. It's time to live and appreciate color, music, and movement."





Watch for more info in future newsletters regarding the location

**save the date**

mark it in your calendar for 2023 - Great Christmas Gift Idea - February 23, 2023

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MCNALLY ROBINSON BOOKSELLERS & PRAIRIE FIRE WRITING CONTESTS

2022  
ANNUAL  
WRITING  
CONTESTS

**\$3,750**  
IN CASH PRIZES!

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE** in each category **\$750**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE** in each category **\$350**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE** in each category **\$150**

**MRB POETRY CONTEST**

(up to 3 poems per entry, max. 150 lines total)

**Judge: Sheri Benning**

**MRB SHORT FICTION CONTEST**

(one story per entry, max. 5,000 words)

**Judge: David A. Robertson**

**MRB CREATIVE NON-FICTION CONTEST**

(one essay per entry, max. 5,000 words)

**Judge: Gillian Sze**

**DEADLINE:**  
**NOV. 30, 2022**

**FEE: \$32** per entry,  
which includes a one-  
year subscription to  
*Prairie Fire*

All first-prize winners may  
receive an invitation to  
THIN AIR, produced by  
the Winnipeg International  
Writers Festival, in-person  
or virtually (this invitation is  
dependant on funding).



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Complete guidelines at  
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For inquiries: [prfire@mts.net](mailto:prfire@mts.net)



## **Nominations are Open for the 2022 Member Recognition Award**

The Manitoba Arts Network wants to recognize an individual affiliated with a MAN member for their outstanding contribution to rural arts. This award is to recognize an outstanding body of work, as well as long-standing service showing exemplary excellence in arts & culture.

To nominate someone associated with your organization, who is a current member of MAN, click the link above. The form should only take 5-10 minutes to complete and is due by Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

## **URBAN SHAMAN** CONTEMPORARY ABORIGINAL ART

**Ryan Gorrie Bizindaadiwag - Saturday, October 15, 3-4pm**

**New Partnership created between Urban Shaman Gallery and Winnipeg Trails Association in, "The Speech Act Project"**

Urban Shaman Contemporary Aboriginal Art Gallery, in partnership with Winnipeg Trails Association have both taken on a leadership role in restoring and maintaining Indigenous Languages by encouraging the general public to engage with local language varieties, no matter what level of understanding, through art and story. In each language there is a differing philosophy between meaning, the constitution of sentences, concepts, learning, thoughts, references and intentionality. In philosophy of language and linguistics, a speech act is something expressed by an individual that not only presents information but performs an action as well. The Speech Act's special programming will utilize Indigenous art to contribute to the enrichment of Indigenous knowledge as well as the prevention of the loss of Indigenous languages.

## Investing in Our Communities

### Grant Programs



## The Manitoba government is extending the deadline for the Small Capital and Special Initiative Program to October 11, 2022

The grant supports initiatives such as organizational development opportunities, training, technology, volunteer and equipment development and those that will enhance the organization's ability to increase participation and engagement in arts, culture or sport programming.

Deadlines for the Large Capital Grants Program and Community Celebrations Program remain unchanged.

For more information or to download application forms, visit [www.manitoba.ca/acsc](http://www.manitoba.ca/acsc).

How to Apply: Submit a completed application form and supporting documents to [acsc@gov.mb.ca](mailto:acsc@gov.mb.ca)

**Municipal and School Board Elections 2022**  
**The next general municipal and school board election is Wednesday, October 26, 2022.**



General municipal elections are held every four years on the fourth Wednesday in October. This includes elections for mayors / reeves and councillors.

Elections for school trustees take place the same day.

For general information about school board elections, please contact: Education Administration Services Branch, Manitoba Education at 204-945-6899, or the Manitoba School Boards Association at 204-233-1595 or [www.mbschoolboards.ca](http://www.mbschoolboards.ca)





**The Fitzgeralds**

**Friday, November 4th, 2022 - 7:30pm**



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**Friday, November 25th, 2022 - 8:00pm**



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Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 10 am-3 pm  
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WB Lewis Business Centre  
Pinawa, MB**



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Have you registered for this special event, yet? Registration and hotel rooms are still available!



**October 27-30, 2022  
4 Day Showcase & Conference**

The conference will feature speakers, performances, panel discussions, real-life testimonials from artists and educators, parallel presentations, regional discussion groups, networking opportunities, and much more. Peer-to-peer and one-to-one career advice and information from Manitoba Arts Network staff, specialist advisors, and other showcase artists.

Writers in their Natural Habitat  
with katherena vermette  
Applications Now Open! Apply by  
October 14

Award-winning author katherena vermette will lead a six-part creative writing series for six emerging writers. This is an open call welcoming writing in all formats. Writers of poetry, prose, fiction, non-fiction, scripts,

performance, and hybrid genre are all encouraged to apply.

katherena will be offering mentorship to assist you in developing your writing skills, narrative style and help you find your voice. Throughout the six-week series we will focus on peer review, editing and generating new work. With discussions on freelance writing, and the business skills all writers need to help get your work published.



**MRNJAS Opening Reception: Wednesday, October 5 at 7pm**  
**The Manitoba Rural & Northern Juried Arts Show**  
**is now live on our gallery site!**

**View the exhibit here: <https://artgallery.manitobaartsnetwork.ca/>**

**This year's MRNJAS features 36 artists from Parkland, Westman, Northern and Central regions of the province. Communities across Manitoba and beyond have an opportunity to browse, vote, and purchase art from artists.**

# Lac du Bonnet

## REGIONAL LIBRARY

### Spooky Library

Lac du Bonnet Library  
84 Third Street

Thursday, October 27  
5-7pm

Come and check out creepy and crawly things  
at this walk through event.  
Costumes Optional.  
Screams encouraged.

### LIBRARY STORY TIME

84 Third St, Lac du Bonnet

**EVERY TUESDAY  
11AM**

starting October 4



Great opportunity to meet other  
parents & caregivers, and socialization  
for your child.

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

Email Us: [mldb@mymts.net](mailto:mldb@mymts.net)

Phone (204) 345-2653 / Fax (204) 345-6827

84 - 3rd Street / Box 216

Lac du Bonnet MB R0E 1A0



We would like to introduce Story Walk! Bringing the PPL outdoors! It starts at the pergola and goes all the way to the picnic table at the point before the marina. There are activities every step of the way to keep kids engaged and entertained! The Gruffalo is the current story and the plan is to change it every 2 months.



We are excited to introduce our new library staff! A huge warm welcome to our students, Mika and Blair and our new Library Assistant, Jennie! Welcome to the family.

Children's Storytime  
Date and Time Change:  
Fridays October 7 & 21 @ 10:30 am  
Join us for Stories, Songs,  
Playtime and a Snack

**One card, one million possibilities.**  
Une carte, un million de possibilités.  
OCTOBER 2022 | OCTOBRE 2022  
Canadian Library Month : LE MOIS DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES AU CANADA

**BOOK CHARACTER PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST**  
DROP OFF BY OCT 14/22 @ 5:00 PM  
WINNERS ANNOUNCED OCT 20/22  
\$10 ENTRY FEE  
STOP IN TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE PUMPKIN

**Library Allard's**  
**WRITE ON: A JOURNALING WORKSHOP**  
Thursday Oct 20th 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
With Shelley Percival  
Write On is a hands-on two-hour workshop in a relaxed and friendly environment that will allow participants to explore the practice of journaling.  
visit allardlibrary.com to register

**Halloween Storytime & Cookie Decorating**  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27TH  
6:00PM - 7:00PM  
MAXIMUM 15 CHILDREN!  
REGISTER EARLY AS IT FILLS UP FAST  
at **Library Allard**



Hi friends. October is Canadian Library Month! Visit us at [allardlibrary.com](http://allardlibrary.com) (or visit us in person!) to register for our October events. See you soon.

BIBLIOTHÈQUE ALLARD REGIONAL LIBRARY  
Discover the Possibilities!

## Month of October FUN Facts



### October Flowers

The flower that has come to represent October is the calendula or marigold. When we see this bright yellowy-orange flower we think of the fall sunset and the changing leaves.

Marigolds represent comfort, healing and protection. Perfect for October, we say!



**OCTOBER IS ARTS MONTH** for our neighbours in the United States of America.

Our local Arts Month initiative coincides with National Arts & Humanities Month, which was established in 1993 and is observed every October throughout the United States. This national program was initiated to encourage Americans to explore new facets of the arts and humanities in their lives, and to begin a lifelong habit of participation. Over the years, it has become the nation's largest collective annual celebration of the arts.

Although our local Arts Month celebration is embraced with equal energy and excitement during all thirty-one days of October, for planning and promotional purposes, the month is divided into four discipline-specific Theme Weeks:

WEEK 1: Visual & Culinary Arts (Oct. 2-8)      WEEK 2: Theatre & Film (Oct. 9-15)  
WEEK 3: Poetry, Prose & Comedy (Oct.16-22)      WEEK 4: Music & Dance (Oct. 23-29)

**Happy Halloween**  
**From WRAC**



November 2022

Issue 10

## WRAC Featured Artist

## Shelley Penziwol

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features writer Shelley Penziwol, the author of two books published by Great Plains Publications – Storm Signals: A History of Weather in Manitoba (2004) and From Asessippi to Zed Lake: A Guide to Manitoba's Provincial Parks (2011).



The first was nominated for the Manitoba Historical Society's Margaret McWilliams Award in the popular history book category. She has also written several magazine articles.

In 2013, Penziwol moved from the Winnipeg area to Victoria Beach. Living in a forest near the lake provides inspiration for all sorts of activities, including a bit of creative nonfiction writing.





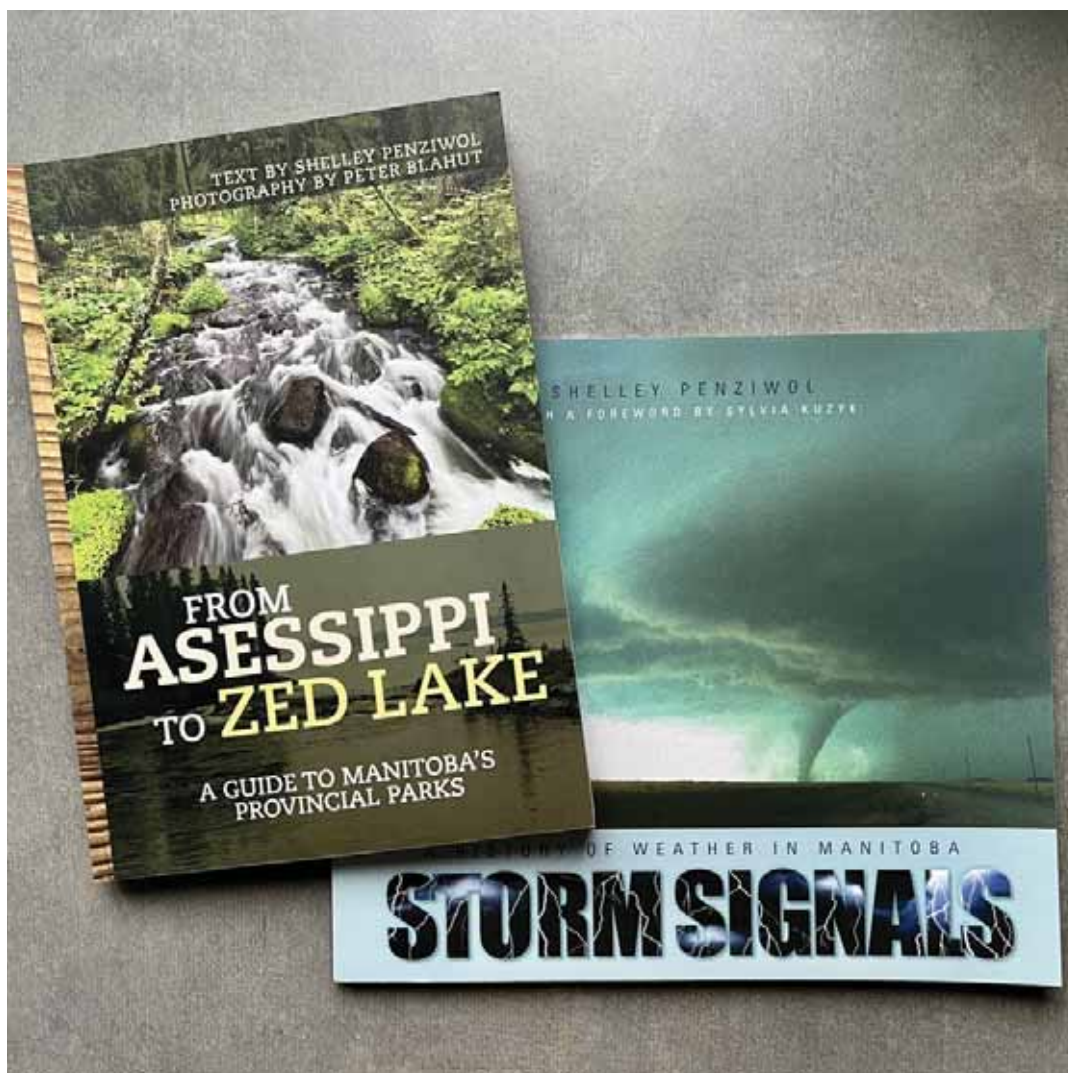
She's also an avid beachcomber who loves making things out of found objects such as driftwood, beach glass and lucky stones.

For over 25 years, Penziwol worked for the Manitoba government in various roles, spending the last 12 years in a communications role before leaving in June 2022 to take on the position of head librarian at Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library.

Penziwol has a master's degree in library and information studies from the University of British Columbia and said, "It's a treat to be back in the world of libraries and books. Libraries, research and writing all intertwine beautifully. You can't be a nonfiction writer, especially one focused on local history, without accessing the treasure trove of historical documents housed at some libraries and archives."

She has fond memories of spending days in the Legislative Library of Manitoba searching for gems tucked away in old reports and scrolling through reels of microfilm to gather stories from old newspapers.

Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library, with branches in St. Georges and Victoria Beach, serves a population spread over a large geographical area. Penziwol and her team are looking forward to connecting with the community by hosting a variety of events at both library locations, throughout 2023 and in the coming years.



## Assassinating Thomson

February 23, 2023

\$25.00 - ticket

Great Falls Community Centre

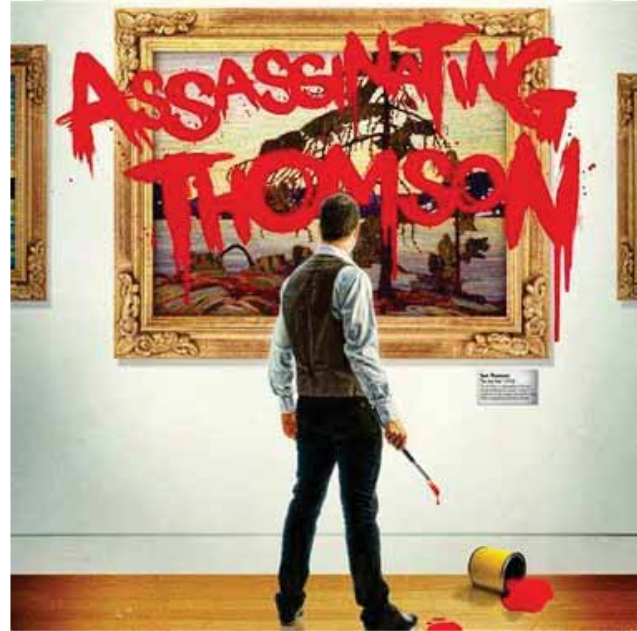
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Just in time for your  
Christmas Shopping

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**Emergence: From  
Surviving to Thriving**

**Nov. 19, 10am-4:30pm**

**Navigate your arts  
career in an  
ever-changing world!**

The pandemic forced artists to pivot and find new ways of sustaining themselves for the last two and a half years. As we slowly transition into a post-pandemic world, now what? How do we continue to move forward and create in this new world? What knowledge did we gain during this time that we can use to make our artistic future more successful? Emergence will help artists maintain their artistic practice, give them new methods of sustaining themselves financially, gain the tools to promote themselves and inspire new work.

Stay tuned for the panelists and our keynote speaker!

<http://www.creativemanitoba.ca>



<https://mawa.ca/events/social-media-with-jake-freeman>

**Artist Boot Camp:  
Social Media  
with Jake Freeman**

**Thursday, Nov 17, 2022  
7 - 9:30 p.m. on line**



Social media is an important tool for today's artists. This workshop will explore tips and tricks for the modern maker to get your work to a receptive audience online. It will also look at the peculiarities of the virtual world, and important things to consider.

Jake (Jacqueline) Freeman (she/her) is a Michif artist who was raised in Treaty 1 territory now living in Nexwlélexm (Bowen Island, BC). She is a primarily self-taught and works with many media: paint, beads, leather, caribou hair, feathers, birchbark, quills and metals to name a few. She wants to create pieces for all people to wear, display or enjoy. Her work can be found at [manitobamadebyjake.com](http://manitobamadebyjake.com).



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## Hope to See You There!

*Pinawa Players Present*

*LOVE,*

*LOSS*

*AND*

*WHAT I WORE*



*A heartwarming collection of stories by*

*Nora Ephron & Delia Ephron*

*Based on the book by Ilene Beckerman*

*Directed by Daryl Woodbeck*

*Friday Nov 18th & Saturday Nov 19th  
Doors open at 6:15 pm & play at 7:30 pm*

*Live Music by Pinawa's JABaHH*

*Appetizer plate and cash bar—wine/beer*

*ENTRY BY ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY - \$30*

*At Pinawa Solo & Daley's Pharmacy in LDB*

*Thursday Nov 17th PLAY ONLY 7:30 pm*

*TICKETS AT DOOR ONLY - \$15*

*Join us at the Pinawa Community Centre  
for an evening of theatre, music and appetizers!*

*Please drink responsibly. Members and invited guests only.*

## URBAN SHAMAN

CONTEMPORARY ABORIGINAL ART

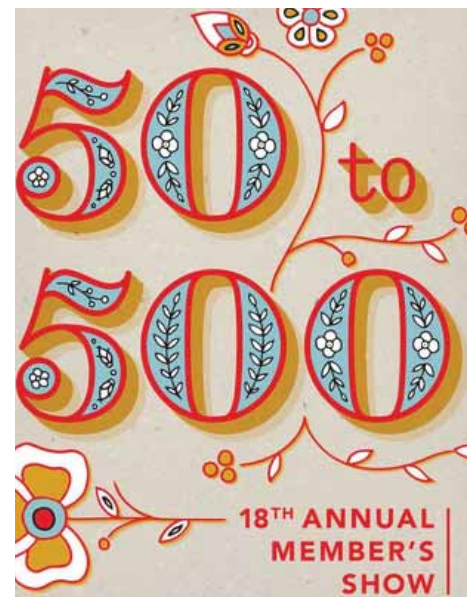
Nov. 4 – Dec. 10, 2022

Find artwork by our membership priced from 50 cents to 500 dollars, thus the name 50 to 500.

This is a great event to find amazing artwork, discover local artists, and support the gallery and artists this holiday season.

<https://urbanshaman.org>

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WINNIPEG, MB R3B 0T2







**Call for Nominations**  
**Nominations** are now open for 2023 MB Arts Award of Distinction, which recognizes the

outstanding accomplishments of a Manitoba artist, Indigenous Knowledge Keeper, or arts/cultural professional through an annual prize. Help us celebrate and honour the excellence, resourcefulness, and imagination of a Manitoba artist, Indigenous Knowledge Keeper, or arts/cultural professional by submitting a nomination to our Recognize – Prizes program. Manitoba Arts Award of Distinction. Prize amount: \$30,000

Who can be nominated? Professional artists, Indigenous Knowledge Keepers, and arts/cultural professionals. <https://artscouncil.mb.ca/grants/prizes/>

**Deadline: December 15, 2022**

Previous Award of Distinction recipients include: Daina Warren (2022), Alan Greyeyes (2020), Shawna Dempsey & Lorri Millan (2018), Diana Thorneycroft (2016), Robert Archambeau (2014).

# Lac du Bonnet

## REGIONAL LIBRARY

**National Child's Day**

**November 20, 2022**

Lac du Bonnet Children's Centre Presents Ryan Price  
Magic at Centennial School Gym

2:30 Doors open

3:00-4:00 Showtime

Attendance is **FREE** but children need to be accompanied  
by an **ADULT**

**50/50 RAFFLE**



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### Hours of Operation

Mon - Closed

Tue - 10:30am – 7:00pm

Wed - 10:30am – 5:00pm

Thu - 10:30am – 7:00pm

Fri - 10:30am – 5:00pm

Sat - 10:30am – 2:30pm

### Holiday Hours

December 23 - Closing at 5pm

December 24 & 25 - Closed

December 31 & January 1 - Closed



**BIBLIOTHÈQUE ALLARD  
REGIONAL LIBRARY**  
**Discover the Possibilities!**

Local author and relationship coach, Sharilee Swaity, will be holding a book signing Thursday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m. Find out her writing process, hear a reading from her book, *Happily Ever After Again: Hope Healing & Love for Second Marriages* and take part in some fun activities concerning relationships. Signed books will be available for purchase. There will also be copies of her 2023 landscape calendar on hand with beautiful photos from the local area.



We are excited to be hosting our second  
Christmas Mini Photo



Session alongside photographer Angie Papineau! The event will run during 2 evenings: Wednesday, Nov 24th, and Thursday, Nov 25th from 5:00pm - 7:30pm. The time slots consist of a 15 minute session for a cost of \$50.00.

## Month of November Facts



November's birth flower is the chrysanthemum. Generally, chrysanthemums represent cheerfulness.

Join thousands of people around the world in November for NaNoWriMo, National Novel Writing Month. Note: this is a US organization.



### Remembrance Day - November 11, 2022

Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in a silent moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace.





December 2022

Issue 11

## WRAC Featured Artist

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features Verla Fortier, podcast host and author of two recent nonfiction books – all geared toward helping readers and listeners realize that going into green spaces is not just a nice thing to do, but it can change, and even save your life.



Her two books are based on her own experiences. In “Take Back Your Outside Mindset: Live Longer, Stress Less and Control Your Chronic Illness,” she describes getting diagnosed with Lupus Erythematosus, at the same time she was exiting her career as a nursing professor.

In her second book, “Optimize Your Heart Rate,” she writes about a close childhood friend who died from a sudden cardiac event, on day 3 of a road trip. On her podcast “Your Outside Mindset,” she interviews people who value the natural world: green space researchers, Indigenous leaders, physicians, nurses, gerontologists, authors, poets.

Fortier grew up in Pine Falls, and, in 2014, at the age of 63, she retired to her hometown. Once she stopped working in health care, and became a patient, she had to learn how to write on a more personal level. She said, "This was a challenge; a speaking coach helped me to get away from research/technical speak and just tell my stories."

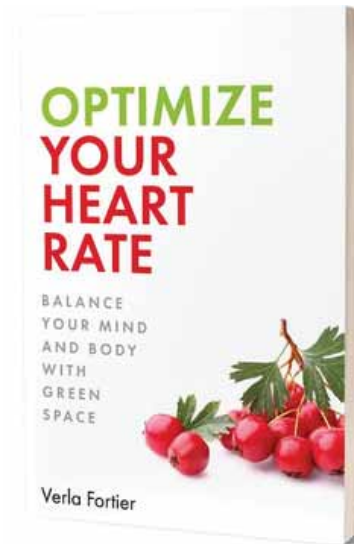
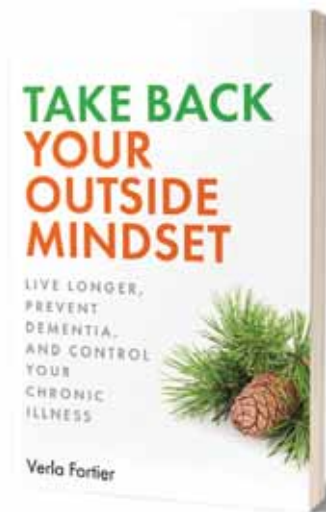
On her personal email list and her podcast, and in her books, she encourages people to get outside more often. In person, she's spoken to grade 11 and 12 students at Powerview School and shared her friend Leslie's story from "Optimize Your Heart Rate." And she recently launched this same book at Library Allard.

As a guest on international podcasts, she gives tips on using green space science in daily lives.

She also writes regularly for "Sixty and Me," to share research, find ways to recognize harmful environments, and figure out what to do about it. Both of Fortier's books and audiobooks are best sellers on Amazon Canada, US, and UK. As well, they rank in the top 3 best-selling in lupus and heart disease categories. Her podcast, "Your Outside Mindset," has surpassed industry download milestones and has listeners in 41 countries.



For upcoming events, she invites everyone to visit her website and join her email list at [www.treesmendus.com](http://www.treesmendus.com). Her main message: "Getting outside to notice the beauty in nature's repeating patterns, called fractals, inspires me every time."



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Great Falls Community Centre

119 Carter Crescent

Email us at [winnipegriverarts@gmail.com](mailto:winnipegriverarts@gmail.com)

Call WRAC at 204-340-0889 for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you.



# "Artist Corner" Featuring Pinawa Art Gallery Events



## Christmas Centerpiece

### Fresh Flower Arrangement

Create your own fresh flower table centerpiece for the holidays.

All materials included. Bring your scissors, wire cutters, & a knife

Cost \$42.00

Must pre-register by Dec 5.

Dec 20, to 23, assorted times.

Signup sheet available in the Pinawa Art Gallery,  
pag211inpinawa@gmail.com

## Winter ART CLASSES

### Painting, watercolour, & acrylic

Register in the **Pinawa Art Gallery**

W.B.Lewis Business Centre

Open Mon, Thurs, Fri & Sat 10-3pm

or Call Arlene- 753-2052

**Starting Mid January**

**Painting with Arlene**

WINTER ART CLASS

## Make Art

GRADES 2-6  
THURSDAYS 4:30-6:00  
COST \$40

December 1, 8, 15, 22  
Pinawa Art Gallery  
contact: Joye call/text (204)459-0355  
joyezart@gmail.com

Winter Art Class

## Make Art

THURSDAYS 6:30-8:00  
YOUTH GRADES 6-9  
\$40

DECEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22  
PINAWA ART GALLERY  
CONTACT: JOYE CALL/TEXT (204)459-0355  
JOYEZART@GMAIL.COM

## Pinawa Art Gallery

We are located at 24 Aberdeen Ave in the WB Lewis Business Centre in Pinawa, MB. When heading east on Hwy 211, turn right at the big ART GALLERY sign at the first entrance to the town. Continue down Aberdeen until you arrive at the Business Centre. The gallery is at the south end of the building, second entrance to the building off the road.

EMAIL: [pag211inpinawa@gmail.com](mailto:pag211inpinawa@gmail.com)

PHONE: (204) 340-3404

MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 456, Pinawa, MB, R0E 1L0



**7-9pm**  
**PINAWA ART GALLERY**  
presents...

**CLAY CLASS: Basics & Beyond**

**INSTRUCTORS: Metro Dmytriw & Kelly Klick**

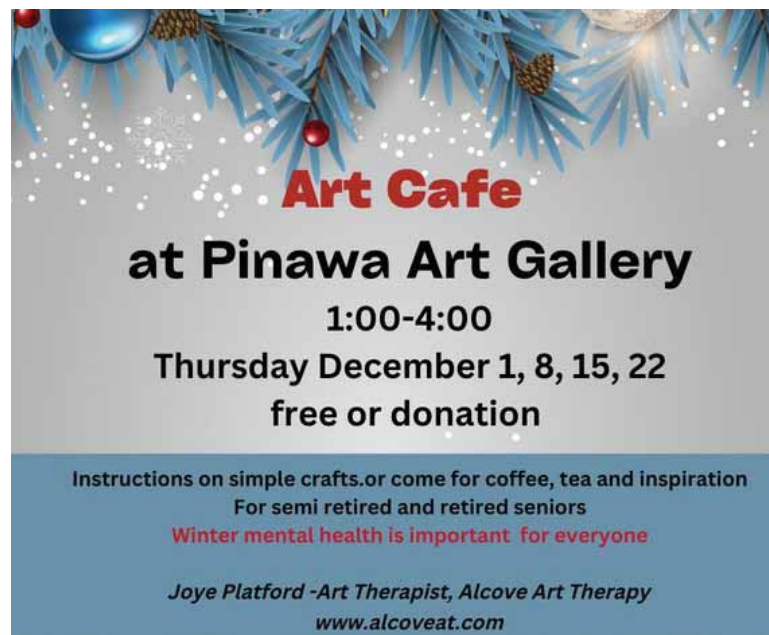
**LOCATION: Pinawa Art Gallery**  
24 Aberdeen Ave  
Room S 20

**Cost:** \$10 adult \$5 youth per class  
clay and firing extra

**Register: email**  
[pag211inpinawa@gmail.com](mailto:pag211inpinawa@gmail.com)

**Mondays and Thursdays**  
Jan 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30

**Come join us for hand building and sculpture techniques!**



**Art Cafe**  
**at Pinawa Art Gallery**  
1:00-4:00  
Thursday December 1, 8, 15, 22  
free or donation

Instructions on simple crafts.or come for coffee, tea and inspiration  
For semi retired and retired seniors  
**Winter mental health is important for everyone**  
Joye Platford -Art Therapist, Alcove Art Therapy  
[www.alcoveat.com](http://www.alcoveat.com)

**Assassinating Thomson**  
**Sunday, February 26, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

**\$25.00 - ticket**

**\$20.00 - ticket for members**

**Great Falls Community Centre**

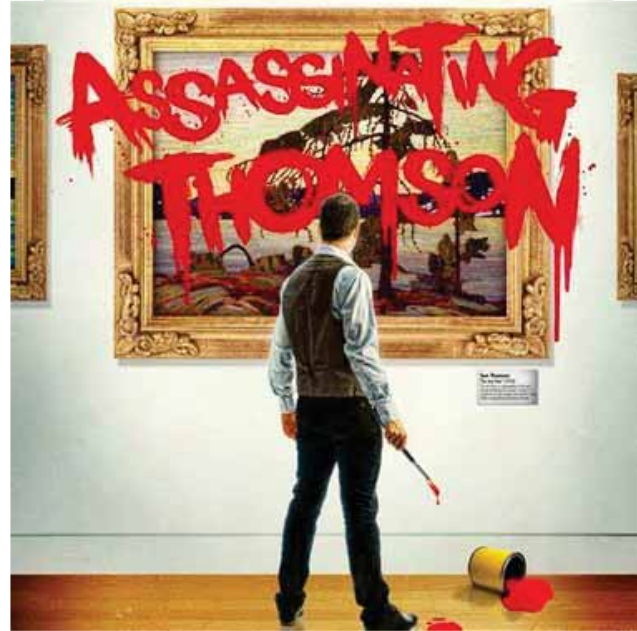
**For tickets email Deborah at  
winnipegriverarts@gmail.com**

**Just in time for your  
Christmas Shopping**

**A Great Christmas Gift Idea!**

Assassinating Thomson is a one man play written and performed by Bruce Horak, a well-established theatre and visual artist who lost 90% of his vision after a childhood battle with cancer. In 2011 he wrote and began touring the show. The play is named for an unsolved mystery in Canadian art history - the mysterious drowning in 1917 of Group of Seven precursor and iconic painter Tom Thomson in an Ontario Lake. The mystery takes you from the tiny community of Canoe Lake to our nation's capital, and eventually to the world stage. Art, politics, greed, ambition, love and murder are intertwined. Tom Thomson's story is a tangled one, but we're in the hands of a brilliant storyteller. Bruce captures the mystery in a stunning monologue about Canadian art and artists, and during the performance he also paints a group portrait of the audience before him.

**ROYAL**  
**MTC**  
MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE





# *Listening Room*

presents:

# OCTAVIOUS CHRISTMAS

*Christmas Songs & More*

with ***Octavious***  
***in Transition***

***Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022***

*St. John's Heritage Church & Arts Centre - 86 McArthur Ave*  
*Show Starts 7:00pm • Doors Open 6:00pm*

***\*HALL DOOR ENTRY\****

*Website: [ldbhistorical.ca](http://ldbhistorical.ca)*

*Facebook: Lac du Bonnet District Museum*

### **TICKETS:**

**Lac du Bonnet & District  
Historical Society Members: \$10**  
**Contact Terry 204-345-6329.**  
**E-transfer: [info@ldbhistorical.ca](mailto:info@ldbhistorical.ca)**

**Non-members: \$15**  
**Available at Daley Pharmacy.**

**TICKETS ARE LIMITED**

**DECADENT  
CAKES &  
CHRISTMAS  
COOKIES  
AVAILABLE  
FOR SALE  
FROM THE  
CANTEEN**

**50/50  
ACCUMULATOR  
RAFFLE  
FINAL DRAW**

***'Tis the Season***  
***Enjoy hot cider & coffee on us***



St. John's Heritage Church and Arts Centre

## ADVENT CAFE

"Treat yourself to the aromas of Christmas"  
starting November 29—December 21

**TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS**  
**2pm—5pm**

St. John's Heritage Church Hall will open it's doors  
for its first ever

**Advent Café**

offering an ever changing Christmas menu of mouth  
watering desserts from cookies, cakes, to muffins!  
Indulge in a good cup of coffee or tea and take time for  
yourself.....

all proceeds go to St. John's Heritage Church foundation remediation

**WNDX x NIMAC**  
**experimental moving image awards**

Eight new awards for  
BIPOC gender  
diverse artists  
working in  
experimental media  
art

submissions due December 30, 2022  
applicant notification February 6, 2023  
awards announced March 8, 2023

We extend our gratitude to the Manitoba Arts Council for their financial  
support of these awards



FRIDAY,  
JANUARY 20,  
2023 AT 7:30 PM  
EMCA presents  
Sultans of  
String: Folk/  
Jazz/ World  
Pinawa  
Community  
Centre



### Pinawa Public Library Hours

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Monday                | 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM                          |
| Tuesday -<br>Thursday | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM and<br>6:30 PM - 9:00 PM |
| Friday                | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM                          |
| Saturday              | Closed                                     |
| Sunday                | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM                          |



# Lac du Bonnet

## REGIONAL LIBRARY

### HOLIDAY CLOSURES

December 24 - 26, 2022  
December 31 - January 2, 2023



Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

Email Us: [mldb@mymts.net](mailto:mldb@mymts.net)

Phone (204) 345-2653 / Fax (204) 345-6827

84 - 3rd Street / Box 216 / Lac du Bonnet MB ROE 1A0

**BOOKS MAKE EXCELLENT GIFTS!**

**THE LIBRARY HAS A WIDE RANGE OF NEW AND GENTLY USED BOOKS FOR SALE!**

**GIFT WRAPPING AVAILABLE!**



**ARTIST BOOT CAMP:  
ARTIST RESIDENCIES WITH GRACE HAN**

**Artist Boot Camp: Artist  
Residencies with Grace Han  
Dec 8, 7-9pm | Online | Free**

Artist residencies offer the opportunity for exchange, focused work and relationship building with international peers. This workshop provides information on different residency models. How do you figure out if a particular residency is right for you? What questions should you ask a residency centre? How should you structure your time while you are there?

<https://creativemanitoba.ca/events/artist-boot-camp-artist-residencies-with-grace-han-2/>





**Call for Nominations**  
**Nominations** are now open for 2023 MB Arts Award of Distinction, which recognizes the

outstanding accomplishments of a Manitoba artist, Indigenous Knowledge Keeper, or arts/cultural professional through an annual prize. Help us celebrate and honour the excellence, resourcefulness, and imagination of a Manitoba artist, Indigenous Knowledge Keeper, or arts/cultural professional by submitting a nomination to our Recognize – Prizes program. Manitoba Arts Award of Distinction. Prize amount: \$30,000

Who can be nominated? Professional artists, Indigenous Knowledge Keepers, and arts/cultural professionals. <https://artscouncil.mb.ca/grants/prizes/>

**Deadline: December 15, 2022**

Previous Award of Distinction recipients include: Daina Warren (2022), Alan Greyeyes (2020), Shawna Dempsey & Lorri Millan (2018), Diana Thorneycroft (2016), Robert Archambeau (2014).



## BIBLIOTHÈQUE ALLARD REGIONAL LIBRARY Discover the Possibilities!

Thursday December 8th - 6 to 7 pm  
104086 PTH 11, St. Georges, MB  
Hosting our first Gingerbread House  
building evening! The cost is  
\$25.00/family/gingerbread house.  
We'll provide everything! All we need  
is you!



### SOIRÉE FAMILIALE D'ARTISANATS

VENDREDI 9 DÉCEMBRE À 18H

DOIT ÊTRE PRÉINSCRIT ET ACCOMPAGNÉ PAR UN ADULTE

*Nous demandons un don de \$5 par famille pour couvrir le coût du goûter qui sera servi.*

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### FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT

FRIDAY DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 6PM

MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED AND ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

*We are asking for a \$5 donation per family to cover the cost of the snacks provided.*



*Cette soirée, présentée par le Comité Culturel Châteauguay, sera  
à l'École communautaire Saint-Georges*

Comité culturel Châteauguay  
Saint-Georges

The cultural committee  
presents you with a French-  
speaking evening of crafts with  
the family:

Come create with our local  
artists!

Please register your family by  
contacting a committee  
member by December 1st.

## Month of December Facts

### December Birth Flowers:

The first flower is holly, ever-present during the holiday season. The second birth



flower of December is the paperwhite narcissus, a cousin of the common daffodil that flowers in winter. This pure-looking flower is said to symbolize sweetness.



**On December 5, 1901**, a little magic came into the world along with the birth of Walt Disney. Disney released his first cartoon, featuring Mickey Mouse, called Steamboat Willie at the age of 27.

**December 21st** is the Winter Solstice, which marks the longest night of the year and is astronomically the beginning of winter.

**The full moon** in December has been traditionally referred to as the Full Cold Moon.



**The first artificial Christmas tree** was made out of goose feathers dyed green in Germany. For many years people only used real Christmas trees, but artificial trees are now very popular all over the world.

# Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays