



January 2023

Issue 1

WRAC Featured Arts Organization

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society. In 1988, seven individuals from the Lac du Bonnet area, Gordon Emberley, Helen Stine, Joan Lesko, Louis Bruneau, Stella Hammerstedt, Adele Bycyek, and Lorraine Carlson got together and formed this organization.

Their main objective: preserve Lac du Bonnet's vibrant history. To achieve this goal, they focused on assembling local artifacts and historical material, providing an environment where participants work together to promote understanding of local history, and figuring out how to relay this information to future generations.

The Society thrives and continues to grow thanks to the many volunteers and partners who passionately provide skills, knowledge, and time to preserve and promote local history. And the volunteer board strives to provide clear, active and strong leadership, in order to carry out their mandate.



One of their major projects is the Lac du Bonnet and District Museum, housed in the relocated and renovated Hans Erickson Cabin, a short distance off Highway 502, close to the Winnipeg River. This parcel of land,

previously known as Halliday Park, is a designated Municipal Heritage Site and the grounds were the first registered homestead on Treaty 1 Territory. A unique and attractive site, the museum and its surrounding property contain exhibits and artifacts viewed by residents, and visitors from around the world.

Another major project involved the Society taking over the former St. John's Anglican Church in Town of Lac du Bonnet. This building is also a designated Municipal Heritage Site, and is now known as St. John's Heritage Church and Arts Centre. It operates as an artist's hub and local gathering place, aimed at bringing people together to celebrate arts and culture.



To celebrate local history and culture, a wide variety of programs, workshops, and special activities are held throughout the year. Annual events include “Listening Room” performing arts activities, Winnipeg River Rendezvous, and Community Tipi Raising.

The Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society is a nonprofit registered charity, and their operations are funded by volunteer services, government grants, fundraising activities, and donations. Visit their website at ldbhistorical.ca



Volunteers provide the driving force for the Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society.

Memberships are encouraged - \$20.00 single and \$35.00 family - however all events are open to the public. The Society meets on the second Monday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Heritage Church and Arts Centre.

The Society strongly believes "Lac du Bonnet comes to life through history, culture, and art. And these valued community components are both seen and sensed as visitors and residents tour the area."



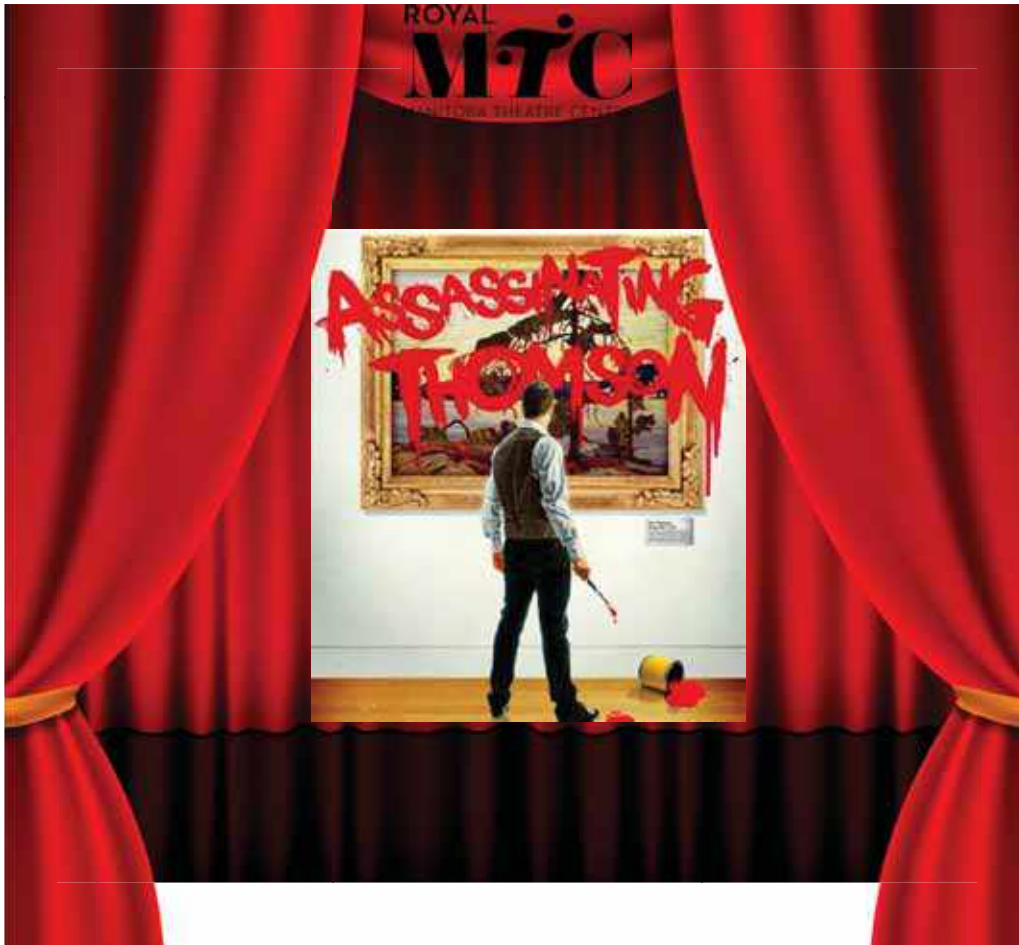
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ARTISTS"



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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

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

Come join us for hand building and sculpture techniques!

Register: email
pag21inpinawa@gmail.com

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





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.

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PO Box 456, Pinawa, MB,
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Painting

Classes

Acrylics for beginners

6 Saturdays beginning Jan 14

10am-noon

Must pre-register, classes are limited.

6 weeks-\$60.00 - art supplies not included

Register in the Pinawa Art Gallery

pag21inpinawa@gmail.com

Arlene @ arlenebohn1@hotmail.com

Web: pinawaartgallery.com





"Artist Corner" . . .

WRAC would like to also hear from local artists for this new section in our newsletter - *the Artist Corner* - beginning in 2023. We would like to highlight of a special project you are involved that you would like to share with others; two to three lines to arise community interest. Give us a quick email to express your interest.

WRAC's Special Visits During December:



**BIBLIOTHÈQUE
ALLARD REGIONAL LIBRARY**

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library



At The Winnipeg River Arts Council Office:

- We have a couple of vacant spots on our Board; if being on the Winnipeg River Arts Council Board interests you please give us a call or email us to let us know your interest.
- The Winnipeg River Arts Council would like to hear your story! Deborah, the office administrator is phoning the members to have a one-on-one conversation. We hope to talk to you soon.

Email us at winnipegriverarts@gmail.com

Call WRAC at 204-340-0889 for more information. We look forward to hearing from you.



"Artist Corner" . . .



Fontine, Kris Ulrich, Slow Leaves, Matt Zimmerman

A songwriters workshop-style showcase featuring Fontine, Slow Leaves, Matt Zimmerman and Kris Ulrich. By Times Change(d) High & Lonesome Club

Thu, 2 February 2023, 8:00 PM CST, Doors at 7:00 PM

Times Change(d) High & Lonesome Club 234 Main St. Winnipeg, MB R3C1

UNDER 18 WITH PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN



The Circle of Stories - the ancient medium of storytelling is even more relevant today. No special equipment is needed: only your voice. Learn how to tap into this accessible form of communication by choosing a folktale and participating in a series of fun activities designed to help you prepare your story for telling. Learn how to give and receive feedback. All materials, including folktales are supplied by the instructor.

Monday evenings, 6-9 pm January 16-February 13.

Suggested fee \$100. Register at mlchown@shaw.ca



Artists (left to right) Frances Cooper, Kristy Janvier, Lita Fontaine and Annie Courchene at the opening of their exhibition at the AGSM in Brandon, September 2022 - Maada'ookii/To Share by the MĪcĕt Tipiskâwi-pĭsimak (Many Moons) Collective Exhibit Opening THIS Friday (January 6), 5-7:30 pm at MAWA

One of the values within Indigenous ways of knowing is sharing and reciprocity, which resulted in the name for this exhibition. These recent artworks by Kristy Janvier, Annie Courchene, Frances Cooper and Tess Houston are the result of the ongoing relationships and dialogue built through the Indigenous Rural Arts Mentorship Program 2021/22 led by mentor Lita Fontaine, whose work is also featured. Maada'ookii: an oral tradition that in the past and in the present creates a sense of belonging and relationship to one another. Presented in partnership with MAWA and the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba

Hours: Friday, January 6–Friday, January 27, 2023 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
MAWA, 611 Main St, Winnipeg, MB

Online Exhibit Launch of 2023 Touring Artists

From January through to April check out the current 2023 Visual Art Touring Exhibitions! - View Manitoba Arts Network's Online Gallery

<https://artgallery.manitobaartsnetwork.ca/>

Featuring artists Pepe Hildago, Alison Davis, Karen Schulz, Brian Longfield, and Victoria Prince from the 2023 Touring Exhibition program.

These exhibits are currently touring rural Manitoba. To book an exhibition or purchase art from the site please connect with Nicole at visualarts@mbartsnet.ca.

URBAN SHAMAN



Wednesday, January 25/23
12pm – 1pm CST

The workshop - Free.
www.urbanshaman.org

How do you know if the story you want to tell should be illustrated as a graphic novel, a comic, or a picture book?

Da 4 Seasons

Artist(s): Brennan McKay

Start: January 13, 2023 5:00 pm

End: February 25, 2023 5:00 pm

Opening reception:

Friday, January 13 from 5 to 10pm

Galleries: Main - Urban Shaman
290 McDermot Ave. Winnipeg, MB
204-942-2674



Biography -

Brennan McKay is a 2-spirit individual from the Minegoziibi Nation of Manitoba. He is a self-taught photographer and has been a Jigger and Square dancer from the age of 13 years. He has performed with multiple groups over the years.

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



Pinawa Public Library Hours

Monday 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM and 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

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

Email Us: mldb@mymts.net

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

LEGO Club
February 8 -
March 22
3:45 pm - 4:45pm
Ages 6-9
Space is limited,
registration is
required.



BIBLIOTHÈQUE ALLARD REGIONAL LIBRARY

Discover the Possibilities!

DROP IN AT LIBRARY ALLARD

THE 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH FROM 12-2PM

USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LIBRARY AND GET INFORMED ON THE SERVICES WE HAVE TO OFFER! COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

“ HAPPINESS IS A CUP OF COFFEE AND
A GOOD BOOK ”





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www.creativemanitoba.ca

Writing about your work is part of your job as an artist, and grant writing in particular can open up transformative support for your practice. How you present your work to a selection committee is key to whether you receive funding or not. Join in to learn how to put your best foot forward and increase your chances of receiving a grant to support making your work!

**This is a two-part workshop series.



Artist Boot Camp: Grant Writing with Sarah Crawley

Jan 18, 7-9pm | Online | Free

**Group Mentorship Program:
Filmmaking With Your Smartphone
Wednesdays – February 22 - April 26**

Filmmaking With Your Smartphone is FREE & OPEN to ages 16-19, and runs in partnership with Winnipeg Film Group!

Led by fabulous lead mentor and film professional Ben Williams, this in-person program will inspire and activate young aspiring artists, creative types, and storytellers. Filmmaking



With Your Smartphone will provide guidance and valuable information from an array of working professionals in Manitoba's film community.

Each week the students will join with Ben and a professional involved in a different aspect of the filmmaking process. Topics will range from: Independent filmmaking; How to get into Manitoba's film industry; Creating, producing, distributing a film and various aesthetic & technical skills! We will also conduct an independent study lab where each filmmaker makes their own movie on their smartphone and has the opportunity to screen their film at a final presentation!

According to "National Today" January 31, 2023 is Inspire Your Heart with Art Day

Inspire Your Heart with Art Day is celebrated annually on January 31. Art can touch our souls and make a lasting impact. Whether it's a piece of music or a painting, it can broaden our horizons and inspire us in many ways.

History of "**Inspire Your Heart with Art Day**". It was undoubtedly a creative and artistic person who created this day that shines a spotlight on the importance and power of art. We often don't realize the impact art can have on our hearts. It can inspire, motivate, guide, and touch us in more ways than we can imagine.

Art has been around for a very long time. Several archaeologists found the first artifacts of human art, which date back to the Stone Age. Since then, art has developed over the years and is appreciated for a variety of reasons. Inspire Your Heart with Art Day is celebrated by various art organizations and strives towards appreciating all forms of art.

Many associate art with paintings only but it comes in many forms and it almost always inspires or touches your heart. Inspire Your Heart with Art Day is the perfect day to take a closer look at a piece of art to understand what the artist is trying to communicate. With an open mind, you can allow it to inspire you and change your perspective on many things. Art satisfies our basic need for harmony and balance, and it brings people together. Art also acts as an important form of communication that bridges the language barrier. Art can really go a long way in making a social impact on our lives.

On this day, it is a nudge to let your heart be inspired by paintings, books, music, movies, drama, e.t.c., whichever form of art draws your interest.

5 FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT ART

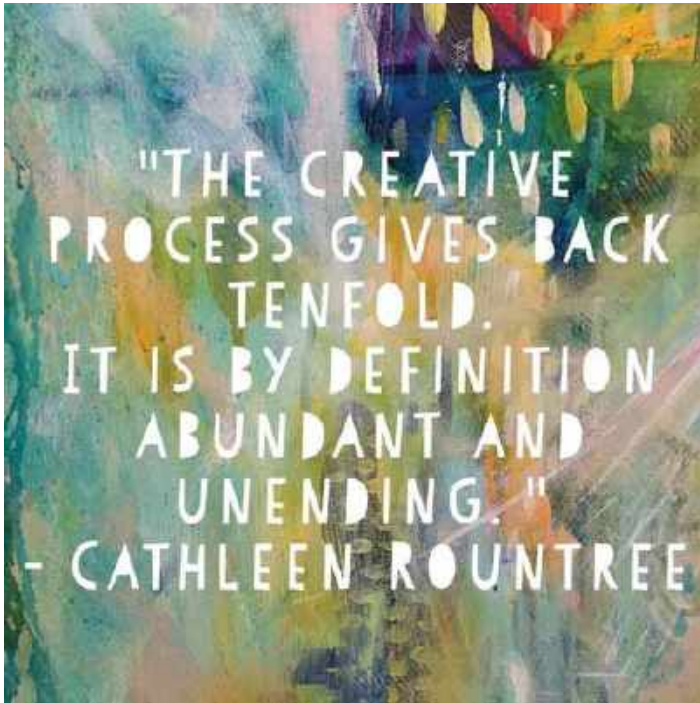
The **Mona Lisa** painting became immensely popular only after it was stolen.

A **museum for spoons** - Lambert Castle in New Jersey is home to a massive collection of spoons.

The **tallest statue** in the world, the Statue of Unity in India, measures 597 feet in length.

The **Oxford dictionary** has 12 definitions of the word art.

Leonardo Da Vinci was ambidextrous. Da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other.



Ready for something new this year? A great opportunity for those pursuing a career in the Arts, Event Organization, or Non-Profits is open. WE ARE POSTING FOR A PAID POSITION AS EVENT COORDINATOR! This could be a fantastic fit for anyone looking to work remotely. Details of the position and application information can be found on Boreal Shores December Newsletter online: <https://borealshoresarttour.ca/2022/12/>





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Issue 2



De-Ann Holmes

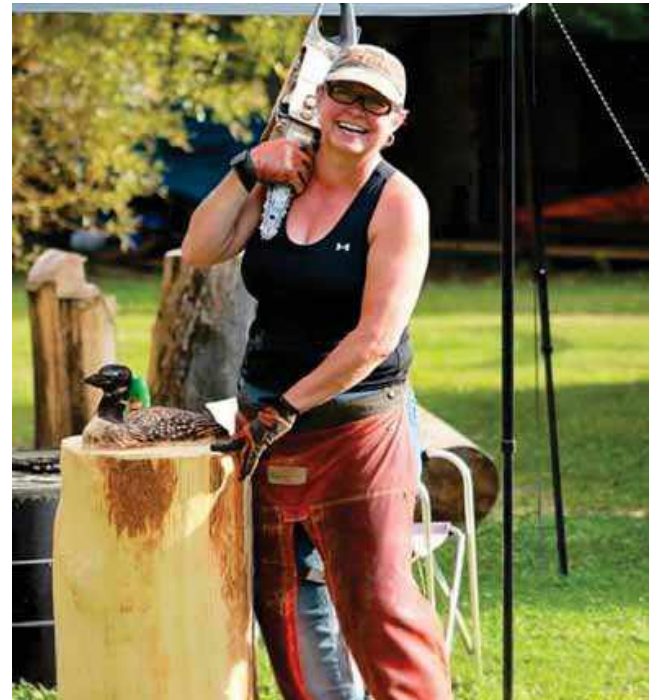
WRAC Featured Artist

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features De-Ann Holmes, a carver who works with both wood and ice. She grew up in Winnipeg's inner city, but now lives at Seddons Corner and has been a resident of the area for twenty-six years. Although she spends a lot of time on her carving, she has a full-time day job at Beausejour Dental Centre and previously served as a councillor in the Rural Municipality of Reynolds.

In the past, Holmes used to create small hand carvings and duck decoys. She was even good enough at small scale wood carving that she won prizes at Prairie Canada competitions. But, at 50 years of age, she picked up a chainsaw and found a new way to express her artistry, and quickly made an impression as a fearless and seriously talented artist.

Her carving styles range from traditional to contemporary and her pieces reflect Canada's wilderness, in both nature and history. Also, as one of the few female carvers in Canada, she really stands out.

A proud Metis, forager, mother, and grandmother to four grandchildren, Holmes has lived in unison with the land for many years.



When asked what inspires her passion for chainsaw carving, she said, "Life!"

Walter Keller, a well-known builder and carver from Elma, taught Holmes the art and basics of chainsaw carving, and Cheryl Laschuk and Ron Jackson taught her how to work on the finer details. At present, she's an established member of the Manitoba chainsaw carving community and her work in this medium is admired across the province and beyond. She said, "I'm blessed to be a part of this crazy carving family."

Holmes has demonstrated her chainsaw skills at Festival du Voyager, 4-P Festival, Ducks Unlimited, and many other events. She said, "I have lots of commissions and requests for my work. I'm busy with grandkids and visits to my mother in Dominion City, but I have more time for carving now, after I decided not to run again as a councillor."

One of her favourite events is Arbour Day, located in city parks such as Kildonan, St.Vital, Assiniboine, and The Forks. She said, "I love this event. Each year, it's held on a Saturday in a different park, and kids show up with their parents. They love watching the arbourists and their machines, and they get to plant trees and participate in all kinds of activities related to trees. Then we do a small chainsaw carving to demonstrate how it's done."

In the upcoming months, she will be featured at a Winnipeg dinner and show sponsored by Fish Futures in May, will be exhibiting her work at Beausejour's Breezy Oaks Carving Bash on Canada Day, and will hang out with world class carvers in Saskatchewan at Manitou Beach's Maple Madness in August. Pictures of her work can be viewed on Pinterest, under "De-Ann Holmes - Carving."

Her motto: "Attempt the absurd; achieve the impossible!"



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"Calling All Artists"

- 1) Would you be interested in giving paint classes in Lac du Bonnet in the spring.

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and/or

- 2) Would you like to be part of a fundraiser to support Winnipeg River Arts Council & have the opportunity to showcase your art piece on one of the eight two-inch slabs approximately ten inches in diameter? It will be spring/summer special event. For more information email Deb at winnipegriverarts@gmail.com or call at 204-340-0889.



Please join Winnipeg River Arts Council in congratulating Donna Besel with regards to her new position as the Manitoba Arts Network Board Member, Eastman Regional Rep.

Donna Besel loves writing of all kinds, and does presentations for schools, libraries, universities, conferences, and retreats. Her work has gained recognition from CBC Literary Awards (three times), won national contests, and appeared in literary journals, magazines, and anthologies. A collection of short stories, "Lessons from a Nude Man," earned nominations for various awards and a spot-on McNally Robinson Booksellers' annual bestseller list. In 2021, Manitoba Arts Council awarded her their Rural Recognition Prize (worth \$10,000.00) to acknowledge her writing career. It also recognized her volunteer work to promote the arts in Eastman and develop the Winnipeg River Arts Council. In the same year, University of Regina Press published "The Unravelling: Incest and the Destruction of a Family." For seven years, along with author Lauren Carter, she has organized and hosted "Wild Writing in the Boreal," an annual retreat for women writers, held at Falcon Trails Resort in Whiteshell Provincial Park. The forests of Eastern Manitoba, where she has always lived, provide endless ideas and settings for her "boreal stories."



Grant Writing 101

Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023
Location: Online - ZOOM meeting
Time: 2pm - 3:30pm CST

Grant Writing 101 for Tourism Businesses
FREE Workshop

Gain tips and tricks on how to ensure you have the best chance of being successful in your future fundraising efforts. All workshop participants will also have the unique chance for a free 1:1 consultation with the trainer to discuss their individual questions and scenarios.



THE GALLERY

Located in the picturesque town of Pinawa, Manitoba, Pinawa Art Gallery showcases the work of local artists from Pinawa and surrounding areas. Our artists range from novice to emerging and established artists. Our interests are just as diverse as the mediums we choose and include: painting (oil, acrylic and watercolour), pottery and sculpting, photography, fibre art and jewelry.

We welcome visitors to drop by, have a cup of coffee* and a chat, or just browse. If you're looking for more, it's a great place to find unique artwork or pottery for your home or cottage as well as one-of-a-kind pieces of jewelry and fashion accessories. We also offer a range of art and photography cards....beautiful for giving or framing. Want a souvenir from your trip or a memory of the area? We're kind of known for that!



Pinawa Art Gallery

We are located at
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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.

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*We offer local, artisan-roasted,
specialty coffee from Trail's End.
Enjoy a cup with friends in the
gallery or take some home to
brew!

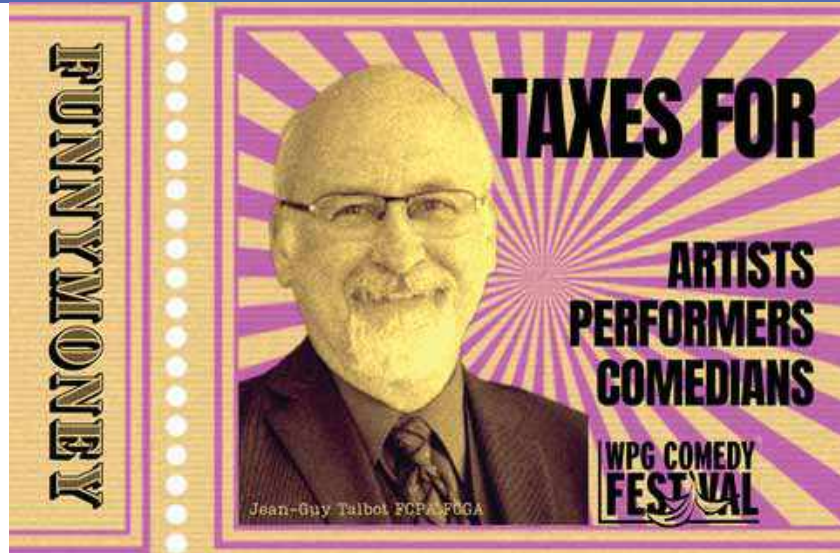


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Business of Comedy:
Funny Money – Taxes for Artists,
Performers and Comedians!
Wednesday, Feb 15, 6-8pm | Online

An accountant walks into a bar...It's that time of year folks! TAX SEASON is upon us!

As an Artist, Performer, or Comedian you may be self-employed, work as an employee in a 'real' job, or your creative acts may be your side hustle while you're waiting for your big break. Whether it's a contract, a day gig, work or services you've provided for a business, client, or audience, or you may have received a grant or cheque for royalties, you are going to want to know how to keep more of what you earned and pay less taxes.



Creative Writing with Richard Van Camp
Sunday, March 5, 1:00-2:30pm | Online

Come and learn a few new tricks for writing great fiction from best-selling author Richard Van Camp. In our time together, Richard will show you how to design characters and give them conflict to reveal who they truly are. Richard will also share his knowledge about the publishing industry!

Come and join us as we explore the joy and business of writing!.

About the Presenter

Richard Van Camp is an international award winning renowned storyteller and best-selling author. He is a proud member of the Dogrib (Tlicho) Nation from Fort Smith, NWT, Canada from Fort Smith, NWT, who has written 26 books in 26 years.

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Artistic Statement

During the pandemic, Brennan was inspired to cycle around the city and found several nature spots throughout Winnipeg. It was the natural beauty of these hidden gems that had an enormous influence on him to be a photographer.

While capturing images, Brennan had the idea to combine his love of photography with the revitalization of Indigenous languages. In February of 2021 Brennan started "Word of the Day", a nine-month Anishinabe (Ojibwe) and Nehiyawak (Cree) social media language revitalization campaign, as part of The Speech Act Project.

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.

"Out in nature, in the real world, away from people, being present in the natural world is the greatest learning space for any language. Seeing the plants and trees, hearing the wind, the sound of the wildlife in its environment relaxes the human mind and soul. It is hoped that transitioning the gallery into a nature space will enhance your ability to learn our Indigenous languages. Being in nature brings peace, being in the right environment, on the land, is the best way to learn languages." -Brennan Mckay

Lac du Bonnet REGIONAL LIBRARY

Check out our Black History Month display. Something for all reading levels at the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library!



NOWW presents...
25th Annual International Writing Contest

THIS YEAR'S JUDGES:

 MICHELLE GOOD Short Fiction	 GEORGE MURRAY Poetry	 ELISABETH DE MARIAFFI Crime Fiction
 LAUREN CARTER Bill MacDonald Prize	 DONNA BESEL Creative Non-Fiction	 SHAUN HATTON Literary Critical Writing

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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT NOWWWRITERS.CA

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LOVE TO READ MONTH
IN FEBRUARY



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



There is a new story featured along the Storywalk!

The Mitten is a Ukrainian folktale, adapted and illustrated by Jan Brett. In this cute story, Nicki drops his white mitten in the snow, and goes on without realizing that it is missing. One by one, woodland animals find the mitten and crawl in; first a curious mole, then a rabbit, a badger and others, each one larger than the last.



The Beauhead Arts Fest will be back again this year! And we are doubling the fun with a two day event instead of one. Save the date for August 26 & 27. Local area artists let those creative juices flow. We will be opening registration up for this one of a kind art event soon!! Stay tuned for more information or email beauheadartsfest@gmail.com.

Friday, February 10th

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arts network

Brennans' Bounty

Fri, Feb. 10th, 7:30 pm | Pinawa Community Centre
Get ready for a 7 person band to entertain you with
Country and Bluegrass!

February is Black History Month

Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities.

The 2023 theme for Black History Month is: "Ours to tell". This theme represents both an opportunity to engage in open dialogue and a commitment to learning more about the stories Black communities in Canada have to tell about their histories, successes, sacrifices and triumphs.

No matter where you live, we invite all Canadians to learn more about these communities, and how they continue to help shape Canadian history.





March 2023

Issue 3

WRAC Monthly Feature

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre's regional tour. Their journey began on January 30, and on March 4, it will have visited 24 communities from Snow Lake to Sioux Lookout. On February 26, the travelling show arrived at Great Falls Community Centre.

After greeting folks who volunteered to help with setup, the crew swung into action. Although this gig was their twentieth, the unloading routine proceeded with precision and cheerfulness.

Within hours, the chairs, backdrop, large paintings, cables, lights, sound system, and performance area were positioned in appropriate places.

Of special interest was a large, paint-splattered drop cloth taped to the floor, with an easel, and paints, cloths, and paintbrushes arranged on nearby tables. Bruce Horak, actor and creator of the play, used this space to describe the famous Canadian artist's mysterious death.

Interspersed with details about the Group of Seven, possible causes of Thomson's death, and suspected killers, Horak told stories about his early years, performance history, art education, love, politics, ghosts, and life as a legally blind entertainer.



As the play progressed, the audience learned how Bilateral Retinoblastoma, a childhood cancer, left Horak blind in one eye, with limited vision in the other. The crowd was enthralled while he performed his lengthy monologue, moved around the drop cloth covered with words to jog his memory, and painted a picture of the audience. At the end of the show, the painting was auctioned off, with proceeds going to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. Horak said, "Since I started doing this, the highest bid for a painting was \$3,200.00. Tonight's winning price (\$400.00) was pretty good for a smaller community."

Horak lives in Stratford, Ontario, but has spent time in Manitoba, appearing in Winnipeg Fringe Festivals and a Manitoba Theatre for Young People tour. One of his many claims to fame is acting in Star Trek: Strange New Worlds. During the COVID shutdown, he did street theatre.

He's a brilliant performer, but he admits, "I couldn't do my work without the crew. They feed me and make sure I get to where I need to go."

The Crew:

Sadie Wannamaker (stage manager) - A graduate of Fanshawe College, she's worked in more than 20 professional productions, and took over the RMTTC job after a friend told her about it.

During her first time in Manitoba, the tour opened her eyes to the varied geography, climate, and cultures in our province. Although she's from Kitchener, she enjoyed their stopovers in new-to-her towns in Northwestern Ontario. She said, "At times, it was cold, but it feels amazing to visit small places and put smiles on faces. People are hungry for theatre."



Jazz Marcelino (apprentice stage manager) – A 2021 graduate of University of Winnipeg's Theatre and Film Studies program, she has worked at Rainbow Stage, MTYP, and numerous other film and theatre venues. Born in the Philippines, she came to Canada in 2006. Growing up in Winnipeg's North End, she caught drama fever at Sisler High School. She said, "My passion is meeting all kinds of people."



In Thompson, I was amazed to see mountains. I regret we can't explore much on our days off. But we need to stay put and catch up on rest."

Claire Bestlands (tour technical director) – She lives near Ottawa in Wakefield, Quebec, but grew up in The Pas and still visits family there at Christmas and on other holidays. Also an experienced sound designer, she has worked with various musicians and on television commissions. Also, she has premiered a show in Berlin, as lead composer and sound designer with STO Union, a theatre company based in Quebec. She said, "I'm used to small towns and I loved bringing our show to Manitoba's more remote communities. I was especially excited to educate my crew about the North."



Will Medwick (tour technician) – A student at Toronto's Humber College, he moved back to Winnipeg in 2018. Always able and willing to solve technical tasks, he calls himself, "The Swiss Army Knife of Theatre." A member of International Alliance for Theatrical Stage Employees, he's worked at Centennial Concert Hall (Phantom of the Opera), Festival du Voyager, Manitoba Opera, Winnipeg Folk Festival, and other places. This was his first regional tour, and he enjoyed visiting new places in Manitoba and Ontario. He said, "It was fun seeing the impact of live theatre in smaller communities. And I didn't realize Riding Mountain was so high."





Thank you from the Winnipeg River Arts Council Board of Directors to Patricia and her volunteer team from Great Falls Community Centre for assisting with the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre production and to all that attended the evening performance.

We hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed organizing it.



WRAC "Artist Corner" - Fire and Water Festival

Features: Stephen Fearing

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

7 PM – 10 PM

88 McArthur Avenue Lac du Bonnet

\$25/ticket



Mark your calendars for Fire & Water Music Festival's March 26 concert featuring Stephen Fearing!

Stephen Fearing's music is a mesmerizing blend of roots, folk, and pop. Co-founder of Canadian roots-rock supergroup Blackie and The Rodeo Kings, he is a beguiling teller of tales and master guitarist who delights audiences throughout North America, the UK, and Europe.

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Will's Jams

Sunday, April 16th, 3:00 pm
Pinawa Community Centre

Will's high-energy rock-pop music is full of witty wordplay & sing-along choruses, sure to inspire kids and entertain adults!

www.willsjams.com



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MARCH BREAK

ACTIVITIES

March 28 - 30, 2023

1:30 - 3pm

Tuesday - How Does Our Garden Grow?

Wednesday - LEGO Challenge

Thursday - Storytime & Craft

Ages 5 - 12

No cost, please register by March 23,
so we have enough supplies.

Call 204 345 2653 or email
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Discover the Possibilities!

Our March reading challenge prompt is to read a book that teaches you something new. This is a really broad category! Maybe you'll choose a fiction book set in a different country or a different era, or you'll choose a nonfiction book on a topic that's unfamiliar to you, or you'll read someone's biography and learn something new about them. So many options! You choose. When you're finished your book, remember to fill out an entry for our reading challenge draw at either branch. Enjoy! See the link in the comments below for more info on our reading challenge



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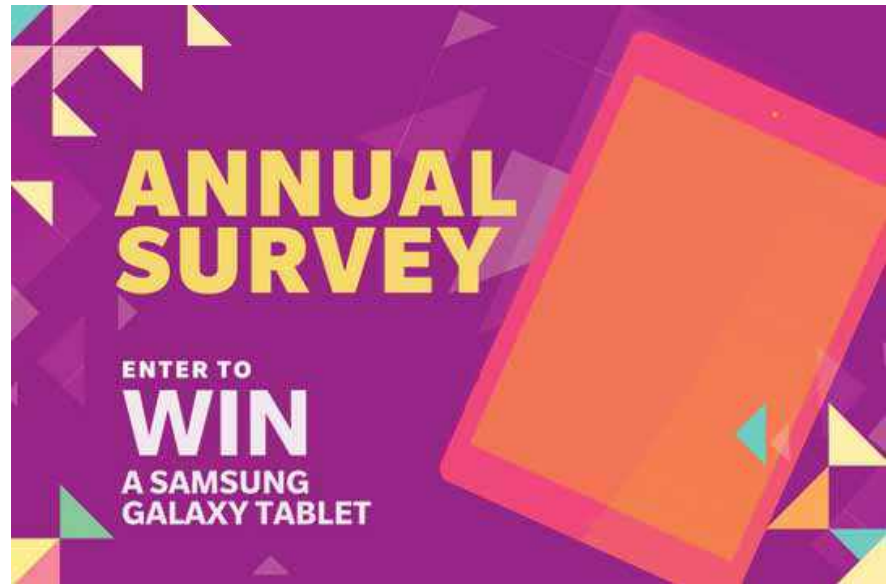
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Creative Manitoba Annual Survey 2023
Win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet!

Creative Manitoba is committed to creating adaptive and responsive programs that support the creative community, helping them to thrive in abundance while finding joy in life.

Understanding the impact of training sessions is important to continue meeting the needs of the arts community in Manitoba. The information collected from the survey will be anonymous and used to increase program quality and for reporting purposes. Please take this opportunity to let us know about your experience. The survey will take less than 10 minutes of your time.

Upon completing the survey, you will be able to enter a draw for a tablet. The deadline to complete the survey is March 17.

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URBAN SHAMAN



Richard Asham

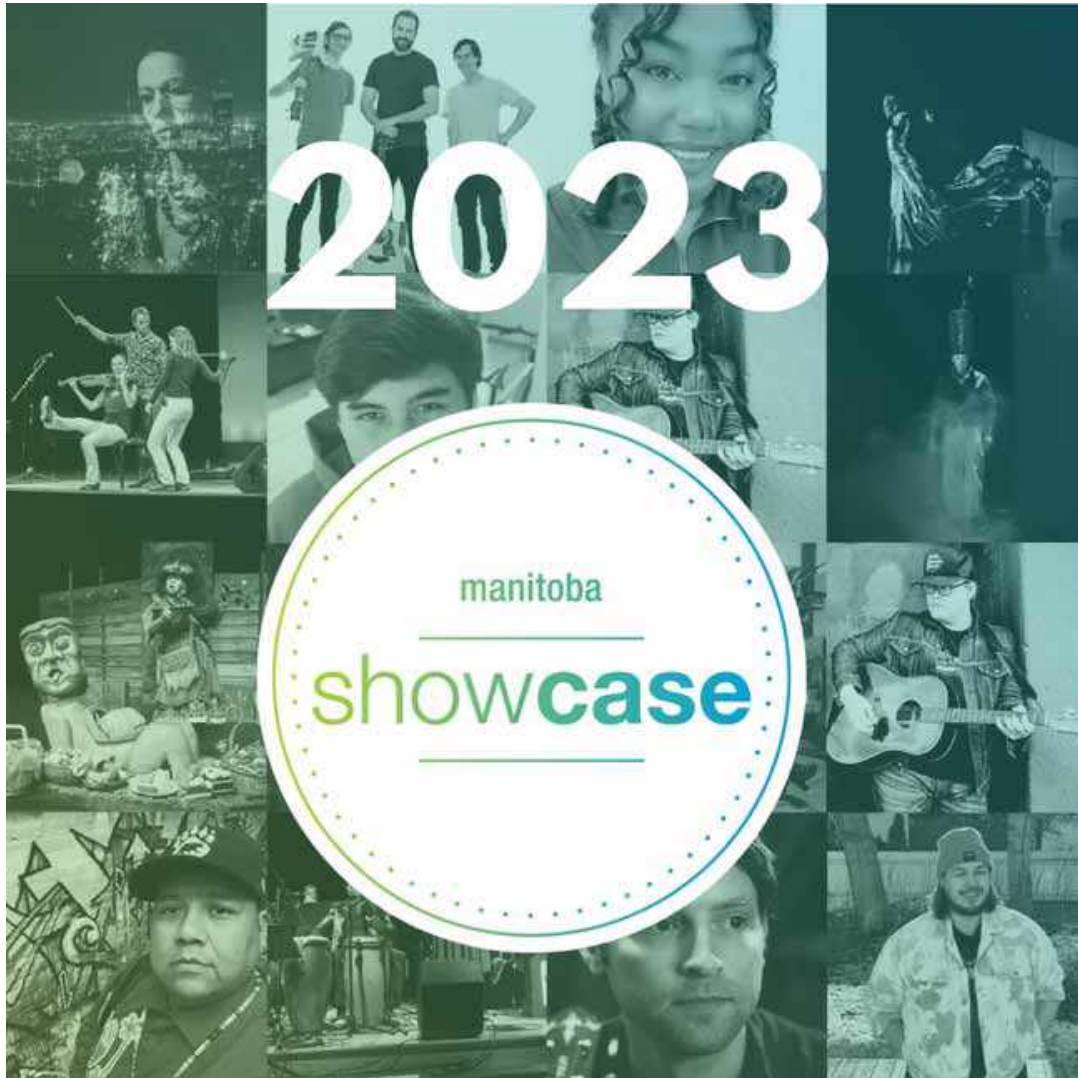
Sirens, Sharks & Shipwrecks |
April 14 – May 27, 2023

Opening night:

Friday, April 14 - 5pm to 9pm

For more info: urbanshaman.org

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MB Showcase 2023: Save the Date

**October 26-29, 2023
Location: Steinbach, MB**

**Manitoba Arts Network is now accepting
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Showcase Conference**

Application Deadline: April 28, 2023

For information: manitobaartsnetwork.ca





A Few Interest Art Facts

Everyone is born creative.

Roman statues are made with detachable heads.

Picasso learned how to draw first before walking.

The first pencil was invented in England in 1565.

94-year-old artist Bill McMillan has his first-ever exhibition at the Art School of Peterborough





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WRAC Monthly Feature

Hans Arnold

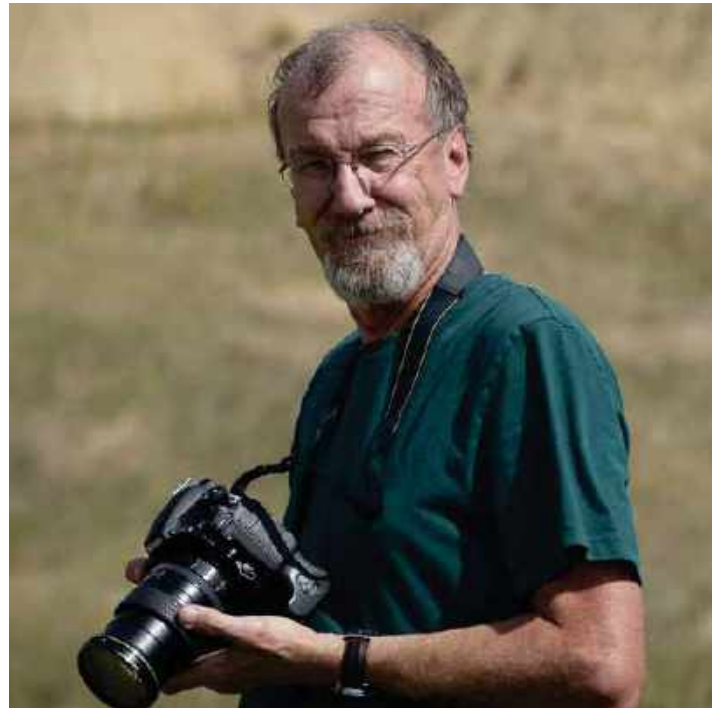
For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features Hans Arnold, a landscape, nature, and wildlife photographer, and a digital artist. Born in Germany, he lived there the first 10 years of his life. In 1959, his family moved to Winnipeg, where he still lives. In 1976, he built a cottage in the Lac du Bonnet area, which he owns with his two daughters.

Between nine and fourteen years of age, he took up drawing in pencil, ink, and crayons, and also painting with water colours. A self-taught artist, he loved experimenting with different mediums.

At the age of 15, he taught himself how to animate characters and cartoon stories. He said, "I developed a cartoon family and local newspapers almost syndicated it. Due to family matters, the opportunity slipped away. In 1964, the Walt Disney Company even approached me to work in their animation department. But I was too young to be on my own at their LA headquarters."

Although Arnold has no formal training, he saw art challenges everywhere. In 1968, he took up photography, to record the beauty around him. In the early 70's, he started photographing weddings. Constant use of camera and lighting equipment provided the training he needed.

He said, "I love all genres and keep up with photography trends. I'm passionate about creative, wholesome photography, and producing high quality fine art images for wall décor, book publications, marketing, workshops, and presentations. Also, I was inspired to become a digital artist by using software to create painterly impressions of my photography."



From the 80's to the present, he's done presentations to camera clubs. In the last fifteen years, he's instructed children in a Manitoba school division, using a curriculum he developed called "The Art of Seeing."

He said, "I've taught over 3500 kids how to see the world around them and how to use a camera to record their memories. I also do workshops for photography enthusiasts, taking them to various parts of the province and teaching them how to take better pictures."

Over the years, Arnold has participated in tradeshows across Manitoba and Saskatchewan, selling his prints for wall décor and making new contacts. Also, he has published two Canadian bestselling coffee table books – in 2001, "Wish You Were Here, Photographic Images of the Canadian Landscape," and in 2014, "Up North, Manitoba's Last Frontier." These books have sold 10,000 copies across Canada, USA and Europe.

His photographs have been exhibited in numerous galleries in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and entered in prestigious national competitions, earning numerous awards and medals. In the previous month, his work won gold in a Canadian Association for Photographic Art competition, with entries from across Canada.



In June and July, he'll be taking pictures in the Mediterranean, and in August and September, he'll be going a 10 week trip with his brother, a professional photographer from British Columbia. They will travel 12,000 kilometres through Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Alaska to photograph landscape and wildlife, and they hope to capture muskox in the wild, near Tuktoyaktuk on the Arctic Ocean. Their daily adventures and photographic technical talk will be broadcast weekly on a YouTube channel.

They also plan to create a short documentary film (working title-"The Great Northern Project") and produce curated exhibitions, live presentations, and (hopefully) publications in various formats, along with works from other projects.

For 45 years, he's been involved with the photographic community. His partner, Brenda, with her down-to-earth honesty, supports and encourages his work. Also, his artistic daughters, Jennifer and Nancy, inspire him with their talents and often collaborate on projects. During COVID, he kept busy, creating virtual art galleries and engaging in social media. His inspiring words: "Create your own style by listening to yourself, and don't let others discourage you. Always keep learning. Be focused, be positive, learn deeply from your mistakes, and have the courage to explore new ideas."





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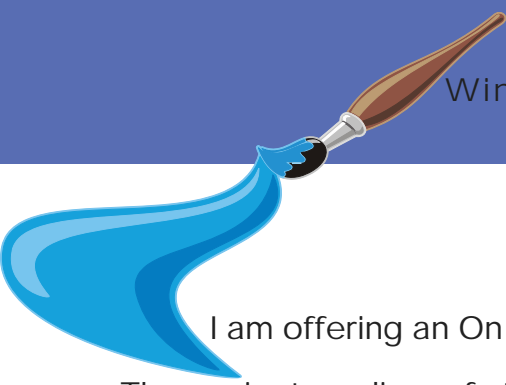
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Mary Louise Chown A Circle of Stories

I am offering an On Line Storytelling Course



The ancient medium of storytelling is even more relevant today. No special equipment is needed only your voice. Learn how to tap into this accessible form of communication by bringing a story you would like to work on or choosing from a selection of folktales provided by the instructor. I will guide you through a series of fun activities designed to help you prepare your story for telling Learning how to give and receive feedback. This course will be offered online through Zoom

Monday evenings 6-9 pm

April 17 - May 8, 2023

Suggested fee \$100.00

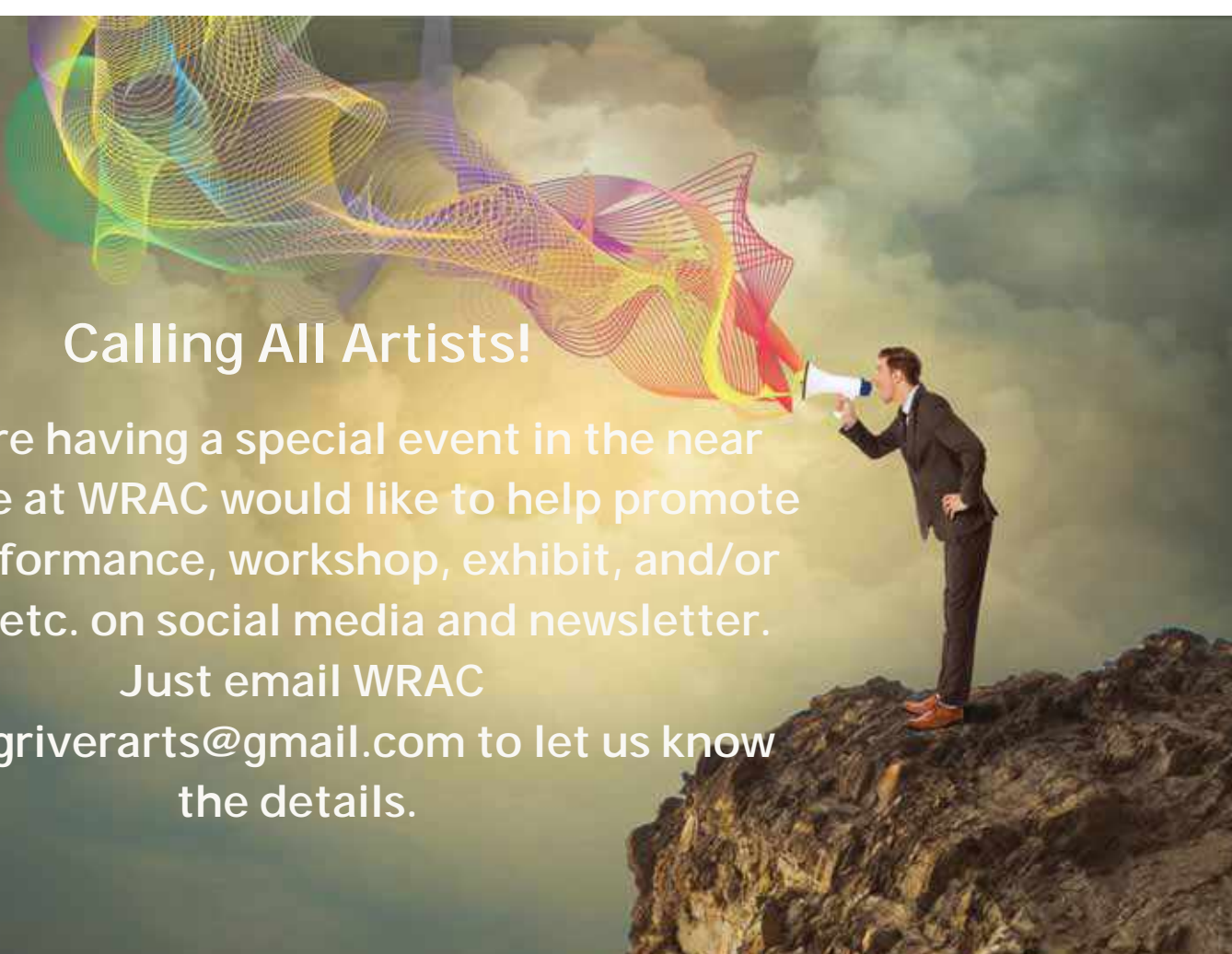
Register at mlchown@shaw.ca

I have loads of experience as a metor; and performing at festivals in Canada and abroad, including our own Winnipeg Fok Festival.

Calling All Artists!

If you are having a special event in the near future, we at WRAC would like to help promote your performance, workshop, exhibit, and/or reading, etc. on social media and newsletter.

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the details.





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FLOWERS!



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THEM OUT AND RETURN
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Questions?

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Third St, Lac du Bonnet,
MB ROE 1A0

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Sunday (Easter) Closed

Monday (Easter Monday)

Closed

Tuesday 10:30 a.m.–7 p.m.

Wednesday 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

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April Displays at the Library



Address: 104086, MB-11,
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Hours:

Saturday 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Sunday

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Monday

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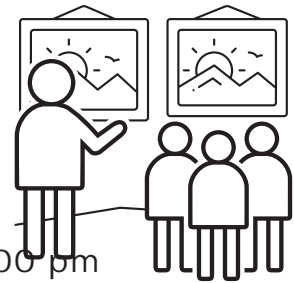




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Conversational Threads: A Solo Exhibition by Lindsey Bond featuring the Collab Quilt Collective - March 2 - April 14 - FREE

Conversational Threads is an exhibition by a white settler, intermedia artist-mother Lindsey Bond that takes to heart textiles-as-intervention into the family archive. In the textile and multimedia works, Lindsey re-stories hand-me-down sheets, inherited photographs, drawings made by her son, as well as oral and written stories by her Aunts from the family Red Rose Tea Tin Archive.



Gallery 1C03
515 Portage Ave,
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Gallery Hours
Monday – Friday - 12:00 - 4:00 pm
from March 2 until April 14, 2023
(closed April 7, 2023).

Searching for Jedrick | Jedrick Thorassie -
March 3 - April 24 - FREE

Graffiti Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of our new exhibit, Searching for Jedrick, featuring artwork by Jedrick Thorassie.

Graffiti Gallery, 109 Higgins Avenue

Searching for Jedrick features artwork from artist Jedrick Thorassie. Thorassie is a self-taught artist from Tadoule Lake, Manitoba, currently residing in Winnipeg. He grew up in foster care, mostly in Thompson, Manitoba. He draws and paints in many different mediums, including pencil, acrylic, and watercolour. His influence stems from other artists and painters, pop culture and music. His aesthetic is thought-provoking, with subject matter reflecting his Dene culture, natural landscapes, and relevant political issues.

GRAFFITI GALLERY PROUDLY PRESENTS

SEARCHING FOR JEDRICK

SOLO EXHIBITION BY JEDRICK THORASSIE

MARCH 3, 2023
109 HIGGINS AVE

SELF-TAUGHT ARTIST FROM TADDOULE LAKE MANITOBA

★★★★★

ARTIST TALK 8:00PM

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7-10pm
ART OPENING

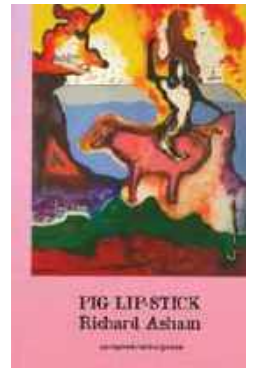
GRAFFITIART PROGRAMMING INC. CONSEIL DES ARTS DU MANITOBA ARTS COUNCIL (204)667-9960 @graffitiartprog

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WWW.GRAFFITIGALLERY.CA INFO@GRAFFITIGALLERY.CA

For more information and to arrange interviews, please contact Kerri Parnell, Gallery Coordinator, Graffiti Art Programming Inc. at 204.667.9960 or info@graffitigallery.ca, kparnell@graffitigallery.ca or visit www.graffitigallery.ca.

URBAN SHAMAN

Aboriginal Art
203-290 McDermot Ave
Winnipeg, MB R3B 0T2



Sirens, Sharks & Shipwrecks

Artist(s): Richard Asham

Start: April 14, 2023 5:00 pm

End: May 27, 2023 5:00 pm

Galleries: Main

Opening night: Friday, April 14 from 5pm to 9pm

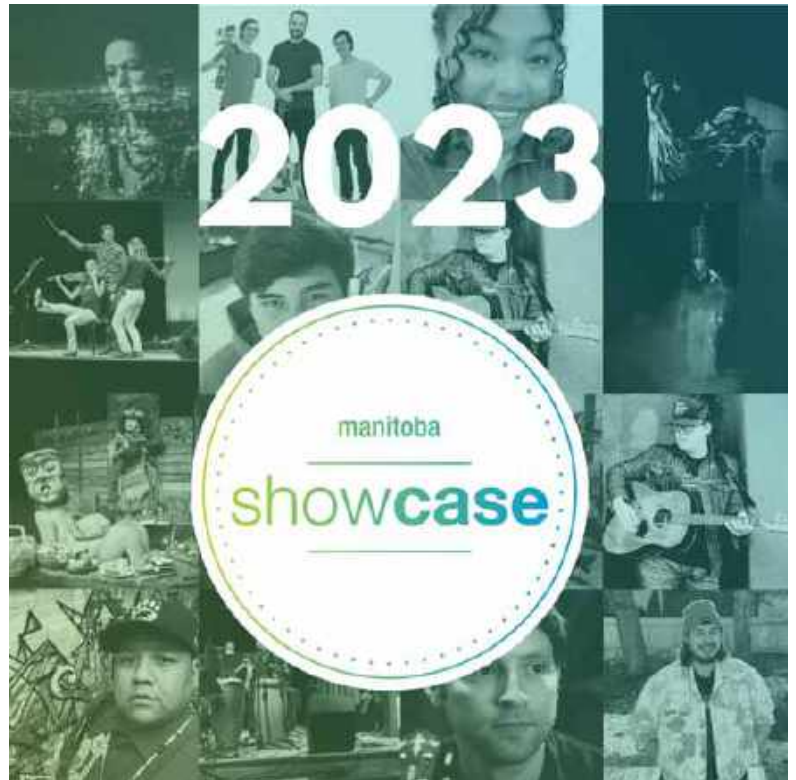
Bio - Richard Asham is a self-taught multi-disciplinary artist of mixed ancestry who most closely identifies with his indigenous Swampy Cree roots. Depending on the swing of the creative pendulum, Rick produces mixed media works (predominantly oil paintings on canvas but also sculptures and assemblages), has written several solo and collaborative books, performed music in bands, and dabbles in film, photography and theatre.

Statement: My intent for Sirens, Sharks and Shipwrecks is (admittedly) not particularly linear but will include both two and three-dimensional works. So, here are some thoughts...

Sirens- A siren can intimate many different connotations. ... But I am approaching 'sirens' from the mythological perspective.

Sharks- Misunderstood monsters of the deep. Powerful, primordial. ... My work contains many mysterious beasts of land, air, and sea.

Shipwrecks- In keeping with the quasi-nautical theme, for hundreds upon hundreds of years ships have been a primary instrument of conquest.



Manitoba Arts Network is now accepting artist applications to the 2023 Manitoba Showcase Conference

Application Deadline: April 28, 2023

For information:
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MB Showcase 2023: Save the Date

October 26-29, 2023
Location: Steinbach, MB

Manitoba Rural and Northern Juried Art Show
Call for Submissions
MANITOBA ARTS NETWORK
We want your artwork submissions!
For Central, Eastman, Interlake, and Parkland Artists
Application Deadline – May 15, 2023



The call for Submissions is open to Central, Eastman, Interlake, and Parkland Artists. For all other regions, you must apply through your regional juried art show.
What: Manitoba Rural and Northern Juried Art Show 2023 (MRNJAS)

Where: Buhler Gallery, St. Boniface Hospital

When: August 1-27

Note: The exhibit will also be featured online from August – December 2023 at <https://artgallery.manitobaartsnetwork.ca/>



April

The etymology behind the word "April" comes from the verb "aperire," which means "to open." It's commonly believed that the word refers to the season of trees and flowers begin to "open" or bloom.



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Who invented art?

If art was believed to have a single inventor, then it was probably a person from Africa who used a piece of red stone to scratch some lines on the walls of the Blombos Cave. The artwork dates back to more than 70,000 years ago and was the oldest artwork of the time.

Who is the youngest artist?

The record for the youngest artist of the world is held by Arushi Bhatnagar, a toddler from India. She had her first solo exhibition when she was only 11 months old.

Who was the first artist?

According to historians, art was first made by Neanderthals who made strokes on the walls of a cave for the first time using red ochre. This form of artwork was established 65,000 years ago.

How old is art?

Stone Age evidence proves that art has been existing on Earth from the Middle Paleolithic Age, that is, 100,000-50,000 years ago.



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For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features Nancy Arnold, a professional photographer. Her business, known as "Kiex Fotography," focuses on creative commercial/content photography, and the unique connections of people through family photos, portraits, and wedding pictures.

Arnold also works as a graphic designer, for print and website, and creates whimsical images, specializing in stationery for events, and branding for businesses. In addition, she has set up a mental health initiative on her website and Instagram. For this project, she designed a line of shirts (with lots more items coming) created from her own personal experiences.

"I hope it will help others to become vulnerable with their journeys and know they are never alone."

WRAC FEATURED ARTIST

Nancy Arnold
-professional
photographer





Although she lives in Winnipeg, she spends summer months working in Lac Du Bonnet, Pinawa, and surrounding region.

"My dad built our cabin in 1976, so I've lived my whole life exploring and enjoying the area. I prefer to work at the cottage and I'm grateful my career allows me to do so. I love doing lake weddings!"

When she attended The School of Art at the University of Manitoba, she majored in graphic design. Although she graduated with an Honours Degree and has participated in internships, she also believes creative talent and passion come from natural instinct.



"I find inspiration in the everyday, and I've learned to observe the world around me and see its beauty. I come from a family of artists, and this has definitely shaped my way of thinking as a creative."



Camera clubs in Manitoba and a Winnipeg photo school have invited her to discuss her composite photography work. And, on her online platforms, she has spoken about her arts practice and her mental health initiative.

Arnold believes it's important for artists to express their vulnerability and show their imagination to the world. Her photos have been featured in wedding magazines, and placed in international photo competitions. When her father, Hans Arnold, published his award-winning book, "Up North," she loved working on its design and learning about the production process.

She has already set aside weekends and weekdays in the summer and fall for photography sessions, to service the area, for couples, friends, and portrait photography. If they don't know any special spots, she'll take them to magical places, where they can create light-hearted family memories.

"I'm available throughout the whole year, and happy to travel to locations you love. My schedule is available on my photography website."

Her encouraging words: "Create! Create! Create! Everyone has a unique imagination. And everyone will come up with something different, which makes for community over competition. We all have the ability to create authentic art."

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ALLARD LIBRARY

Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library

Discover the Possibilities!



WALK/RUN FOR LITERACY OUTDOOR SCAVENGER HUNT

Library Allard is asking families in the community to participate in an Outdoor Scavenger Hunt. The goal... to promote literacy and fitness within our community and have tons of fun while doing so!

WHEN: Saturday, May 27th 10:00am - 12:00pm

HOW IT WORKS: Registration is \$25.00 per family. The fee is the same whether you have 3 people in your family or 6.

There will be 6 stations throughout the community of St. Georges. Your job is to find all 6! At each station, there will be a clue to find the next station as well as a something fun for the kids.

This fundraiser can involve the entire family of all ages. Strollers and wagons are welcome. We will have a few prizes set up at the library. Each family will get ONE ballot to put in one of the prizes. Prize winners will be drawn once all families have completed the course and return to the library. Drinks will be available when you complete the course.

For those interested in participating and those who wish to support this effort please go to www.allardlibrary.com for details and to register. If you need additional information contact Jen at 204-367-8443.

This is a great opportunity to get your families, grandparents, cousins, & friends out of the house for exercise and a great cause



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THURSDAY, MAY 25TH
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Service
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at the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

May 4 & 18
June 1, 15, & 29
9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm

Please enter through side rear door prior 10:30am

Don't forget to submit your artwork
to the Manitoba Rural & Northern
Juried Art Show
- only one week left!

MAN's 2022 MRNJAS 3rd Place
Winner was "Old Minnie"
by Gloria Baxter

Submit your artwork here:
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2022 MRNJAS WINNER

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ARTWORK
Old Minnie
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WRAC FEATURED ORGANIZATION

Pinawa Art Gallery



For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features Pinawa Art Gallery, a prominent arts organization in the region, with members from Bird River, Lac du Bonnet, and other surrounding areas.

Starting on July 14, Pinawa will begin celebrating its 60th anniversary and, in honour of the event, the gallery will be opening a new exhibit. To mark this occasion, WRAC would like to give readers a brief background of the gallery. It is a non-profit organization run by artist volunteers, and has a volunteer board of directors, including the gallery manager.

In the late 1970's, Pinawa Art 211 began as an ad hoc group of artists with Vivian Thomson, teacher and art specialist from Whiteshell School District, initiating the project. Over four decades, the organization has grown to include Pinawa Art Gallery and the Art Educational Centre for artists in the Eastman area.

In 2013, the gallery moved into the W.B. Lewis Centre, and relocated to a larger room in 2015 as the number of artists increased. The space was subdivided into two display areas, and the Art Education Centre serves as a separate area for classes, mentoring, and the pottery group. These days, the facility is open four days a week every month, except January.



Within the Lewis Business Centre, some artists have set up their own private studios. This building has hosted several exhibitions by PAG members, fulfilling a requirement for a designation as a “professional artist,” to be recognized by Manitoba Arts Network.

Every year, the Pinawa Art Gallery holds its Christmas “Artisans’ Sale.” In the summer, it supports the town’s

birthday celebrations with some artists taking part in the Indoor Market, while other artists greet visitors at the gallery. In August, PAG provides one of the many locations on the Boreal Shores Art Tour. Also, Pinawa’s Solo Store supports PAG with a mini-display of members’ work near their office area.

The space is open to the public, free of charge. Artists interested in membership must apply to the gallery, work as volunteer one day each month by rotation, and pay an inclusive annual fee to belong to both Art 211 and Pinawa Art Gallery.

It has an area where visitors can enjoy a cup of coffee, with snacks for sale, including treats from Morden’s Chocolates. Tables and chairs are available for a game of bridge, knitting instruction, or just a quiet contemplation of the incredible art found in this beautiful facility.

Brenda McKenzie, a longtime PAG member and frequent volunteer, said, “I read the gallery’s comments book and found two words used often: ‘Lovely’ and ‘Amazing.’ Former Pinawa residents return or Winnipeggers use it as a day trip destination. It has become a ‘must see’ when in town, with visitors from Lac du Bonnet to New Zealand. The Gallery is a great success!”

For more information visit:
pinawaartgallery.com



Lac du Bonnet District Museum presents

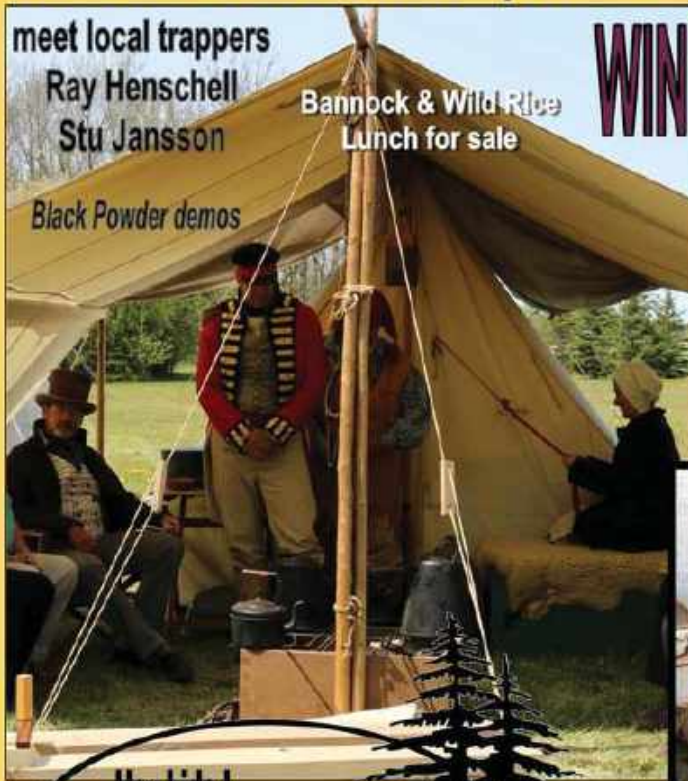
Red River Collective

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Bannock & Wild Rice
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**EASTMAN
JUDGED
ART
EXHIBITION**

**Coming in
2024!
Watch for
more info!**



Summer is nearly here, and it's time for the return of WFG's Summer Teen Filmmaking Camp! This is the place to be for the young aspiring filmmakers of the future! No experience is required!

Ages: 13-17

*Note: This in-person workshop is limited to 12 participants. While masks are no longer required to be worn in indoor public spaces in Manitoba, individuals are recommended to wear a mask in our Production Centre.

This camp provides teenagers with an opportunity to learn how the film industry really works and challenge themselves to create their own films. The program consists of thematic days, master classes and practical lessons with real equipment. Students will be able to try their best as directors, DOPs, screenwriters, editors, and so much more. In two weeks, students will develop their short films from the beginning to the final cut. Those who succeed will be able to watch their films on a big screen and get reviews from industry professionals.

This camp will take place at Winnipeg Film Group, on the 3rd floor at 100 Arthur Street. Monday – Friday, 12 pm – 6 pm starting July 17th & ending July 28th.

[https://www.winnipegfilmgroup.com/event/summer-teen-filmmaking-camp-2023/bit of body text](https://www.winnipegfilmgroup.com/event/summer-teen-filmmaking-camp-2023/bit%20of%20body%20text)



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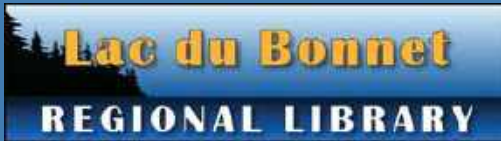
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The excitement is irresistible! This year we have a stop further east than ever before. Stop # 4 in the south is a group site at Falcon Trails Resort - a 10 or 15 minute drive along the south shore of Falcon Lake. The tour route gives visitors a good view of the forests and lakes of the Whiteshell before entering the central region. Here they will join the Winnipeg River and can glimpse four major Hydro Dams (Seven Sisters Generating Station at Seven Sisters Falls, MacArthur Falls Generating Station, Great Falls Generating Station, and Pine Falls Generating Station at Powerview) on the way to Pine Falls. From Pine Falls, visitors head west to the east beaches. They can start at the north in Sandy Bay (150 km as the crow flies NW of Falcon Lake) and work their way south along Highway #59 through Victoria Beach, Hillside Beach, Belair, Lester Beach, Lakeshore Heights to Balsam Harbour. Or, visitors can begin in the north and work their way south. Either way, tour enthusiasts will see three distinct regions of SE Manitoba, each beautiful in its own way. Visitors will encounter the varied work of 33 artists and receive a warm welcome at each and every different stop.

borealshoresarttour.ca



Registration for summer programming is open! Please visit our website www.lacdubonnetlibrary.ca or come into the library to register. There is no cost for these programs but space is limited.



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Laura Reeves from Prairie Shore Botanicals is offering two mushroom workshops on Saturday, June 24 at our library in St. Georges. Follow the link below to register for one or both!



[Prairie Shores Botanical Registration](#)

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Saturdays 10:00am - 4:00pm

CAMPING THEMED

Kids Evening Storytime

Friday, June 23 starting at 6 PM
Join us for stories, games, songs, crafts and snacks!

PINAWA LIBRARY



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WRAC
FEATURED
ARTIST

Cathy Gregg



For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features artist Cathy Gregg, who has agreed to serve as the new Administrator for the Arts Council. She has extensive experience in Human Resources, and WRAC is glad to welcome her to their organization. The Lac du Bonnet Chamber of Commerce also employs her as a part-time administrator and she has been involved in organizing several events for them.

Gregg has dabbled in many different artistic endeavors, but her main focus is on fibre art (knitting) and painting, mostly with water-based acrylics. She has done some mosaic work, macramé, and ceramics. Instead of creating paintings that hang on the wall, her favorite thing is to paint on furniture and cabinets; this makes the piece look beautiful, in addition to being useful. She also likes to refinish furniture, using mostly milk paint.



Gregg was born and raised in Winnipeg, and spent about 10 years in Calgary. For the past 14 years, she has called Lac du Bonnet home, living on the lakefront at Pinawa Bay, in the Lee River area. During her time in Calgary, she took plenty of art classes and her passion was born in those sessions.

She said, “I am a goal-oriented person, so I derive pleasure from starting and finishing projects. I am also a very active “A” type person and don’t ever sit down as I’m always busy doing something. Painting and knitting are two things that allow me to be at peace and to enjoy sitting and being creative.

Although she has not done any instructing or exhibiting of her work, the arts council hopes her new position will inspire her to take steps in those directions. WRAC invites artists of all disciplines to join the arts council, and help “connect people through art.”

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In the photos with Gregg in the picture, she is wearing a sweater she knitted from wool created by a Nova Scotia dyer (Fleece Artist), who designed the wool to honour those killed in the mass shooting that happened a few years ago. The colours represent the tartan of the province. The cabinet to the right in one photo is a piece she refinished in milk paint, and the one on the left is another cabinet she painted. In the other photo, she painted the cabinet and the picture behind her is a mixed media creation, made of scrapbooking materials, plaster, and paint.



MTYP's Summer Studio Presents

SAPPHIRE BUTTERFLY BLUE

Written By Melissa Major
Directed by Theresa Thomson & Erica Hastings

From the same company who gave you:

- ★★★★★ Tumbling After, 2018 - WFP
- ★★★★★ The Witches, 2019 - WFP



Venue: 21
MTYP Main stage
Parental Guidance
Recommended for age 13 and up

Wednesday, July 19 6:00 PM
Thursday, July 20 7:00 PM
Friday, July 21 7:45 PM
Saturday, July 22 8:15 PM
Sunday, July 23 8:15 PM
Monday, July 24 9:30 PM
Tuesday, July 27 7:00 PM
Friday, July 28 8:45 PM (2 for \$12)
Sunday, July 30 5:00 PM



In Salem Village, 1692, there was a very strong belief that true evil was present.
*"They said that I'm a witch.
But I never was until they said that about me."*

JULY
19-30
2023

ROYAL MTC PRESENTS
WINNIPEG
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GET
WILD

If you will be fringing this summer, check out this production which includes Joan Marion's granddaughter, Brooklynn Marion. Check out the Fringe Website for details regarding performance dates and times.

www.winnipegfringe.com

Lac du Bonnet

NIGHT MARKET

August 17, 2023

5 to 9 pm

Third Street



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Larissa is thrilled to be the Production Assistant for another magical season at Rainbow Stage.

Larissa's love for theatre began as a young audience member at Rainbow Stage and she has since graduated from the University of Winnipeg with her BA in Theatre and Film. When it comes to theatre, Larissa enjoys jumping in to lend her skills in any way she can, whether as a stage manager, scenic painter, costumer, or production assistant.

Keep an eye out for Larissa this summer behind the wheel of our 2023 season vehicle!

Larissa has been a volunteer for WRAC in the past and will be in Pinawa with the RMTTC production in 2024.

Tickets are still available



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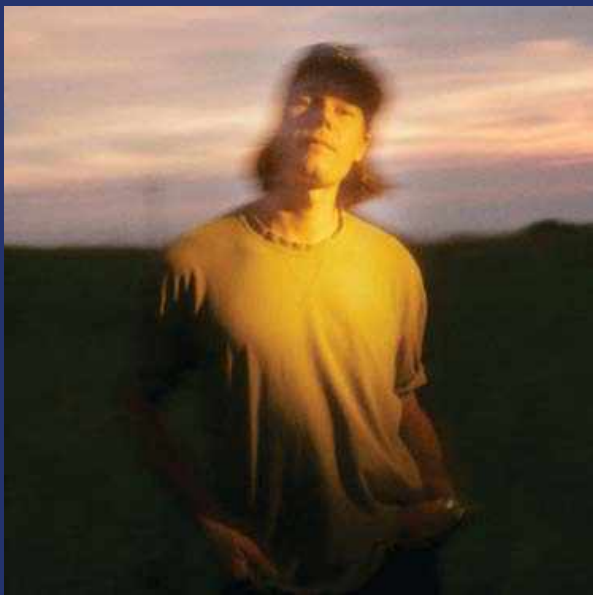


The following artists will be participating in the upcoming Boreal Shores Art Tour. If you navigate to the website below, you can click on each name and get a glimpse of each artist's work.

Alan Adamson
Kathleen Black
Rhian Brynjolson
Herb Burlock
Amy Caldwell
Gordon Campbell
Mary Louise Chown
Jamie Christie
Rick Cline
Anita Schewe Drabyk
Lian Zhou Jing Drabyk
Jane Gateson
Roger Gateson
Krista Gibson
Denise Gray
Jamie Hogaboam
Janis Hughes

Stu Iverson
Chris Johnson
Susan Korstrom
Francine Labrosse
Barb Metrycki
Judy LeRoye
Dianne Lund
Marilyn McNish
Elowen Megan
Karly Owens
Kimora Page
Bernice Phillips
Pinawa Art Gallery
Pat Shandroski
Diane Silverthorne
George Tanner

borealshoresarttour.ca



if you were at the Folk Festival this past weekend, hope you got a chance to see Kris Ulrich perform on the main stage. This was Kris' debut at Folk Festival. He played with Golden Boy and Fontine on Saturday evening. Kris is Lynette Ulrich's son!



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COMMUNITY COLORING

For the young and young at heart!!

Lac du Bonnet REGIONAL LIBRARY

TD Summer Reading Club 2023

Reading fun for kids, from Canada's public libraries

Get Your Summer Read On!

Visit your library and register for the TD Summer Reading Club!

Registration is now open! See us at the library for your reading log, internet code, stickers and prize ballots!

Every week that you read at least 150 minutes you receive a ballot to enter for an amazing prize!

Open to ages up to 13 years!

Pre-readers can also join the club and receive their free bilingual reading kit designed for caregivers to use with children up to 5 years old.

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tdsummerreadingclub.ca

tp: Lac du Bonnet Library

TD COMMUNITY



Starting Wednesday, July 5, 2 PM.
 Every Wednesday @ 2 PM.
 Only 10 slots available.
 Call or email to register.

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To see new books added to our collection, please visit the "New Arrivals" page on our website at <https://allardlibrary.com/new-arrivals-2/>



WRAC FEATURED ARTIST

SARAH PAQUET



For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features artist Sarah Paquet, who lives near White Mud Falls in the RM of Alexander, between St. Georges and Great Falls. She has lived there for almost 3 years, and, 10 years prior to that, she called the same place home for 3 years. During the time in between, she resided in Winnipeg, and in her own words, “I’d never dream of going back!”

Paquet makes jewelry, such as earrings, necklaces, and bracelets; home decor, such as wall art, trinket dishes and other items; and metaphysical pieces such as black/grey salt, runes, and other witchy things. In addition, she works with epoxy resin, and creates all kinds of projects with it. In her artwork, she uses crystals, natural items such as stones, seashells, feathers, driftwood, bone, and more. She said, “I like to collect as many raw materials as possible, and am a firm believer in recycling and up cycling as much as I can.”



Like many local artists, Paquet finds nature to be a huge inspiration, beautiful without even trying. Almost everything she produces has something natural in it, or is inspired by nature. She said, “I wish more of our existence was that way. I try to put as much back out into the universe as I pull in; I leave symbols of thanks, and gifts for what I've taken.”

Although Paquet is mostly self-taught, she learned macramé as a young adult, and then re-learned this art as an adult. She uses it often, along with wire wrapping techniques. Via YouTube videos, she learned wire wrapping and resin pouring. To learn various techniques, she follows fellow resin artists on social media. But, she admits, lots of practices helps.

Paquet hasn't done any instructing yet, but plans to host macramé classes at Pinawa Art Gallery in the fall. Her work can be viewed and purchased in two different places -- Manitoba Made in Lac Du Bonnet, and Pinawa Art Gallery. During Pinawa's Birthday Weekend in July, the art gallery was a busy place, and she had 3 new pieces highlighted there. As well, her art will be displayed at PAG during Boreal Shores Art Tour (August 19 and 20).



Her inspiring words: “No art is bad art. Art is subjective; some may love it, some may hate it. But, as long as you are expressing yourself to the best of your ability, you truly own your talent and capabilities. Don't give up on your craft!”

Famous Artist's Musings

BANKSY SAID ART SHOULD COMFORT THE DISTURBED & DISTURB THE COMFORTABLE.

CEZANNE SAID WE LIVE IN A RAINBOW OF CHAOS.

KLEE SAID A SINGLE DAY IS ENOUGH TO MAKE US A LITTLE LARGER.

MODIGLIANI SAID IT IS YOUR DUTY IN LIFE TO SAVE YOUR DREAM.

RENOIR SAID IT IS AFTER YOU HAVE LOST YOUR TEETH THAT YOU CAN AFFORD TO BUY STEAKS.

TWOMBLY SAID WHEN A MOUNTAIN DOES'NT LISTEN, SAY A PRAYER TO THE SEA.

ROUULT SAID NOTHING IS OLD, NOTHING IS NEW, SAVE THE LIGHT OF GRACE UNDERNEATH WHICH BEATS A HUMAN HEART.

POLLOCK SAID EVERY GOOD ARTIST PAINTS WHAT HE IS.

MATISSE SAID CREATIVITY TAKES COURAGE.

KLIMT SAID TRUTH IS LIKE FIRE; TO TELL THE TRUTH MEANS TO GLOW AND BURN.

ROTHKO SAID THERE IS MORE POWER IN TELLING LITTLE THAN TELLING ALL.

RIVERA SAID ART IS LIKE HAM; IT NOURISHES PEOPLE.

DALI SAID MISTAKES ARE ALMOST ALWAYS OF A SACRED NATURE, UNDERSTAND THEM THOROUGHLY.

RODIN SAID THE MAIN THING IS TO BE MOVED, TO LOVE, TO HOPE, TO TREMBLE, TO LIVE.

DUCHAMP SAID ART IS EITHER PLAGIARISM OR REVOLUTION.

HOCKNEY SAID WE GROW SMALL BY TRYING TO BE GREAT.

KUSAMA SAID MY WISH FOR YOU IS THAT YOU EXPLORE YOURSELF AND FIND A MARVELOUS VIEW OF LIFE DURING YOUR LIFE.



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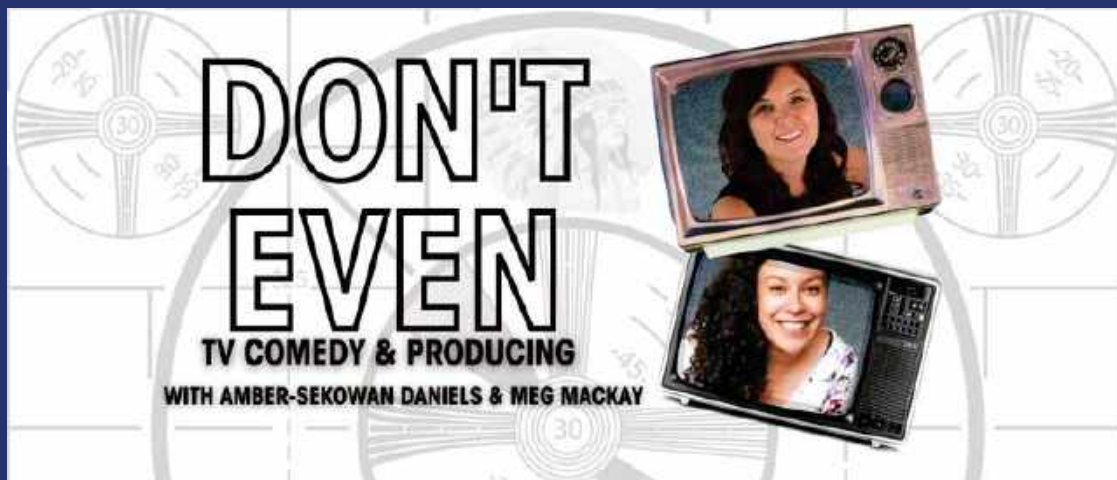
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The map and brochure for the Boreal Shores Art Tour is now available, Click the link here:
<https://borealshoresarttour.ca/map-and-brochure/>
borealshoresarttour.ca



DON'T EVEN | TV Comedy and Producing Workshop
Presented in partnership with the [Indigenous FilmMakers Association](#)

Workshop Date: August 12, 2023

Time: 12:00 – 4:00pm

For more information: <https://creativemanitoba.ca/events/dont-even-tv-comedy-and-producing-workshop/>

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Indigenous Summer Tour **EMCA** Featuring Dawn Marie Chartrand
 WONDERFUL MUSICAL VARIETY BY SOME OF MANITOBA'S MOST TALENTED INDIGENOUS ARTISTS
August 13
 Doors Open 5:15pm
 Concert: 6:00pm
 Pinawa Community Centre
 20 Vanier Ave.
Admission is Free
 to the capacity of the Centre (400).
 Rush Seating.




Yeziel With lyrical talent and soulful melodies, Yeziel captivates audiences through her soulful and dramatic performances.
Wrigley Bros "It's better if we just come folkie, that's what gives it a sound that sounds like us."
Shaun He's a Husband, A Father, A Former Dancer and now the lead, A RHYTHM PRODUCE.
Dawn Marie Chartrand Dawn considers herself an advocate and supporter of indigenous artists in music.
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Winnipeg River Arts Council presents:
Chris Without the Hat
 Vaudeville Show
 Juggling, magic, comedy, fire manipulation & fire breathing
 Family Entertainment (at Kids Zone)
 Village Green Park, Pine Falls
 Free
 Saturday September 2nd @ 3:00 pm
 For more information about 4P and all the activities, please copy the link below for the weekend events:
www.facebook.com/4pfestivalmb?mibextid=LQQJ4d

4P Festival

 Friday, Sept. 1, 2023
 to Monday, Sept. 4, 2023


**Night Market at
the Lac du Bonnet Library
Thursday, August 17th 5-9pm**

BOOK SALE

TATTOO PARLOUR fundraiser 25¢ each

50-50 RAFFLE
Draw Date Sept 5th

Community Art Projects

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Lego Sculpture Contest 2023

DETAILS

Start: Thursday August 31 @ 12:00 pm and ends Tuesday September 5th @ 8:00 pm

Library Allard

104086 PTH 11, St. Georges, MB + [Google Map](#)

ORGANIZER: Jen Kembal, 204-367-8443 or email asstlib@allardlibrary.com



The Theme for this year is "TECHNOLOGY"

Registration is FREE and is open to builders in 3 categories: 4-6 years old, 7-9 years old, and 10+ years old.

Please remember, original Lego designs only. You are encouraged to USE YOUR IMAGINATION! Sculptures built from kits will not be accepted.

All Lego sculptures should be brought in to the library no later than Tuesday, August 29th. Judging will take place Thursday, August 31st and sculptures will be available for community members to view during 4P September long weekend.

All builders will receive a FREE movie rental!

Your sculpture can be no bigger than 2'x2'x2'.

There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize for each age group!

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Monday 6:30 - 9:00 pm
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Sunday 6:30 - 9:00 pm

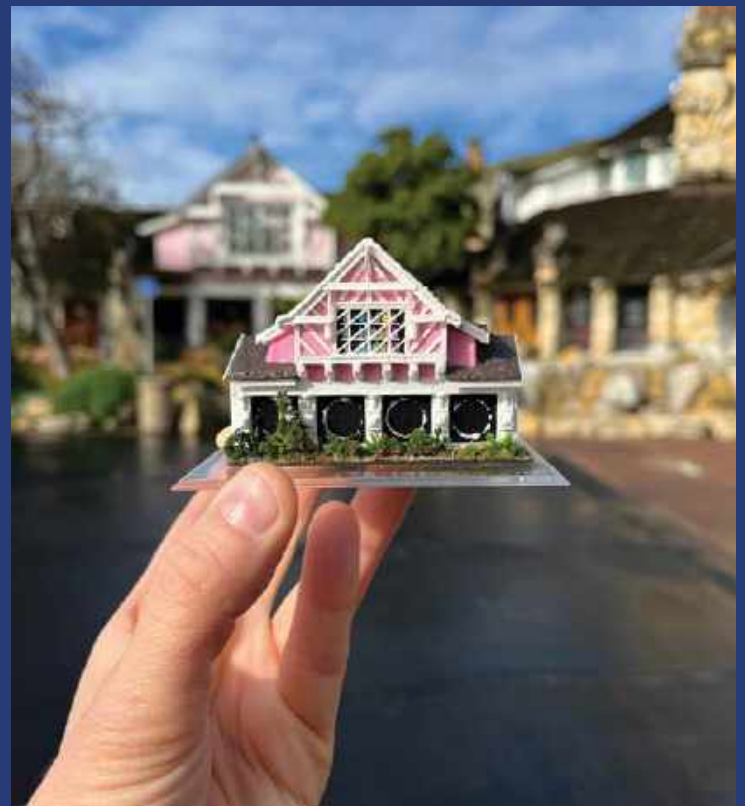


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WRAC
FEATURED
ARTIST

JEN ARNOLD



For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features artist Jen Arnold. She creates miniature replicas of people's most sentimental places, and gets commissions to construct tiny copies of first homes, local shops, heritage buildings, barns, grandparents' homes, famous movie houses, and other structures.

Arnold fabricates these pieces, which can be held in the palm of the hand, from recycled cardboard. She designs and cuts the cardboard to make the appropriate shapes and, from start to finish, the process can take fifteen to seventy-five hours (or more), depending on details and size. Like her father and her sister, previously featured WRAC artists, she is from Winnipeg but calls the Lac Du Bonnet area her second home. Her parents built their cottage in 1976 and she's been enjoying it ever since.



Arnold has always been intrigued by architecture. As a child, she'd look through her dad's architect books and magazines, fascinated with the variety of styles and angles. As an adult, her love for the tiny colourful and glittery Christmas dwellings ("putz houses") began, and she knew immediately they'd be easy to create.

She said, "My first project was building the three homes that my mom lived in, and I displayed them on a Christmas wreath. After posting this creation to social media, my passion grew. What encourages me to keep going is the love of the art form. And my 2-year wait list."

In her day job, Arnold is employed as a social worker in community mental health, and she appreciates having an outlet for her own self-care. Working on the miniatures inspires her and she loves finding out what her next project will be. She has several upcoming projects, and some are still secret. As mentioned, she has a wait list for her pieces, so she stopped taking requests. But they keep coming.

Arnold hasn't done any instructing, but she's had numerous teachers message her to ask if they could share her work and if she could teach this art to their students. Also, she has no formal training in creating miniatures; it seems she has an innate talent for this intricate work. She said, "When people ask what scale I use for the miniatures, I giggle. Honestly, I don't have one. It just comes naturally and just works out!"

She has been featured in the Winnipeg Free Press, and interviewed on 680 CJOB, Global News in the morning, CBC Radio morning show, and Canstar community newspaper.





Her encouraging words: “We all have a passion, and I have found mine. To create sentimental miniatures that make people smile, and sometimes even tear up. To have a handheld memory in the palm of one's hand inspires me. To recreate a home that has since been torn down inspires me.”





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Upcoming Performances



Individual Tickets go on sale September 15th @ 10 am

Epic Elton, September 22 @ 7:30

Jake Vaadeland, October 20 @ 7:30

Janelle Nadeau, November 24 @ 7:30

Notas de 4 - January 26 @ 7:30

Gordie MacKeeman, February 23 @ 7:30

Chase Padgett, March 15 @ 7:30

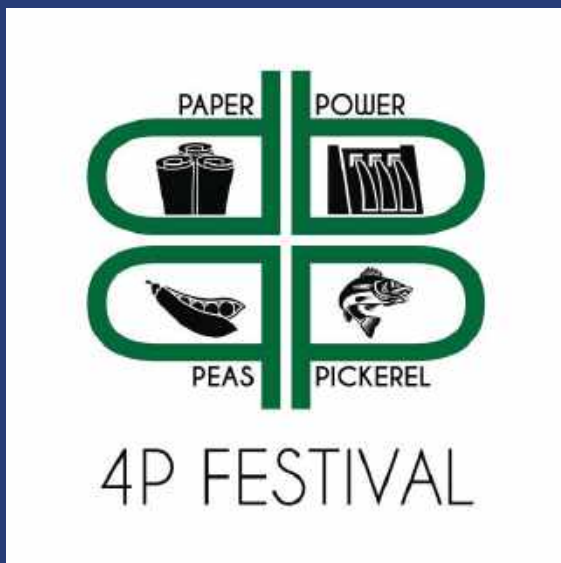
Buzz Brass, April 19 @ 7:30

Leaf Rapids, May 11 @ 7:30

Please go to: emca.concerts.com for more information



Chris Without the Hats



Thank You!!

September 6, 2023

Dear Members of the Winnipeg River Arts Council:

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your support of the 4P Festival in Powerview-Pine Falls this past weekend. Without generous donations like yours we would not be able to provide so many experiences for our community members.

Chris Without the Hat was a huge hit for our families! Young and old alike came to enjoy the performance and we are grateful to have had such an amazing activity for everyone. The 4P Festival has many components but the main goal is to bring community together and celebrate all that we have to offer. Your support definitely helped us to achieve this goal!

The Winnipeg River Arts Council does so much for our communities year round and we thank you for all the contributions you make. While some may seem grander than others, every piece helps to make the Winnipeg River area the best part of the province. Thank you for your dedication to all our residents and for putting arts into the forefront of everything you do. We are all better for it!

Thank you again! We look forward to our continued relationship with you!



Creative Manitoba

Rural Mentorship Program

APPLICATIONS FOR 2023/24 PROGRAM OPEN AUGUST 25th

Individuals or a small group of mentees age 16-29 living in Manitoba outside of Winnipeg choose a mentor who is a professional in an arts career to work together for this 5 month program, in any chosen artistic discipline. It is customized to the individuals taking part, and can begin any time between September – January. It aims to expose an individual or group of individuals living outside of Winnipeg to artists in their communities, and connect them to artistic work in their chosen discipline.

The mentee(s) must reside in rural Manitoba and priority will be given to mentors who reside in a rural community.

For more information, contact Dora Carroll, Mentorship Programs Manager - mentor@creativemanitoba.ca

Winnipeg River Arts has 2 artists and 1 writer who are looking for mentees. Contact WRAC at: winnipegriverarts@gmail.com for more information

Mrs. Lucci's Resource Centre

2023 READING CHALLENGE

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

Each month has a designated theme word. Complete this challenge by reading a book each month the theme. Fill in a ballot after completing a book each month to be entered for a chance to win a monthly prize.

September

**Directions - Up, Down, Left, Right
North, South, East, West**



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HALLOWEEN STORYTIME & COOKIE DECORATING

The library hosts a Halloween Story Time and Cookie Decorating annually. The kids are thrilled to come to the library, hang out in the kids corner, look at some books, and decorate & eat Halloween cookies. We end our evening with a few Halloween stories. This year the event is on:

Thursday, October 26th, from
6:00 – 7:00pm

Cost is FREE. We will have a gratuity jar set up if parents or caregivers want to make a small donation to cover the cost of the supplies. Again this year, we invite the kids to wear their Halloween costumes. To register please visit our website at www.allardlibrary.com and click on events.



PINAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday:	1 PM - 4 PM
Monday:	6:30 PM - 9 PM
Tuesday - Thursday:	9 AM - 4 PM and 6:30 PM - 9 PM
Friday:	9 AM - 4 PM
Saturday:	Closed



WRAC FEATURED ARTIST

ALEXA HOERSTER

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features wood carver Alexa Hoerster, who is originally from Germany. Along with her partner, Walter Keller, another well-known local carver, she makes her home in Elma, and has lived in Canada for the past sixteen years. She credits Keller with initially teaching her how to carve, but, she added, "With time, I developed my own style."



Although Hoerster has not done any formal instructing, her carvings have attracted attention and awards. In the spring of 2016, her piece, "Driftwood Disc," was one of the final three shortlisted designs in Trails Manitoba's competition for the Grand Beach Gateway. The entire piece was supposed to be assembled out of driftwood from the area carved into the desired figures, and then attached on a big weathered steel wheel.



In the 2021 Eastman Juried Art exhibition, her intricately carved oak door won first place in the sculpture category. The piece, called, "Towering Pine," was created because her client wanted to see an interpretation of a special white pine, located in his view over the lake.

Hoerster states that Mother Nature, with all her intricacies, has always been most important for her as a human and an artist, and affirms that "Being outdoors in natural surroundings is the only place where I ever feel free and alive."

This intense love of nature finds plenty of expression in her artistic work. Her carvings of birds, wolves, and other flora and fauna reflect her reverence for all things wild. It's one of her main goals as an artist to bring positive feelings and an understanding of wilderness creatures to the people who purchase her work.





She said, "I find that the design as well as the execution is a challenge for every single piece, but also a difficult and endless quest trying to capture the beauty, harmony, and delicate perfection of the natural world. And I hope this helps a tiny bit to protect nature with all its beings, to suffer a little bit less."



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The Lac du Bonnet

LISTENING ROOM

PRESENTS

St. John's Heritage Church & Arts Centre 86 Mc Arthur Avenue

Five-time Manitoba Author **Ariel Gordon** of Winnipeg and Jessica Lake's **Mitchell Toews** will join forces on Thursday, **November 9** to launch new books! Toews is well-known to regulars at "The Listening Room" in Lac du Bonnet where he has presented many of his short stories on Open Mic Wednesdays.

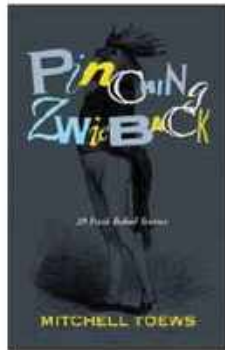
Winnipeg's *At Bay Press* publisher Matt Joudrey will be on hand to support these two authors. Filling out the evening for attendees are local musicians/singer-songwriters **BERNADETTE CARLSON**, **LEFTY AUGER**, and **PAUL McINTOSH** who will perform during the event. Refreshments, poetry, and prose will be available for purchase. Introductions, readings, music, and an author question period are planned. Doors open at 7 P.M.

Siteseeing is a poetry collection, a call-and-response co-written by **Ariel Gordon** and Saskatchewan writer **Brenda Schmidt**. The poets wrote about the natural world and people making their way through it all. They wrote home as they found it. Gordon and Schmidt share a pronounced love for nature and their poignant verse is particularly well-suited to boreal and prairie audiences alike.

Pinching Zwieback is the debut short fiction collection from **Mitchell Toews**. It is focused on recurrent, related characters with a common reality: small town Mennonite life. Toews, who grew up in his parents' bakery in Steinbach Manitoba, employs a gritty style with ample psychological depth, humour, and a unique slant on the people once known as "the quiet in the land." He is a three-time Pushcart Prize nominee and most recently a finalist for the prestigious 2023 **Nona Heaslip \$15,000 "Best Canadian Short Fiction" Competition and Award** (*Exile Quarterly*).

The artists are honoured to be performing on Treaty 1 and 3 lands in the homeland of the Métis Nation, the Winnipeg River basin.

Fall Releases



Pinching Zwieback by Mitchell Toews

Book Launch November 9 St. John's Heritage Church & Arts Centre

Toews' "Made-up stories from the Darp" offer recurrent, related characters with a common reality: small town Mennonite life. It's socially engaged autofiction based heavily on the author's own background and experiences. The loosely linked stories read like a novel with characters whose lives are given form by the past but undergo change as the world reshapes beliefs and circumstances.



Filling out the evening for attendees are local musicians/singer-songwriters

Lefty Augers (a.k.a. Daryl Reimer) is a singer-songwriter and banjo banger. A grandchild of the Great Depression, Lefty was raised in the pop-culture vacuum of 1970's fundamentalist Mennonite farm life. Lefty jumped the fence using poetry and social science, eventually earning his keep by collaborating with poor folks on personal stories of resistance and resilience. Repeated break-ups with his guitar finally steered Lefty toward clawhammer banjo in his late 30's, setting the stage to explore the simple beauty of traditional Country music and other songs grounded in pain, history, land, and justice.

Bernadette Carlson is a singer-songwriter with a storyteller's voice, born into a family of musicians, artists and poets. Raised on porch tunes & old-country torch songs, her music covers a variety of genres and includes originals as well as cover tunes interpreted with her own unique spin. She believes that music is meant to be personal, and it's meant to be shared. Bernadette's hope is that her music and stories make people laugh or cry or think—that they invite her listeners to be part of a shared conversation and connection.

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



"THE TREBLEMAKERS" with Stephen Johns



a new choir is forming in Lac du Bonnet

The first meet is
October 4th from 7:30-9pm.
at the Listening Room, (formerly St. John's Anglican Church) 86 McArthur
Ave. in Lac du Bonnet.
We will be singing popular music in 3 part harmonies under Steve's tutelage.
No experience necessary, no auditions required, all welcome, age 14 and up!
There is a \$5 drop in fee to help cover costs.

Stephen Johns was born into a musical family, His earliest memory is of applying a red crayon to a colouring book while lying down underneath a church pew as his parents rehearsed in Steinbach United Church choir. On the short walk home from church, Stephen, at full volume, would cycle through the four part harmonies of his favourite songs. Housing prices in the neighborhood plummeted.!

As soon as he was allowed, Stephen joined junior church choirs, where, to his director's delight, he sang in tune, and to her dismay, he often changed the lyrics of the sacred hymns to suit himself.

It was around this time that he fell in with a bad crowd. A real bunch of rotten eggs. I'm talking about the kind of people who own MULTIPLE banjos. Many of these people live amongst you in Lac Du Bonnet. With their nefarious encouragement, Stephen began writing and performing songs in public. Struck by a sudden unhinged musical curiosity in 2018, Stephen joined the Flying Haggis Show Band as a guitarist and singer. He doesn't care what anybody says - he thinks the bagpipes are a fantastic instrument.

Stephen contributed to sing in Fort Garry United Church Choir, and joined the ECCO chamber choir in 2001.

Stephen is looking forward to an open, engaging, ecumenical, and enjoyable musical experience with like minded Lac Du Bonnetees, and all who'd like to join us from the surrounding area!

Choir will meet at the listening room on the *first Wednesday* of each month
for further info contact Shawn: 204-951-8072

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Call for Board Members



Planning and organizing a successful Tour takes creativity and knowledge from a strong team and we have a place on that team for you! We are looking for individuals who have a keen interest in sharing and showcasing art and artists to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors.

As a member of the Board, you will set the strategic direction for, and oversee the delivery of, the annual Tour. The Board meets 6 - 8 times per calendar year for regular meetings; Board and committee work for members requires an average of 2- 4 hours per month.

If you are interested in sharing your ideas and expertise in this rewarding and interesting volunteer position, contact info@borealshoresarttour.ca.

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Saturday
October 14, 2023
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Doors open 6:30pm
Show starts 7:00pm

Tickets: Early Bird – \$25.00
After October 6, 2023 – \$30.00

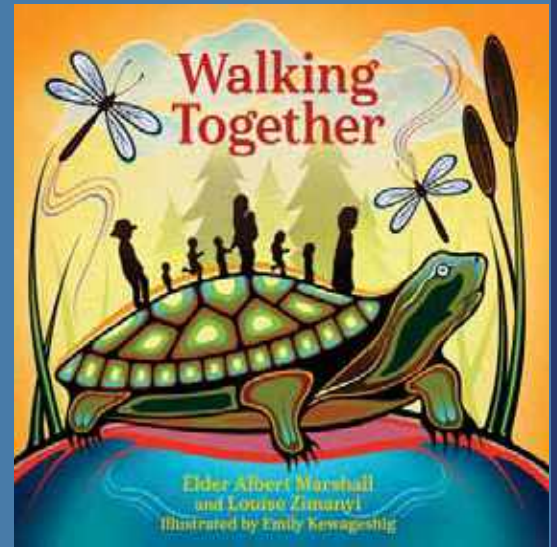
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In honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, our latest story on the StoryWalk is the recently published book, *Walking Together*, by Canadian authors, Elder Albert Marshall and Louise Zimanyi.

"Walking Together nurtures respectful, reciprocal, responsible relationships with the Land and Water, plant-life, animals and other-than-human beings for the benefit of all."

We also have a copy of this book that we will be giving away on October 15th. Please stop by the library and enter your name to win this beautiful book that celebrates the strengths of Indigenous culture, their knowledge of the land, and the importance of protecting it for future generations to come. ♥



Jake Vaadeland and the Sturgeon River Boys

Coming to Pinawa Friday, October 20 at 7:30 pm:

Jake Vaadeland and the Sturgeon River Boys!

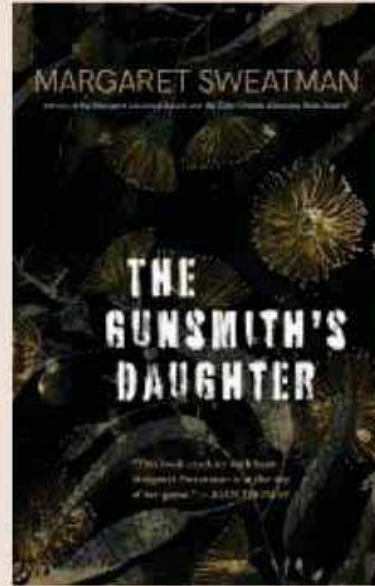
You're not going to want to miss this rockabilly/bluegrass show!

For tickets, please visit this link <https://www.emcaconcerts.com/events/jake-vaadeland-and-the-sturgeon-river-boys>





**Hosting Manitoba Author
Margaret Sweatman
on a tour of the
Winnipeg River Libraries**



**Pinawa Public Library
Lac du Bonnet Library
Library Allard**

**Tues., October 17
Tues., October 17
Wed., October 18**

**3 pm
6 pm
3 pm**



Lac du Bonnet
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5:30 - 7PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26
LAC DU BONNET LIBRARY
GAMES, STORIES, SCARES

HALLOWEEN STORY TIME SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
11:00AM

Dance performance to follow by *Terraviva Dance Company*

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WINNERS ANNOUNCED OCT 19/23
\$10 ENTRY FEE

STOP IN TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE PUMPKIN




SIGN MAKING WORKSHOP

Library Allard is excited to be hosting a Sign Making Fundraiser at the library in conjunction with Wood-n-Knots. Thursday, November 9th 6:30 to 9:00.

Cost is \$60.00/ sign and includes all supplies! There are 6 sign options to choose from.

You customize by picking your sign, your stain and your font color! See sign options below.

What a great option to decorate your indoor & outdoor space or make a gift for someone else.

Maximum 12 participants!



Please contact Library Allard at 204-367-8443 or email to asstlib@allardlibrary.com to register

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WRAC FEATURED ARTIST



JOYCE SHAW

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features multi-talented visual artist Joyce Shaw. When describing her artistic skills, it's hard to find the words; intrepid, playful, spiritual, and versatile spring to mind. She has mastered oils, pastels, and watercolours. Although she admits she doesn't do much pottery and sculpture these days, she has previously created numerous works in these forms. As well, she's written and illustrated beautiful children's books for family members. Of special note are her detailed and realistic portraits of animals and people.

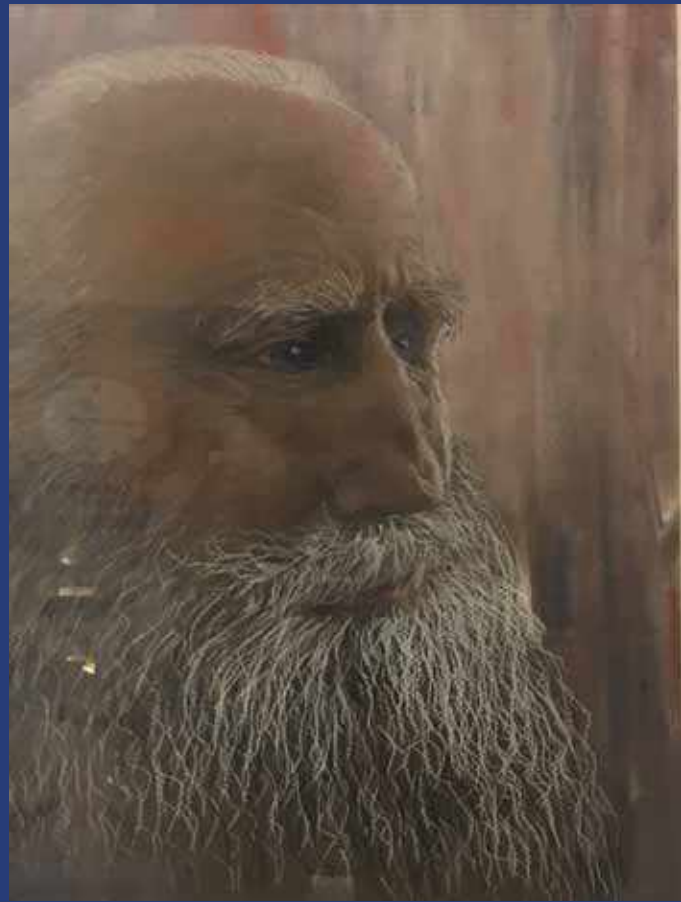
Her employment history also reflects her lifelong willingness to try new things. She has worked as a model, clothing designer, aesthetician school manager, hairdresser, boutique clothing store operator, and massage therapist. Also, for years, she was actively involved with Interlake Art Board.

Originally from Shoal Lake, near Brandon, she has lived in various other places, including Teulon, Winnipeg, Ste. Anne, and Sioux Narrows. Her husband's job with the railway meant they moved around a few times. Despite all the relocations, they built a cabin at Lee River and, in 1995, she retired there. In 2000, her husband also retired and came to live full-time at the cottage. She now resides in the town of Lac du Bonnet.



When asked how she learned how to make art, she said, "One day, I told my husband I thought I'd be able to paint, so he bought me a cheap paint set and I started." Over the years, Shaw has explored various medium, and taken numerous random classes. The Forum, located in Winnipeg's Canadian Pacific Railway building, was a special place where she learned a great deal and found mentors. Although she hasn't done any paid formal instruction, she taught her friend, Charmaine Watt, how to make extraordinary art, and led informal art classes with women friends, getting together in homes.





Along with Charmaine Watt, Shaw exhibited her art at the Assiniboine Park Conservatory. Her work has also been exhibited at The Forum and in a Teulon massage parlour. She's sold many pieces of commissioned art, for clients in wide-ranging places. She said, "My paintings have been purchased by people all over, as far away as Ireland, and even by a princess in Bali." Her inspiring words for making art: "Follow your passion. Believe in yourself, and do what you can do."



Winnipeg River Arts Presents:

THE ROYAL MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE
AND MANITOBA LIQUOR & LOTTERIES PRESENT

MIX TAPES FROM MY MOM

Written and performed by Cory Wojcik

A promotional image for the play 'Mix Tapes From My Mom'. It features Cory Wojcik, a man with a beard and a black hat, playing an acoustic guitar. The background is a stylized cityscape with buildings, a cassette tape, and musical notation. The text at the top reads 'THE ROYAL MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE AND MANITOBA LIQUOR & LOTTERIES PRESENT'. The title 'MIX TAPES FROM MY MOM' is in large, bold letters. Below the title, it says 'Written and performed by Cory Wojcik'. At the bottom, there are logos for the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre, Play Now, and other sponsors.

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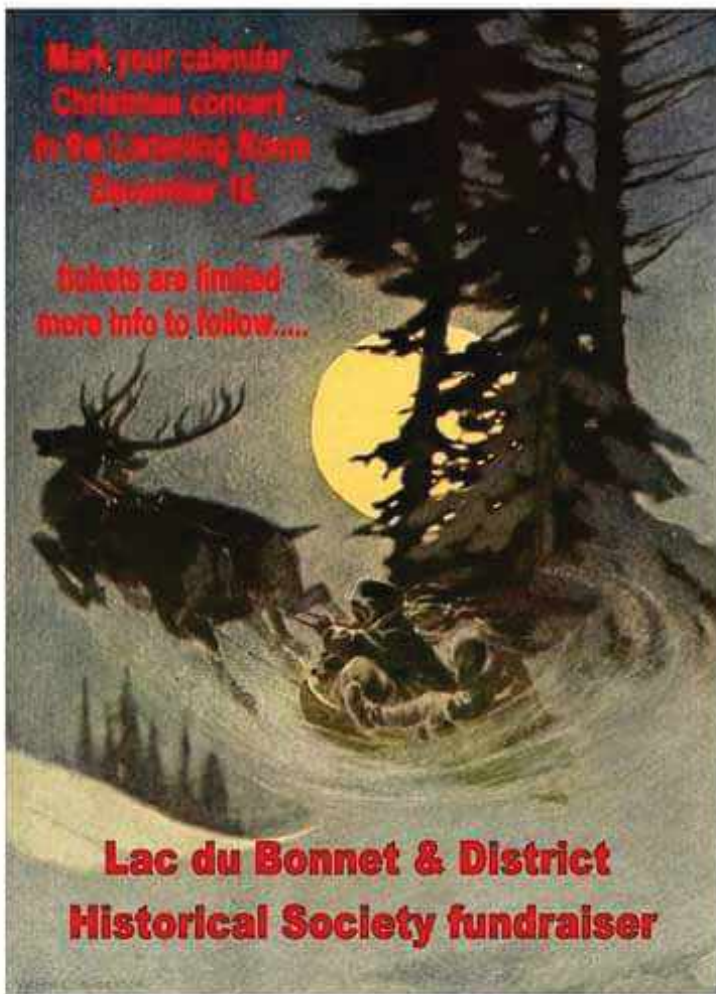
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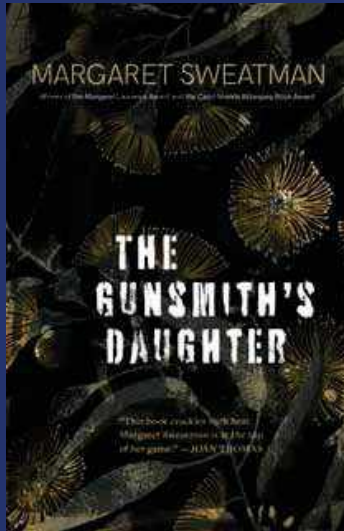
On October 25, Daryl Reimer from Great Falls (banjo) and Paul McIntosh from Lac du Bonnet (guitar) sang and entertained folks at the St. John's Heritage Church and Arts Centre in downtown Lac du Bonnet.

Writer Donna Besel read from her prize-winning nonfiction story "The Bay Filly," and Slater, a guitar player from Great Falls, also sang a few songs.

This open mic happens on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. It's free of charge and open to aspiring performers at all levels- singers, songwriters, musicians, poets, and writers. Come and share your talents!



Margaret Sweatman - Author's Tour



On October 17 and 18, renowned Manitoban author Margaret Sweatman visited the three libraries in WRAC's Eastman region. Her readings and overall comments led to thoughtful questions, along with heartfelt and far-ranging discussions about writing, war, love, politics, draft dodgers, trauma, life in the armed forces, betrayal, guns, violence, family, and life on the Winnipeg River. Some people who attended said, "I really enjoyed this presentation," and "I want more author visits."



Margaret Sweatman reading an excerpt
from her book
"The Gunsmith's Daughter"



Linda Tait Introducing Margaret at the
Pinawa Library



Readers & Writers attending the event at
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JANELLE NADEAU ENSEMBLE

Coming to Pinawa Friday, November 24, 2023

Janelle Nadeau Ensemble

If you were lucky enough to see "A Prairie Christmas" in 2017 or 2019, you'll understand why Janelle's quartet simply HAD to be part of our special 50th Season again! Together with her beautiful concert harp, she'll have cello and hurdy gurdy accompaniment, as well as a fascinating assortment of medieval instruments and sonorous narrations. They all blend with angelic voices in brilliant arrangements of familiar Christmas songs. The whole evening will be simply magical! There's NO better way to kick off the Holiday Season in Eastman!



For tickets, please visit this link <https://www.emcaconcerts.com/events/janelle-nadeau-and-the-sturgeon-river-boys>

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Panel of judges led by:



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Entry deadline: February 15, 2024.

Submissions open: December 1, 2023.

Fee: \$20 per entry.



Complete guidelines at <https://mbwriters.ca/programs/short-story-competition/>

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Saturdays are for stories!

STORYTIME

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Saturday, November 25
11am



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WINTER PORCH POT WORKSHOP



Back by popular demand, Lisa will be here **Thursday, Nov 30th for a Christmas themed event... Winter Porch Pot**

Workshop! The event starts at 6:30pm.

Cost is \$55 per person and

includes all the fresh greens, ribbon and basic embellishments.

Participants need to bring an outdoor planter like an urn or some other weather resistant container. 12 to 14 inches across and at least that deep to provide some weight. Participants can use a newly prepared container with fresh soil / sand or reuse a finished planter from last season, (that cannot be frozen on day of workshop) To prepare a used pot

simply cut off the fall plants and leave the roots intact which provides stability to hold the stems in place!

There is a minimum requirement of 8 people and maximum 12 for the event to take place.

To register please visit our website at allardlibrary.com

RADON DETECTORS AVAILABLE



November is Radon Action Month!

Radon is a soil gas that can be found in

elevated levels in certain homes. Radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer, surpassed only by smoking. It's important that everyone test their homes for

radon, and take action to reduce their radon level if required.

Our library has five radon kits that members can borrow – three kits are at Allard and two are at Victoria Beach. Each kit comes with a digital radon detector and a booklet about radon. The detectors are easy to set up, so don't hesitate to borrow one – you can keep it for three weeks.

This program was made possible with support from the Manitoba Lung Association. More information about our program and how to set up the radon detector in your home is at <https://allardlibrary.com/radon-detector-loan-program/>

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Season's Greetings

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STAN KELLY



For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features visual artist Stan Kelly. Over the years, he has worked in multiple mediums: everything from pencil, charcoal, pastel, oil paints, acrylic paints, stained glass, clay, wood, ink, gouache, as well as found objects ranging from computer parts to chains and rocks. He added, "I've also been heavily invested in photography for many years and using a computer to manipulate my images."

Kelly was born and raised in Winnipeg, but spent 10 years in Calgary. Despite his time in Alberta, he stayed connected to Manitoba. Since the early 60's, he has owned a cabin at Pinawa Bay on the shores of the Lee River, after a subdivision opened up there.

In 2006, upon returning to Manitoba, the original cabin was torn down, and Kelly and his wife had their present home built on the same location.

Kelly's wife, Cathy Gregg, is the new WRAC administrator and also a visual artist, featured in June's artist profile. Recently, Kelly and Gregg registered their business name "Pinawa Bay Fine Folk and Photo Art" and secured a domain name. His daughter is in the process of establishing their website where they intend to feature their work.



No one thing acts as a catalyst for Kelly's art. From small objects to large, from Nature to the artificial constructs of humans, there are endless influences in his imagery. He said, "As well as nature inspiring my artistic vision, the ability to plumb the depths of abstract and surrealistic thought are key inspirations. I am currently and have been for some time, resurrecting historical images and reinvigorating them with a new take on what's come before"

Kelly's earliest recollection of getting hooked on art came from a kindergarten experience. When he was giving his crayons a workout, depicting the sun in the middle of a drawing, his teacher informed him the sun couldn't be placed in the middle of the scene.

He said, "Apparently, the sun had to be in the corner of the page! Even at that age I thought to myself - 'When do you ever see the sun in the corner of the sky?' Thus began a love of art that, to this day, requires a questioning of opinions."

In 1988, Kelly earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Manitoba. It took him a while, since he worked full time and was a single parent raising two children. He said, "By the time I'd finished my program, fellow students asked me if I was the professor. When presenting my student card number, people asked me if I had missed a number. My standard response was 'No, I'm just a slow learner!'"





Aside from preparing and presenting an introduction to Surrealism for a grade school class many years ago, he hasn't done any instructing. Although he has exhibited in a few shows, it seemed he couldn't keep his art around for long; he'd complete a piece and then sell it. Lately, he is more focused on accruing a supply of finished works and not marketing them right away.

Also, when asked about public accolades, he said, "I don't create works for awards, prizes, or any other rewards."

After studying fine art and listening to endless comments about its essence, Kelly has learned to reject negative comments about what constitutes "Art." He said, "From an artist's viewpoint, art should be whatever you enjoy producing. Whether others like or reject what you're doing, that is moot. If a person has a fire within, they can produce art, in whatever form it might take."



Kelly finds the wide range of visual arts that impact people interesting, but not surprising. He said, "I'm always impressed when someone who is not blunted by the over-saturation of images in our society steps up with insightful observations about a particular art work."



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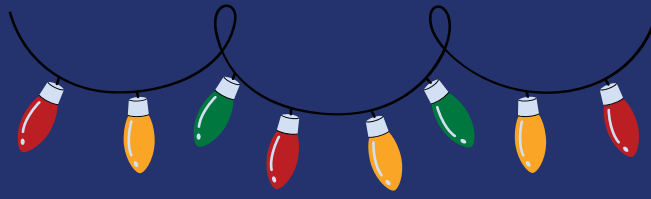
 **Manitoba Arts Network**
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We are now accepting applications to the 2026 Touring Exhibition Program. Please read more and apply by January 15, 2024 here: <https://manitobaartsnetwork.ca/call-for-submissions.../>



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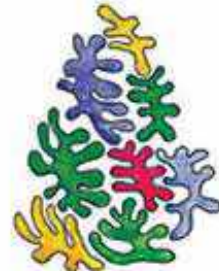
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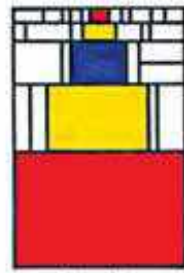
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A Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society Fundraiser

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December 16
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86 McArthur Ave.
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Show starts 7pm
Doors open 6pm

Tickets:
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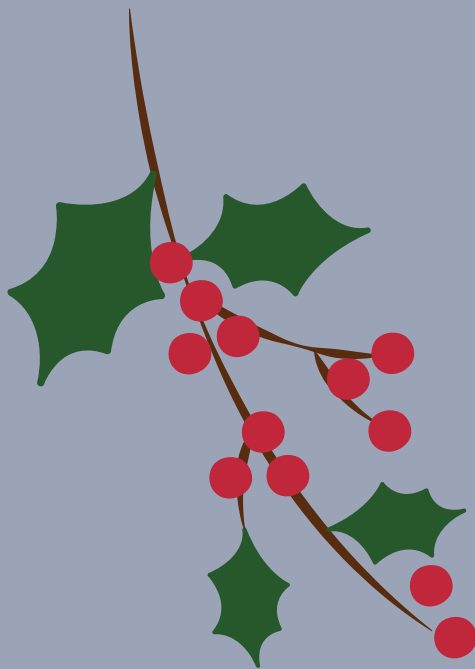
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Folk Art Birdhouses
by Cathy Gregg

Opening bids on all pieces, \$50

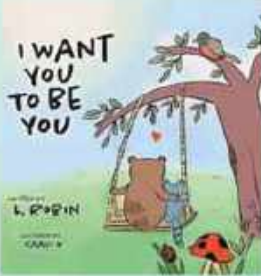
winnipegriverarts@gmail.com or call/text 204 340 0889.

Please include, name, phone number and email address with bid.



Bids will be updated on Facebook album as soon as possible.



STORYTIME
with children's author
Laurie Robin



Sunday, December 10
Pinawa Library - 10 am
Lac du Bonnet Library - 12 pm


**Lac du Bonnet Library
Closure**
Feb 1 - April 2, 2024

The library will be closed in the new year for renovations. New flooring! New Paint! and more!

Starting January 16th, the number of items you can sign out will be increased and the due date will be extended to **April 2, 2024**



PINAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday:	1 PM - 4 PM
Monday:	6:30 PM - 9 PM
Tuesday - Thursday:	9 AM - 4 PM and 6:30 PM - 9 PM
Friday:	9 AM - 4 PM
Saturday:	Closed




CHESS TOURNAMENT
Sign up at the Pinawa Public Library Games on Sunday afternoons at the Pinawa Public Library

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VIC BEACH BRANCH HOURS OF OPERATION:
WEDNESDAY 10:00am - 2:00pm
FRIDAY 10:00am - 2:00pm
SATURDAY 10:00am - 2:00pm
SATURDAY (May - Sept) 10:00am - 4:00pm

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WEDNESDAYS FROM 6-7PM → NOV 8TH - DEC 20TH
DROP IN ONLY - NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!