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WRAC FEATURED ARTIST



VINCENT WOODWORKING



For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features wood crafter and visual artist, Melvin Vincent. A lifelong resident of St. Georges for more than six decades, he is a self-taught artist with a great fondness for wood. He loves depicting wildlife and fish on wood slabs of various sizes coated with oil or high gloss finishes, and making exquisite charcuterie boards.

His interest in wildlife evolved from his time in the bush as a woodcutter for Pine Falls Pulp and Paper Mill. This awareness of nature led to fifteen years of preserving boreal animals through taxidermy. Before the mill ceased operations, he also worked in the thermal mechanical section and, prior to that, he sharpened materials in the stone ground area.

A few years ago, motivated by local chainsaw carvers, Vincent joined the Winnipeg River Carving Association. When some carvers required slabs to make benches, he went out and bought a portable Alaskan saw mill. This purchase opened up a world of new artistic possibilities for him. He has sliced up hundreds of cottonwood, poplar, and other woods into slabs up to 42" inches wide. He applies his artwork to the seasoned slabs to create intricate benches and wall art.



Also, Vincent uses these slabs and buckets of epoxy to create gorgeous live edge river tables. "Live edge" means the bark is not removed from the edges of the logs and the bark fringe adds striking visual interest. These days, his main passion is creating dramatic tables. He credits his wife, Annette, with helping him to make and market their live edge furniture.



When asked how he began making art, he said, "Several years ago, I was injured at work and was immobilized for six months. I started painting on canvas, and then made plaques and signs. After that, I switched to painting and etching on wood and birch bark."



Vincent has no formal training but used lots of step-by-step books to teach himself about painting and drawing. He has also passed some of his skills to his grandchildren and said, "They seem to like it and some are pretty good at it." His words of encouragement for aspiring artists:

"Nature is not perfect. Don't try to make your art perfect. Just do it."



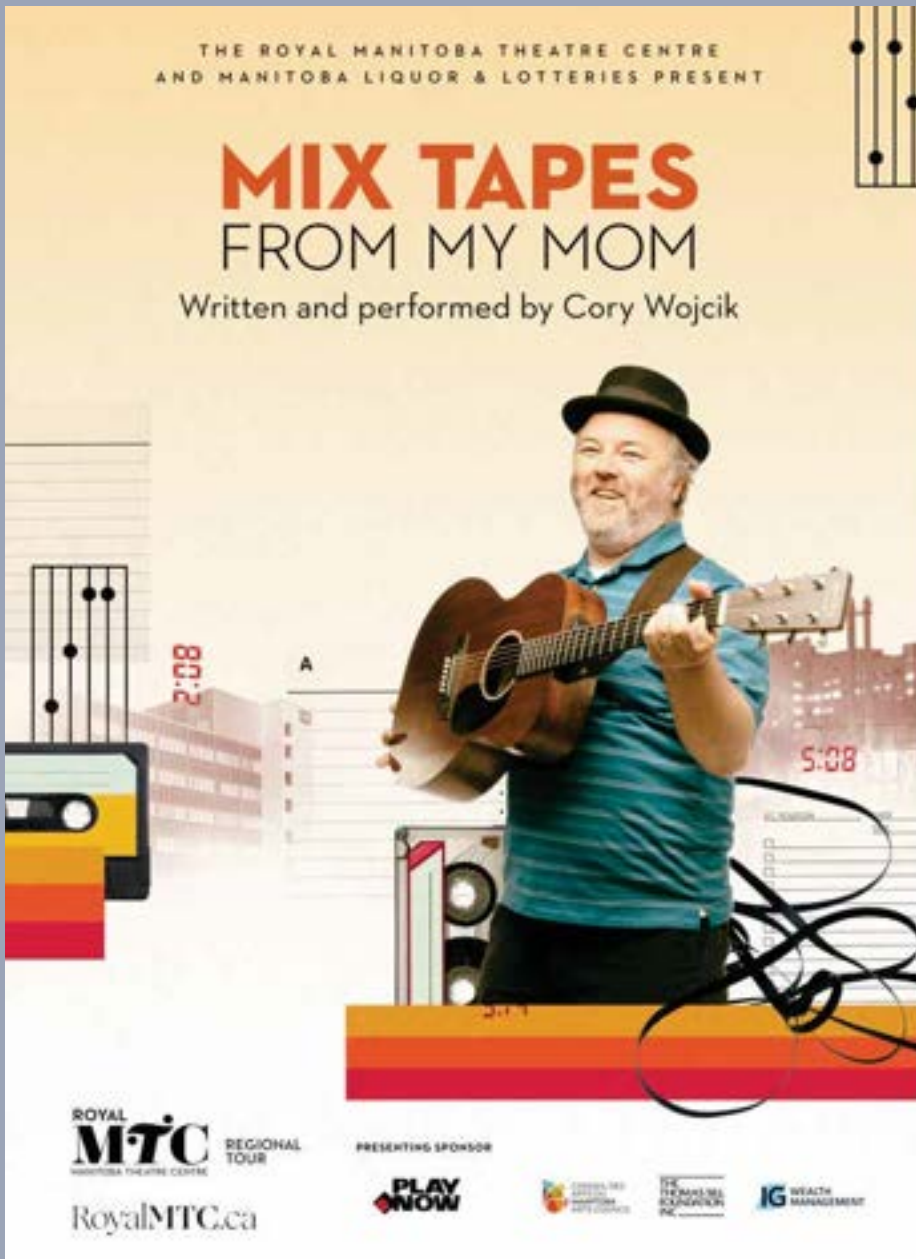
From the looks of his many projects-in-progress and his full workshops, he keeps very busy. He also sells some of his work at summer markets in Lac du Bonnet and Victoria Beach. His business is called "Vincent Woodworking" and interested buyers can view his artwork on a Facebook Page of the same name. It's worth the trip to St. Georges, just to see the magical creations he fashions from large slabs of wood.

Call 204-367-4376 to learn more.





Winnipeg River Arts Presents:



February 24th, 2024 at
7:30 pm

Pinawa Community Centre
Tickets are \$25.00 and are
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ABOUT THE SHOW

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If you are a WRAC member, you will receive a \$5.00 discount per ticket, but must purchase directly from the WRAC office at 4 Park Avenue, Lac du Bonnet. I am in the office every Wednesday from 9 - 1, and other days by appointment.



**DO YOU KNOW A
TEEN WHO DREAMS
OF BEING A WRITER?**

The Amazon Canada First Novel Award is currently seeking submissions for the Youth Short Story category and we would love your help getting this message out to young, hopeful writers across Canada.

Authors between the ages of thirteen and seventeen are invited to submit a short story under 3,000 words.

Instructions on how to submit can be found at thewalrus.ca/afna.

The deadline for submissions is February 4, 2024.

The winner in this category will receive \$5,000 and five finalists will each receive \$500. The shortlist will be announced in early May, and the winner will be announced on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at an award ceremony in Toronto.



Stay tuned for exciting information about this upcoming art exhibition

TWO WRAC MEMBERS WERE RECENTLY FEATURED IN THE WINNIPEG FREE PRESS

Jen Arnold had to go big to build her pint-sized dream home.

The Winnipegger is one of 10 miniaturists competing on the third season of Best in Miniature. Over eight episodes, the CBC reality show challenges contestants to build elaborate dollhouses for a chance to win \$10,000 and a residency at the International Guild of Miniature Artisans in Maine.

The mini mansions are constructed at 1/12 scale — a tall task for Arnold.



"My stuff is very small," she says. "With the scale of the dollhouses, I could fit about 12 of my houses into one room."

Arnold, a social worker by trade, specializes in crafting teeny-tiny replicas of childhood homes and sentimental abodes for clients. A self-taught artist, she made her first miniature in 2018 as a Christmas gift for a friend and has since amassed a waiting list three years long.

Despite the daunting scale of Best in Miniature (and a strong dislike of being in front of a camera), Arnold decided to apply for the niche, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"To go on this show is totally out of my comfort zone," she says. "But whatever, you get to a certain age where it's like, 'I don't even care.'" After an extensive casting process, Arnold, who celebrated her 46th birthday last week, was shocked to get a callback.

"I didn't even know what to do," she says with a laugh. "This is actually happening."

She channelled her nervous energy into preparation, rewatching past seasons of the show and practising for all possibilities.

"I had never made food," she says. "So I practised that because there may be a challenge with food."

Contestants are also instructed to arrive for filming with the shell of their house constructed. While Arnold isn't able to divulge details of her design or its architectural influences, she hopes the style will be recognizable to local viewers.

"It's very Winnipeg-esque; I tried to incorporate Winnipeg into everything (I did) on the show," she says. "We all created our dream homes and mine is one that I've wanted all my life."

(Jen Arnold cont'd)

The days on set were long but exciting. Her camera shyness lifted almost immediately. "I would say to my family, 'I'm scared I'm gonna pick my nose on camera,' but there's no time to do anything else but your craft," she says. "And I was one of the rambunctious ones, I was told to be quiet a few times because I was having so much fun with one of my partners."

The biggest challenge was hitting the crafting pace required of challenges. Arnold is a self-professed procrastinator who takes her time making miniatures.

"When they say go, you go," she says. "And, I mean, sometimes glue doesn't dry in eight hours."

Arnold is glad she decided to step outside her comfort zone. The show gave her the chance to connect with other miniaturists, learn new building techniques and receive valuable feedback on her work. It's an experience she hopes to pay forward.

"Getting known in the Winnipeg miniaturists community, I would love to help people and ... share my wisdom because I learned a lot on the show," Arnold says. "There's been a lot of growth and it's a craft that I'm going to continue to do because I love it." Best in Miniature is hosted by Aba Amuquandoh of This Hour Has 22 Minutes with judging by international miniature expert Emma Waddell and interior designer Micheal Lambie.

Season 3 premières on Boxing Day with all episodes available to stream on CBC Gem and back-to-back episodes airing Tuesday through Friday next week on CBC TV.

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Interior designer Micheal Lambie and miniature expert Emma Waddell judge the contestants' creations. Your paragraph text

CHEKHOV OF THE DARP

REVIEWED BY PATRICIA DAWN ROBERTSON

PINCHING *Zwieback*, Mitchell Toews' debut book of short stories, landed on my night table innocently enough, yet its searing emotional impact lingers. You can't go wrong with a small-town setting, and Toews' fictional darp ("village" in Mennonite Plautdietsch) yields great material.

This marvelous collection places Toews, a Manitoba Mennonite, in the elevated ranks of Canadian short-story writer Alice Munro. *Pinching Zwieback* could have been penned by Russian social realist Anton Chekhov if he had emigrated to the Canadian Prairies. But Alice Munro is Canada's Chekhov. Can we have two? To minimize confusion, let's dub Toews Chekhov of the darp.

This collection is Munro's *Lives of Girls and Women* according to men and boys. I've been waiting for a writer to realize coming-of-age material from a male point of view; Toews exceeded expectations.

But what about W.O. Mitchell's classic novel, *Who Has Seen the Wind*? It's about a Prairie boy as well, but these stories have more teeth, more grit. And they are deeply layered and perhaps even autobiographical.

Toews spent more than 50 years in Steinbach, so he's earned his small-town credentials. Every sentence in this collection rings true: the tight-knit social circles, the rigid class hierarchy, the heightened community expectations and the urgent need to transcend suffocating religious constraints.

Pinching Zwieback reads like a master class in the short story form. It's character-driven fiction par excellence. As the 20 linked stories unfold, endearing characters re-appear and mature. For the purposes of brevity, this review will focus on the character Matthew Zehen, son of baker Hart Zehen.

Toews doesn't spare these small-town people their daily grind. These characters' lives aren't sugar-coated. They are difficult, the lessons learned painful. But you can't question their authenticity. If you want escapism, read Colleen Hoover's treacherous romances. *Pinching Zwieback* is gritty social realism.

In *Full From Grace*, young Matthew Zehen, who fears heights, is nonetheless lured to the precarious roof of the curling rink by his friend Davey. Their mischief is to lob crabapples at passersby.

"I had experienced Davey's leadership in the past — his time at the helm of our spring flood raft and our subsequent capsized result should have been enough to teach me a lesson, but I was slow to accept some truths about some friends."

Matthew's parents' response to the boyish mischief reveals a compassionate bond forged on mutual understanding.

"Your father broke his ankle jumping off the roof of the skating rink into a snowbank with Uncle Shoemick," confesses Matthew's mother, Trudy. Punishment averted, lesson learned — for now.

As the Matthew character matures, we arrive at the meat of these stories. In *Romdriewe*, Matthew's beloved parents have tragically developed into full-blown alcoholics. His father, Hart the baker, is hospi-



MIKE TOEWS PHOTO

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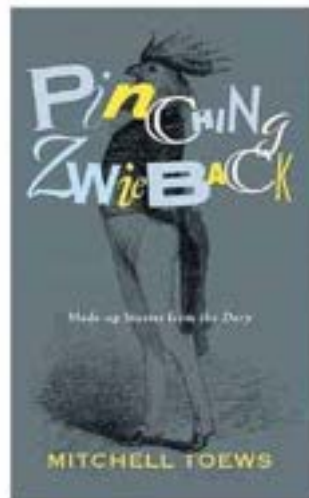
talized, and Matthew returns home alone to survey the damage.

Hart Zehen's late-stage alcoholism is portrayed without sentimentality or false hope. Hart's self-destructive lifestyle has pushed his son out of town and nothing can shift the reader's attention from that painful emotional breach played out as a bedside vigil.

"I had all I needed to put it together. Abe and Dad pounding drinks and bullsh—ting in the shed. Her [Trudy, Matthew's mother] drinking alone up in the house. She was drunk when she found them. Drunk in the hospital and making a scene. She sobered up as she waited for Dad to recover. Her better angels arrived then, together with remorse, shame and guilt. Then a bout of denial, and a trip home to get a drink. Just one."

"Just one" — it's pulled straight from the drunk's lexicon, two words to summarize the alluring and enduring appeal of booze, the oblivion it provides and its firm hold on poor Trudy (and Hart). What else could Matthew do but leave town and forge a normal life elsewhere? It's a tragic account of a family disease and the toll it exacts.

Bravo, Mitchell Toews. *Pinching Zwieback* is a brilliant debut. These may be "made-up" stories from the darp, but they read like field reports on the human condition.



Pinching Zwieback:
Made-up Stories from the Darp
By Mitchell Toews
At Bay Press, 272 pages, \$25

Ex-urbanite Patricia Dawn Robertson makes her home in rural Saskatchewan. Her memoir, *Media Brut*, is forthcoming.



The Carols of Christmas

The beautiful St. John's Church & Arts Centre (Listening Room) was the setting for the Carols of Christmas on December 16th, 2023

Tim Osmond and Grant Simpson span the ages of music from Fats Waller and Jimmy Rogers to John Prine with their lively bluegrass/blues/jazz flavoured take on America's music history. With some remarkable banjo/guitar picking and scintillating keyboard mastery, to say nothing of their enthusiastic singing, this duo kept the crowd entertained. The second half of their set was all about an energetic Christmas spirit with many of our well known, and not so well known, favourites brought to life while encouraging an audience sing along!



In the spellbinding telling of The Tide Walker, as an expert teller of tales, Mary Louise Chown transports and holds the listener in another reality filled with tension and expectation. We are reminded that acts of kindness and bravery are sustained by love, devotion and faith in the face of danger.

The remarkable Treble Maker choir, under the direction of the enthusiastic Cameron Becker, with only a brief amount of practise, brought to life a wide selection of beautifully performed Christmas music. A spot on, notable stand out was Mary's Boy Child/Oh My Lord, ala Boney M!





Call for Submissions: Visual Arts Touring Exhibition Program

■ Deadline: January 15, 2024

Manitoba Arts Network invites artists to submit for our Visual Arts Touring Exhibition Program. Showcase your work across Manitoba and enjoy:

Exhibition Diversity: Open to emerging and professional artists, exploring various themes and media.

Artist Support: Receive a monthly basic exhibition fee and additional fees at CARFAC rates if grants are secured.

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A performance described as intense, edgy and dreamy, Notas de 4 will bring you a very personal touch of Flamenco-inspired music fused with traditional tunes from across Latin America.

Winner of Global/Cultural Recording of the Year at the YYC Music Awards in 2020 and nominee in 2021 and 2022 by WCMA as Global Artist of the Year, Notas de 4's sound has been called rhythmic, warm, lyrical, and melodious.

Take a listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zdJFccX55Es>

Friday, January 26
Pinawa Community Centre - 20 Vanier Ave

Doors open: 6:45 pm
Show starts: 7:30 pm

Individual tickets subject to availability.
Tickets are \$25.00 each

To get tickets:

- Visit the website www.emcaconcerts.com
- Purchase at the Pinawa Solo
- Call 204-213-0290

Boreal Shores Art Tour

August 17 & 18, 2024



Applications for New Artists Now Open

The Boreal Shores Art Tour was founded by local artists to showcase and celebrate the work of artists in Eastern Manitoba within their community and with visitors from all over Manitoba, Canada, and even some international visitors.

We are excited to invite new artists to participate in the 2024 Tour. If you have a mailing address or own property in our region, you are eligible to apply.

For details on how to apply, [CLICK HERE](#). Applications will be accepted until **January 31, 2024**.

If you have any questions, please contact Norine at coordinator@borealshoresarttour.ca.

Want a unique gift or a lovely piece of art for your home? Please bid on the beautiful artwork generously donated by local artists.

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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.



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Friday:	9 AM - 4 PM
Saturday:	Closed

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Join us for: Story Time,
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January 19, 2024, 6:00 PM



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George Tanner



For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features visual artist George Tanner. Originally from Winnipeg, he has lived with his wife Judy at their Falcon Lake cottage for almost nine years. Tanner already knew he loved "lake life." Since 1961, after his uncle leased a lot on Block 14 and his father helped build a cottage there, he's been visiting Falcon and surrounding areas regularly. Many of his paintings depict scenes from the forests and lakes surrounding his home.

When asked about his arts practices, Tanner said, "I work mainly in acrylics and watercolours. They're both very different mediums so I find that it keeps things interesting to switch back and forth between them. Also, I've recently started writing short stories, something I've long imagined I might be able to do. So far, I've been satisfied with the results and intend to continue."

During the past year, he's been making quirky music videos, using songs he wrote and recorded on an iPad, and illustrated with his drawings and paintings. The first one he did was based on one of his paintings - "Nelda's Giant Cinnamon Buns." He said, "It was well received. I expect I'll keep making these, if only for my own amusement. My hope is someone with actual musical ability will notice and maybe record one or two properly. That would be thrilling but I realize it's a long shot."

Tanner earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Manitoba, worked as a graphic designer, and has a certificate in computer graphics from Red River College (now known as RRC Polytech). Also, he's taken workshops in watercolour, acrylic and airbrush painting. Despite his years of art-related education and work experiences, he stated, "I learned my art in many different ways but mostly by doing it."



In the past, he has participated in a number of art shows and held a few solo shows. A long-time member of the Winnipeg Sketch Club, he regularly contributes to their annual exhibitions. Also, he has held memberships and exhibited his work in both the former Medea Gallery artist co-op in Winnipeg and Cre8ery Artists Group in the Exchange District.

When asked what sustains his impressive artistic output, he said, "Encouragement is always appreciated. It's great to have people tell me they like the things I do but I'm pretty sure I would continue even if no one noticed. And I am inspired by other people who have had some success artistically, especially people I know. That suggests to me I could do something similar and makes it seem slightly less impossible."



Tanner has won several awards at Winnipeg Sketch Club's annual shows and twice won awards at the Red River Ex Arts Extravaganza. He also participates in the annual Boreal Shores Art Tour, held during the third weekend in August, when artists in eastern Manitoba display work at their home studios. As well, many of his paintings are featured (and sold) at the Hi-Point Restaurant at West Hawk Lake, where his daughter is the owner-manager.

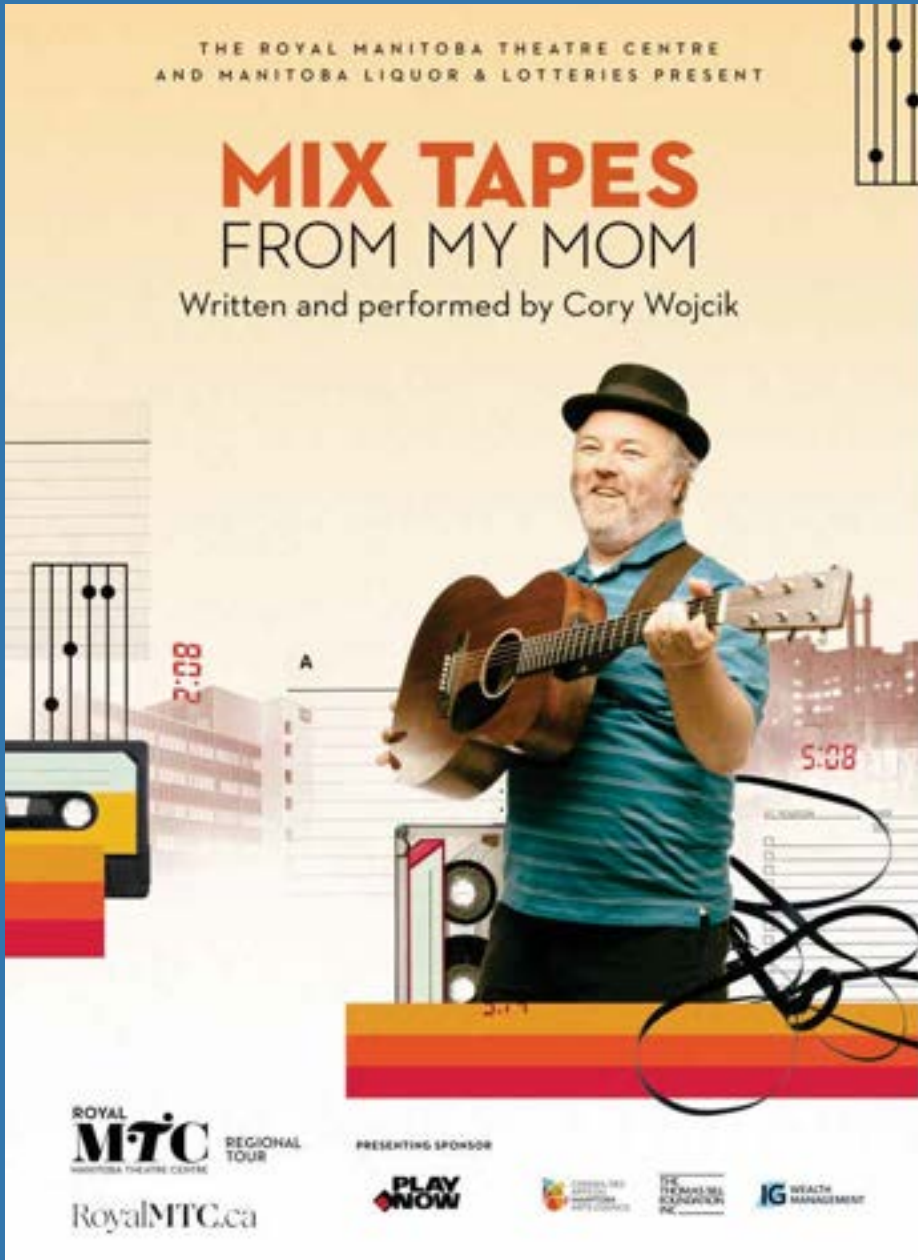
This year, he has several exhibitions planned. Although exact dates in March have not been determined, his work will be shown at Winnipeg Sketch Club's annual Juried Exhibition, in Assiniboine Park's Pavilion Gallery. From May 19 to June 20, his art will appear at Cre8ery's Auxiliary Gallery Show. And, on August 17 and 18, he will again be part of the Boreal Shores Art Tour. Recent work can be viewed at his website - gtanner.com. Prepare to be amazed.



George Tanner loves this quote: "When asked why he still bothered practicing, a 96 year old musician once said, 'Because I think I'm making progress.' I think that can apply to all forms of art."



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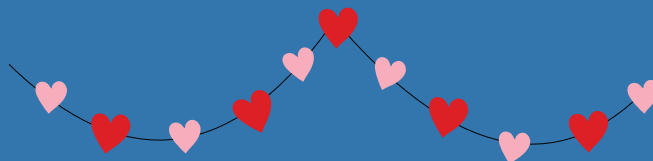


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FALCON
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Falcon Trails Resort is happy to announce that we are hosting the 5th annual Wild Writing in the Boreal, Women's Writing Retreat Weekend this April 19-22,



Renowned authors Donna Besel and Lauren Carter are leading the sessions along with guest author Lorri Neilsen Glenn.

This class is open to anyone who identifies as a woman and is interested in exploring, exercising and developing their writing skills.

The retreat will begin on Friday evening and run through to mid Sunday afternoon. The price includes your cabin stay for the weekend (with an option to stay for the Sunday evening at no additional charge), a dinner on Friday evening, 3 meals on Saturday, 2 meals on Sunday, and all of the writing support with your leaders.

Sunday evening we will host a book launch by Lorri Neilsen Glenn celebrating her hybrid memoir, *The Old Moon in Her Arms*.

Triple cabin occupancy - \$640.00 (or 4 people for the Boreal Lodge)

Double cabin occupancy - \$700.00

To reserve your space for this workshop please contact Stephanie at groups@falcontrailsresort.com or by calling 204-792-0893



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June 1 & 2, 2024

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SAVE THE DATES!

Registrations Open to Locals: **April 1, 2024**

Registrations Open to Manitoba: **May 1, 2024**

All Registrations Close: **June 30**

AUGUST 24-25, 2024



Mindfulness and Art Therapy Workshops for Kids and Teens

Registration opens Jan. 31

Returning Campers Registration opens Jan. 15



Join our Summer Camp and Explore Mindful Creativity!

Mon. to Fri. 9 AM to 5 PM in Pinawa, MB

Jul 15 to 19 Jul 22 to 26 Jul 29 to Aug 2



Ready, Set, Grow! is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for local youths to develop the essential tools and skills to navigate well-being challenges and grow their resilience.

Over the course of a week, we offer a series of mindfulness and expressive arts workshops and sessions that help young people grow their mental health and widen their social circles while affirming Safe Space and having healthy summer fun.

We are offering three camp weeks in 2024. Participants can register for one, two, or all three program weeks. This year, we will be hosting our Outdoor Day at Wild Skies Resort thanks to their Gold-level sponsorship. The Pinawa Art Gallery, our Silver level for the second year in a row, will provide the venue for some of our art therapy sessions. A big thanks to our first Bronze level sponsor, Pina-zza Pizza and all the other supporters of our fundraising campaign thus far.

We are still in need of cash, food, and transportation sponsors for this year's Camp. Every dollar and item donated helps us create a welcoming, memorable, and inclusive experience for growing youth mental health in our area. Sponsorships and donations help us to lower the overall cost of offering the camp and ensure that families from all backgrounds and income levels can benefit from proactive mental health care. [Click here to download our 2024 Sponsorship Kit.](#)

Other ways you can help support Ready, Set, Grow! Camp 2024.

If sponsorship or subsidy donations of \$100 or more is not in the cards for you, consider these other ways that you can contribute to our mission of helping young people build resiliency skills to navigate mental wellness and well-being challenges.

[Shop the Reyou Gift Shop:](#) We sell 100% Manitoba-made mindfulness support tools that help enhance personal well-being practice. Every item is designed in-house by Reyou staff and clients. We use our products in our workshops and practices and donate 100% of the profits to the Ready, Set, Grow! Youth Camp. Shop Reyou Gifts.

[Volunteer at Camp 2024:](#) Volunteering with us is a meaningful opportunity to grow your mental wellness, communication, organization, and supervision skills. It is also a great way to form connections with new people. All camp volunteers receive free mental health awareness training and must complete a police check. Complete the [Volunteer Sign-Up Form](#).





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Urban Art Biz | Manitoba Arts Council - Indigenous 360 February 29 | 12 - 1 pm | Online | Free

Join us in conversation with guest Tracey Longbottom, Program Consultant for The Manitoba Arts Council Indigenous 360 program. We are offering Indigenous artists, groups, and organizations an opportunity to learn more about the Indigenous 360 program.

This talk will cover:

- The Indigenous 360 Granting Program and who it is for
- How to apply for a grant as an artist, group, or organization
- What grants are available and upcoming
- Why you will want to contact the program consultants/officers before you apply

For those who are already in the process of applying for a grant, this workshop may help you provide the finishing touches on your applications! For those artists who are new to the process or hesitant, the workshop will give you some understanding of the funding process on a provincial level.



For many MAC grant applications, you'll be asked to fill out a section called the "project description." This is where you have the opportunity to describe your proposed project in detail and why you want to do it.

For some applicants, this can be one of the most intimidating sections of a grant application. To help you navigate this section, we've asked our team of MAC program consultants for handy tips on writing your best project description.

Read our new blog "How to Write a Project Description" on the MAC website:
<https://artscouncil.mb.ca/.../how-to-write-a-project.../>



For seven years we've been chasing the very popular fiddler/singer/dancer Gordie 'Crazylegs' MacKeeman and his high-energy quartet! It's fitting that we finally get to show them off in our 50th Season. Oozing with charisma and with eyes a-twinkle, Gordie brings his own fun-filled brand of East Coast Folk, wild step-dancing and endearing variety to delight EVERY member of the family. He's accumulated heaps of awards at home for doing exactly that, as well as sharing his talents around the world. Come see exactly what we've all been waiting for.

<https://gordiemackeeman.com/site/>

Friday, February 23, 2024
Pinawa Community Centre - 20 Vanier Ave

Doors open: 6:45 pm
Show starts: 7:30 pm

Individual tickets subject to availability.
Tickets are \$18-\$35 each

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Please bring your own bag!

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Simply choose your favorite
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Book Draw at the circulation desk
EVERY WEEK.

Simply enter your name and phone
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to enter the draw!

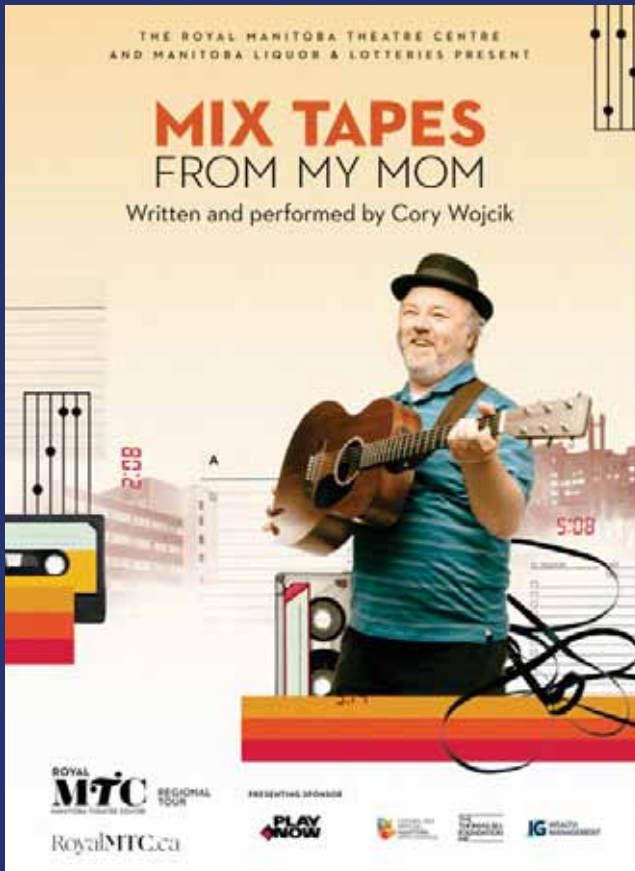
Names will be removed after each
weekly draw. Come in each week to
ensure you are entered. Draws will be
on Fridays @ 1:00pm and winners will
be notified.



WRAC FEATURED ARTIST



RMTC TOURING PERFORMANCE
MIX TAPES FROM MY MOM



On February 24, Winnipeg River Arts Council welcomed the touring production of “Mix Tapes From My Mom,” featuring the talents of renowned Manitoba playwright/songwriter/ musician Cory Wojcik. Joining him on the stage were Christy Taronno on keyboard and vocals, and Josh Bellan on guitar and vocals. With animated narrative and expertly performed pop songs, they told a story based on real events.

Years ago, when Wojcik ended up with more than 250 cassettes created by his music-loving mom, he decided to write the play.

The songs he performed with Bellan and Taronno accentuated his description of what he called “the best and worst day of his life” - when his mother was admitted with a life-threatening illness at one hospital at the same time as his wife, after suffering months of “Braxton Hicks” contractions, went into labour with their second child at a different hospital.

Once he got permission from his family to explore this personal story, he created a fringe show, with help from dramaturge Trish Cooper, who also directed the touring production. The story takes place in an old style rec room with wood panelling and awful velvet paintings and string art. This all happened years ago; his son is now 13 years old.



Wojcik said, "It would never have been possible if it weren't for the right people saying yes. And now here you are, in the audience, in the middle of winter, saying yes to being here."

After graduating from theatre school, Wojcik worked as a teacher for many years. Prodded by his mother's death, he decided to follow his passion and left the teaching profession to pursue theatre and music full time.

Given the fringe show's great success, RMTTC asked Wojcik to present it in their 2024 rural touring season. The show was booked in twenty-one venues throughout Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, from Thompson to Crystal City to Sioux Lookout. The entire tour lasts about 6 weeks and the play in Pinawa was the ninth show.

Kelly Thornton, RMTTC's artistic director, said, "Cory is a consummate storyteller and his suspenseful tale of life and death, laced with the greatest hits of the last 50 years, is sure to make you laugh, cry, and capture your hearts."



The play lived up to her praise. The Pinawa audience responded with laughter, chair dancing and singing, and a standing ovation. Also, Thornton must have really liked "Mix Tapes," because it's included in RMTTC's 2024-25 regular season, appearing at the Warehouse Theatre. So, if you want to see it, or see it again, you can catch it there. Or you can drive to one of the other communities where it will be playing for the remainder of the rural tour.

There were 122 people in attendance and the 50/50 draw took in \$450. The winner, Mayor Blair Skinner from Pinawa won \$225, but returned \$60 to the arts council, which was incredibly generous.

WRAC thanks the rest of the hard-working Mix Tapes crew: music director Rusty Robot, set and props designer Daina Leitold, technical director Joshua Gehman, and tour technician Jess Rose. Also, WRAC was also extremely happy to see stage manager Sadie Wannamaker, back for a second time with the touring team, and was especially thrilled to welcome Lac du Bonnet Senior School graduate and assistant stage manager Larissa Shabaga, formerly a proud member of the local high school drama club.



Mix Tapes Cast & Crew L to R - Jess Rose, Cory Wojcik, Josh Bellan, Joshua Gehman, Larissa Shabaga, Sadie Wanamaker, Christy Taronno



Please consider attending next year's RMTC touring show. It provides rural folks a rare chance to see family-friendly professional theatre, without the long drive and higher ticket prices. See you in the winter of 2025!



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Triple cabin occupancy - \$640.00 (or 4 people for the Boreal Lodge)

Double cabin occupancy - \$700.00

To reserve your space for this workshop please contact Stephanie at groups@falcontrailsresort.com or by calling 204-792-0893



EVERYONE WELCOME



LIBRARY ALLARD'S 10TH ANNUAL

KICKASS WOMEN'S DAY

Saturday April 27th
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
École Powerview School
gymnasium

Canteen will be available!

ALL ARE WELCOME

Vendors, health
tables, book
sale, 50/50,
flower sale,
silent auction
and so much
more!



COME BY TO SAY HELLO

We have amazing vendors, crafters, informative health tables, a silent auction, a 50/50 draw, door prize draw, book sale, Chevrefils Greenhouse flower sale, and more!

The health tables will have plenty of information and representatives will be there to ask any questions you may have.

Wings of Power, Great Falls Community Hall, the Lion's Club, the Winnipeg River Heritage Museum and ROC Eastman are just a few local information tables that will be in attendance! This is a great opportunity to get those Mothers and Father's Day gifts, take a look at new spring items, and of course find something for yourself! There will be something for everyone so please stop by and as always, thank you for the ongoing support!

June 16 - 21, 2024
33rd annual Arts West Artists Retreat

www.artswestcouncil.ca



This five-day event will provide participants with an opportunity to concentrate on developing their artistic skills and goals under the supervision of experienced professional instructors.
Full Details & Online Registration Available at
www.artswestcouncil.ca !

All courses are 6 hours/day for 5 days with meals & accomodations included!

Featuring:
 Printmaking with Heather Martens Rempel
 Oil/Acrylic with Jan Layh
 Drawing with Ben Davis
 Watermedia with David Cooper



**Riding Mountain Conference Centre
 (Camp Wannakumbac)
 Clear Lake, MB**

For more information, contact retreat coordinator:

Serena Lindbloom
 204-295-4074 (text or call)
slindbloos@gmail.com
 or see Facebook event page @ Arts West Artist Retreat

2024 Arts West Artists Retreat Registration Form

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____

EMAIL: _____

COURSE: { 1st choice _____
 2nd choice _____

MENU CHOICE (mark one):
 Standard Plant based Gluten-free friendly

Registration fee is **\$700***
 (covers accommodation, standard/plant based meals, instruction, & GST)

Make cheque or money order to: **Arts West Council Inc.**
 Send to: **33 Eagle Way, Brandon, MB R7C 1C6**

Or pay with Interac e-Transfer to:

chrismoore@wcgwave.ca
 (contact for security question/answer)

****Non-refundable deposit of \$100 must accompany registration form to reserve a spot. Balance due on: May 1, 2024**

210 Princess St, Winnipeg, MB R3B 1L4
204.943.006 | admin@mbartsnet.ca

Gallery Booking Opportunity

We're excited to announce the launch of our new Store-front Gallery at 210 Princess St., Winnipeg. This Gallery will serve as a platform to exhibit the works of Manitoba Arts Network Members in Rural & Northern Manitoba.

Conveniently situated in the dynamic neighbourhood of the Exchange District, the Gallery is surrounded by other art galleries, boutiques, restaurants, and cafes that attract numerous visitors, particularly on weekends. Moreover, our Gallery is located beside Ace Art Inc., facilitating foot traffic between the two spaces.

Manitoba Arts Network has over 571.5 ft2 of Gallery and Space provides an excellent opportunity to exhibit a wide range of mediums. Contact us today and discover how you can display your artwork in our new Gallery space today.

Gallery Commission

Manitoba Arts Network deducts a 30% commission fee on all artworks sold. This includes exhibition set-up, inventory maintenance, Square payment processing, POS wrapping, and promotion on our various social media platforms and website, and an opening reception included in First Fridays in the Exchange promotions.

<https://www.firstfridayswinnipeg.org/>

Hours

Mon-Friday, 10AM - 4:30PM,
First Friday Reception: 1st Friday of every month, 6-9PM

The Gallery is available for bookings in 1 month blocks.
We are currently booking for Nov 2024 - December 2025.

Group exhibitions with multiple artists are welcome.

For More Information, Please Contact

Kait Evinger

Gallery & Communications Coordinator,
Manitoba Arts Network

admin@mbartsnet.ca

T: (204) 943-0036

C: (204) 955-7142

Inclusivity in Art

At MAN, we welcome submissions from Indigenous and equity-seeking artists, fostering an inclusive environment for diverse creative expressions.



Featuring 20 artworks by 18 artists from TFAM (Textile & Fibre Artists of Manitoba)

Explore resilience and reflect on collective experiences during the pandemic through contemporary textile and fabric art at Manitoba Art Network's new Gallery

Opening Reception
March 1st 6 pm to 9 pm

Artist Talk
7 pm

Exhibition
March 1 - 30
10 am - 5 pm
Monday to Friday
210 Princess Street,
Wpg



Stay tuned for exciting information about this upcoming art exhibition



Be prepared for a jam-packed evening of Blues, Jazz, Rock, Classical, Folk and Country music all together. Will there be half a dozen people sitting in a row, each playing their guitar, or will they stride out one at a time? No, it's only ONE chair, ONE guitar, and ONE man who switches his playing and super-elastic personality to match six distinctly different styles, right before our eyes! AND he's a very amusing and masterful storyteller, to boot! This is musical theatre and mimicry at their compact best. Chase Padgett has wowed large audiences at festivals all over the continent. It's our turn to be lucky.

<https://gordiemackeeman.com/site/>

Friday, March 15th, 2024
Pinawa Community Centre - 20 Vanier Ave

Doors open: 6:45 pm
Show starts: 7:30 pm

Individual tickets subject to availability.
Tickets are \$13-\$25 each

To get tickets:

- Visit the website www.emcaconcerts.com
- Purchase at the Pinawa Solo
- Call 204-213-0290

Staff House Bed & Breakfast
in Seven Sisters Falls, Mb
presents Summer 2024



Whisper of Your Heart

Experience our nurturing kindness as we wrap you in a yoga practice that takes you from inspiration to restoration. Have the courage to listen to the whisper of your heart. Join us on a spiritual journey to your deepest hearts desire. Create space in mind, body and spirit through yoga and creative expression that will leave you feeling untethered, inspired and aligned with your highest purpose. Attend to your body with our amazing home-made meals and luxurious accommodations. Through a workshop with a local artist create a personal alter piece with which to continue your rituals once home.

One Day Retreat: May 11, 2024 9am-5:00pm

Cost:\$185.00 per person + tax

Over Night Retreats: June 8-9,2024 and August 10-11 2024

arrival Saturday 9m and check-out Sunday 12 noon

Cost:\$390.00 pp+tax double occ or \$420.00 pp +tax single occ

Space is limited to 6 participants

To register or for more information about the Retreats, your hosts and the Staff House B & B please visit our website at <https://thestaffhouse.ca>

LAC DU BONNET REGIONAL LIBRARY

CLOSED FEB 1 - MARCH 30 FOR RENOVATIONS

BOOK LIMITS ARE INCREASED AND ALL BOOKS WILL BE DUE BACK APRIL 2, 2024

LAST DAY TO SIGN OUT BOOKS JANUARY 31.



Join us Thursday, March 21st for our annual Easter EGGSTRAVAGANZA

This event will be from 6:00 - 7:00 pm and open to children of all ages. We will be decorating eggs and having an egg hunt in the library. The kids will enjoy a snack to wrap up the evening. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. The event is generously sponsored by Access Credit Union

To register your child, please visit our website at allardlibrary.com and click events. Max of 12 children able to attend so register early

Sunday:	1 PM - 4 PM
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Saturday:	Closed

Board Game Days
Sunday board games March 17 & 24.

Open to children and adults of all ages!

Each week will feature new games, but we encourage you to bring your own.

No sign-up required.



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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Victoria Beach, MB
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victoriabeachbranch@allardlibrary.com





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Fire & Water MUSIC FESTIVAL

WRAC FEATURED ARTIST

FIRE AND WATER FESTIVAL
LISTENING ROOM

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features Lac du Bonnet's Fire and Water Music Festival. Held on the August long weekend, this annual event showcases a varied program of unique, high-quality performers, including some of the best music Manitoba has to offer. Along with attracting people from across the region and far-flung places, it provides a chance for artistic collaborations and a boost to the local economy.



The festival's roots can be linked to the Old Pinawa Dam Jam, a music festival held in 1997, at what is now known as Pinawa Dam Provincial Heritage Park. Some key organizers of that event, which ran for 2 years, included Victor Lange, Rudy Klassen, Karen Augustine, Sean Keith, Anthony Kost, Clint Chaboyer and Claude Deveau.

In 2007, Sheldon Sveinson and several local volunteers initiated a rebirth of the Dam Jam and created the Fire and Water Music Festival. The newborn version emerged on a small Third Street stage in Lac du Bonnet, during the Canada Day weekend. For thirteen years, this festival, held in and around the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre, presented a variety of musical acts, related artistic events, and markets.





In 2019, Marie Hiebert took over, with help from a totally new board of directors and “old” volunteers. They put on the last festival held behind the community centre. For the next two years, they staged smaller events, just enough to keep the organization alive.

In 2022, the board decided to relocate to the former site of the Lakers’ Water Ski Club. This spot proved to be a better fit, with access to the river, trees and grass surfaces, and more room for parking, stages, food trucks, vendors, tents, and children’s activities.

Hiebert said, “We have no paid staff. We are a hard working group, consisting of a board of directors and over 100 other volunteers. We put in approximately 2000 hours of time to ensure high quality music programming for the weekend and throughout the year.”



Fire and Water is funded and supported by various government agencies, the RM and Town of Lac du Bonnet, and numerous local businesses and volunteer groups. There are no membership requirements and the event(s) are open to the general public.

“Throughout the year, the festival hosts open mic sessions at the St. John’s Heritage Church,” Hiebert said. “And we present a concert series, three to five times a year, bringing in musical performances from far and wide,”

Stated goals include: promote and support Manitoba artists, strengthen and grow each year, provide cutting edge, high-quality programming, and entice audience members to discover amazing artists at a family friendly and inclusive outdoor festival.

In the future, Fire and Water wants to attract 600 -1000 people through the gates, become more self-sufficient with stable revenues, own more of its own equipment and physical assets, increase pre-sales, and commit to ongoing planning for the future.



AUGUST 2ND - 4TH, 2024
STAY TUNED
WE ARE WORKING ON DETAILS!
Fire and Water Music Festival



Looking ahead to next summer's event, Hiebert said, "Our board transition this year is really exciting. We have a great year planned with a new marketing strategy and, of course, a fantastic line-up. We book mainly Manitoba talent and try to stay as local as possible. And we are very aware of the wide range of talent right here in the Winnipeg River area. Currently we are working on additions to Sunday's program that will be super cool, and we have new and fun food trucks. Another feature of our festival is that camping (tents and RV's) is so close to the site, a joy in itself."



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Winnipeg River Arts is hosting EJAE this June

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Calling All Artists

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2024

June 1, 2024

Great Falls Hall, Great Falls, MB

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www.winnipegriverarts.com*

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Please call 204-340-0889 or email
winnipegriverarts@gmail.com to receive a
package with all the details



Office Space Available

Now Renting | Starting April 1

Attention small organizations seeking a cozy yet functional workspace! Your search ends here! We have the perfect space to rent, ideal for three to five people to establish an office. With plenty of natural light, this secure unit is divided into four parts, including two closed rooms accessible via elegant french doors and a larger area segmented by a pony wall, suitable for administration or collaborative projects.

Don't let our suggestions hamper your imagination though, this is a great space with shared kitchen and reception amenities, suitable for a range of activities! Please visit our website to get our monthly rental rates and find out more about this excellent space.

<https://creativemanitoba.ca/rentals-245-mcdermot/>

Moons and Mosaics Workshop



**Sunday, April 21st
2-5 p.m.**

**L.d.B Youth Recreation Centre
55 McArthur Ave
Lac du Bonnet, MB**

Join us for another magical Moon and Mosaic Workshop and discover the Anishinaabe Thirteen Moon Teachings with Indigenous Knowledge Keeper, Diane Maytwayashing.

Contribute to LdBSS' Mosaic Moon Teaching Tables project by collaborating with local artists, Annie Bergen and Serene Alexander, to create Maple Sugar Moon, Sucker Fish Moon, and Corn Moon mosaics.

Enjoy a snack and foster friendships as we gather to experience culture, connection, and creativity.

We look forward to sharing this experience with you.

R.S.V.P. ausackis@sunrisesd.ca



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BUZZ BRASS



Lips may be great for kissing, but combined with expert breath control, they're **DYNAMITE** for producing the most exciting and wonderful music! This splendid globe-trotting brass quintet has been doing just that for over 20 years, piling up awards all along the way. With their amazing range of styles, from light Classical to Gershwin to Folk, clever fast-paced arrangements and amusing stories/introductions, you'll be captivated by the **VERY BEST** of everything! They're in huge demand, so no matter what your age or musical preferences, get up off your Brass for this top-quality group!

<https://www.emcaconcerts.com/events/buzz-brass>

Friday, April 19TH, 2024
Pinawa Community Centre - 20 Vanier Ave

Doors open: 6:45 pm
Show starts: 7:30 pm

Individual tickets subject to availability.
Tickets are \$15 - \$30 each

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The 2024 Provincial Budget: A Historic Investment in Arts and Culture

Manitobans for the Arts, on behalf of the vibrant community of patrons, artists, and arts and culture organizations, extend our thanks to the Province of Manitoba for the significant investment announced in Budget 2024. The 10.3% increase to funding for culture and heritage programs, including more than \$4.5 million in new funding for the arts, culture, and sports sectors, marks a historic investment in the things that enrich the everyday lives of Manitobans and connect communities.

The allocation of significant new funding to the Manitoba Arts Council, Manitoba Film and Music, the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation, and Le centre culturel franco-manitobain (CCFM), among others, represents a real shift towards a fair and inclusive support system that mirrors our province's diverse demographics. It not only promises to enhance the sustainability and growth of existing organizations but also paves the way for nurturing future generations of artists and cultural contributors.

As we celebrate this investment, Manitobans for the Arts looks forward to collaborating with the provincial government, our members, and all stakeholders to make sure these resources are used effectively to foster a healthy and vibrant community. And, as the creative sector continues to recover, we will keep advocating for additional operating funding with the goal of doubling arts funding in Manitoba and for the creation of a revamped capital fund for major improvements.

We thank Premier Wab Kinew, Minister of Finance Adrian Sala and Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage, and Tourism Glen Simard for their commitment to strengthening our communities through the power of arts and culture.



Artist Submissions Now Open!

Apply Now to Perform at the 2024 Manitoba Showcase

Manitoba Showcase is an annual visual & performing arts conference that features some of the best Canadian artists from a wide range of genres, connecting them with future opportunities and collaboration with 150 delegates.

Selected by a jury, artists will perform for an audience of arts presenters seeking to bring artists to their communities. In addition to booking their own seasons, presenters from Manitoba & Northwest Ontario often turn to MAN to help coordinate block booking tours, sharing resources and extending touring possibilities for artists.

[Apply Here](#)

EAST BEACHES SOCIAL SCENE

Writing Memoirs and Stories from Your Life

Have you ever wanted to write about your life before it gets forgotten? How can you get started and keep going, to record your stories or give children and grandchildren the gift of family memories?

Sessions will include: writing exercises and tips, challenging discussions, imagination-openers. Find fun and inspiration in our memoir writing class.

Date: Thursday, May 16th

Time: 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Cost: \$55/person

Donna Besel:

Donna 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.

Her two books, a collection of short stories and a memoir, were both bestsellers at McNally Robinson Bookstore. In 2021, Manitoba Arts Council awarded her their Rural Recognition Prize to acknowledge her writing career and volunteer work to promote the arts. The forests of Eastern Manitoba, where she has always lived, provided endless ideas and settings for her "boreal stories".



Lac du Bonnet REGIONAL LIBRARY



WE ARE OPEN!!

Hours of Operation

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	10:30 AM - 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	10:30 AM - 5:00 PM
THURSDAY	10:30 AM - 7:00 PM
FRIDAY	10:30 AM - 5:00 PM
SATURDAY	10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

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

April Showers 2024 with THE PINAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY



Volunteer Appreciation Week April 14th - April 20

Did you know that the library has 30+ volunteers that help make our library the library with the highest circulation in our region? Seriously...we LOVE all you do to make us as awesome as we are!

LOOKING BACK AT MARCH!

A MAGICAL MUNSCH EVENT!
Thank you so much to Karl for reading and all the kids for participating in a super-fun, extra hilarious, massive-fantastic, Robert Munsch Story Time.



STORY WALK

The Story Walk has a new, fabulous, book about *The First Notes of Spring* by Jessica Kulekjian. Throw on your splash pants and rubber boots and help us wake up SPRING!



FEATURING OUR AWESOME KID LIBRARIAN(S) FOR MARCH!

A huge thank you to the Ikonen family for sharing their favourite books with us and being our first, ever, kid librarians! Want to be the kid librarian for April? Stop in and apply!



EASTER STORY TIME and ACTIVITIES

Easter might have been a wee bit early this year, but we still managed to capture the spirit of the bunny!



SPRING AHEAD TO APRIL

April 2nd - 7PM - Kelly Leask
Cofounder of the Winnipeg Wildflower Project and owner of Prairie Originals in Selkirk, will join us to share her knowledge about Establishing Native Plant Gardens in Public spaces. Come and learn more about how we can grow and support our pollinator population!

April 23rd - 7PM - Book Club Meeting
Register soon for our next Book Club meeting with our new book "The Mountain Story" by Lori Lansens. We only have a couple spaces left!

VIDEO BACK BRANCH HOURS

April 5th - 6:30 PM - BLUEY Story Time
Join our student librarians as they go down under to share stories about our favourite Aussie pup Bluey and Bingo. Wear your best Bluey-themed attire.

FRIDAY 10:00am - 2:00pm
April 6th - 10:30-12:30 LGO CLUB
Drop-in, eat some snacks, and build yourself up with our monthly LGO club. There's no need to feel blue this month!

April 19th - 2pm - Earth Day Story Time
Looking for ways to spend your April PD day? Come to the library and explore the wonders of earth and how you can celebrate our home planet.

April 28th - 2pm - April Shower Story Time
Help us bring the May Flowers by stopping in to read, paint flower pots and plant seeds.

(204) 756-2043



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Fridays Noon to 5
Saturdays 11 to 4:30

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During summer hours, the branch is open on
Saturdays 10 to 4 (between May long weekend
and until September long weekend)



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WRAC FEATURED ARTIST

TAMARA THOMSON &
OSAAT FARM



For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features visual artist, Tamara Thomson. Although she doesn't consider herself a real artist, she works with plaster cast, driftwood, glass, light, rope and all the treasures she finds along the way. She said, "I'm someone who loves to play with different materials, given my current mood. I've worked with buckets of broken and discarded items that I love to bring to life again."

Thomson grew up on a farm outside of Arborg, and lived with her grandparents for the first twelve years of her life. After a move to Winnipeg for high school, she ended up in Dugald with her husband Rob, where they resided for seventeen years

In 2008, they acquired a Lee River cottage. She said, "Although we loved it, in November of 2022, we settled on a farm near Seven Sisters Falls, our final move and one that brings my husband back closer to his home community of Whitemouth."

When asked about her inspirations, Thomson noted her grandfather was a leather craftsman and her nanny made clothing through sewing and knitting. She said, "My nanny was taught by grandpa. They'd both let me play with the scraps and encouraged me to spend time being creative."





As well, her Auntie Katie was an artist, rug maker, and poet. Although her aunt's hands were misshapen from polio and hard work, the woman spent hours and hours cutting reclaimed materials, hooking rugs, painting, and writing.

Thomson said, "Also, in my early 20's I was fortunate to visit Wayne Arthur at his studio by Oak Hammock Marsh, and was inspired by his sculptures. He encouraged me to just continue to create and play with different mediums."

Most recently, she spent time at the Sivananda Ashram in the Bahamas with the late great Mimi Sammis. This woman's playful-no-mistakes approach to life helped Thomson feel confident enough to try different ideas. She said, "The colours of the water, sand, sea glass, shells, driftwood and natural materials sparked my creativity more than anything else, especially when I add lighting to the piece."

Thomson does not have formal training and admits it feels like a bit of imposter syndrome being interviewed for this article. She learned through play and having a farm kid's budget. Art supplies weren't available so she used the clay she dug out of the ground, along with plants and parts from the scrap pile. She said, "You can always make something out of basically nothing. It wasn't really art per se, just curiosity and creativity. I have ADHD so I have a significant amount of high intensity interest to many subjects and low level commitment to bringing projects to fruition."



Thomson has taught both adults and children, but not in an arts capacity. Trained as a Sivananda yoga instructor, she has led yoga classes for preschoolers and children with special needs.

In 2009, Thomson organized and hosted "Simply the Breast: Plaster Cast Art Show and Auction" at her studio. She cast more than thirty women's torsos and the group created works of art, sharing space as survivors and supporters.



Then they auctioned them off and the proceeds went to Palliative Care Unit at St. Boniface Hospital and Cancer Care Manitoba. She said, "I was incredibly proud of this event and would love to bring it back this fall."

This spring and summer, Thomson and her husband plan to start sharing their beautiful property with others, and will hold events at the OSAAT Farm, including three flea markets. As well, they want to facilitate and host programs, such as creative classes and life skills sessions.

On May 10 to 12, Mother's day weekend, they will open their store at the farm. On July 5 to 7, their first flea market will coincide with their Grand Opening, featuring 50's and 60's music, some old cars, and themed photo props. Thomson said, "We hope people will dress up and have fun with it. We chose a flea market versus a craft or farmers' market, to encourage diverse collections and treasures and for our guests to enjoy exploring."

The next Flea Market will be August 9 to 11 (70's and 80's theme) and September 6 to 8 (90's and 2000's theme). She said, "I should clarify the items at the market aren't from those eras, just the entertainment and decor."

Once these events are rolling, Thomson plans to focus on collaboration with other artisans, by offering her farm as a location for facilitated classes and sharing studio space. If all goes well, she'd like to bring "Simply the Breast" back this fall and support the Cancer Care Program at Pinawa Hospital.

Her words of inspiration: "For some of us with disabilities, it can be hard to communicate without being considered overly emotional or "too much." Right now, I'm gathering items for a piece that will help me process and convey my feelings on some very complex issues. Art, in all capacities, has the ability to convey emotions when words sometimes can't."



CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

DO YOU LIKE TO WRITE? FEEL A NEED TO EXPRESS YOURSELF MORE CLEARLY?
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To Register:

Please send your name, address to:
winnipegriverarts@gmail.com
Payment must be made in advance by cheque made payable to Winnipeg River Arts or by etrsf to the above email. Send cheques to Box 1199, Lac du Bonnet, MB R0E 1A0

Participants: 6 (min) - 12 (max)

Fee: \$80.00

Instructor: Donna Besel

Classes: May 25th & 26th, 2024

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

(1/2 hour lunch break)

and 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: Lac du Bonnet Regional Library, entrance by rear door

Sponsored by:



Winnipeg River Arts is hosting EJAE this June
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS MAY 12TH



 **Calling All Artists**

Eastman Fudged Art Exhibition

2024

June 1, 2024
Great Falls Hall, Great Falls, MB

*For more information visit the Winnipeg River Arts Website at
www.winnipegriverarts.com*

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Please call 204-340-0889 or email
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below to be taken to our website

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Seniors Tea & Tales

Lutheran Church of the Cross, 253 McArthur Avenue
1:30 - 3:00 pm, second Monday of each month

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Tea & Tales is a safe space to talk about your mental health, mood disorder, life's daily struggles, and everything in between. No judgment, come as you are. We look forward to meeting you!



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Happy
Mother's
Day

Moons and Mosaics Workshop

Artists, Knowledge Keepers, local and surrounding community members, the Lac du Bonnet Youth Center, Lac du Bonnet Senior School (L.d.B.S.S.) staff and students, Winnipeg River Arts Council, and the Manitoba Arts Council are partnering and collaborating to enhance and bring art to a space that can be enjoyed by students and community members for many years to come.

On April 21st, over twenty members from the community and surrounding area gathered in the Lac du Bonnet Youth Recreation Center for the second Moons and Mosaic workshop.



Participants celebrated and honoured The Thirteen Anishinaabe Moon Teachings with Knowledge Keeper, Diane Maytwayashing, and explored the mosaic process with local artists Annie Bergen and Serene Alexander.

Many hands, minds, and hearts then worked together to select, cut, and place tiles, piece by piece, onto the mosaic template, bringing Alexander's designs of Iskigamizige-Giizi (Maple Sugar Moon), Namebini-Giizi (Sucker Fish Moon), and Mandaamin-Giizis (Corn Moon) to life.

Moons and Mosaics Workshop (cont'd)

Once completed, the artworks will be cemented and grouted onto concrete picnic tables and placed around the Lac du Bonnet Senior School's Medicine Wheel Garden. The three new tables will be welcomed into the circle of already completed designs: Waabigwanii-Giizi (Flower Moon), Ode' imini-Giizis (Strawberry Moon), Odtagaagomin-Giizis (Thimbleberry Moon), Gashkadino-Giizis (Freezing Moon), Manidoo-Giizis (Spirit Moon), and Makwa Giizis (Bear Moon). Upon the project's completion, there will be Thirteen Full Moon mosaic artworks on tabletops, representing all thirteen Anishinaabe Full Moon Teachings.



The intent is to create a space for teaching, learning, growing, planting, playing, harvesting, healing, reflecting, and socializing. A place for students, staff, and community to experience themselves alongside the earth and all its inhabitants. By including community members to assist with the next set of three tables, we hope that connections will be fostered, and utilization of this community space will be encouraged.

Students from Lac du Bonnet Senior School's Visual Arts class will join Alexander over the next few weeks to continue work on the art pieces. There will also be a few more hands-on workshops for community members to bring the tables to completion.

Organizers were thrilled with the turnout at the workshop and delighted by the progress made on the artworks in only a few short hours of working together. They would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude for everyone's contributions and collaboration and for joining them on this project and journey towards Truth and Reconciliation.





Leaf Rapids



This unique four piece Canadiana Folk band features the whimsical songwriting and distinctive vocals of Keri Latimer. She delivers tales of voyage, growth, love, loss and painful WW-II internment of her Japanese ancestors. Excellence on guitar, bass, drums and backing vocals pull it all together into disarmingly sweet but meaningful songs. Her mastery of the eerily haunting theremin (played without touching) adds an uncommon air of mystery. Leaf Rapids has toured successfully through Canada, the U.S., U.K., Germany and the Netherlands. You too will be **DELIGHTED with the experience!**

<https://www.emcaconcerts.com/events/leaf-rapids>

Saturday, May 11th, 2024

Pinawa Community Centre - 20 Vanier Ave

Doors open: 6:45 pm

Show starts: 7:30 pm

Individual tickets subject to availability.

Tickets are \$15 - \$30 each

To get tickets:

- **Visit the website www.emcaconcerts.com**
- **Purchase at the Pinawa Solo**
- **Call 204-213-0290**

You are invited to the
Sagkeeng Wood Carvers Exhibit
at the
Winnipeg River Heritage Museum



Smudging & Drum Ceremony

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th, 2024

Beginning at 6:00 PM

19 Baie Caron S., St-Georges, MB

*Coffee, Tea & Nibbles
will be served*

RSVP

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Spring



SAGKEENG WOOD CARVERS

WINNIPEG RIVER HERITAGE
MUSEUM ART GALLERY

Carving Resilience:
The Legacy of the Sagkeeng
Wood Carvers

May 15th to
July 15th, 2024

Winnipeg River Heritage Museum | 19 Baie Caron South | winnipegrivermuseum.com

OG KOY | ORVIS | YBK SHAKUR | SADIE CYR

INDIGENOUS SPRING TOUR

FEATURING
GATOR BEAULIEU

- ◀ 2019 alumni of MB Arts Network
- ◀ RBC Touring and Showcasing Program

MAY 13 - JUNE 14, 2024

NORTHERN TOUR: GATOR BEAULIEU, YBK SHAKUR AND ORVIS

MAY 13	12:00	MISIPAWISTIK	MISIPAWISTIK CREE NATION SCHOOL
MAY 14	1:30	OPASKWAYAK	OSCAR LATHLIN COLLEGIATE
MAY 15	12:00	CHEMAWAWIN	CHEMAWAWIN CREE NATION SCHOOL
MAY 16	12:00	SAPOTAWEYAK	NEIL DENNIS KEMATCH MEMORIAL SCHOOL
MAY 17	12:00	WUSKWI SIPIHK	WUSKWI SIPIHK SCHOOL
MAY 21	12:00	SAGKEENG	SAGKEENG JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

SOUTHERN TOUR: GATOR BEAULIEU, OG KOY AND SADIE CYR

JUNE 10	12:00	ROSEAU RIVER	GINEW SCHOOL
JUNE 11	12:00	EBB & FLOW	EBB & FLOW SCHOOL
JUNE 12	12:00	DAKOTA PLAINS	DAKOTA PLAINS SCHOOL
JUNE 13	12:00	BROKEN HEAD	SERGEANT TOMMY PRINCE SCHOOL
JUNE 14	12:00	LONG PLAIN	LONG PLAIN SCHOOL



Pinawa Art Gallery

PINAWA ART GALLERY

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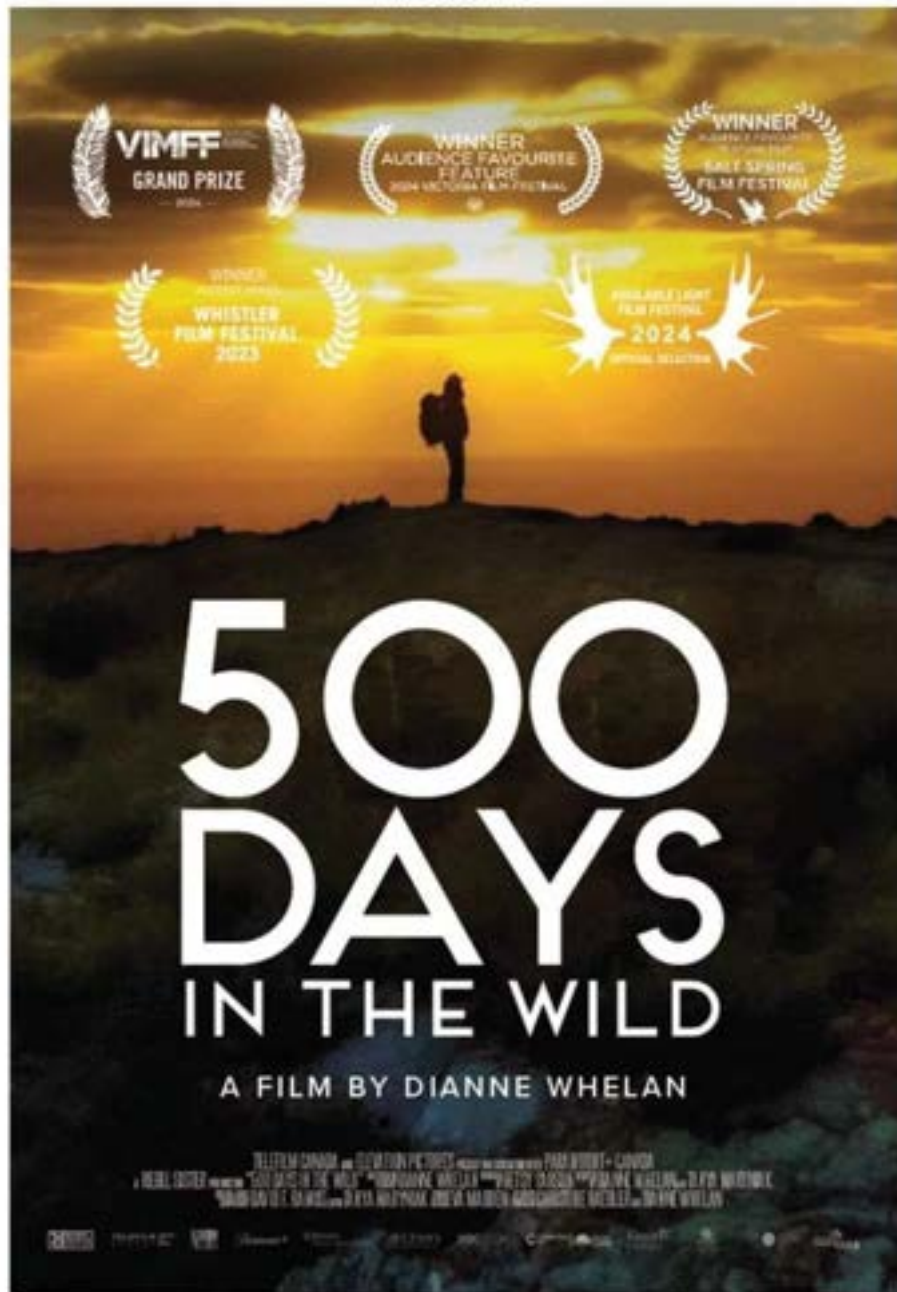
\$2 DROP IN ROOM FEE

Every Thursday 1pm-3pm

Starting May 16 2024
contact pag211inpinawa@gmail.com for more information or
just show up!



Great Falls District Recreation Association
Presents



Sunday, June 2nd at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm)

119 Carter Crescent, Great Falls, MB

Tickets \$20 before May 24th, \$25 at the door

For tickets, please contact:

Pat Hueston 204-367-2998 or Heather Softley 204-367-2061

EAST BEACHES SOCIAL SCENE

Writing Memoirs and Stories from Your Life

Have you ever wanted to write about your life before it gets forgotten? How can you get started and keep going, to record your stories or give children and grandchildren the gift of family memories?

Sessions will include: writing exercises and tips, challenging discussions, imagination-openers. Find fun and inspiration in our memoir writing class.

Date: Thursday, May 16th

Time: 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Cost: \$55/person

Donna Besel:

Donna 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.

Her two books, a collection of short stories and a memoir, were both bestsellers at McNally Robinson Bookstore. In 2021, Manitoba Arts Council awarded her their Rural Recognition Prize to acknowledge her writing career and volunteer work to promote the arts. The forests of Eastern Manitoba, where she has always lived, provided endless ideas and settings for her "boreal stories".





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Lac du Bonnet

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COMING SOON



Would you or someone you know benefit from audio books? Audiobooks are a fantastic tool for people who have trouble reading print due to different learning, physical or visual abilities. A victor reader is a valuable resource for someone who may have difficulty with traditional books. Come in talk to staff about borrowing one.



Lac du Bonnet Regional Library



SPRING TEA

Wednesday, May 22
1 - 3 pm

Come in and see our renovations, new layout and plans for the library garden.

Silent

BOOK CLUB

at the Lac du Bonnet Library

Thursday, May 23

6-7pm

It's super simple: book club members bring a book, and sit and read silently with one another for a hour, once a month. There is no pressure, no required reading, and no need to worry about participating in a book discussion. People sit in the library and read silently, together. At the end of the hour, attendees can socialize—or not!

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

May 2024 with THE PINAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

APRIL SHOWERS BROUGHT....



FANTASTIC LEGO EVENT!

Our April Lego club was absolutely phenomenal and certainly no one left feeling blue! If you get a chance to stop in and see the amazing creations our kids have built, they are on display in the children's section!

STORY WALK

Now that we've awakened spring with the First Notes of Spring, head on down to the trail to explore some Worm Weather by Jean Taft!

FEATURING OUR AWESOME KID LIBRARIAN(S) FOR APRIL!

Rowan Scarlett became our 2nd kid librarian and his choices for books were so popular, we couldn't keep them on the shelves. Well done Rowan!

THAT'S A WRAP!

Our weekly knitting club is all wrapped up for the summer, but don't worry! Just as you're coming unraveled and need to unwind, we'll be back! Join us again in September for another knitting season.

May 4th - 10:30 - LEGO CLUB

May the fourth be with you! Team Jedi or team Sith? Join us for all your space creation builds!

May 10th - 6:30PM - Trains! Story Time

Next stop! The Pinawa Public Library! Hop on board with us for stories, crafts and all things trains!

May 16th - 7PM - Guest Speaker

Mayor Skinner will be visiting the library to share information about the Small Modular Reactors. This presentation is a chance to learn more about SMRs.

May 24th - 6PM - Feelings Story Time

It's hard not to get excited for the chance to share all your feelings with your friends at the Pinawa Public Library! Because, the more we get together, the happier we'll be!

May is Mental Health Awareness month. If you or someone you know is struggling, there are many resources available.

- Canada Mental Health Support: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/mental-health-services/mental-health-get-help.html>
- Suicide Crisis Line: 9-8-8
- Kid's Help Phone: <https://kidshelpphone.ca/>
- Canadian Mental Health Association for Interlake Eastern: <https://www.cmhaacrossmb.ca/interlake-eastern/>



...MAY FLOWERS

Extra Special, don't miss it, events this month!

May 20th - 1PM

Ironwood Trail Storywalk with Willow & Doe!
The Pinawa Public Library is teaming up with the nature-programming business, Willow & Doe, to host its first nature walk event! Meet us at the Pergola on the Ironwood trail at 1pm for all things weird and wonderful about bugs! Then, we'll walk and read, "The Good Place", ending at the Little Lending Library with snacks and games. What an awesome way to kick off the summer in Pinawa season.

May 22nd - 7PM - Special Guest: Gordon Goldsborough
Abandoned Manitoba author, Gordon Goldsborough is visiting the Pinawa Public Library! What a fabulous opportunity to meet one of Manitoba's most passionate historians and explorers. You definitely won't want to miss this one!





Hours of Operation:

Tuesdays 10:30 to 5
Wednesdays and Thursdays Noon to 8
Fridays Noon to 5
Saturdays 11 to 4:30

Walk/Run 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, June 1st 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 and 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.

If you need additional

information contact Jen @ 204-367-8443.

Visit our website to register for the event!

This is a great opportunity to get families, grandparents, cousins, & friends outside for exercise and a chance to explore our beautiful community.



FAIRY GARDEN WORKSHOP

We are thrilled to be hosting our second annual Fairy Garden Workshop. The event is just as it sounds... we're making fairy gardens!!

On **June 6th from 6-7:30pm** we will be creating our own unique fairy gardens. **The fee is \$30.00 for each fairy garden registration.** All supplies are included in the fee.

The following supplies are provided by the library: pots; dirt; stones; mushrooms; plants; fairy house; sticks; popsicle sticks; hot glue guns & glue; string; art supplies; and scissors.

Feel free to bring in extra trinkets and supplies from home you'd like to incorporate into your garden or use to create it.

Maximum 10 families! Please e-transfer registration fee to admin@allardlibrary.com



THE LIBRARY'S 2024 - 2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

We're happy to share our 2024-2026 strategic plan with everyone. The plan sets out our priorities for the coming years and some ways in which we intend to achieve them. We want

to be a welcoming place where everyone can come together, learn, grow and connect, so we developed a plan to keep us moving in this direction. Find our strategic plan at

<https://allardlibrary.com/about-us/library-information/strategic-plan/>

Victoria Beach Branch

204-756-2043
victoriabeachbranch@allardlibrary.com

Lower Level, East Beaches Social Scene
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Victoria Beach, MB R0E 2C0

Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10 to 2
During summer hours, the branch is open on Saturdays 10 to 4 (between May long weekend and until September long weekend)



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HELL- Summer

WRAC FEATURED ARTIST

EASTMAN JUDGED ART EXHIBITION



Mary Louise Chown, 1st place Acrylic
Great Grey Owl - Silent Flyer

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features the Eastman Judged Art Exhibition, held on June 1, 2024, at Great Falls Hall. During the COVID pandemic, EJAE only appeared online, so this in-person event was cause for great celebration.

It took weeks of planning, hours of office work by Cathy Gregg (WRAC's Administrator), and bursts of hustle by a volunteer crew hauling equipment, hanging participants' art, and making last minute preparations. But, at long last, the Eastman Judged Art Exhibition was ready.

On Saturday, the show opened to the public. Visitors from all over attended and several patrons purchased art from participating artists. WRAC thanks Great Falls Hall volunteers for all their hard work: operating the bar, catering the gala, and keeping the canteen open during the exhibition.

Prior to the public event, on Friday night, WRAC welcomed local politicians, artists, board members, and invited guests to a festive gala. The Great Falls Halls provided a perfect setting and their kitchen volunteers laid out an appetizing spread of cheeses, pickles, sliced meats, fruit and nuts, sweets, beverages, and other delights.



Some of the Tear Down Crew, L-R Mac Kinghorn, Joan Marion, Al Stewart, Cathy Gregg, Judy LeRoye

After Acting President Kelly Murray greeted everyone and thanked them for coming to the gala, she explained WRAC's mission - to inspire and help individuals discover and embrace their artistic identity, serving communities along the Winnipeg River ranging from Victoria Beach to Whitemouth.

Murray also provided a brief history of EJE. About 30 years ago, it started up and offered amateur artists a chance to showcase their work, receive critiques, and gain recognition. Previously, it took place bi-annually in communities throughout Eastman region.

In 2017, Whitemouth hosted the last in-person EJE. In the spring of 2021 with help from Manitoba Arts Network, WRAC accepted the task of virtually reviving the event. After jurors met via Zoom to discuss 50 pieces by Eastman artists, submitted via photographs, they announced awarded prize placements.

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Murray noted how happy WRAC was to host an in-person show, with 52 pieces from 21 artists. Ten selected pieces will participate in the Manitoba Rural and Northern Juried Art Show, held at Manitoba Arts Network's Winnipeg office, on 210 Princess Street.

This provincial level exhibition celebrates visual artists living beyond the perimeter and introduces Winnipeg audiences to their work. The in-person exhibit will be held at MAN's gallery (August 1 -24) and the pieces will also be displayed online from August to December, 2024.



At the gala, Kelly Murray introduced the attending dignitaries:

- James Bezan, MP for Selkirk, Interlake, Eastman
- Kathy Majowski, President, LdB NDP Constituency Association
- Ken Lodge, Mayor, Town of LdB
- Blair Skinner, Mayor, LGD of Pinawa

Murray also introduced WRAC Board Members:

- Mac Kinghorn, Vice Chairperson and Deputy Mayor, RM of Alexander
- Judy LeRoye, Member-at-Large and Councillor, Town of Powerview-Pine Falls
- Donna Besel, Secretary, Town of LdB
- Joan Marion, Treasurer, RM of Alexander
- Darlene Searcy, Member-at-Large, LGD of Pinawa
- Roberta Laliberté, Member-at-Large, Town of PV-PF, regrets

Acting President Murray, from the RM of LdB, thanked outgoing board members, Lynette Ulrich and Jennifer Hudson-Stewart, for their years of service. She then introduced Cathy Gregg, Administrator.

Gregg announced the winners, judged by Amy Karlinsky and Luther Pokrant

1. Painting – Oil

- 1st Grace by Michael Hall
- 2nd In the Pines by Richard Cline
- 3rd Siggy Oliver by Richard Cline

2. Painting – Acrylic

- 1st Great Grey Owl – Silent Flyer by Mary Louise Chown
- 2nd Who Watches the Watchers by Stan Kelly
- 3rd Red Cross, Dreams of the Past by Stephen Young

3. Painting – Watercolor

- Spring Bog by Frances Kaczoroski

4. Drawing – Ink

- St. Mary's Cathedral by Kelly Murray

5. Drawing – Pastel

- Gene Pool Angel by Joyce Shaw

6. Drawing – Other

- Shadows by Leah Boulet

7. Photography

- I Can't Look by Rick McGregor

8. Sculpture – Clay

- From Little Acorns Grow by Kelly Klick

9. Sculpture – Glass

- Tengu's Gourd by Gordon Boyd

10. Mixed Media

- Underground Dance of the Wood Wide Web by Mary Louise Chown

Just a few of our many artist's submissions



Bernice Phillips
Chickadees in Spring



Debbie Robson
Sunflower



Metro Dmytriw
Kobsar, Spirit of Ukraine



Richard Cline
In the Pines



Stephen Young
Visions of the Future



Leah Boulet
Shadows



Joyce Shaw
Gene Pool Angel



Kelly Klick
Phloem



Pam O'Leary
Ghost Tree

Fire & Water

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Here it is! The long awaited music lineup for this years Fire and Water Music Festival. Take advantage of our early bird pricing. TicketDiscount ends June 30th. For more information on the festival and to purchase tickets go to: www.firenwater.ca.



MUSIC FESTIVAL

**DIRTY CATFISH
BRASS BAND**

**DRY
BONES**

**THE
F-HOLES**

**MULVEY
STREET
MANIACS**

**TWO
CROWS FOR
COMFORT**

**STANLEY
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**EMMA
PETERSEN**

REDBOINE

**DAVID
GRAHAM**

**THE
PRAIRIE
SONS**

Tickets are on sale now.

WINNIPEG RIVER ARTS COUNCIL
invites you to attend
TRIVIA NIGHT
Presented by:
QUIZ MASTERS

**Saturday,
July 27, 2024**
at East Beaches Social Scene
3 Ateah Road, Victoria Beach
Doors open at: 06:30 pm
Game starts at: 07:00pm

\$20 PER PERSON
\$160 per table,
(max 8 people)
Bring your own
table snacks, cash
bar will be open

For registration & further information
winnipegriverarts@gmail.com
book early to guarantee entry

Please reach out to Winnipeg River Arts Council by email
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You can pay by cash, etransfer or cheque

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BEAUHEAD ARTS FEST 2024

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 24-25, 2024

ART - FOOD - ENTERTAINMENT - WORKSHOPS

10AM to 3PM

Pioneer Village Museum

Beausejour, MB

Register as an artist!

Check out beauheadarts.ca for more details



The Beauhead Arts Festival will feature local Manitoba visual and performing arts in a unique setting. The visual artists will have their pop-up galleries in the quaint village buildings while entertainers will perform on the museum grounds. In addition, art workshops will run throughout the weekend.

We are pleased to announce that registration for the 2024 festival is open to all Manitoba artists and will close June 30. You can apply directly on our brand new website at beauheadarts.ca. Simply visit the main page and click on the registration link. During the application process, we recommend selecting the "Skip the Pay and Pay Later" option. Once all applications are reviewed, we will reach out to accepted artists for payment.

Lac du Bonnet Lions



Canada Days 2024

**Friday, June 28
to Sunday, June 30**

CANADA DAY PARADE

Sunday @ 12:30pm

Theme: Aviation in LdB

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sat & Sun 9-11am at Pioneer Club

LIONS FUN ZONE Sat 1-4pm

Free games and face painting

Free Lions barrel train rides

LIONS PICKEREL FRY

Sat 3-6pm at Community Centre

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Fri & Sat at Arena

See our Lions Facebook page for more details.

**WONDER
SHOWS**

Friday to
Sunday

noon to closing

FIREWORKS

Saturday
June 29

@ dusk

Rain date Sun



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EMERGING ARTISTS

Touring & Showcasing Mentorship Program



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Participants will have the opportunity to develop lasting relationships with mentors MJ Dandeneau (on tour with Cindi Lauper) and Rik Leaf and learn many of the skills needed to further your growth as musicians.

This program is FREE (valued at \$1000 per participant) for musicians, in the early stages of their career, that have never showcased before.

This program will help musicians get ready for professional provincial, national & international showcasing and touring starting right here in Manitoba!

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network

Apply by June 30, 2024

[Click here to learn more](#)

Calling all Artists, Musicians, Theatre Folks, Writers, etc.



Winnipeg River Arts Council is very interested in getting classes and workshops back up and running, which seems to have stalled as a result of the pandemic.

If you are an artist, a writer, a performer, a musician, a fibre artist, a jewellery maker and would be interested in teaching others your craft, we are interested in speaking with you.

Please reach out to WRAC at 204-340-0889 or email winnipegriverarts@gmail.com with your ideas, and let's see if we can get some momentum going.

We are looking at fall/winter 2024/2025.





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JUNE 2024 with THE PINAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAY DAYS...



LEGO CLUB

May's LEGO CLUB was out of this world! With our space-themed, Star Wars themed adventures, the children made many beautiful creations. Stop by and see what they built!



FEATURING OUR AWESOME KID LIBRARIAN(S) FOR MAY!

Shout out to the Miller sisters for being the kid librarians in May! Summer and Sidney chose some really excellent books. I wonder who will be the kid librarian for June? Stop in and apply!



STORYWALK ON THE IRONWOOD TRAIL ADVENTURE

The library teamed up with Willow & Doe to bring you an adventure only nature can provide! We learned all about the Good Places that our bugs like to live, built bug habitats, played in the forest, hiked the trail, and hunted for insects at the Little Lending Library! What a great day!



JUNE-INCLUSIVE

June 7th - 6:30PM - Ice cream Story Time
Mmmmm.....Ice cream! Stop in and stay cool with our upcoming story time featuring everyone's favorite treat!

June 8th - 10:30-12:30 Best Friends LEGO CLUB
Bring your best buddy, or come alone and make a new friend, for an exciting day of LEGO building and friendship-themed activities. Creativity and fun await!

June 23rd - 2pm Welcome to Summer Story Time
Join us as we welcome the summer with exciting crafts, tales, and adventure!

From all of us at the Pinawa Public Library...

Your hard work and dedication have paid off. Wishing you success and happiness in all you do. The world is yours to conquer!



BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Adult Section of the library recommends... The Women by Kristen Hannah. "Don't believe the lie if somebody insists that there were no women in Vietnam. They were there! They served their country, struggling with tragedies, PTSD, and casualties as well. But there was one crucial difference for them: they were never considered war heroes." Nilufer Ozmekik



JULY & AUGUST 2024

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Ask about summer story times Wednesdays at 2pm. Our awesome student librarians host weekly reading and story fun all summer long! Registration coming soon.



Hours of Operation:

Tuesdays 10:30 to 5
Wednesdays and Thursdays Noon to 8
Fridays Noon to 5
Saturdays 11 to 4:30

NEW MUSEUM PASSBOOK PROGRAM

We're happy to announce a new program with the Winnipeg River Heritage Museum! Simply borrow a "passbook" from either branch of our library and use it to gain free entry (for you and your family) to the museum. The passbook is a special journal that you borrow from the library for a period of three weeks. In return for free admittance to the museum, we ask that you record your thoughts in the passbook as you explore the museum.

The passbook will also contain some prompts (questions), if you're not sure what to write. After your museum visit, return the passbook to the library so that we can pass it on to the next person. Over time, the passbook will contain everyone's thoughts and observations, and maybe even some sketches? We can't wait to see how this all turns out.



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2024 TD SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The theme this year:

NO LIMITS

This reading program is geared for children ranging in ages 5 to 10 years old. The goal of this challenge is to help children become interested in reading and keep their reading levels up over the summer! We are running the program from July 11th - August 22nd on Thursdays from 1 - 2 pm

Children will be making crafts, playing games, reading and exploring each week. Our goal... children will read a minimum of 150 minutes for the 7 week period and every week submit their reading logs online along with their prize choice. Once we receive it, we will enter your name in the prize you chose that week. **Children who read 150 minutes a week for all 7 weeks will get a LIBRARY CHAMPION sign for their yard**



We will conclude the program with a wind up on August 22/24 for all the participants and their families. Reading prizes will be drawn at the wind up. Go online at:

www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca/about_the_club for more activities, online games and recommended reads.

Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10 to 2
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WRAC FEATURED ARTIST

Kelly Murray

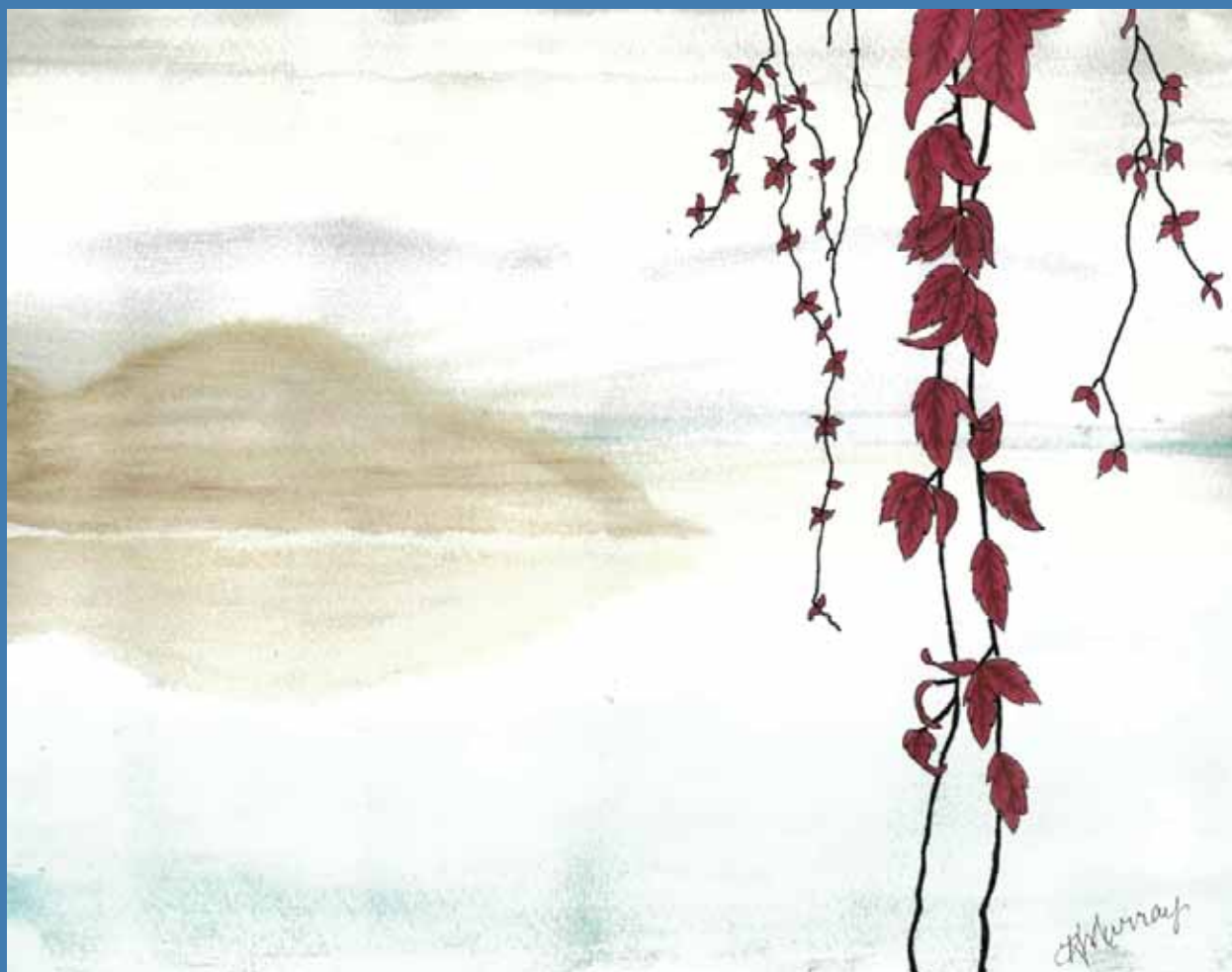


For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features visual artist, Kelly Murray. Originally from Coultervale, Manitoba, she attended school in Melita. In 1982, she moved to Winnipeg where she lived for 12 years. In 1994, she relocated to Powerview.

In 2005, Murray and her family decided they needed more room and ended up on a few acres near Stead. As of this August, she and her husband will have resided in the Eastman region for 30 years. Living in rural settings, she gets inspired by nature, but also finds beauty in other places, specifically "the rarest spots."

Murray likes to try all sorts of artistic mediums, but, at this time, she is primarily focused on acrylic and watercolour painting with mandalas, landscapes, etc. She also does scrapbooking, card-making, alcohol ink, cross stitch, and sewing. Recently, she started using resin with her creations. She said, "My husband always says it's easier to say what I don't do than what I do; the list is shorter."

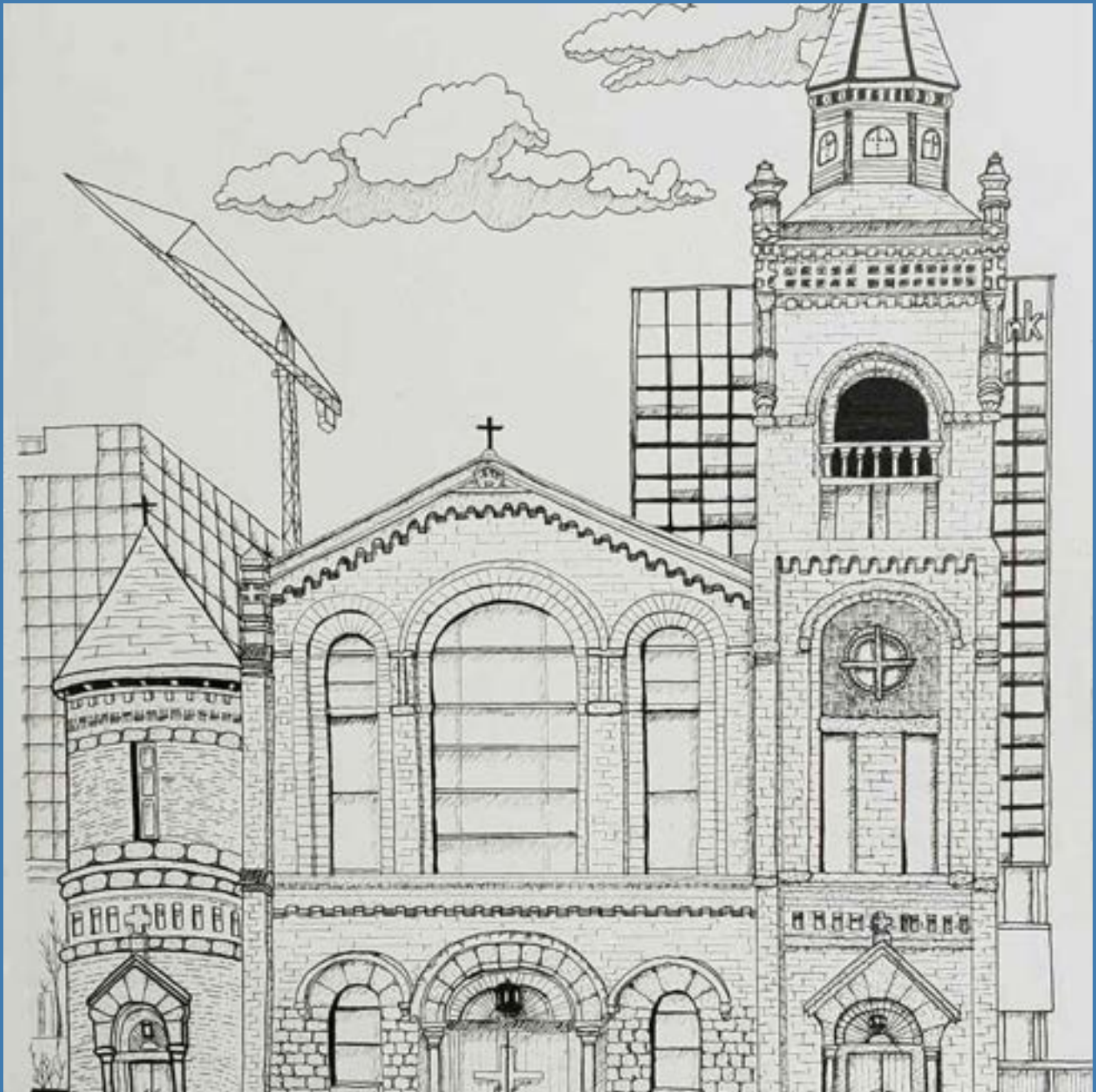
Since childhood, Murray has loved making art. Although she has no formal training, she participates in retreats, sketch groups, and workshops. She enjoys taking classes and says she learns something new all the time. As a result, she's now an accomplished, award-winning artist. Over the years, she taught card-making and will be leading mandala classes in the fall through WRAC. She said, "The best way is via experimentation, just get in there and play."



Also, Murray has participated in the Eastman Mentorship program. After the Manitoba Arts Network selected her for their Rural Arts Mentorship Program, she worked with a professional Winnipeg artist during the "Momentum" sessions held from November (2021) to May (2022). At the end of the mentorship, all the included artists' pieces were showcased at Brandon's Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba, Neepawa's ArtsForward, and Pinawa Art Gallery.

In 2021 and 2024, she exhibited her art in the Eastman Judged Art Exhibitions. In these events, her work placed third in water colour (2021) and first in pen and ink (2024). Looking forward, she plans to prepare a collection for the 2025 Boreal Shores Art Tour and the next EJA, and exhibit her work in Winnipeg.





Prior to retirement, Murray worked as head librarian at Library Allard, located in St. Georges. After she adjusted to the new phase in her life, and found time to volunteer, she offered to serve as a board member for Winnipeg River Arts Council. Recently, she took on the role of president. WRAC appreciates her artistic knowledge, organizational skills, and enthusiasm for "getting things done."

Murray's inspiring words: "Art is a form of therapy for me; I seek it out as a method of relaxation. Making art makes me happy, provides contentment, and is a great outlet of release for stress and busyness. Find what helps you and delve in."

Fire & Water

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Here it is! The long awaited music lineup for this year's Fire and Water Music Festival. For more information on the festival and to purchase tickets go to: www.firewater.ca.



Fire & Water

MUSIC FESTIVAL

**DIRTY CATFISH
BRASS BAND**

**DRY
BONES**

**THE
F-HOLES**

**MULVEY
STREET
MANIACS**

**TWO
CROWS FOR
COMFORT**

**STANLEY
COUNTY
CUT-UPS**

**LISTENING
ROOM VIBES**

**EMMA
PETERSEN**

REDBOINE

**DAVID
GRAHAM**

**THE
PRAIRIE
SONS**



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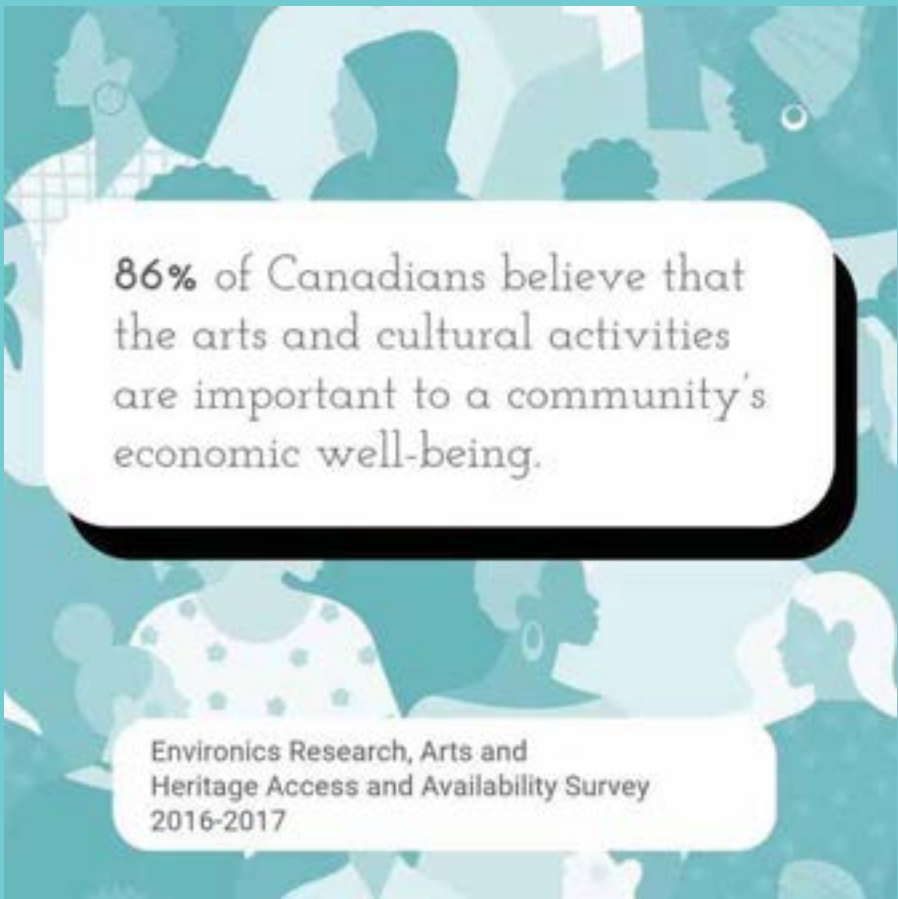
As a board member, you'll help drive innovative programs, support creative projects, and ensure that the arts continue to thrive and inspire.

Bring your unique perspective and skills to the table and be part of a dynamic team dedicated to enriching our community through the power of art.

Apply today and help us make a difference!

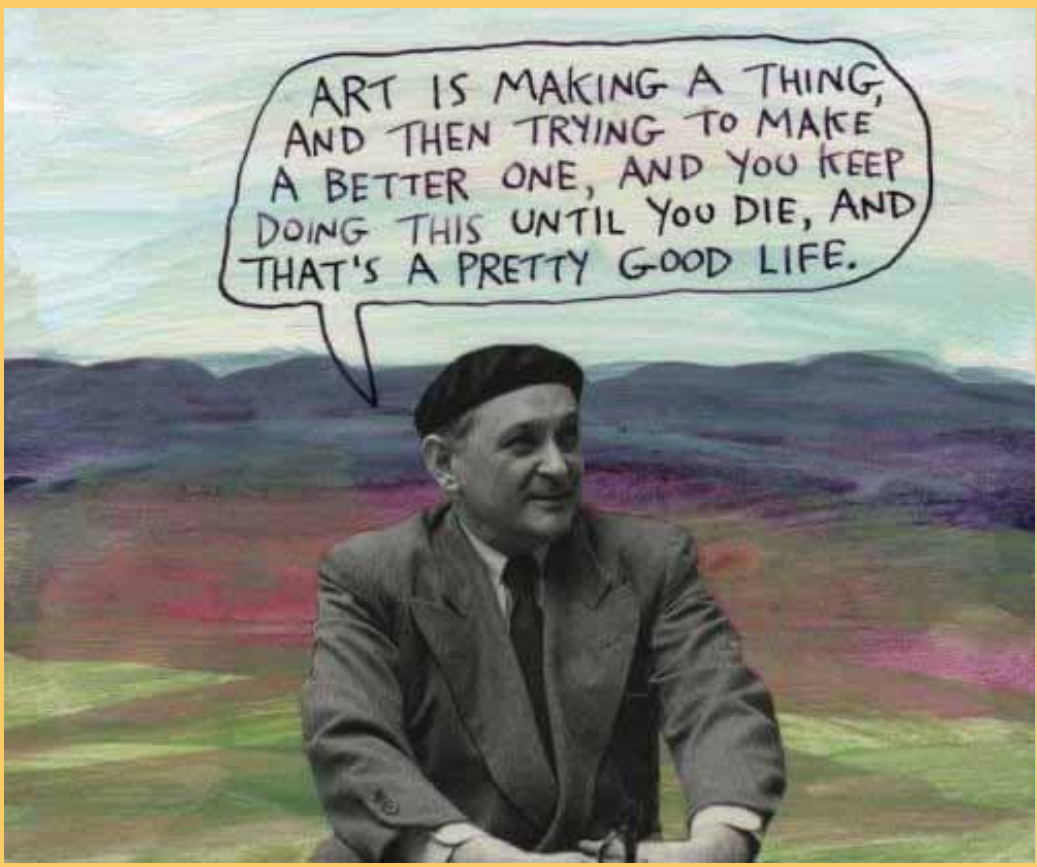
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86% of Canadians believe that the arts and cultural activities are important to a community's economic well-being.

EnviroNics Research, Arts and Heritage Access and Availability Survey 2016-2017



ART IS MAKING A THING,
AND THEN TRYING TO MAKE
A BETTER ONE, AND YOU KEEP
DOING THIS UNTIL YOU DIE, AND
THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD LIFE.

There are still tickets available

WINNIPEG RIVER ARTS COUNCIL
invites you to attend
TRIVIA NIGHT
Presented by:
QUIZ MASTERS

Saturday, July 27, 2024
at Chicken Chef Lounge
Junction Hwy 304 & Hwy 11
Powerview-Pine Falls

Doors open at: 06:30 pm
Game starts at: 07:00pm

\$20 PER PERSON
\$160 per table,
(max 8 people)
Food will be available
for purchase
Cash bar

For registration & further information
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book early to guarantee entry

Please reach out to Winnipeg River Arts Council by email
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You can pay by cash, etransfer or cheque

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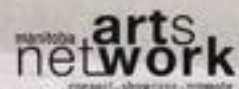
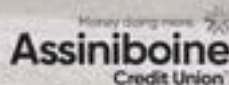
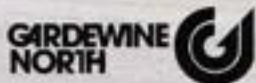
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Seniors Tea & Tales

**Lutheran Church of the Cross, 253 McArthur Avenue
1:30 - 3:00 pm, second Monday of each month**

**Lac du
Bonnet!**



Tea & Tales is a safe space to talk about your mental health, mood disorder, life's daily struggles, and everything in between. No judgment, come as you are. We look forward to meeting you!



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Professional Mentorship Program

Unleash Your Potential with Personalized Mentorship

Are you ready to take the next step in your artistic career? Our One-on-One Professional Mentorship Program is designed for aspiring professionals aged 19-29 who are eager to grow in their chosen creative field, no matter the discipline. This is your opportunity to forge a transformative relationship with a mentor handpicked by you to help you achieve your dreams.

Tailored to Your Ambitions

Following the mentee's lead together you and your mentor will co-create a flexible plan that fits your goals and interests, working from your program proposal with the assistance of the program manager.

Program Opportunities:

- Collaborative Project Work: Engage with your mentor in meaningful projects that align with your career aspirations.
- Career Goal Setting: Define and work towards professional milestones with your mentor's guidance.
- Skill Development: Acquire and refine specific skills relevant to your artistry and career.
- Career Decision Support: Get advice and insights to make informed career choices.
- Shadowing Opportunities: Experience the day-to-day workings of your mentor's professional life.
- Industry Connections: Connect with industry professionals and expand your professional circle.
- Professional Development: Access free workshops with Creative Manitoba and prioritize your development with your mentor's guidance.

[Click Here For More Information on the program](#)



Selling at Craft Sales & Markets with Lora Roberts

Replay Available to Watch

Did you miss Lora Roberts' talk last month about selling at craft sales and markets? It was jam-packed with vital information for small arts business owners with products to sell and luckily, the recording is available to watch on the Mentoring Artists for Women's Art website!

Not included in the video is the excellent casual networking session at the halfway point- where participants were encouraged to share their own market experiences and talk a little about their craft. Webinars can be a great place to connect as well as learn and we hope you'll join us at the next one!

[Click Here to Watch Now](#)

Calling all Artists, Musicians, Theatre Folks, Writers, etc.



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We are looking at fall/winter 2024/2025.



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SUNDAY	CLOSED

Join us in the library garden for a reading by local author Mitchell Toews.



Thursday, July 25
6 - 7 pm



With humor, grit and the poetic grace of someone in love with a small town and its warts, Toews constructs a collection of stories of practical folk discerning across generations what should remain and what should be let go.

— Tim Huber

Lac du Bonnet Library

50/50

Tickets \$5 each
only 1000 printed

Draw date August 30, 2024

Available at the library!!

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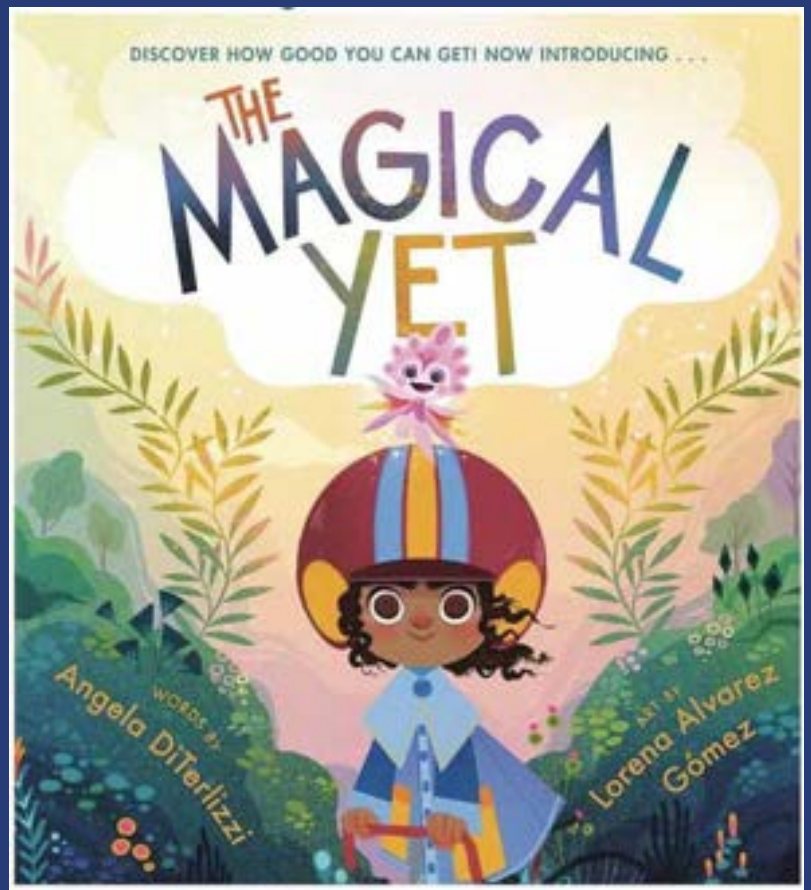
2024 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Pre-Readers to Teens

Stop by the library for a reading log and check out the prizes!

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

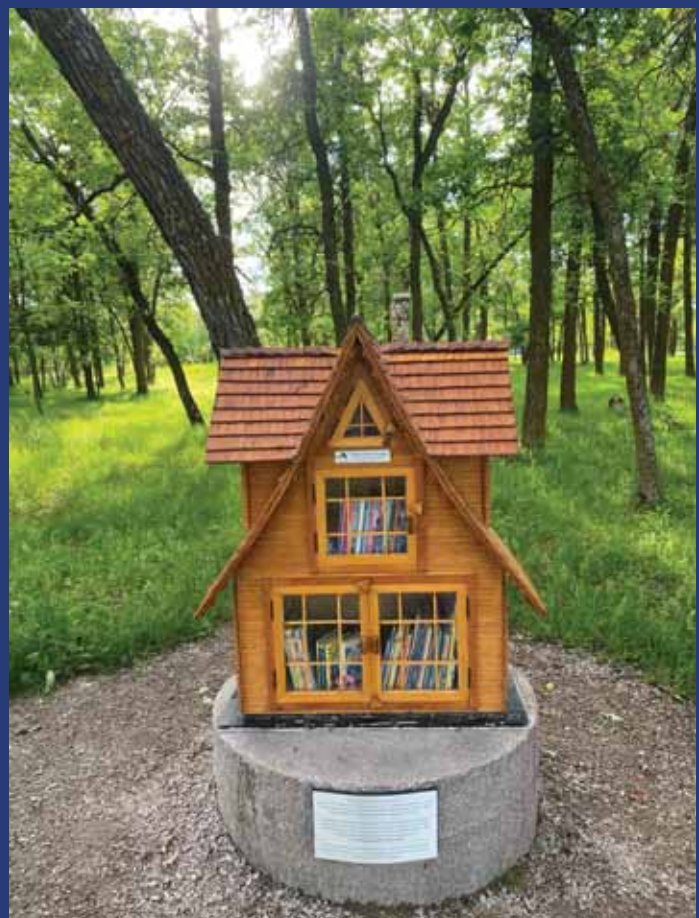


Our newest story is up on the Ironwood Trail!
The Magical Yet provides a beautiful reminder
of the power of growth and learning.

Each of us, from the day we're born, is
accompanied by a special companion—the
Yet. Can't tie your shoes? Yet! Can't ride a
bike? Yet! Can't play the bassoon? Don't worry,
Yet is there to help you out.

This picturebook is perfect for every kid who is
frustrated by what they can't do . . . YET!

Make sure to check out the little library at the
end! Lots of new books have been added, and
some special little treasures are hiding inside!
Happy summer reading!





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This summer we are launching a new program called KREATIVE KIDS. This is a non-commitment drop in session that will take place Tuesday's from 1 - 2 running from July 16th to August 20th. and will be facilitated by our summer student. Sessions will include activities such as Lego, Megaformers, board games, crafts and more. Children under 5 need to be accompanied by an adult

Book Sale @ both branches in August. Bring our own grocery bag to fill for only \$3.00 all month long



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WRAC FEATURED ARTIST

Pam O'Leary



For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features Pam O'Leary, an artist who works with standard glass, stained glass, and fused glass. She grew up in Winnipeg, and completed her education and university there. In her late twenties, she and her husband moved to Churchill and ran "Adventure Walking Tours/Nature First Tours." On their guided tours, they provided many happy tourists with great memories of birds, flowers, and polar bears in the raw subarctic environment. When COVID shut down this business, they decided to stop fulltime work and head south.

O'Leary's family has a long history with the Eastman area. Her grandfather helped build the Seven Sisters power plant, her mother was born and raised there, and she spent her younger years roaming the area. When O'Leary's grandfather retired, they purchased land on the Whitemouth River and moved the old farm house onto the property.

She said, "I spent every spare minute at the family cottage. Fifteen years ago, my husband and I built a house beside the cottage, and lived there for six months of the year until retiring and living here full time."



In 1978, O'Leary took a course at Red River with Ernest Ashcroft, a master in stained glass. After this introduction to glass art, she invested in every book on this topic she could get her hands on, started hanging out at Prairie Stained Glass, and never looked back. Her husband bought her a small kiln and had it shipped to Churchill. As well, she took many courses for bead-making and fusing.

She said, "I can't look at a garden, or scenery, or really anything that captures my fancy, without wanting to recreate it in glass. The challenge is in the mechanics and science behind making it work. The joy is in the combination of colours, the play of the light, the sheer beauty of it."

When asked about exhibiting her work, O'Leary said, "I entered three pieces in WRAC's Eastman Judged Art Exhibition. This was my first experience being judged. I didn't win any awards, but I got some really good information from the judges.

When asked about marketing her work, O'Leary admitted at first she gave away everything she made as gifts - if it wasn't decorating their house. She tried a few markets in Churchill but didn't really have time to do it. When she retired, she got a bigger kiln and turned the family cabin into her shop. She named it "Clara's Cottage" in memory of Clara, her grandmother.



She likes to try everything and the shelves started to fill up, so her husband suggested she sell some pieces to make money to buy more glass. This remark motivated O'Leary and her painter friend, Ingrid Butenschou, to open "Clara's Cottage Art & Glass Gift Shop."

O'Leary said, "Ingrid is an amazing painter, and now we have art, and glass for sale. I haven't done any instruction except for friends, one on one. My shop is so stuffed full there would be no surface space for more than two of us."

Clara's Cottage is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until October. Both artists recently participated in the Pinawa Market. On August 15, they will be selling their art at the Lac Du Bonnet Night Market, and, on August 17 and 18, their work will be showcased in the Boreal Shores Art Tour.





O'Leary can't help but rave about the beauty of her medium. She said, "Glass is my passion, my happy place. Everyone should have something like that in their lives. From a single leaf to the whole forest, in every light possible. Rain clouds, sunsets, summer gardens, winter landscapes, flowers, dragons, horses. So much incredible glass, so little time."



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

A work of art is ... the clearest nonphysical way that emotion is communicated from one human being to another. The emotion isn't referred to; it is re-created.

Stephen Dobyns

Canadians who regularly attend live music are almost twice as likely to have stronger sense of belonging to their city or town compared to those who don't attend.

Community Foundations of Canada and CAPACOA, Vital Signs: Arts and Belonging, 2017

David Sinclair



Government of Manitoba Art Collection

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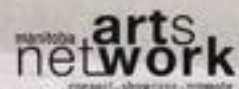
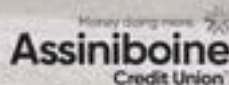
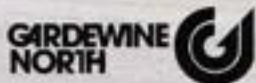
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2024-2025 EMCA Lineup

- Jack Semple Trio (Gordon Lightfoot Tribute) Friday, September 20th @ 7:30 pm
- Northern Pikes, Friday, October 18th @ 7:30 pm
- David Francey, Friday, November 8th @ 7:30 pm
- Red Moon Road, Simple Kind of Christmas, Friday, November 29th @ 7:30 pm
- Ian Sherwood, Saturday, March 1st @ 7:30 pm
- Trevor Panczak, Friday, March 21st @ 7:30 pm
- Burnstick, Friday, April 11th @ 7:30 p,
- Allison Lupton, Friday, May 16th @ 7:30 pm



[Click here to go to EMCA's website](#)





Looking for a change of pace this fall? We have a broad collection of creative jobs for those just starting out and established arts professionals, from term positions to full-time on our job board. Opportunities are available in journalism, photography, illustration, marketing, theatre, curation and more, so check them out!

[Click here to see all the available jobs in the arts](#)

Boreal Shores Art Tour is this weekend, August 17th and 18th. Come on out and support the local artists throughout our region

For more information, visit the BSAT website [here](#)

Boreal Shores Art Tour 2024

August 17 & 18

Saturday 10am - 5pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm

borealshoresarttour.ca
info@borealshoresarttour.ca

Two regions with incredible landscapes, 41 artists with diverse work including...acrylics, batik, clay, clothing, fibre, glass – fused, painted or stained, jewelry, metal work, mixed media, photography, oils, pottery, watercolours, woodcarving and woodworking... What's not to love!

Boreal Shores Art Tour

- Artist or Artists
- Main Tour Route
- Other Highways
- Other Roads
- Lakes and Rivers
- Provincial Parks
- Provincial Forests

10 KM

Stops: 1 BEACONIA, 2 LAKESHORE HEIGHTS, 3 HILLSIDE BEACH, 4 LESTER BEACH, 5 WHITEMOUTH, 6 RIVER HILLS, 7 SEVEN SISTERS FALLS, 8 PINAWA, 9 PINAWA, 10 PINAWA, 11 LAC DU BONNET, 12 LAC DU BONNET, 13 SPRUCEWOOD DRIVE, 14 PINE FALLS, 15 SILVER FALLS, 16 SANDY BAY, 17 VICTORIA BEACH, 18 ALBERT BEACH, 19 HILLSIDE BEACH, 20 SANDY BAY.

Lac du Bonnet Night Market

August 15, 2024

5 to 9 pm

Third Street

wrrd.ca/craft-sales

We will have a booth at the annual Night Market, so if you'd like to learn more about WRAC, please stop by our booth.

If you are a member and wish to display some of your work for sale, please get in touch to make arrangements to show/sell your pieces at our booth.

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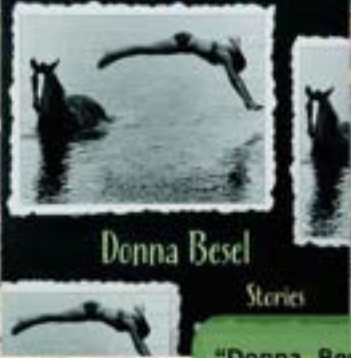
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Lessons from
a Nude Man

Thursday, August 29
6 -7 pm



"Donna Besel knows her subjects intimately, the boreal forest and the people who live on its edges. Reading Lessons from a Nude Man, I was struck by her sense of story, her instinct for those heart-stopping moments when what we long for comes up against what we are likely to get."

— Joan Thomas, author of Reading by Lightning



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SUMMER PROGRAMMING

On through the month of August

Library

Camp Read A-Lot

Every Wednesday 10:45 am - Noon

Ages 5-10 years. Free, but please pre-register at the library or lacdubonnetlibrary.ca

Swifties! Join us on August 22, from 6-7pm, as we have our own Eras show.

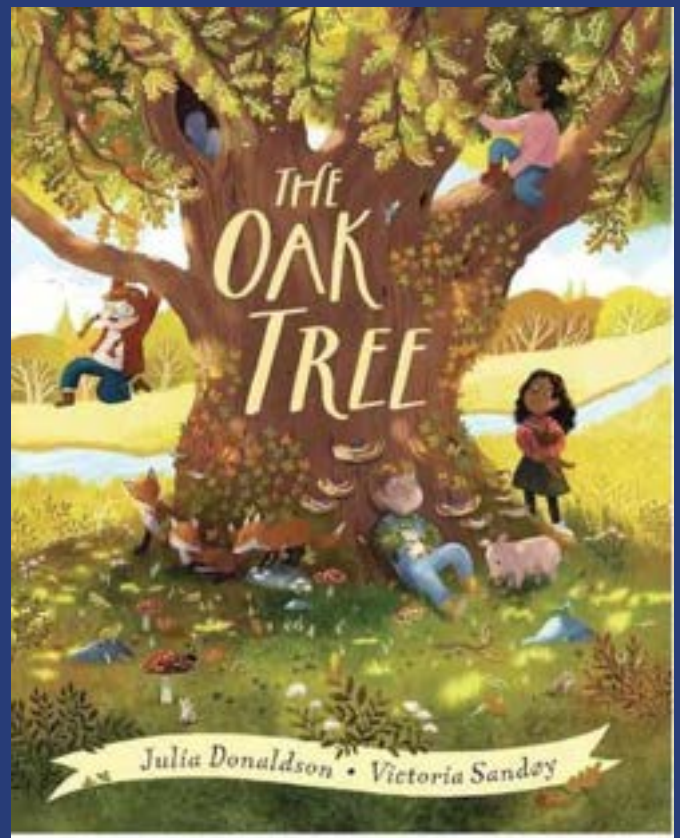
Dress in your best Taylor inspired outfit!

Friendship bracelets included!

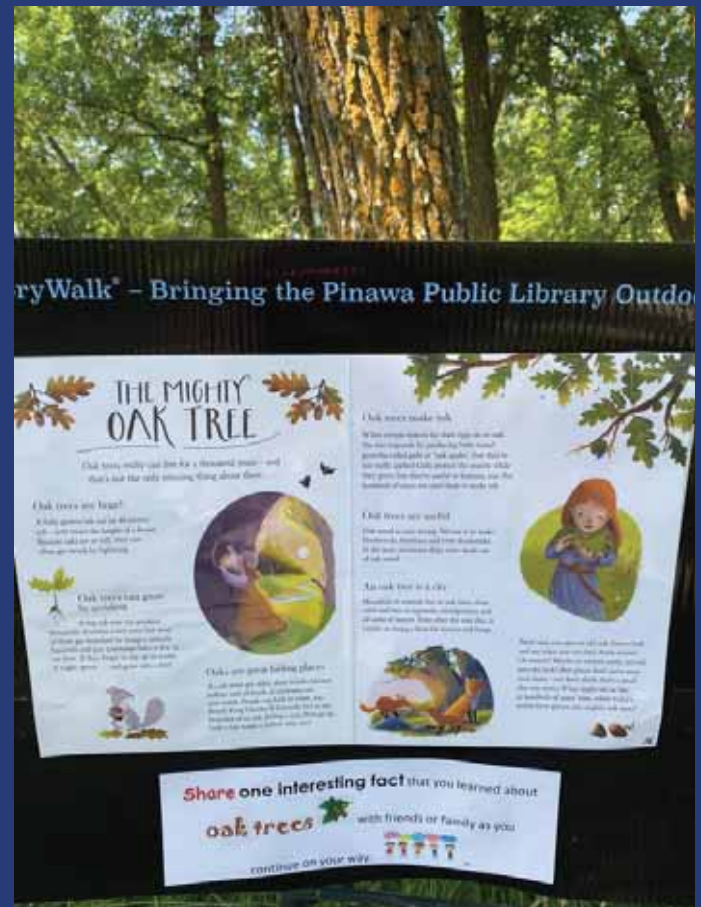
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Pinawa Public Library Hours

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



There's a new story on the StoryWalk trail! The Oak Tree by Julia Donaldson celebrates the life cycle of the oak tree, and how it starts with just one tiny acorn. This is a book that encourages us all to look more closely at nature, and to appreciate the wonder of our ancient trees. Check out the last page to discover some fascinating facts about Oak trees!





Hours of Operation:

Tuesdays 10:30 to 5

Wednesdays and Thursdays Noon to 8

Fridays Noon to 5

Saturdays 11 to 4:30



This program is geared for children ranging in age from 5 to 10 years old with a max of 12 children registered. We aim to help children become interested in reading and keep their reading levels up over the summer through play, and crafts! The theme this year: coming soon!

The program will run on a weekly basis, every Thursday from 1-2pm at the library. You will also have access to filling in your weekly reading logs online and submitting them.

Each week, we will be exploring a new topic. You will receive a schedule so you know what to expect each week before dropping your child off. If the weather is terrible, class will be indoors that day. To assist with proper safety precautions, we will not be providing a snack during the program. There are 4 reading prizes to enter, 1 ballot each week if you submit your weekly reading log with a minimum of 150 minutes, all summer! The website will ask you which prize out of the 4 you would like to enter when you submit your reading logs. All children who sign up, will receive a new book at the end of the program. On the last day of the program, prizes will be drawn during our wind up. Children will receive their book prize then. If your child reads a minimum of 150 minutes each week for the entire summer, he or she will receive a Library Champion sign to display in their yard ●

Benefits this year...accessing reading logs online will allow families to submit their weekly reading logs with ease! Check online at [TD Summer Reading Club](#) for more activity ideas, online games and recommended reads.

Registration is open... <https://allardlibrary.com/calendar/>

Book Sale @ both branches in August. Bring our own grocery bag to fill for only \$3.00 all month long



Victoria Beach Branch

204-756-2043
victoriabeachbranch@allardlibrary.com

Lower Level, East Beaches Social Scene
3 Ateah Road
Victoria Beach, MB R0E 2C0

Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10 to 2
During summer hours, the branch is open on Saturdays 10 to 4 (between May long weekend and until September long weekend)

WRAC FEATURED ARTIST

Michael Hall



For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features visual artist, Mike Hall. Born in 1957, he grew up and lived most of his life in Winnipeg. After raising two children and working for more than thirty years as a mental health professional, Hall moved to Pinawa with his partner, shortly after retirement.

This wilderness setting, on the edge of the Canadian Shield, attracted them. As well, they loved the idea of experiencing small town life. They currently split their time between Pinawa and a Lake of the Woods cottage.

In his youth, Hall developed the hobbies of drawing and painting in oils. Also, he attended art lessons at Winnipeg Art Gallery and The Forum Art Institute in Winnipeg. He said, "Perhaps I inherited some artistic inclination from my great grandfather, as he painted a large mural in the Saskatchewan Legislative Building, and was a concert violinist."

In adulthood, Hall drifted away from creating art, as family responsibilities and his job in the mental health field did not leave much energy and time for creating art. Since retiring, his drive and interest have returned.

When asked what motivated him over the years to draw and paint, he said, "Artwork provides me with a portal to deeply explore the meanings and associated emotions of living one's life as a human being."

The professional experience of listening to and gazing into the eyes of the multitude of people he counseled over the decades has influenced his art.



He said, "For example, the meanings and emotions conveyed in peoples' faces are probably why I love painting portraits. Also, I've always felt drawn to the art of masters such as Rembrandt, Van Gough, Manet and Picasso, and their depiction of human experience has greatly affected my work."



Hall has minimal experience displaying his art publicly, and has only participated in two exhibitions. The first was as a child, when he entered a water colour painting in Winnipeg's Shrine Circus Poster Contest, and it won second place



In 2024, he submitted 3 paintings to the Eastman Juried Art Exhibition, and one of his pieces won first place in the oils category (pictured above) entitled "Grace". When describing his renewed love for making art, he said, "Whenever I start a piece, I am never clear where it will take me and how it will look when it is finished. It remains an engrossing experience. I will draw and paint for the rest of my life, because as the case with life, creating art is constant process of discovery."





Rural Mentorship Program
Applications are now open!

Are you ready to take the next step in your artistic career? Our Rural Mentorship Program is designed for aspiring professionals aged 16 to 29 living in rural Manitoba who are eager to grow in their chosen creative field.

Working one-on-one or in a small group of up to 5 with a chosen mentor, you will shape your own program so you can explore the aspects of your creative work that most excite you. Whether it's focusing on a particular project, developing specific skills, or making key industry connections— your path is in your hands. Mentorship isn't just about learning; it's about becoming an independent professional, gaining hands-on experience, and building a relationship with someone you can rely on.

Whether you're a beginner or someone who is looking to take that next step and connect more with your artistic and professional community, find out more and apply today!

click here to [Apply Today!](#)



Here are a few of the artists that participated in this year's Boreal Shores Art Tour



Sonia Lanctot-Blanchard at LdB library



Sarah Paquet @ Pinawa Art Gallery



Kelly Klick's work on display at Pinawa Art Gallery



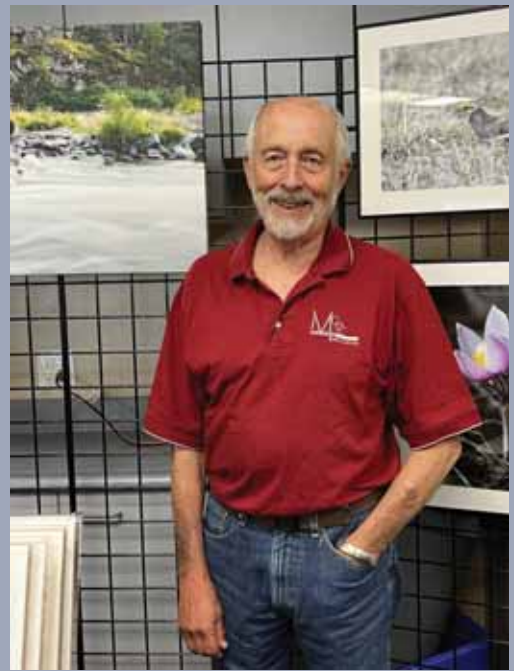
Anita Drabek at Pinawa Art Gallery



Joyce Shaw



Joyce's Wood Art



Stu Iverson at Pinawa Art Gallery



Pam O'Leary @ Clara's Cottage



Lee Mikinak from Powerview-Pine Falls

**IF IT WASN'T FOR MY ART
I WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY**

CARINI ARTS
**MY ART GIVES ME HOPE
MY ART GIVES ME PURPOSE
THERE WERE TIMES
I FELT THERE WASN'T A PLACE FOR ME
THERE ARE STILL TIMES
I FEEL THERE ISN'T A PLACE FOR ME
BUT MY ART ALLOWS ME TO CREATE ONE**

“

ART

*Enables us to
find ourselves
and lose ourselves
at the same time*

-Thomas Merton

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Have you heard of MAWA??

Mentoring Artists for Women's Art presents visual arts education, theory and criticism from an intersectional feminist perspective. The artist-run centre was founded in 1984, to "encourage and support the intellectual and creative development of women in the visual arts by providing an ongoing forum for education and critical dialogue" (mandate). MAWA now considers the broader spectrum of gender discrimination, and welcomes non-binary, trans and Two-Spirit participants into all programs.

Mentorship is the core activity of the organization, and a mentorship philosophy informs all aspects of MAWA. MAWA mentorships range in duration from 2-12 months, sometimes focussing on a specific media or theme, and often culminate in an exhibition. The in-depth learning that they provide is transformative. Mentorship shares knowledge, experience, networks and support, advancing individual careers and building a healthy, intergenerational arts community.

MAWA residencies provide women and non-binary artists of all career levels the opportunity to research and create in MAWA's live/work apartment. Exchanges with 3 international residency organizations allow Winnipeg artists to experience new artistic communities and professional opportunities globally.

To learn more about this organization and the amazing work they do, please navigate to their website for all the details

www.mawa.ca



Intro to Mandala Painting

October 16th, 2024

St. John's Heritage Church

86 McArthur Avenue

Lac du Bonnet, MB

6:30 - 9:30 pm

Registration is \$45, payable in advance to Winnipeg River Arts Council. Please bring a ruler and a white eraser, all other supplies are provided.

Contact Cathy 204-340-0889 or
winnipegriverarts@gmail.com

manitoba
**rural &
northern**
juried art show

Interlake | Eastman | Central | Westman | Northern | Parkland Regions



It was wonderful to attend the Manitoba Rural and Northern Juried Art Show on Saturday, August 17th during the opening ceremony

It was hard to get a picture of our Eastman winners as there was always someone standing and admiring the work





Kelly Klick who's sculpture "From Little Acorns Grow" won in the EJAE Sculpture Clay category for EJAE was one of the presenters at the opening ceremony. She spoke of her art, what inspires her and a lot about MAWA (Mentoring Artists for Women's Art) and how that program helped her a great deal.



L - Leah Boulet (who won for her piece "Shadows" in the drawing other category & R - Kelly Klick



L - Michael Hall (who won at EJAE for his piece "Grace" in the Painting Oil category & his wife Nicole



Jack Semple Trio (Gordon Lightfoot Tribute)



Friday, September 20th @ the Pinawa Community Centre

Individual tickets go on sale on September 13th

[Click here to go to EMCA's website](#)



Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society Presents

Flintknapping

*learn about Winnipeg River
archaeology, general geology,
anthropology, & Indigenous beliefs
while Chris Whaley, Archaeologist & Flintknapper
demonstrates
the art of flintknapping*

Saturdayenjoy bannock & tea

September 28 at 1:00 - 3:00 pm

St. John's Heritage Church & Arts Centre

86 McArthur Ave

Contact Terry 204-345-6329

**Tickets
\$15**

limited ticketsavailable at Daley's Pharmacy

Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society Inc.

on our path to truth and reconciliation





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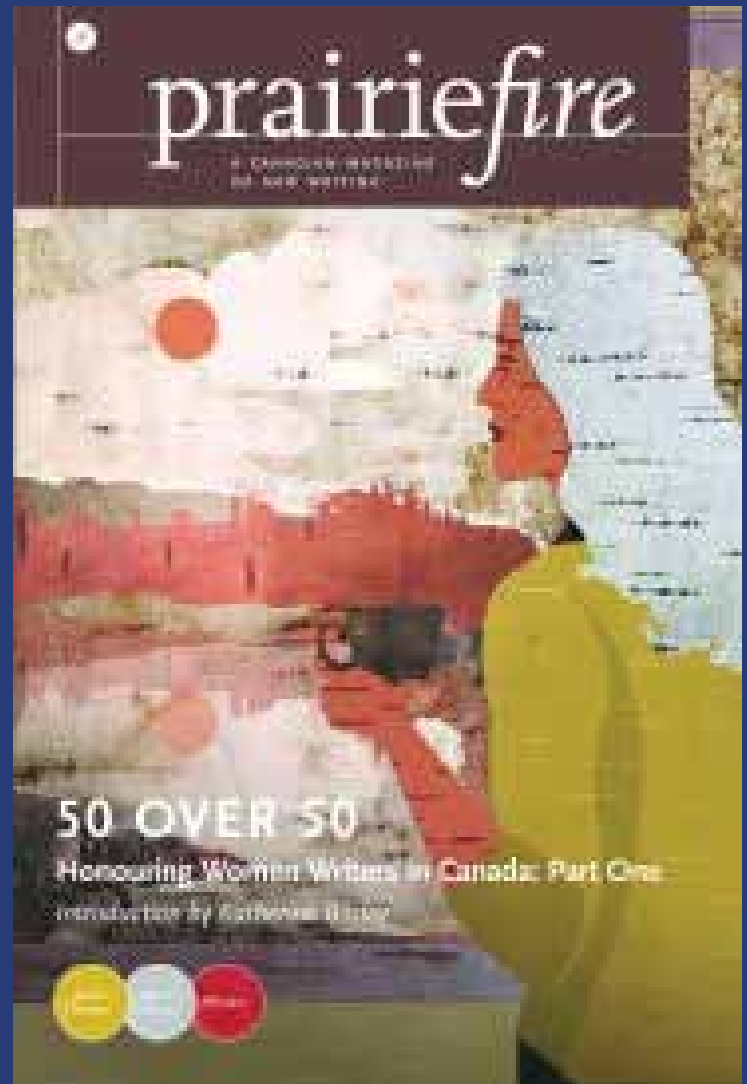
Prairie Fire: 50 Over 50 Group Launch
McNally Robinson Booksellers
Thursday Oct 10 2024 7:00 pm,
Winnipeg, Grant Park in the Atrium,
Streaming on YouTube

Please join Prairie Fire Press as we launch 50 OVER 50! The event will be hosted live in the Atrium of McNally Robinson Booksellers, Grant Park and also available as a YouTube stream.

This is the first part of a two-part special issue celebrating women writers aged 50 and over in Canada. The focus in this first issue will be primarily on our own Manitoba women, as well as those from the west. As guest editor, Katherine Bitney writes in her introduction, "Sometimes our voices, our narratives, get lost in the crowning of newer and younger writers.

But yes, we are out there, writing, and speaking, calling in ancestral and autobiographical voices, keeping the flames of the past and of life experience burning." This special issue features beautiful cover art by KC Adams. The evening will be introduced by Katherine Bitney, and hosted by the lovely Charlene Diehl.

Readings by KC Adams, Jody Baltessen, Donna Besel, Di Brandt, Ariel Gordon, Nancy Hall, Mary Horodyski, Catherine Hunter, Sarah Klassen, Rowan McCandless, Daria Salamon, Deborah Schnitzer, Barbara Schott, and Margaret Sweatman.





Manitoba Camera Club

*Are you passionate about photography?
Join us and enjoy....*



Have fun, learn something new and meet great people.

manitobacameraclub.com

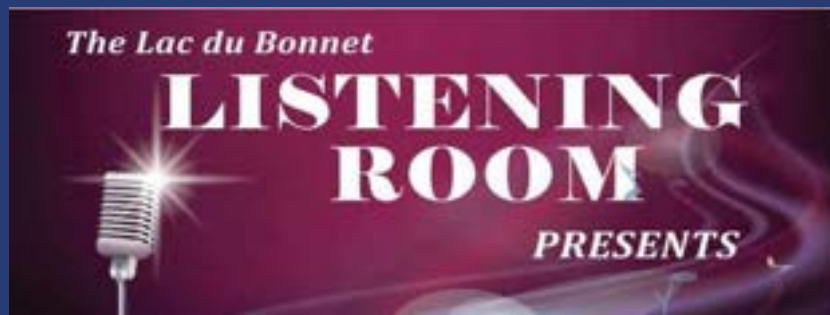


The Manitoba Camera Club is thrilled to announce that by adopting a zoom format we are now able to offer rural communities, as well as urban dwellers, the opportunity to take in national and international speakers from the comfort of your home.

In addition to hosting outstanding speakers, the Manitoba Camera Club offers valuable resources and holds monthly themed photography competitions. Members also participate in hands-on field trips and other in-person events designed to inspire exceptional images.

Our club is a diverse group of photographers, ranging from amateur to professional, who support and encourage each other. Please join us for an opportunity to learn, have fun, meet great people.

www.manitobacameraclub.com



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[Tickets available at: firewater.ca/events](https://firewater.ca/events)

Calling all Artists, Musicians, Theatre Folks, Writers, etc.



Winnipeg River Arts Council is very interested in getting classes and workshops back up and running, which seems to have stalled as a result of the pandemic.

If you are an artist, a writer, a performer, a musician, a fibre artist, a jewellery maker and would be interested in teaching others your craft, we are interested in speaking with you.

Please reach out to WRAC at 204-340-0889 or email winnipegriverarts@gmail.com with your ideas, and let's see if we can get some momentum going.

We are looking at fall/winter 2024/2025.





**EFFECTIVE BUSINESS
WRITING** *Workshop*



with Donna Besel



Workshop Overview

Date/Time:

November 13, 2024 - 9:30am - 3:30pm

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- Learn to structure clear and concise communications.
- Use the correct tone and language to address concerns.
- Edit and improve your own writing.
- Understand appropriate business communication.

Register:

Email: lussier@cfwr.mb.ca

Call: (204) 345-8691

Limited spaces available
RSVP by November 8, 2024





Hours of Operation

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	10:30 AM - 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	10:30 AM - 5:00 PM
THURSDAY	10:30 AM - 7:00 PM
FRIDAY	10:30 AM - 5:00 PM
SATURDAY	10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

CRAFT CLUB

Kindergarten - Grade 6
Thursdays 3:45 - 4:45pm
October 3 - November 28
(no craft club on October 31)

Please register at lacdubonnetlibrary.ca,
or stop in the library and complete a form.
No cost, but space is limited.

OUR VERY OWN ERAS SHOW

September 19
6-7pm

Come make the friendship bracelets! Sing the songs!
Wear your best ERAS inspired outfit!
Family Event for all ages!



Jennifer Hudson-Stewart introducing Donna



We were treated to an evening of great stories by local author, Donna Besel on August 29th @ the LDB Library.



Fall Hours:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm & 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
Thursday: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm and 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Friday: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

MY ADVENTURE WITH LEGO FOR ADULTS
BY MIKE LUKE
SEPTEMBER 24 AT 7 PM

- Learn how to navigate your own adventure!
- Learn how to get unique sets!
- Learn the health benefits of building LEGO!
- Learn about the ecosystem of LEGO fans!
- Learn about LEGO alternatives!

THERE WILL BE A SMALL SET GIVEN OUT IN A DRAW AT THE END OF THE PRESENTATION

After School Drop in
for children and their caregivers
Fridays 3:30 - 6:00 pm

Pinawa Public Library

Pirate Storytime
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
AT 2:00PM
STORIES, SNACKS, CRAFT



PHOTO RALLY

Help us capture our beautiful slice of the world by participating in this year's photo rally that begins on Friday, September 27th at 10:00 am.

Participants have until October 1st to complete 9 categories. Categories will be available and sent to paid registrants on the 27th.

Registration is \$15 and there are 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. Photos must be submitted by 2:00 pm on Tuesday, October 1st via email. Winners will be announced by noon on October 3rd. To register visit the Allard Library website at [clicking here](#)



Author Visit at Allard

Join us in welcoming romance author Tanya Renee to our St. Georges Library at 2 pm on October 5th

Tanya lives in southeastern Manitoba with her husband and two teenagers and a menagerie of pets. She writes what she wants to read - epic stories that take readers on a journey and make them believe in love.

The first two books in her Primrose series - *Prairie Sky* and *Prairie Nights* were published earlier in 2024. The 3rd book in the series, *Prairie Fire*, will be released in late September, just in time for our author visit.

Join us for some treats and refreshments



Book Character Pumpkin Decorating 2024

October 10 - 17th

Click [here](#) to register and for all the details regarding this event

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WRAC FEATURED ART'S ORGANIZATION



Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features Lac du Bonnet Library, located in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. For years, it has provided a much loved gathering place, and, like many local facilities, it has an interesting history.

As the community grew and developed, residents knew they wanted a library. For 15 years, from 1956 onward, Helen P. Smith ran a lending library out of her basement. When the Smiths moved to Winnipeg, due to Helen's failing health, the library moved into Hallie Lavoie's residence.

Due to lack of interest, this home-based lending service was eventually abandoned, and the collection ended up in the back room of The Bay Store's dry goods section. When the store expanded and needed more space, the books were on the move again.

In 1978, due to renewed interest, a library committee was formed. Members consisted of Roz Burt, Nick Ostash, Teri Usackis, Art Van Steelant, Joyce Hanton, Eleanor Lewko, Phyllis Robin, Connie Safronetz, and Aline Preston. While this group worked towards getting a regional library established, volunteers ran the library in the Lac du Bonnet Senior School.

On April 1, 1981, the Lac du Bonnet Regional Library opened its doors in Suite #1, a small apartment on 70 Park Avenue, with a view of the nearby beach. As time passed, the library expanded and also occupied an adjoining suite. In October of 1989, the board decided to build a custom facility and formed a building committee to oversee the plans.



Library Employees (L to R) Tannis, Crystal, River

The library has seven part-time employees: Head Librarian Jennifer Hudson Stewart, Public Services Coordinator Laurie Campbell, Clerk Crystal Larocque, Programming Clerk Tannis Smith, Assistant Clerks Ainsley Van Linden and River Lansard and Custodian Donna Kovari. Also, many volunteers assist with maintenance, gardening, programming, and other activities.

Hudson Stewart said, "From fall to spring, we host after school children's activities, including Lego and Craft Club. For adults, we offer Silent Book Club (4th Thursday of the month), Knitters & Crocheters (Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.) and Lego for Grown-Ups (Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) Upcoming events include: Spooky Library, during Halloween Festival, October 26th 12:00 - 3:00 p.m., and Bingo for Books (All Ages) November 21, 6:00 -7:00 p.m."

The library is funded by provincial and municipal governments, and by fundraising. It's board is composed of 6 members, 3 from the Town (including a member of council) and 3 from the RM (including a member of council).

Hudson Stewart said, “The library works to provide information and resources for the local population, and offer a welcoming, inclusive place for patrons to find resources and community. It serves the Town and Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet, along with surrounding areas. Membership is free to taxpayers in the Town and RM. Non-resident and short term memberships for summer and temporary residents are also available.”



Head Librarian Jennifer Hudson-Stewart



SAVE THE DATE

All the details will be forthcoming!



MURDER FOR TWO

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Lac du Bonnet Community Centre



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I Opened a Book

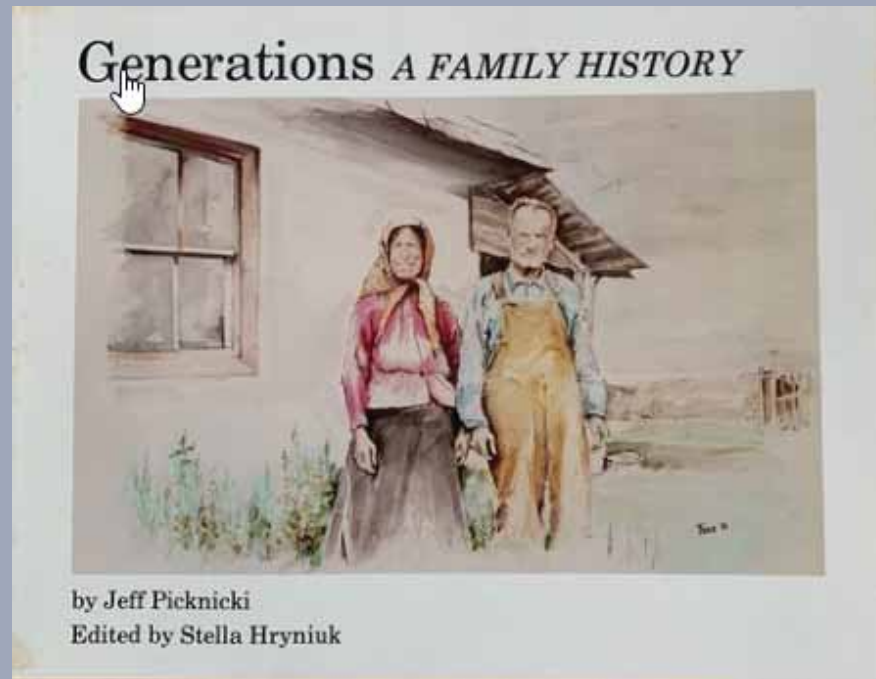
"I opened a *book* and in I strode.
Now nobody can find me.
I've left my chair, my house, my road,
My town and my world behind me.
I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,
I've swallowed the magic potion.
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king
And dived in a bottomless ocean.
I opened a book and made some friends.
I shared their tears and laughter
And followed their road with its bumps and bend
To the happily ever after.
I finished my book and out I came.
The cloak can no longer hide me.
My chair and my house are just the same,
But I have a *book* inside me."

— Julia Donaldson



The true purpose of arts education is not necessarily to create more professional dancers or artists. [It's] to create more complete human beings who are critical thinkers, who have curious minds, who can lead productive lives.

Lac du Bonnet Historical Society



"Generations: A Family History" by Jeff Picknicki - \$22.00

All proceeds go to the preservation of St. Anthony Petchersky Ukrainian Catholic Church Project. Compiled over 10 years, the book involved extensive archival research of Ukrainians leaving Galicia for Manitoba. It is well illustrated with historical photos.

"Generations: A Family History" focuses on family histories and stories of immigrations and settlement in Landerville, Red Deer, and Brightstone Districts of the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet. It relates to happy times and sad times, along with Ukrainian customs and traditions. There are also several pages on Holiday Beach, a tourist business Frank and Mar Picknicki operated from 1955 to 1967.

Please note: Books are available at The Clipper office in Lac du Bonnet. Also, some books have colour marking from not being stored in acid free boxes.

*Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society Update: St. Anthony Petchersky Ukrainian Catholic Church has now been designated as a Municipal Heritage Building and is currently waiting to be moved to Halliday Park, alongside the Lac du Bonnet District Museum.



FLASH's vision is to increase the number of artists working in the photographic arts in Manitoba, to increase the public's appreciation of these art forms, and to educate both artists and the public in techniques and philosophies of photography.

Beginning in April 2025, the festival will become a biennial, taking place every two years. We have been contacted by Flash to see if a photographic exhibition would be something we could undertake in our region.

If you are a photographer, would this be something you might be interested in participating in?

We have to make a commitment by January 10th, as they produce a catalogue of all participants, so they need the time before April to produce the catalogue of all the participants and get them distributed to the various regions.



If you are a photographer and would like to participate in this type of exhibition, please reach out with your interest at your earliest opportunity and we will see if we have enough participants to host this type of event.

Send an email to winnpegriverarts@gmail.com

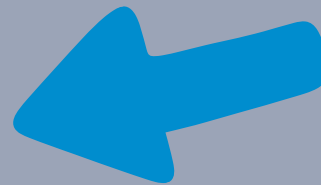


Are you an artist or
Photographer?

We are holding a contest for members to submit artwork or photographs that would be considered for WRAC's new brochure front page



This is one side of our old brochure and where we are looking for a new picture



If you are interested in having your work considered, please express your interest by emailing to:

winnipegriverarts@gmail.com

The deadline for this contest is November 30th, so please let us know if you're interested.

A committee comprised of WRAC board members will be evaluating the submitted art and choosing the winner

Are you a knitter, crocheter or a fibre artist with another hobby?

The Lac du Bonnet Library is offering drop in classes, where you can come and knit and chat and enjoy the company of other fibre artists.



**Knitters &
Crocheters**
other crafters welcome too!

**Meet at the library to exchange ideas, tips
or just have a chat while you create.**

Tuesday, October 22 1-3pm

There is no cost to come out and join others, so please stop by this Tuesday afternoon (October 22) from 1-3. If the interest is there, this will be offered every Tuesday going forward.

2024 ANNUAL WRITING CONTESTS

\$3,750 IN CASH PRIZES!

ONE CASH PRIZE OF \$1,250 IN EACH CATEGORY

MRB POETRY CONTEST

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

Judge: Bola Opaleke

MRB SHORT FICTION CONTEST

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

Judge: Lauren Carter

MRB CREATIVE NON-FICTION CONTEST

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

Judge: Jenny Heijun Wills

DEADLINE: NOV. 30, 2024

FEE: \$34 per entry, which includes a one-year subscription to *Prairie Fire*.

Winners may receive an invitation to *Truth & Air*, produced by the Winnipeg International Writers Festival, in person or virtually (this invitation is dependent on funding).



prairiefire



Complete guidelines at www.prairiefire.ca
For inquiries: prfire@prairiefire.ca

www.prairiefire.ca

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
12-3PM
THIRD STREET, LAC DU BONNET
SPOOKY LIBRARY

TRUNK OR TREAT PUMPKIN DECORATING

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The Northern Pikes

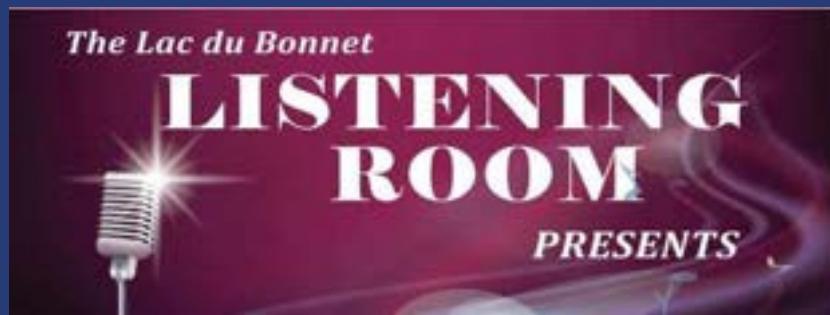


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- Learn to structure clear and concise communications.
- Use the correct tone and language to address concerns.
- Edit and improve your own writing.
- Understand appropriate business communication.

Register:

Email: lussier@cfwr.mb.ca

Call: (204) 345-8691

Limited spaces available
RSVP by November 8, 2024



Lac du Bonnet
REGIONAL LIBRARY



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SATURDAY	10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

CRAFT CLUB

Kindergarten - Grade 6
Thursdays 3:45 - 4:45pm
October 3 - November 28
(no craft club on October 31)


Please register at lacdubonnetlibrary.ca,
or stop in the library and complete a form.
No cost, but space is limited.

LEGO CLUB
for grownups

Tuesday, October 22
11 am - 12pm



AVAILABLE NOW



Would you or someone you know benefit from audio books? Audiobooks are a fantastic tool for people who have trouble reading print due to different learning, physical or visual abilities. A victor reader is a valuable resource for someone who may have difficulty with traditional books. The library has access to a large selection of books for the reader. Call 204 345 2653, and set up an orientation with Crystal on the reader.



Fall Hours:

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm & 6:30 to 8:30 pm
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PINAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOO!

HALLOWEEN STORYTIME

SPOOKY STORIES
COOKIE DECORATING

ALL WELCOME!

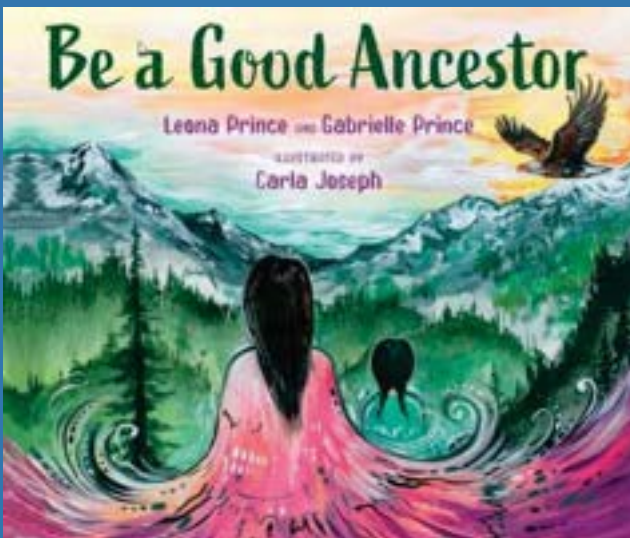
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH AT 2PM

After School Drop in
for children and their caregivers
Fridays 3:30 - 6:00 pm

OCTOBER 2024

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		Photos with the Author	Serina Carada			
						Tara Koko Author Visit 2pm
		Photos with the Author	Serina Carada			
						Book Chat with the Author (Book Chat) 2:00pm - 3:00pm Book Chat with the Author (Book Chat) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

There is a new story on the StoryWalk trail. “Be a Good Ancestor” by Leona and Gabrielle Prince is rooted in Indigenous teachings and encourages readers of all ages to consider the ways they live, and how it affects the world around them. “Be a good Ancestor with your thoughts. Thoughts become ideas. Ideas become actions. Actions become movements. Movements become change.”





ALLARD LIBRARY

Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library

Discover the Possibilities!

Hours of Operation:

Tuesdays 10:30 to 5

Wednesdays and Thursdays Noon to 8

Fridays Noon to 5

Saturdays 11 to 4:30

HALLOWEEN STORY TIME & COOKIE DECORATING

The library hosts a **Halloween Story Time & Cookie Decorating** annually. Attendance is great. 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 24th, 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.

Last year, Angel-lynn baked our yummy cookies and brought in the supplies. I'm excited to share she will be assisting us again this year!

A maximum of 15 kids can

attend due to space so sign up now to avoid disappointment.

Again this year, we invite the kids to wear their Halloween costumes.



Discover Owls Presentation - October 17th @ Allard Library



James Duncan from Discover Owls (L)
Melvin Vincent (R) with Rusty the owl



Shelley Penziwol (L) and Jen Kembal (R)
from Allard Library with Rusty the owl

Victoria Beach Branch

204-756-2043

victoriabeachbranch@allardlibrary.com

Lower Level, East Beaches Social Scene
3 Ateah Road
Victoria Beach, MB ROE 2C0

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The library, first known as Local Government District (LGD) of Alexander Library, opened its doors on May 3, 1983, after citizens went door-to-door collecting signatures on a petition to establish a local library. After a naming contest in 1985, the library became known as Library Allard, named for Joachim Allard.

Many changes in partnerships and location have occurred over its 41-year history. Today, it is one of 54 public library systems in Manitoba, serving citizens in the Rural Municipality of Alexander, the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach and the Town of Powerview-Pine Falls. The library has two branches – one in St. Georges and one in Victoria Beach. "The library is always expanding the programs and services it offers to community members and often we do this by seeking partnerships that help us move in new directions," said Shelley Penziwol, head librarian.

WRAC FEATURED ART'S ORGANIZATION



Bibliotheque Allard Regional Library





Shelley Penziwol - Head Librarian

This year the library launched a museum passbook program with Winnipeg River Heritage Museum, where participants borrow a passbook from the library and get free entry to the museum. In return, participants write (or draw) something about their museum visit in the passbook before returning it to the library for the next person to borrow.

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The three partner municipalities provide operating funding, as does the Manitoba government. In addition, the library generates revenue from fundraising and applies for various grants to fund special projects.

"We're about to start on a Manitoba Accessibility Fund project that will expand our large print collections at both branches, making our physical collections accessible to more members," said Penziwol. "It's satisfying to embark on new projects that benefit our communities."





The library is governed by a six-member board, with one council member and one citizen representative from each municipal partner. It has six part-time employees for both branches, including head librarian Shelley Penziwol, assistant librarian Jennifer Kemball and library clerks Kylie Fontaine, Valerie Townsend, Cindy Hoover and Victoria Peterson.

As a WRAC member, the library strives to support and promote local arts and culture initiatives. "This runs the gamut from offering space to hold events, bringing in artists and authors to talk about their work, and offering workshops where participants can engage in fun and creative activities," added Penziwol.



The library is open to everyone. Visitors are welcome to participate in programs, use the services (such as Wi-Fi printing from mobile devices) or simply spend time enjoying the space. Membership is required to borrow physical materials and access e-books, audiobooks and streaming videos from online platforms. Free memberships are available to permanent and seasonal residents from partner municipalities, and non-residents can purchase a membership for a low annual fee.

SAVE THE DATE

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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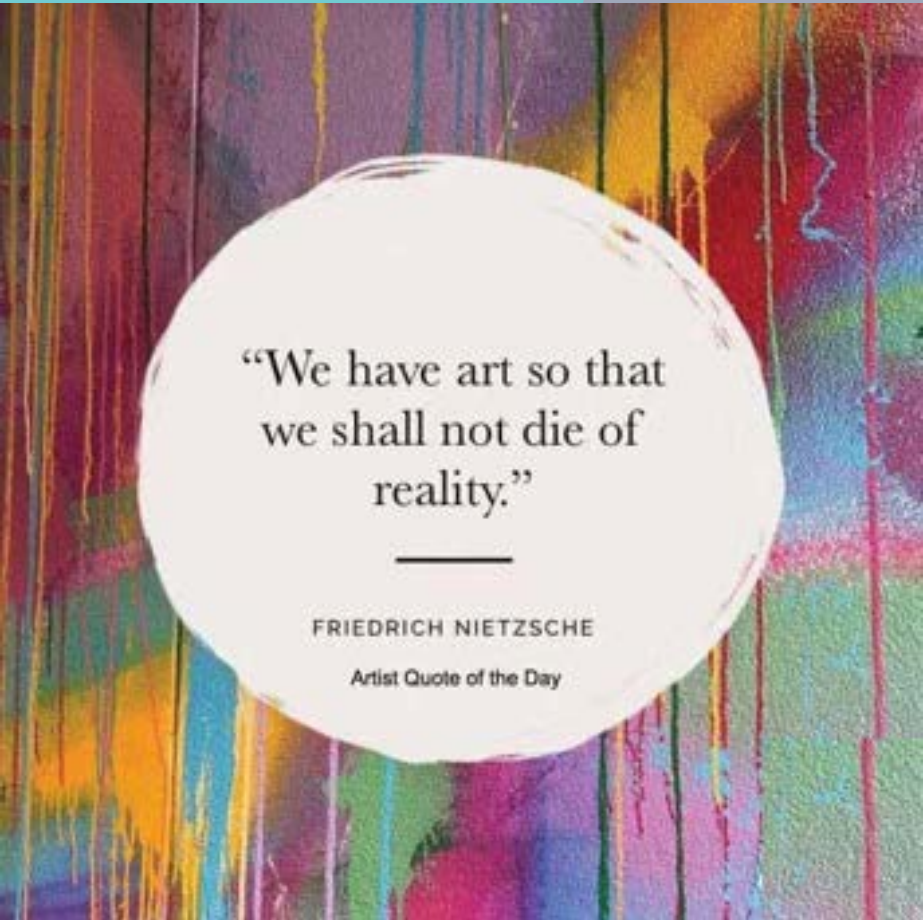
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Artist Quote of the Day



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we shall not die of
reality.”

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE

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Send an email to winnipegriverarts@gmail.com



Are you an artist or
Photographer?

We are holding a contest for members to submit artwork or photographs that would be considered for WRAC's new brochure front page

How to get involved

Become a member of our arts coalition

- Individual
- Student
- Non-profit
- Arts Supporters
- Family
- Associate
- Business

Join a subcommittee

- Communications
- Fundraising and Grants
- Governance and Policy
- Programming and Partnerships

Participate

- Enjoy arts programs and events in your community
- See a play, go to a concert, sing a song, dance with friends, write a story, paint a picture, buy some art

How to join WRAC

It's easy to become a member of WRAC. Visit winnipegriverarts.com and fill out the online membership form. WRAC will invoice you the applicable membership fee with payment options.

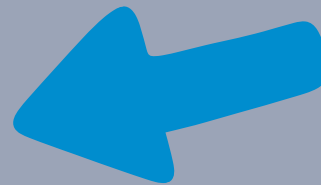



Connecting people and communities through the arts




Winnipeg River Arts Council
4 Park Avenue, Box 1199
Lac du Bonnet, MB R0E 1A0
Phone: (204) 340-0889
Email: info@winnipegriverarts.com

This is one side of our old brochure and where we are looking for a new picture

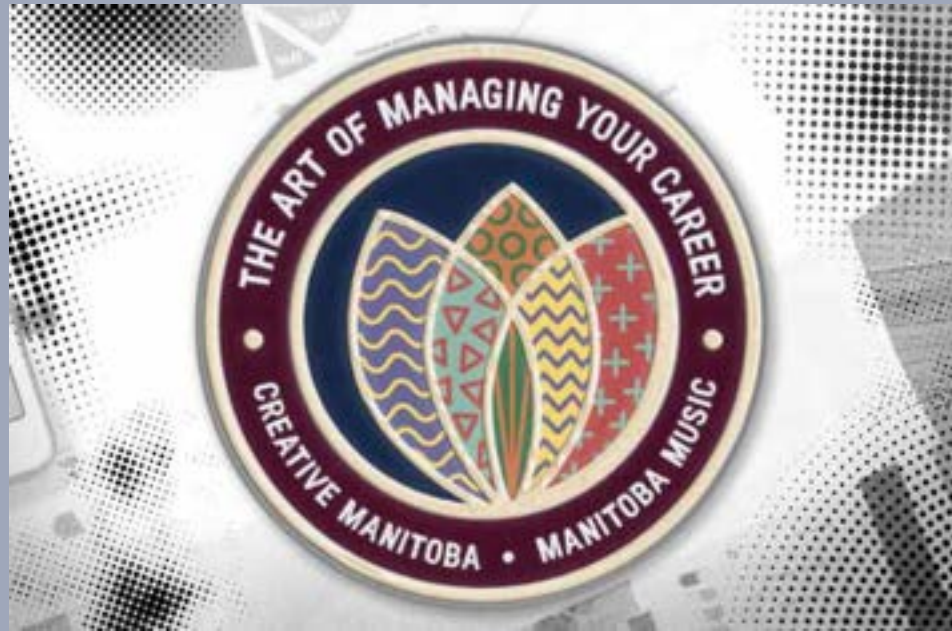


If you are interested in having your work considered, please express your interest by emailing to:

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The deadline for this contest is November 30th, so please let us know if you're interested.

A committee comprised of WRAC board members will be evaluating the submitted art and choosing the winner



The Art of Managing Your Career Applications Open Soon

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Stay tuned for more info, our application and program dates are coming soon...



At Manitoba Showcase each year, Manitoba Arts Network asks for nominations for outstanding member recognition and this year, Donna Besel was nominated and won the award. Donna didn't attend Showcase so Cathy accepted the award on her behalf and presented it to Donna at WRAC's next board meeting. The award was a linocut piece entitled "Gone to Seed" by Brandon artist Jan Jenkins



Donna Besel, Board Secretary receiving her award from Cathy Gregg, WRAC Administrator



The Manitoba Camera Club is thrilled to announce that by adopting a zoom format we are now able to offer rural communities, as well as urban dwellers, the opportunity to take in national and international speakers from the comfort of your home.

In addition to hosting outstanding speakers, the Manitoba Camera Club offers valuable resources and holds monthly themed photography competitions. Members also participate in hands-on field trips and other in-person events designed to inspire exceptional images.

The challenge now is to get the word out. To that end would you consider printing the attached information piece/flyer and posting it on your bulletin board? We have also attached two social media pieces, one of which outlines our November and December speaker series. Please feel free to post them on your social media platforms, in your newsletters or wherever you see fit.

For those of you in a regional library group, we would be so grateful if you could share the attached information with the other libraries in your region?

Our club is a diverse group of photographers, ranging from amateur to professional, who support and encourage each other. Please join us for an opportunity to learn, have fun, meet great people and take amazing images!

Thank you in advance for helping us bring this exceptional opportunity to all Manitobans!



Sincerely,

Wayne Adams
Membership Chair
Manitoba Camera Club

Click below for more information

www.manitobacameraclub.ca

MANITOBA CAMERA CLUB		Join Us For....	Speaker Series
05 NOV 7:00 Pm	Fine Art Photography Hans Arnold Fine Art Photography: Processing Beyond the Original Image		
12 NOV 7:00 Pm	Travel Photography Michael Winsor Lost in Newfoundland		
19 NOV 7:00 Pm	PHOTOGRAPHING THE SKIES Sheila Wiwchar Sheila will talk about photographing the skies and the countryside.		

03 DEC 7:00 Pm	How to Critique your own Images Chris Thombs Judging and self-critique can be challenging, especially when trying to understand how others judge your images.	
17 DEC 8:00 Pm	The Connection Between Art and Craft Freeman Patterson Various aspects of visual design, symbols and the role of the unconscious in creating art.	

Come out and help raise funds to move St. Anthony Petchersky Church



St. Anthony Petchersky Church
a heritage church on the move!

FUNDRAISER Saturday December 7
7:00pm
St John's Heritage Church & Arts Centre

OUR UKRAINIAN ROOTS
Ukrainian Songs & Traditions

with
Katrusia & Maryka Chabluk
Bohdan Hoi & Ivan Horodetskyy

\$25
Refreshment included

Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society
Contact: ldbhistorical@gmail.com or 204-345-6329
tickets available at **Daley's Pharmacy**

The Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society is working hard towards saving another Lac du Bonnet historical landmark, the former Brightstone Ukrainian St. Anthony Petchersky Church built in 1937.

The church building which moved twice before in it's history requires movement to Halliday Park to serve as a tribute & testament to Lac du Bonnet's Ukrainian Heritage.

Moving costs are at least \$15,000 and require the removal of the banya and Hydro and Bell MTS line interruptions. The Society is currently fundraising and has reached 30% of its fundraising goal. Please help save our history!



Red Moon Road



Friday, November 29th @ the Pinawa Community Centre.
Tickets range from \$20 to \$40- click below to purchase tickets
<https://www.emcaconcerts.com/events/red-moon-road>



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Come out for some good old fashioned bingo fun!!

BINGO FOR BOOKS *all ages!*

at the Lac du Bonnet Library

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21

5:30 - 6:30 pm

BOOK PRIZES FOR ALL GAMES!
AS MANY GAMES AS WE CAN PLAY IN A HOUR!




 Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

Knitters & Crocheters
other crafters welcome too!

Meet at the library to exchange ideas, tips or just have a chat while you create.

Tuesdays 1-3pm

Silent
BOOK CLUB
at the Lac du Bonnet Library

Fourth Thursday of the month
6-7pm

It's super simple: book club members bring a book, and sit and read silently with one another for a hour, once a month. There is no pressure, no required reading, and no need to worry about participating in a book discussion. People sit in the library and read silently, together. At the end of the hour, attendees can socialize—or not!



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Pinawa Public Library



Pinawa Public Library
Letters to Santa
Sunday, November 24 @ 2pm
Cozy up with our Library Elves for letter writing, stories, cookies & hot chocolate, and other holiday fun!
ALL AGES WELCOME

PINAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY
CHRISTMAS ADVENT CALENDAR FUNDRAISER
THE LIBRARY IS DOING A DRAW FOR 7 CHRISTMAS ADVENT CALENDARS!
\$2 PER ENTRY OR \$5 FOR 3!
Winners will be Announced
NOVEMBER 29 AT 5 PM
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO CHILDREN'S BOOKS AND PROGRAMS!



Join us for
The Knit Shift with Anne Shifflet
Thursdays at 1:30
at the library



Purdy's Annual Chocolate Fundraiser - DEADLINE IS TODAY

This year we are hoping to raise \$1,000 for programming and events for children and families, and we need YOUR help!

From now until November 20th you can order Purdy's treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign,

Please click [here](#) for more information



Join us on Thursday, Dec 12th from 6:30-7:30pm for a fun girls night out! We will be making Christmas decorations/centerpieces! Cost is \$20.00 and all supplies are included. Below are some examples of things you can make.

Come out for some laughs, yummy snacks and good company. You will be surprised how creative you can be! Please click [HERE](#) to register!



Victoria Beach Branch

204-756-2043
victoriabeachbranch@allardlibrary.com

Lower Level, East Beaches Social Scene
3 Ateah Road
Victoria Beach, MB ROE 2C0



Christmas is around the corner. We'd like to celebrate the holiday season with you by hosting our 3rd Gingerbread House building evening on Thursday, December 5th from 6-7:30pm at the Allard library.

We encourage families to use your imaginations and create something fun and yummy! The cost is \$25.00/family/gingerbread house. We provide everything! All we need is you! Parents, grandparents, cousins and friends are welcome. We can register a maximum of 8 families due to space so sign up soon!. To register click [HERE](#)

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WRAC FEATURED ARTIST

Rick McC Calder



For this month, Winnipeg River Arts Council features sculptor Rick McC Calder. Born in Winnipeg, he grew up in Elma and went to school in Whitemouth. Almost 51 years ago, he moved for a welding job at Tanco Mine, arriving in Lac du Bonnet with wife Janet and a toddler. Two more girls were born in Pinawa and all three daughters graduated from Lac du Bonnet Senior School.

He makes art from used cutlery, pieces of metal, beer cans, wood, and other found materials. His works are mainly welded, using recycled and used metals. He also dabbles in wood carving and photography. In 1992, he took classes at Red River College and received a certificate of photography.



McC Calder said, "All my metal work is coloured by heat, not paint. I love creating golfers and fishers from railroad spikes, and flowers from sheet metal. I also hand cut saw blades to fabricate scenes in the metal."



In 1966, he took up welding for a career and, at 76 years old, he continues to use these skills. With this expertise, he learned to construct various "characters" in his spare time out of nuts and bolts and other ornamental objects. Like many artists, he put aside most creative activities while earning a living and raising a family.

He said, "Over the years, art got pushed onto the back burner of life. But I always made something for a gift or for myself. I've always been inspired to do metal art and crafts. Now I'm almost retired, art will be on my menu."

McCalder is also known as a former Lac du Bonnet Blues team's general manager. When the hockey league folded at the end of 1988/89 season, he spent all spring and summer reviving it. After a successful season, two Winnipeg teams withdrew and the league folded again. He said, "We had great players, volunteers, and a following. It was a great experience."

Although he hasn't exhibited his work or received awards, he sells his art privately, by word of mouth. He has taught others how to weld for work reasons, not art. Also, he wrote two articles, one for the Clipper and one for Lac Du Bonnet Living.

In 1975, he took flying lessons, as one of six people in the new Airpark school's first class. After leaving Tanco, his work life took different directions. He worked for Holden Wild Rice, building cabins on their lakes and harvesting wild rice. He hauled pulp to Pine Falls and Kenora, and hauled fuel on winter roads to northern reserves. In Red Lake area, he flew his own aircraft, maintaining fly-in camps.





In the 1980's, McC Calder opened a small welding shop, where he also repaired small engines, and sold riding mowers, chainsaws, and trimmers. For 4 years, he flew an aircraft part-time for Hampshire Baits. After he sold the welding shop, he worked as a mechanic and welder for Manitoba Conservation. While juggling these various jobs, he did welding at his home and worked for a local boat vendor, Watertown Incorporated, doing prop repairs.

His closing comment: "Finally, I have time for my art. I like making it and hopefully someone appreciates and likes it."



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ARTIST'S CHRISTMAS TREES



Botticelli



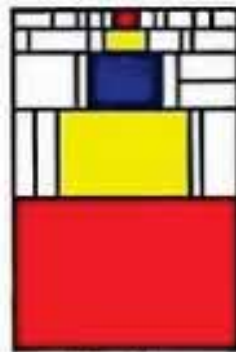
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Vermeer



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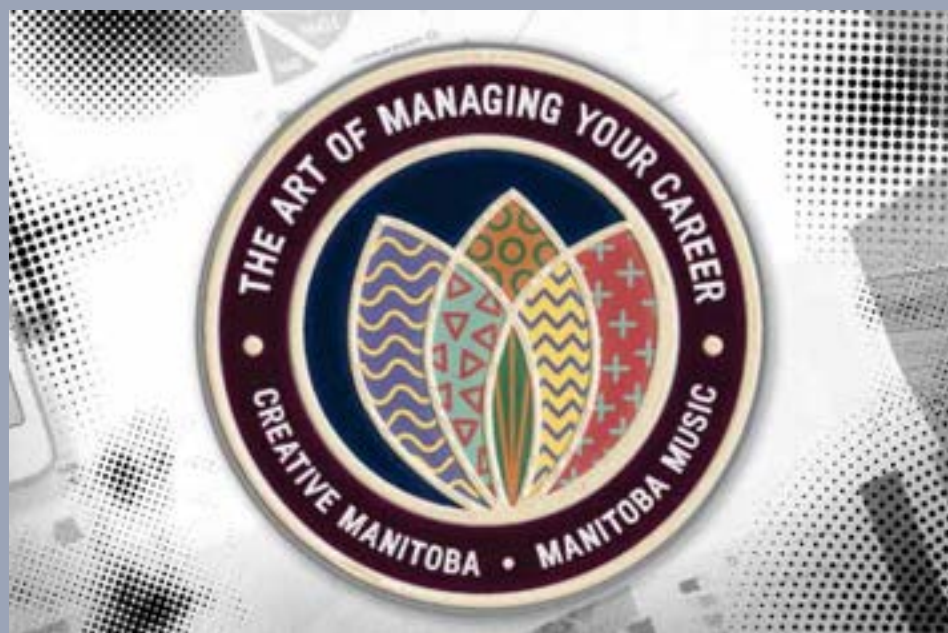
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On behalf of the Board of the Winnipeg River Arts Council, we send the happiest of wishes to everyone as they gather and celebrate this upcoming holiday season.

We thank you for continuing your membership in WRAC so that we may continue to do the work we do!

Kelly Murray, President

Mac Kinghorn, Vice-President

Joan Marion, Treasurer

Donna Besel, Secretary

Judy Leroye, Director

Stan Kelly, Director

Cathy Gregg, Administrator



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Don't miss out! The Creating Impactful Video Content on a Budget webinar, presented by Manitoba Arts Network and the Northern Arts and Food Project by Creative Manitoba, is your chance to master video storytelling. Learn how to create engaging, high-quality video content using affordable tools and techniques—perfect for social media and promotions.

When: December 16, 2024

Time: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Register now to discover best practices, essential tools, and strategies to grow your audience and achieve your goals.

Click [HERE](#) to register



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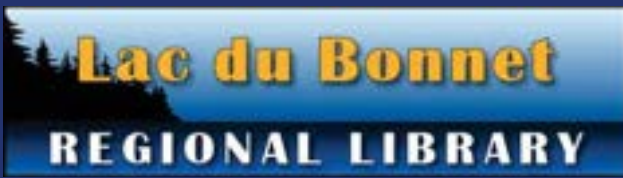
Micah! brings a bilingual show to the Pinawa Community Centre on January 25, 2025 at 4pm.

This special children's concert is sure to be a hit for young music fans, bringing music and comedy in both French and English!

This lively and educational show promises memorable moments for kids, all while stimulating their creativity! You're not going to want to miss this!

Saturday, Jan 25th @ 4 PM at the Pinawa Community Centre
Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at the link below

[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)



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The Grinch made quite a splash at the Library on December 7th.



Holiday Hours

December 22 - 26	Closed
December 27	10:30 am - 5Pm
December 28	10:30 am - 2:30Pm
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The Library Lobster would like to invite you and your stuffy for a very special storytime on Friday, December 13th.

You can drop off your stuffy anytime between 3:30 and 6pm. They will receive a special tag with their name and stay for an OVERNIGHT in the library! There will be a storytime and craft for stuffies AND kids at 4:30, and then you can follow along at home on our facebook and instagram page to watch all the silly and fun activities they find to do at the library!

You can pick up your Stuffedies during the Christmas Market between 10-2 on Saturday, December 14th.

Pinawa Public Library
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
OVERNIGHT
Christmas
STUFFY
STORYTIME

Bring your Stuffy for Stories and Crafts starting at 4:30 and leave them at the Library for an overnight slumber party! Follow along on our Facebook/Instagram page to watch all the silly and fun things they find to do at the Library.

Time to Renew your Membership

2025 is coming to an end! With that being said, membership renewals are required for the new year. To renew your account, simply email ill@allardlibrary.com and include your first and last name, and account number/username. This will be a 14 digit number or a 4 digit number with a P in front. If you are unsure what your account number is, let us know and we'll be happy to retrieve it for you.



Join us on Thursday, Dec 12th from 6:30-7:30pm for a fun girls night out! We will be making Christmas decorations/centerpieces! Cost is \$20.00 and all supplies are included. Below are some examples of things you can make.

Come out for some laughs, yummy snacks and good company. You will be surprised how creative you can be! Please click [HERE](#) to register!



DECEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 In house game set up for the kids	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 St. Georges School Christmas concert Service Canada 9:30am-1:30pm	12 DIY Girls Night Out 6:30-7:30pm	13	14
15	16	17 Fraserview School Christmas concert	18 Colouring Contest winners announced	19	20	21
22	23	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED	27	28
29	30	31 CLOSED				

Read2Win Reading Prompt: Read a nonfiction book

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Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10 to 2
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