

Rural and Northern Mentorship Program, 2009

The Manitoba Arts Network, in partnership with Mentoring Artists for Women's Art (MAWA), is pleased to offer a Mentorship program for artists working in rural and northern Manitoba. This exciting new program will be facilitated by Shirley Brown, experienced mentor and practicing professional artist.

Two communities will host these mentorships:

-Gypsumville/Ashern (with support from the Inland Ocean Arts Alliance): August 28-30, at the Fieldstone Ventures Athletic and Training Centre in Ashern, MB

-Neepawa (with support from the VC Cultural Centre): September 25-27, at the VC Cultural Centre

The program will begin with a weekend workshop that will provide participants with the basics of professional self-presentation:

Friday evening will begin with an Artist's Talk by Shirley Brown, followed by a question period and informal reception. This event will be open to the community at no cost.

Saturday morning there will be a workshop on preparing professional Biographies, Resumes/CVs and Artists Statements.

Saturday afternoon participants will investigate exhibition proposals and how to host a studio visit.

Sunday, Shirley will conduct a "studio visit" with each participant (artwork will be brought to the workshop facility)

Following the workshop, participants will be encouraged to apply for a follow-up, one-on-one, mentorship program to be conducted over two subsequent visits. Two successful applicants will be chosen from each workshop by the Manitoba Arts Network, MAWA, and Shirley Brown.

The registration fee is \$10.00 for the weekend.

For more information or to register, please contact Bree Bergen at the Manitoba Arts Network, (204) 943-0036 or bree.mbarts@mts.net. (Registration form attached)

Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity, register today!



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Mentor Shirley Brown, Biography

Shirley Brown uses paint and multi-media to explore her interests in celebrity, power, and unexpected disaster. The black humour she enjoys often figures in her work.

She has studied with many professional instructors in class, workshop and retreat situations. Since participating in the MAWA Advisory Program in 1986, her work has been exhibited in group and solo shows across Canada and internationally. In 2000 she curated and organized The Library Project, a traveling exhibition which toured to rural Manitoba, the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg and the Dunlop Art Gallery in Regina where she acted as Artist in Residence. In 2005 she exhibited her most recent work in solo shows at the Winnipeg Art Gallery in Winnipeg (where she again served as Artist in residence) and the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba in Brandon. This exhibition toured Saskatchewan.

Shirley has been the recipient of a number of awards from Manitoba Arts Council and Canada Council. In 1993 she was awarded a scholarship to attend a residency program at the Banff Centre for the Arts. Her work is included in various private and public collections such as the Manitoba Arts Council and Canada Council Art Banks.

In 1999-2000, and again in 2004-2005, Shirley served as a mentor in the MAWA Advisory Program. As part of a three-person mentoring group she mentored nine rural women during 2002-2003. She has conducted a number of slide lectures and workshops across the country. Shirley has served on many panels and juries throughout her art career.

Shirley works from her farm studio near Deloraine in southwest Manitoba.

Rural and Northern Mentorship Program, 2009 **Registration Form**

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone (1): _____ **Telephone (2):** _____

Email: _____

Artistic Discipline: _____

Please check which location you will be attending:

- Ashern: August 28-30, at the Fieldstone Ventures Athletic and Training Centre in Ashern, MB
- Neepawa: September 25-27, at the VC Cultural Centre in Neepawa, MB

Please forward your submission by mail, fax or email to:

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