



May 22, 2007

### **Toll-free number**

Did you know we have one? Make a note of **1-866-919-2787** and call us any time - no charge.

### **Best Arts & Culture reporting Awards**

Linda Rogalski-Tapp, your President, presented the awards for the best arts & culture reporting at the Manitoba Community Newspaper Awards banquet on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

The winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Crossroads This Week, Shoal Lake

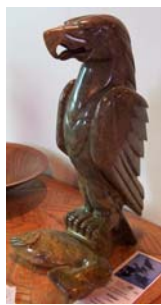
2<sup>nd</sup> The Herald, Winnipeg

3<sup>rd</sup> Selkirk Journal, Selkirk

### **Rural & Northern Art Show at the Legislature – July 2007**

Posters & invitations are being sent out. Professional artist studio visits are being organized for the artists in this show.

The opening is on Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 -6:00pm. Everyone is welcome. It's always an incredible showcase of work from rural & northern artists. This year the show will be up from July 4-16 only. Support has already been received from Great West Life & Shaw Cable.



### **2006 Legislature Show Artist's work touring France**

Remember this beautiful sculpture by George Bird at the 2006 Rural & Northern Art Show at the Legislature? This month, May 2007, George Bird and his mentor,

George Arlook, are touring their work in France. Their story was featured in the Wpg Free Press on April 26<sup>th</sup>. George Bird is from South Indian Lake. They are doing this on their own - no funding for them, but plan on selling their work in France to cover expenses. George is an excellent representative of Manitoba artists! Best wishes to him for a successful tour.

### **Visual Artists Directory – 2007**

Changes and additions have been made to our on-line directory of visual artists available for workshops & exhibitions.

Check it out at:

[http://www.communityarts.mb.ca/visual\\_arts\\_program\\_directory.html](http://www.communityarts.mb.ca/visual_arts_program_directory.html)

Let us know if you have suggestions of artists who should be included.

### **Manitoba Day 2007 – May 12**

The Manitoba Chamber of Commerce held a very fine celebration in Winnipeg on May 11<sup>th</sup>, featuring a reception with the tasty foods produced in Manitoba. Three authors who have explored Manitoba and written books on their adventures made presentations. Marilyn Leathers (Prairie Pathfinders), Bartley Kives (Day Trippers Guide to Manitoba), and Bill Stillwell (Manitoba Naturally – Scenic Secrets of Manitoba) were enthusiastic promoters of sights and treasures right on our doorstep! This included several of the facilities and events of our members!

### **Manitoba Showcase Contact 2007**

Since this will be in Thompson, you may already be thinking about how you will travel

there. Well – for northern participants we hope to be able to assist with your travel expenses. For southern participants we will be chartering a bus. The bus will leave Brandon around 9am with registrants from the far Westman area. The bus will pick up along the Trans-Canada at pre-arranged sites. By noon, the bus will be at a designated pick-up site with parking available for registrants on the Winnipeg perimeter. Then straight up Hwy #6 to Thompson, picking up more passengers.

It will be fun enroute and an adventure! Northern hospitality and a very interesting two days in Thompson will make you glad you came.

### Donations made easy



If you are not already familiar with CanadaHelps™ and how this can

assist you, go to [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org). No, this will not automatically commit you to make a donation (although you can) but it will show you how it could work for your organization. If you have a website or if you solicit donations by email, it is secure and makes donating easy for your potential donors.

### OTHER

#### ***Engaging Today & Tomorrow's Volunteer – A One Day Workshop for Busy Arts Professionals***

**Date:** *Thursday June 7, 2007*

**Time:** 9 am - 4 pm

**Trainer:** Barb Gemmell, Volunteer Manitoba

**Location:** 6th Floor Solarium, 63 Albert Street, Winnipeg

**Cost:** \$110.00 for Non-Members  
\$99.00 for ACI Members  
(includes manual and lunch)

**Contact:** ACI Manitoba's Training Coordinator, Carol Finlay at 927-2782 or [training@creativemanitoba.ca](mailto:training@creativemanitoba.ca) for details

### **6<sup>th</sup> WAVE Artist Tour – June 9 & 10**

The Winnipeg Beach Art & Culture Co-op is promoting the 6<sup>th</sup> WAVE tour in the eastern Manitoba Interlake. The diversity and quality of artwork you will find in this tour of artist studios is amazing! For more information, go to their website:

[www.watchthewave.ca](http://www.watchthewave.ca) or contact: [hroggere@mts.net](mailto:hroggere@mts.net) or [dolafson@mts.net](mailto:dolafson@mts.net)  
OR call 1.204.389.5633 / 642.4873

### **Project Cool 2007 - Winnipeg-Smooth**

**Jazz 99.1 Cool FM** is looking for Manitoba's finest singers, songwriters, performers, bands or soloists for Project Cool 2007. Project Cool 2007 will award \$75,000.00 in total to three Manitoba performers.

Applications are available on the web site at [www.cooljazz.ca](http://www.cooljazz.ca), or at **99.1 Cool FM**, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor, CanWest Global Place, 201 Portage Ave., Winnipeg and must be returned to 99.1 Cool FM by 4pm Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact: Russ Tyson, (204) 253-2665

**Wade Dance Camp** at Asessippi is a summer dance experience for youth ages 10 & up. You can register for 1 or 2 weeks July 8-21, 2007. For more information go to [www.asessippi.com/dance](http://www.asessippi.com/dance) or call 773-3211 in Russell.

### **"Youth, Communities & Volunteering"**

This is the theme of Oct 1-2 conference of the annual Canadian Community Information and Referral Conference (CCIRC). The conference will take place at Delta in Winnipeg, Manitoba and is sponsored by CONTACT Community Information (Volunteer Manitoba). A registration package and submission form for prospective presenters is available on their website at [www.informcanada.ca](http://www.informcanada.ca). All up-to-date conference program descriptions and details will be posted there as well.

### ***That's it for now.***

Lydia Giles

### ***Fostering arts and culture in rural and northern Manitoba***