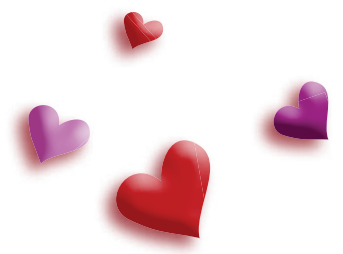


PORTAGE & DISTRICT ARTS CENTRE

NEWS

February, 2012



Valentine's Day is February 14th!

Valentine's Day is a special day for friends, husbands, wives and lovers to express and celebrate their love and appreciation of the people who are important to them. What better way to show your affection than by spoiling the one you love with a one of a kind gift from the Arts Centre? We have a wonderful selection of designer jewelry items including, sterling silver handcrafted earrings, dazzling semi precious gemstone rings, antique silver spoon creations, and natural brass beaded bracelets, necklaces and earrings. This month da-Zired Keepsakes Jewelry is 20% off the regular price! The Gift Shop also has natural beeswax candles and sweet flavored honey for your honey. Beautiful etched glass vases, assorted pottery, wood turned and ornamental porcelain bowls and gorgeous fused glass art would also make an amorous statement on Valentines Day. For the man in your life we have traditional, knife steel, sharpening tools, wood turned key chains, wine bottle stoppers, cozy leather slippers and exquisite handcrafted ballpoint pens. Framed photographs and paintings, stained glass art, as well a music CD's and books by local artists would also make delightful gifts. Nothing says I love you like an original gift made by local artists and artisans.

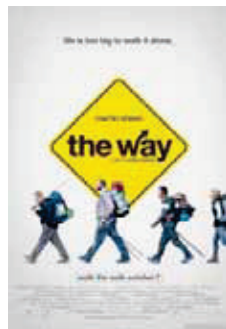
The PDAC Reel Event

Screening the Best Canadian and Foreign Independent films from mainstream Hollywood. Films that make you think! Movies are screened every 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 pm at the Cinema Centre Theatre. Single movie tickets are only \$9.00 at the theatre door.

NEXT SCREENING:

February 15, 2012 THE WAY

An ambitious drama by actor-director Emilio Estevez. It is a touching film about the testy yet unbreakable bond between father and son, as well as the supportive, connections that can form among strangers. The father (Martin Sheen) heads overseas to recover the body of his estranged son who died while traveling the "El Camino de Santiago," while there he decides to take the pilgrimage himself. Set against the gorgeous vistas of France and Spain, The Way is a journey of self-discovery that follows four very different people as they learn to better love themselves and each other.



Visit www.portageartscentre.ca for more information.

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Gift Shop Essentials

Shop Unique, Support Local



The PDAC Gift Shop is bursting with gift ideas for that someone special in your life!

Winter 2012 Workshops

Larry Rich Acrylic Workshop (adult)

Saturday, February 25, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (1 day)
Members \$75 Non Members \$85 Location: Art Studio
Instructor: Larry Rich
Class Size: Min 6/Max 12

Exploring techniques for producing an individual and unique vision in treescapes in the abstract. Students will be encouraged to be individual in their approach. Instructor will supply a demo photo and personal photos may be brought for inspiration. Every attempt will be made to encourage a finished piece. Various techniques in brush, palate knife, sponges, etc. will be explained and utilized.



Photo from www.larryrich.com

Paper Marbling Workshop (ages 15 to adult)

Saturday, March 3, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm (1 day)
Members \$50 Non Members \$60 (fee includes \$15 in supplies)
Location: Art Studio Class Size: Min 6/Max 10
Instructor: Janet Carroll

Ebru, Turkish Marbling is a process that involves swirling inks on a tray of thickened water, then laying a sheet of paper on the tray and picking up an 'instant print.' This introductory workshop will explore the tools and materials of this fascinating craft. Participants will learn traditional patterns and experiment with new ones. The resulting prints, all unique, can be enjoyed as they are, enhanced with further artwork or used in creating three-dimensional objects. Materials used are: inks, combs, trays, etc. and will be provided. Participants should bring an

apron or smock, as marbling can be messy! Janet Carroll is a Winnipeg paper marbler and book artist. She has marbled paper for 30 years and her work is in private collections and the Norma Rubovitz Collection of Marbled Paper, Newberry Library, Chicago. She enjoys sharing her enthusiasm for marbling and book-binding with adults. She also works in the Learning Through the Arts Program in Winnipeg schools making books with children.

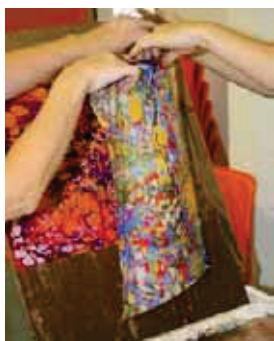


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Oil Painting Workshop: Bob Ross Style (ages 15 to adult)

Saturday, March 24, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm (1 day)
Mmbrs \$85 Non Mmbrs \$95
Location: Art Studio
Instructor: Julie Lamoureux
Class Size: Min 9/Max 12
Painting: "Winter Night"

Join certified Bob Ross instructor Julie Lamoureux for this fun class and create



an oil painting that you will be proud to display, created using Julie's own technique. If you've always wanted to paint but have been intimidated by the high price of supplies, this class is an excellent opportunity. All materials, including the canvases, easels, brushes, paints and thinners are provided. Beginners are welcome! Classes are designed to be for everyone, even people who think they "can't." This workshop is lots of fun and Julie works hard to make sure that it is a good experience.

Figure Drawing from "A" to "Z" Workshop (adult)

Saturday, March 31, 11:30 am to 4:30 pm (1 day)
Members \$65 Non Members \$75 Location: Art Studio
Instructor: Alexander EI Class Size: Min 6/Max 12

For beginners and experienced artists. Perfect for creating admission portfolio to School of Art, supplies are not included. In this one day workshop with a live nude model you will learn the following:

- Composition - placement or arrangement of visual elements in a work of art.
- The visual elements of drawing/painting: Line and Shape, Colour, Texture, Form, Value(Shading), Spaces (positive and negative).
- Human body proportions and understanding the natural range of motion in the joints of the human body.
- Approach to gesture drawings (from 30 seconds to 5 mins). Gesture drawing is often performed as a warm-up for a life drawing session.
- Importance of contrasts of light and dark in achievement of sense of volume in modelling three-dimensional objects such as the human body.
- Approach to long pose life drawing session.

Supplies List:

Newsprint drawing pad any size or loose pages, at least 25 small pages or 15 large pages. Any dry media: charcoal, graphite, pencil, black conte, pastels. 3 pages of white paper better than newsprint 18" x 24" in size or smaller and an eraser. One stretched canvas or canvas board or cardboard 16" x 20" or 18" x 24" or similar size. Acrylics or oils or watercolours, brushes, water/oil container, paper towel, palette. Not all the people are comfortable with oils or even acrylics, so they can use any dry media in this workshop. The demonstration will be in oils, but conte or acrylics can be used instead. Alex EI graduated from Art School of Russian Academy of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg, studied at the University of Manitoba's School of Art, has exhibited his works in Russia, Israel, Canada and is very experienced in drawing the human body.

You can see examples from Alexander's website:

<http://www.winnipegportraits.com>

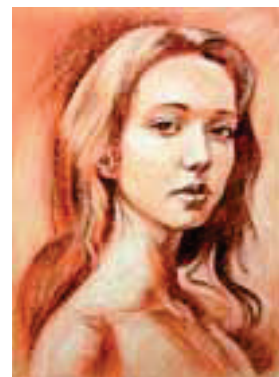


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In the Gallery

Main Gallery

January 3 to February 11, 2012

MENNONITE WOMEN EVOLVING
An Historical Perspective
Beverley Friesen & Gail Sawatzky



This exhibition illustrates the lives of Mennonite women from the 1800's to present through acrylic and oil paintings.

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February 14 to March 31, 2012

WATER
Sandi Storen

An exhibition of new watercolours by local artist Sandi Storen that glow with the light of the prairie sun. Her distinctive style brings the viewer a fresh look at the subject of water, its natural beauty and its ties to generations of humans and their lives.

Sandi has a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree with a major in graphic design and has been exhibiting her work for over 20 years. She also does commissions, freelance graphic design and knit wear design. Her work has been reproduced on stone, acrylic and wood and as giclée prints. Her originals hang in private collections across Canada.



Gallery Event: Sunday, February 19 at 2 pm

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Board Room Gallery

January and February, 2012

BARBIE AND KEN – A New Look At An “Old” Toy
Leila Bawoll

Mixed Media Installation

Leila clothes the dolls in outfits of her own design. She enhances their features with paint and cuts, colours and curls their hair. Leila creates her own names for her Barbies and Kens, giving them character through her clothing and accessory designs.

Chance 2 Grow

Chance 2 Grow is a fund within the Child and Family Services of Central Manitoba Foundation that pays registration fees and helps with equipment and supplies for a myriad of educational and recreational opportunities for children in need of financial support. Activities eligible for funding include Music, Art or Dance Day Camps, Art Classes and supplies, Theatre Classes, Martial Arts, Dance Classes and more. All children and youth between the ages of 5 and 17 who reside in the Central Region of Manitoba and who meet the qualification of financial need are eligible.



The following information will help you determine if your child is eligible:

Total Family Household Size	Maximum Allowable Total Family Income
2	\$35,498
3	\$42,322
4	\$50,135
5	\$56,111
6	\$62,549
7+	\$68,986

To apply, download an application form at www.cfscmfoundation.com or pick up an application at Child and Family Services of Central Manitoba Foundation, 25-3rd Street SE, Portage la Prairie, MB, R1N 1N1. For further information call 857-8751 or toll free 1-888-339-3576.

Central Region Juried Art Exhibit

The 31st Annual Central Region Juried Art Exhibit is open to artists or crafts persons ages 15 years or older who are residents of the Central Region. Artists Reception will be held at the Golden Prairie Arts Council, April 27, 2012 at 6:00pm followed by a Public Opening at 7:00pm. To download the Call For Entry and the Registration Form, please visit us at www.portageartscentre.ca or pick up a copy at the Gift Shop.

Entry deadline is March 30, 2012.

PDAC Closed For Louis Riel Day

The Portage & District Arts Centre will be closed Saturday, February 18, 2012 for Louis Riel Day. Open again Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

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Tuesday thru Saturday
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Membership Fees

\$45 - family, \$25 - adult,
\$20 - student (under 18),
\$75 - group affiliate

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PDAC Calendar at a Glance

Feb 1	<i>Fine Arts Techniques starts</i>
Feb 2	<i>Junior Artists Mixed Media starts</i>
Feb 11	Last Day of Exhibit: <i>Mennonite Women Evolving</i>
Feb 14	New Exhibit: <i>Water</i>
Feb 15	Reel Event: <i>The Way</i>
Feb 18	PDAC Closed for Louis Riel Day
Feb 19	<i>Water Exhibit Opening at 2:00 pm</i>
Feb 21	<i>Quilting Session II starts</i>
Feb 25	<i>Larry Rich Acrylic Workshop</i>

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