

NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



START SKETCHING!

(or painting, or drawing)

We are very pleased to announce that our 104th Annual Juried Exhibition will take place from 9th March til the 19th of May 2023 at the Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain, 340 Provencher Boulevard. Opening night will be on Thursday the 16th of March from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with live (live!) music, a cash bar and maybe appetisers or something too.

The venue is a beautiful big space, well lit with moveable ceiling track lighting. It is nestled between their theatre and the Stella's restaurant (open every day, til 10:00 p.m.), so we can hope for lots of traffic and public eyes on our Club members' artwork.

The CCFM is being quite generous with us and is not charging us an exhibition fee. In terms of sales commission, they will take 30% of any pieces sold, so please price accordingly; we ask that of the maximum three works you submit, that at least one be up for sale. Given the fantastic space, I do not think we have to put too many limits on size, so this may be an opportunity to show some larger works if you want to.

We will be sending out a Call for Submissions shortly — but for now, consider this your bugle call to start preparing your best efforts for submission to the Jury, by either making some exciting brand new work, or sifting through your best recent pieces, which are to be:

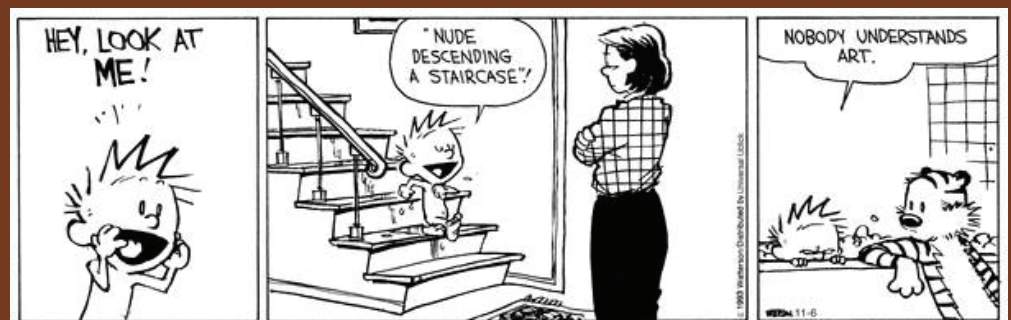
- two-dimensional, in any traditional visual art media;
- no more than three years old;
- properly framed or otherwise prepared for hanging on gallery walls, i.e., with a wire (not a clip) on the back — not necessary for jurying, but for hanging time, on the 8-9th of March;
- and have not been shown in any previous WSC Annual Juried Exhibition.

To help cover our juror and incidental costs, a Submission Fee of \$15.00 per piece is required at time of submission. Stay tuned for deadline and other critical dates. The CCFM gallery people have asked us to provide them a list of works by the 1st of February, as they will actually insure the works while the show is on.

I hope we have inspired you to start getting your best stuff together!

-Thomas Steur

If you have photos of your work that you'd like to share in our next newsletter, please send them to Cindy at: ruble154@gmail.com





LE SKETCH BAR

Back in the frigid winter of 2021-22, local cultural organisation the Centre culturel franco-manitobain reached out to us about possibly coordinating a fun evening of life drawing in their spacious gallery — the same one which will host our 2023 Exhibition.

We talked and met a few times over the summer, and on 13 October this idea came to fruition as a few brave souls, as well as our wonderful model Chloë, came out to join in a unique drawing session — with an open bar! Turnout was not quite as hoped from either of our communities, but we may visit the idea again if there is interest. Let us know if this sounds like something to be repeated. Those who came definitely thought so.

A few more words from our President:

I hate to be a nag, but I just want to send out a reminder about two matters of policy:

1. Photography during sketching sessions is forbidden. Our models are not paid for more than the 120 minutes of sitting time they provide to us for life drawing, and should not be put in the unpleasant position of wondering where on Earth a digital image may end up once it is captured. Please help our models feel safe and comfortable, and put your best efforts into taking up the challenge of drawing from real life, in real time.

2. Masks: COVID-19 is unfortunately still among us. Most of us can probably name people who have been infected with coronavirus even this year, many of them rendered unpleasantly sick for extended periods. The Forum Art Centre is still strongly encouraging all patrons to continue to social distance as able, and as tenants of the Forum, we are asked to comply to the best of our ability. I wish I had better news, but until I hear otherwise, let's all please do our part to keep each other healthy.

Thank you all kindly for your consideration.

Yours in pigment and ink,

Thomas

What's Happening in Winnipeg?

Robert Houle: **Red is Beautiful**

WAG-Qaumajuq: Open now through March 27, 2023

Considered one of the most influential First Nations artists in the contemporary art world, Houle's work blends abstraction, modernism and conceptualism with First Nations aesthetics and histories.

Stanley Wany: **For those who Chose the Sea**

Plug-In: Open by appointment through January 31, 2023

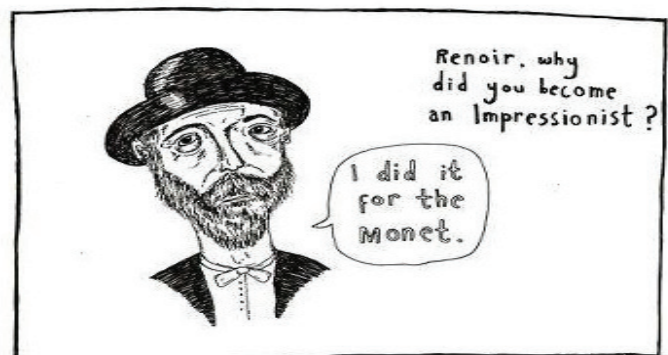
Quebec-based artist Wany engages with the legacy of enslavement which permeates his identity.

Roger V. Sutherland, Denise LeBleu, Lydia Bartel-Zobarich and Jo Smoley: **Visually Speaking**

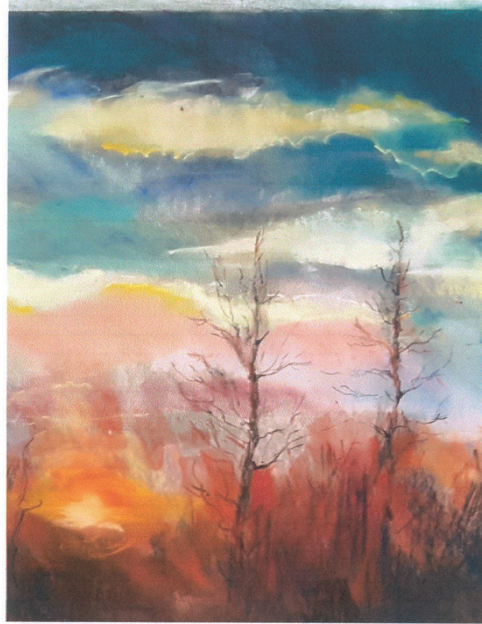
Cre8ery: November 17-December 13, 2022

A painting or photograph is a visual dance of the artist's imagination. It is a universal language of self-expression which precedes oral language, making thoughts visible. "Speaking Visually" is the collaboration of visual expression, by Manitoba artists.

These are just a few of the many wonderful artistic events happening in our community right now.



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Assiniboine Park
Community Gallery
inAssiniboine Park
Winnipeg, Manitoba
from December 04th - 2022
to February 26th - 2023Open 7 days a week from 9 am to 4:00 pm
Phone 204.945.8026Opening reception:
December 10th from 11am to 2:00 pm

First Fridays in the Exchange December 2 gets into the holiday spirit!

Head out to the Exchange for an evening of supporting Winnipeg's art community - get some shopping in while you're there! You can find so much more in the [Printable PDF of all First Friday events for Dec 2](#).

On Albert Street, check out the **Kathleen Crosby Gallery** for wine, music, and some beautiful art! Then pop by the **Plant Lab Botanical Design** to pick up some sweet treats, listen to music and get some holiday shopping done! After that move on to **Pottery Empire's Holiday Market** to visit their holiday themed market.

From there, head on to Bannatyne Avenue to the **Katie and Gunner Gallery** to get those gifts you just bought wrapped. You can enjoy hot cider, and grab some baking before checking out **Neil Peter Dyck & Dorset Fall Collection** Exhibition.

So many more things are happening this evening! Be sure to check out **Speaking Visually** at **cre8ery**, then it's just a few blocks over to **C2cCentre** for **Women Helping Women Beadwork**, a non-profit collective that sells beadwork for Indigenous women from the Women's Correction Centre in Headingley. All sales go directly to the makers. Also, **The Edge Gallery** and **Urban Art Centre** will be hosting a Holiday Sale and Chilli Bowl Fundraiser.

Pop by **Warehouse Artworks** with your kids, grandkids, neighborhood kids to make Christmas ornaments for their tree, or to take home. The **Winnipeg Architecture Foundation** is nearby so if you are still looking for a great gift, check out their Exhibit and Book Sale: **Winnipeg Ghost Signs**.

Enjoy our Winnipeg and embrace the winter!



Kids making a snowman
Vintage Engraved Illustration, 1893

-by Wlater Cicchetti