



44th Travelling Gallery



44th Annual Arts West Travelling Gallery

The Arts West Council is an organization of volunteers dedicated to promoting the development of the visual arts in the Westman Region.

The 44th Westman Juried Art Show was hosted by the Carberry Plains Arts Council on April 23, 2023. This year there were 90 entries by 52 artists, from which 20 works were selected by jurors Barb Flemington and Leona Herzog for the Travelling Gallery. The Travelling Gallery will visit 16 communities in Southwestern Manitoba over the next year.

Ten works were also selected for the Rural & Northern Art Show sponsored by the Manitoba Arts Network to be held this fall at the Buhler Gallery, Winnipeg.

Artists:

1. **Deborah Valcourt**, Brandon

“Kathy” Gouache NFS

Deborah is currently doing a series of paintings of Clear Lake. Kathy was photographed while working at the Texaco station in her teens and Deborah instantly wanted to paint her. She enjoys oils, watercolours, charcoal but gouache is her favourite medium.

* Rural & Northern Show Selection

2. **Karyn Kowal**, Oak Lake

“Autumn Grazing” Acrylic \$250

Karyn created this piece from a scene down the road from her home. She found the horses grazing in the field to be a very tranquil, beautiful scene. Her favourite medium is acrylic. Favourite artists are Michael Moore from Australia and Nicholas Pearce from Victoria, B.C.

* Rural & Northern Show Selection

3. **Dhairya Vaidya**, Brandon

“Introspection Self-Portrait from Life” Coloured Pencil \$1500

Dhairya has been painting since age 4! This piece was a class assignment at Brandon University. Influenced by instructors Lisa Wood, Kevin DeForest and Lucie Lederhendler, he has worked in coloured pencil, charcoal, oil, watercolour and acrylics.

* Rural & Northern Show Selection

* Theme Category Award

4. **Nova Cassan**, Carberry

“Skiing with Grandma” Oil NFS

This oil painting references a photo of a skiing outing with Nova’s mother and daughter. Making art gives her a way to revisit moments, places, loved ones and feelings that she wishes to explore further and experience. Nova obtained a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree (Honours) from the University of Manitoba.

* Rural & Northern Show Selection

5. **Elaine Scott**, Brandon

“A Special Visitor” Coloured Pencil \$50

Elaine draws from a large range of artistic subjects, but she particularly loves Nature and all it has to offer. This piece was inspired by a flock of Baltimore Orioles that visited her feeder one Saturday morning. She works mainly in pencil, recently switching to coloured pencil.

6. **Mike Davids**, Neepawa

“Bridge to Enmeshed” Oil NFS

In this painting, Mike depicts the guide inviting the traveller to cross a bridge to the collective unconscious, where historical events, both large scale and personal, can be imagined to happen at the same time. He wants to interpret the memorialization of now well-known lost or compromised black lives as depicted by the faces on the cliffs.

* Rural & Northern Show Selection

7. **Lesley Moffitt**, Oak Lake

“Random Fall” Fibre Art \$150

A frequent exhibitor with Arts West, Lesley has achieved a lovely piece of needle felting. This piece represents a collage of random soft, peaceful colours which are not usually part of the fall season. She wanted to create something that would soothe her during a difficult journey battling cancer.

8. **Joyce Friesen**, Eden

“Ozzlynn” Oil NFS

An avid oil painter, Joyce loves to paint wildlife scenes and almost any subject. This piece was adapted from a picture of a friend taken at Clear Lake several years ago. She started painting at age 40 and feels that art is good for the soul.

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9. **Georgia Abel**, Virden

“No Bunny Compares to You” Acrylic NFS

Georgia especially likes to paint interesting faces in acrylics. She credits a friend who helped her come up with this concept for entry in the theme category. Her main instruction was through her dad who is an artist.

A previous Travelling Gallery exhibitor, she had a solo exhibition in 2022.

- * Rural & Northern Show Selection
- * Youth (14-19 Yrs) Award

10. **Shannon Desjardins**, Neepawa

“Washing Daze” Oil \$300

This oil painting is Shannon’s effort to evoke the feeling of a warm autumn day with bright sun and cool breezes. Fresh laundry on the clothesline harkens to a lifestyle no longer familiar. She loves recreating prairie farm life, past and present. Her paintings serve as a reminder of our connection to the land, the way we live and eat.

- * Rural & Northern Show Selection

11. **Marie Todosichuk**, Shilo

“Crocuses” Mixed Media NFS

Marie loves to paint flowers of many kinds, especially when they are blooming. She also enjoys scenery, fruits, vegetables and still life. Self-taught, Marie has studied with many local artists who have shown her many different mediums.

- * Rural & Northern Show Selection

12. **Linda Fisher**, Nesbitt

“Brinkley In The Shadows ” Scratch Art NFS

In this piece, Linda portrays her daughter’s dog sitting on the love seat. She loves all forms of art and has taken lessons from local artists including Linda Skeoch, Lois Washington and Wilma Seafoot. Watercolours along with pen and ink details are one of her favourite mediums.

- * Rural & Northern Show Selection

13. **Lexi Anderson**, Carberry

“The Sky is Our Limit” Acrylic & WC \$50

Youth artist Lexi has painted a skyscraper looking over a beautiful colour-filled night sky. The colours in the sky are created by watercolour mixes, with black over top, then scratched out by a paint spatula. Working with acrylic paint, her favourite subjects are flowers, eyes, mushrooms and night scenery. Her art teacher, Ms. Anne Boychuk, dad and grandpa have inspired her to work hard at her artwork.

14. **Joel Desjardins**, Virden

“Hibiscus” Soft Pastels \$200

In soft pastels and pastel pencil, Joel has captured the image of one hibiscus blossom. The plant was grown on the family deck in Virden.

- * Rural & Northern Show Selection

15. **Justin Smith**, Neepawa

“Blue Whale” WC & Coloured Pencil \$35

Blue Whale is Justin’s first experience with coloured pencil art. His favourite medium is watercolour; his favourite subject matter is more sea creatures. He has exhibited at the Brews Brothers Bistro in Neepawa.

16. **Marilyn Paterson**, Shoal Lake

“Magnolias” Watercolour \$175

Marilyn referenced beautiful photos to compose this painting; the branches simulate stained glass, with salt to give a transparent effect to areas in between. She likes to paint trees, animals and flowers, mostly in watercolour but tries different mediums and techniques. Marilyn notes that all comments, positive and negative from the jurors are helpful.

17. **Phyllis Knight**, Brandon

“Pansies” Watercolour NFS

A well-known watercolour artist, Phyllis loves florals but paints anything that catches her eye. She photographed the pansies in this painting, creating her own arrangement and background colours. Her work was influenced by John Gaudes of Winnipeg and Lydia Greter of Regina.

18. **Glenda Cairns Poirier**, Sinclair

“Walsh Horse” Acrylic \$100

This horse and the rolling, short grass prairie landscape in Walsh, AB represent freedom for Glenda to inspire this painting. She was drawn to the rich colour of the horse and its contrast with the colours of the dry grass and old barn. Most of her paintings show landscapes and animals, oil painting when painting outdoors, acrylics in the studio. Glenda took part in the Rural Artist’s Mentoring Group which provided instruction, opportunity and inspiration.

19. **Val Ford**, Glenboro

“Hole #1” Acrylic \$400

Hole #1 at the Glenboro Golf Course causes much grief for many golfers, including Val. She loves golf and golf courses, thus this acrylic and watercolour painting. Val has taken oil painting classes at Brandon University; she belongs to the Hamiota Art Club, whose members have all influenced her, and where she has exhibited.

20. **Mary Lowe**, Kenton

“6 Birds in a Purple Cat” WC \$200

Mary drops paint into water then plays around, maybe adding salt. The paint suggests images which she develops a bit without being too obvious. She enjoys painting horses and cats which she finds beautiful subjects. Her favourite mediums are watercolour and clay sculpture. Mary has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Manitoba and has participated in many Arts West Retreats.

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