

# Synergy

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Inspiring unity, joy and opportunity through the arts

## Kenora artist Susie Brown awarded OAC grant

By Elsie Neufeld

Susie Brown, local visual artist/photographer and LOWAC member, will receive \$2,200 from the Ontario Arts Council's (OAC) Northern Arts Program.

Susie, and 75 others from Northern Ontario, applied to receive one of the 25 grants to be awarded. The grants are awarded through a juried process.

"It was a really good process and very thorough. It made you focus," said Susie. The application process required you to make an artist's statement explaining what you, as an artist, are saying through the art. While the application process was demanding, the OAC provided assistance to help the artists through it.

"They have people specifically to help you complete the application. They want you to have a good chance of getting the grant," Susie explained.

Susie's project is to print her nature photographs on paper hand made from forest materials. She hasn't done this before and is very excited to explore this medium.

"The possibilities are endless," she said.

Her project officially starts in June and runs

for eight months. As well as this project Susie will also attend an Ontario Arts Council workshop, *Artists Educator Skill Development*, in Thunder Bay, June 15-16 and 22-24.

Susie's nature photographs are on display now at Fragile Glass.

## Performing arts centre vision rekindled

By Elsie Neufeld

LOWAC and the City of Kenora's Performing Arts & Conference Centre Committee have breathed new life into the quest for a Performing Arts Centre in Kenora.

Over the course of two meetings in April and May, the groups have decided a completely separate not-for-profit corporation is needed to get the project done. The group also aims to do it with a minimum of support from our cash strapped city.

The basic form of the centre, new construction or renovation — performing arts centre alone, or combined with retail and arts space — might still be determined but the attitude has changed. The group isn't asking if the performing arts centre should exist, but wondering how soon it will exist.

This assembly of supporters are saying: Just do it.

The idea of a performing arts centre has been discussed and studied for several years. Three reports supported the idea, and much discussion, but little beyond that. Now, new life has been breathed into the dream, and it is again moving forward.



Photo by Cory McCrindle

Shoreline Spirits

A giclée print from Susie Brown's Shoreline Spirits series is on display at Fragile Glass at the Belfry.

What's a giclée print? See page 4.

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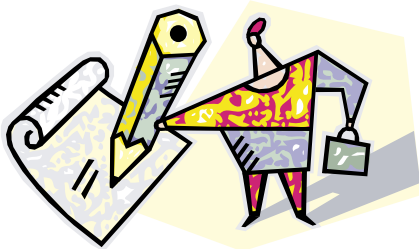
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## 50 for 50 sale raised \$750

By Lee Ann Hawkins

The recently held 50 for 50 Sale was a success for LOWAC and the participating artists. The week the postcards were on display, HoJoe's was visited frequently by the public admiring the artwork.

Many wonderful comments were heard regarding the quality and diversity of the pieces. Given that the only criteria was the size, it was exciting to see the variety that was created. From simple ink drawings, to glass art, pottery, papermache, and the postcards, the art was truly amazing. The excitement on the faces of the purchasers as they discovered who created their pieces was priceless and enjoyed by many.

Thank you to the participating artists, your kindness is appreciated. About 35% of the pieces sold. Our goal was 40%, so

we weren't far off the mark. We are still hoping to sell a couple more pieces, July 4, at the Artisan's Tent at Beatty Park and possibly at one of the artist's studios during the tour. We made \$750.00 which will go towards the costs associated with the Studio Tour and the 2x24U exhibit this summer.

LOWAC would like to thank Melissa and Melanie Reynard for hosting the exhibit and sale at HoJoe Coffee and Books. The Misses Reynards were very receptive to the project and LOWAC. It was great to see the public come out to support and celebrate Kenora's vibrant and creative artists. Thank you to all the participants, helpers, sellers, buyers and supporters.

*Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.*

Picasso

## LOWAC membership benefits artists

Membership Benefits now include the following when you show your LOWAC membership card:

20% off art supplies at Sunset Gallery in Kenora

10% off art supplies at Wilson's Stationery in Kenora and Dryden

20% off purchases at Artist's Emporium in Winnipeg ([www.artistsemporium.net](http://www.artistsemporium.net))

20% off purchases at Colours Art & Framing with three locations in Winnipeg ([www.artistsupplies.com](http://www.artistsupplies.com))

## Get Involved

LOWAC has three volunteer positions open:

- Treasurer
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Membership coordinator

To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Kim Kahoot at [kratuski@hotmail.com](mailto:kratuski@hotmail.com) or 543-3103

## Artist's studio space available

Studio 1X on Hennen Lane will have art spaces available for yearly rental starting in Oct.

Work solo or with books, skills etc. contact [mariellebenenson@kmts.ca](mailto:mariellebenenson@kmts.ca) or phone 468-5629.

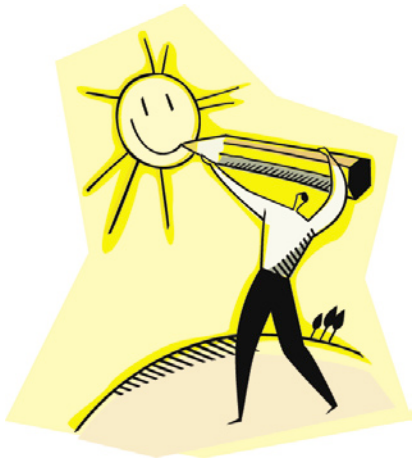
## Studio tour planners face learning curve

By Irene McCuaig-Visual Arts Committee

We have 22 artists committed to opening their studios to the public the weekend of July 25-26, 2009. This is an excellent showing for our first ever studio tour.

From an organizational point of view, we're on a learning curve. I'm sure there will be things we'll want changed for next year so, artists, please make mental (or written) notes of things you felt went well and things that could be better and we'll discuss them at future meetings.

The brochure and banners are in production. The excitement is building!



## Local artists launch exhibition and sale

An opening reception of *From the Forest Floor*, an art exhibition and sale, will be held Friday, July 3, at the Second Street Bistro.

The exhibit and sale features works by local Kenora artists Melissa J. Klippenstein and Holly Ann Friesen.

The artists invite everyone to stop by to celebrate art, the arrival of summer, and this completed series, *From the Forest Floor*.

To preview some of the artists' work please visit their websites:

Melissa: <http://www.mjkartworks.com>

Holly: <http://web.mac.com/hollyannfriesen>

## Tables for artists at Farmers' Market

LOWAC has been given two tables at the Farmers' Market this summer and we're looking for artists to fill them. There is no charge to the artist and it's a great opportunity to self-promote and make people aware of LOWAC. Irene McCuaig is maintaining a master list. Please contact her at [mccuaig@voyageur.ca](mailto:mccuaig@voyageur.ca) if you would like to take part.

# Three day Re/New Festival draws community together

The Creatorium's Re/New Festival is a three-day event drawing together community members who are interested in Kenora's sustainable economic, social, and environmental development. **Thursday, June 25 – 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.** St. Andrew's United Church, 211 Bay St., Keewatin

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation presents a seminar and facilitated workshop on developing affordable transitional housing for women. There is no fee for this event, but pre-registration is required.

**Friday, June 26 – 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** St. Andrew's United Church, 211 Bay St., Keewatin

Two workshops on the creation of sustainable, affordable housing presented by CMHC and the University of Manitoba Alternative Village. These workshops are for urban planners, trades and construction professionals, and related community groups. Registration fee is \$25 per attendee.

**Sat., June 27 – 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.** Beatty Park, Keewatin

A host of groups will present many aspects of sustainable community. LOWAC is hosting a Found Art table. Here participants will create art using old magazines, ephemera, napkins, feathers, glue, old canvasses, and other found items.

Other events:

- Local wisdom booths & presentations, including:
- Revisiting treaty
- Anishinaabe gardening

- Wild food plant identification
- Anishinaabe elder teaching
- Permaculture
- Composting, master gardener, maple syrup, strawbale building, log building, nuisance beaver prevention, food preservation, food charters, sun root/moon planting

Throughout Keewatin there will be:

- Willendorphin's Repurpose Artwalk
- Mink Bay Nature Trails - Nature walks for children & adults
- It's a Dog's Life Community Dog Walk
- Community Market
- KACL - hands on recycled paper making & community earth works
- Info Booths on sustainable living services and resources in Kenora
- Grassy Narrows Young Women's Drum Group
- Kenora Circus Kids

All of this will close with the Kenora Community Strategy Launch at Beatty Park at 4 p.m.

For more info or to register online, visit [www.renewfest.ca](http://www.renewfest.ca).

This event is brought to you by the Creatorium and Women's Place Kenora.



## Summer contract opportunity...

### A call to artists and arts educators

S.O.A.R. (Summer Opportunities for Arts and Recreation) is looking for two professional visual artists to teach a summer camp for marginalized youth during the first week in August.

One artist is needed for a two-day project, and the other for a three day project.

Applicants must relate and work well with youth aged 12-15, have a background in fine arts, and be able to create a project in the two or three day time slot.

For more information or to submit your resume, send an email to [kratuski@hotmail.com](mailto:kratuski@hotmail.com).

## We're on Facebook

Lake of the Woods Arts Collective events are posted on facebook now.

Check out all the discussions, events and upcoming meeting dates on our page!

How to do this:

1. Sign into facebook (you must have your own account)
2. Go to their search engine.
3. Type in "Lake of the Woods Arts Collective".
4. Go to the Discussion Board, and if you wish, let us know what you think, what you are doing, send us your pictures and your event poster JPGs....

## Giclée Printing

In giclée printing, no screen or other mechanical devices are used and therefore there is no visible dot screen pattern. The image has all the tonalities and hues of the original painting. Giclée (pronounced Gee'clay) is a French term meaning to spray or squirt, which is how an inkjet printer works. However, it is not the same as a standard desktop inkjet printer, and is much larger. Giclée prints are a little over a metre wide and are often affectionately referred to as a "knitting machine" as they look very similar.

From About.com:Painting - [http://painting.about.com/cs/printing/a/gilceeprints\\_2.htm](http://painting.about.com/cs/printing/a/gilceeprints_2.htm)

### Website to check out

Arts & Letters Daily  
<http://www.aldaily.com>

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# Stepping Out

## A Calendar of Arts Events



### ***Fridays, June - August — A Walk on the Dark Side***

A Walk on the Dark Side - Cemetery Tour Night at Lake of the Woods Cemetery (750 9th St. N.), infamous locals, ghostly tales, mysterious tales, and the stories of when Rat Portage was a wild, wild west town. Every third Friday in June, July, and August, 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Admission: \$5.00 per person.

### ***June 21 — Harbourfront Street Festival***

Bernier Drive from Roundabout North to Second Street South, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, June 21, 2009

### ***June 25-27 — The Re/New Festival***

The Re/New Festival, a sustainable living festival, featuring workshops, information booths and activities focused on: alternative energy, alternative building, gardening, preserving, water quality, wild food, local wisdom, arts, and more. For more information, please email Faith-Ellen or Patti at [renewfest@gmail.com](mailto:renewfest@gmail.com) or call 468-3221. Check out [www.renewfest.ca](http://www.renewfest.ca) for more information. Also see page 3 for more details.

### ***July 3 — From the Forest Floor***

From the Forest Floor, art exhibit and sale, featuring works of art by local Kenora artists Melissa J Klippenstein and Holly Ann Friesen, 7 p.m., 2nd Street Bistro in Downtown Kenora, 210 Second Street South.

### ***July 4 — Keewatin Artisan's Tent***

Keewatin Artisan's Tent event featuring local artists will be held Saturday, July 4th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Beatty Park. For more information about the event, renting a table or playing at the event, please call Cory or Brenda at 468-9462 or e-mail them at [nexcorey@live.ca](mailto:nexcorey@live.ca).

### ***July 16-25 — Quilt Show***

Lake of the Woods Quilter's Guild 24th Annual Quilt Show will run for 10 days at the Lake of the Woods Museum.

### ***July 26-27 — Open Studio Tour***

The LOWAC visual artists are on a roll! On July 26-27, 22 brave and daring artists are opening their studios to the public for LOWAC's first Open Studio Tour. Watch for more details in June's issue of Synergy.

### ***July 31-August 2 — Harbourfest***

Celebrate Kenora's 18th annual Harbourfest! See <http://www.harbourfest.ca> for a list of performers and events.