

# Under the Clock Tower



March 2010

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## *Monica's Musings .....*



A few weeks ago we were given some of our history in a bag full of notebooks chronicling nearly 50 years of arts in Morden. The first meeting of the officially named Morden Arts Club was held in the recreation room of Mrs. Chubb on January 21, 1962. In this black notebook being held together by 40 years of masking tape reveals ten years of meetings, budgets, newspaper clippings and membership lists, costing a mere \$2.00!

I gently paged through this book and I was fascinated with every entry. What I read throughout the book was more than dates and num-

bers. I felt the commitment and dedication this group created to develop artistic talent and awareness in Morden. The last entry reads, "This book after ten years of much handling is perhaps showing as much wear and tear as the executive sometimes does. So I am pensioning this one off and we'll start our new decade with a brand new minute book. May the Morden Art Club still be operating and flourishing in 1983." D.S. Cooney

In another binder from 1981, another group from the Pembina Valley attempted our first regional art council. Their conclusion was, "As the trend towards ever-increasing affluence slows down a bit, the arts

remind us that life consists not so much in having more, but in being more. The standard of living must refer not only to the material level of our lives, but much more importantly, to the quality of those lives."

I hope that in the decades to come, Under the Clock may be discovered and read with as much as curiosity and intrigue as I read these aged notebooks. Arts and culture make up the complicated tapestry of any society as it tells our stories through word, image and colour, capturing the essence of who we were and who we are yet to be.

May together, we always continue to make history!

**HAPPY  
ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY**



## Chili Night Fundraiser, Another Successful Event

Thanks to everyone who supported our chili night fundraiser on Friday February 19! A great big thanks goes to Jennifer Hildebrand, Leah Boutet, Margie Hildebrand and Karen Schellenberg for donating their time and talent by creating the wonderful chili bowls that everyone got to take home. Thanks to Bevan Wiebe of Oldies & Goodies for making the awesome chili and cakes. Cheers to Co-op, Giant Tiger, and Kroeker Farms who donated all the ingredients! And always a big thank you to our amazing Pembina Hills Arts Centre volunteers!

## MEMBERSHIP & AGM

In nearly a year we have welcomed more than 30 new members and artists to the Pembina Hills Arts Centre. Your membership helps us offset many of our operating costs allowing us to showcase our monthly exhibitions, hold classes and workshops and continue being the voice for our local and regional artists.

The Annual General Meeting potluck is Saturday, April 24 at 5pm at the Art Centre. All current members are encouraged to attend.

\$25 Individual  
\$15 Students/Seniors (55+)  
\$40 Family/Organization  
\$100 Business/Corporation

## BACK 40 FOLK FEST GOES CELTIC

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with The Back 40 Festival and Celtic Way!!  
March 20th at The Timbers at Minnewasta Golf Club - Doors open @ 8pm.

You're in for a spirited evening with Winnipeg's, longest playing Celtic band. Don't forget to dress in green for your chance at door prizes!!

Tickets are \$20 available at Thornview Grocery, the Pembina Hills Art Centre and the Winkler Co-op Gas Bar.

## UPCOMING CLASSES

Registrations will only be confirmed once payment has been received. Classes fill up quickly with limited spots available. Call Monica at the Pembina Hills Arts Centre if you have any questions.

**Knitting Club**—starts up again every Tuesday starting February 2 from 7pm-9pm

**Italian Renaissance**—ever wonder how and why masterpieces came to be; learn from artist Margie Hildebrand Thursday, April 15 & 22, 7pm-9pm

**Block Glass Painting**—learn the techniques to paint on beautiful block glass with instructor Evelyn Falk, March 6, 10am-3pm

**Rosebud/Daisies Welcome Plaque**—create your own personalized welcome sign with Evelyn Falk as she teaches the skills of painting flowers and letters on Saturday March 13, 10am-4pm

**Basics in Painting Watercolour**—artist Pam Yorke Hardy teaches all the basics in getting started in watercolour painting, from the brushes and paper to proper techniques, Saturday March 20, 10am-4pm

**Oil Painting**—this workshop is all about oil paints and basic painting techniques with Margie Hildebrand, Saturday April 10, 10am-3pm

**Watercolour with Sylvia**—Learn how to create the dazzling effects of light in your paintings and "squeeze-paint" watercolour for spontaneous results! No drawing required, image is supplied for easy tracing on Saturday May 15, 11am-4:30pm



## ARTIST OF THE MONTH - Philip Lord

Philip Lord, a long time member of the Pembina Hills Arts Centre recently passed away. His cards and pictures have graced our walls for many years. Philip was born and raised near Winnipeg. He started sketching during his early school years. His favourite subjects were horses and other animals taken from western comic books. Philip worked in a small studio in his home, located near the Turtle Mountains, south of Boissevain, Manitoba. The beauty of the area was perfect for the wildlife sketches he preferred to draw and paint. Philip had no formal training and developed his unique style of sketching that captured the interest of people from the US, Finland, India, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, England, Germany, Wales, Russian and all across Canada. Many galleries and gift shops in Manitoba, neighbouring provinces and North Dakota featured Philip's artwork. He enjoyed his work which also provided him the opportunity to meet people from all walks of life. After nearly 70 years of sketching birds, wildlife and capturing his magnificent surroundings, Philip decided to retire in 2009. We were proud to feature his work through in our gift shop and were grateful that he shared his talents with us.

### GIFT SHOP NEWS

The Gift Shop continues to attract new artists. New this month is photographer, Laura Thiessen from Winkler. You can see her amazing perspective on the ordinary and simple. New raku pottery has arrived from local potter, Karen Schellenberg. New pendent necklaces by Celine Hiebert and a new series of cards by photographer Wayne Benedet have all just arrived this month.

Always something new to discover!

### HOMESCHOOL CHOIR STARTING UP FOR SPRING

Join the spring session of "Home school Harmony", a choir of homeschooled youth ages 8 - 16 led by Rochelle Drudge and accompanied by Ruth Derksen. Rehearsals are Tuesday afternoons, 2:15 - 3:30 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church from March 23 - May 18. Cost is \$ 15. The choir will be guest performers with the Winkler Senior Choir Concert on the evening of May 18<sup>th</sup>.

This program is run through Pembina Hills Arts Centre and sponsored by the Kuhl Foundation. For registration information, contact Rochelle Drudge at 331-4472 or [krdrudge@mts.net](mailto:krdrudge@mts.net) or contact the Pembina Hills Arts Centre.

## UPCOMING EXHIBITS, RECEPTIONS & EVENTS

### Gallery One & Gallery Two

#### March Exhibition

Jerry Dykman proudly presents artwork by his late mother in, "Margaret Dykman (1922-2000) & Family: A Retrospective"

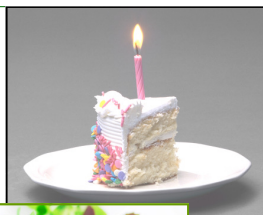
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#### April Exhibition

"Distortion" by WC Miller, Morden Collegiate and GVC

### Spring Break Art Classes

March 25 & 26 from 1pm-4pm, cost is \$8 per class for kids in Kindergarten—Grade 3. Register at 822-6026.



### Manitoba Homecoming

There's going to be a birthday party for Manitoba in Morden on Wednesday, May 12, 2010. Further details coming shortly!!

### Morden & District Horticultural Society

March 4th, Thursday, at 7pm in the Morden Library, where Chef Tim Stock will talk about cooking and growing your own herbs.

### Back 40 Festival Events

The annual 60's Show! April 17th @ The Kenmor Theater in Morden. Tributes to Cream, Dolly Parton and more! The 2010 Festival June 6, in the Morden Park Bowl!