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**October 2009**  
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**Coulter-Shoultz Family**  
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**Germani-Cox Family**  
**Robbins Family**  
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**John Livingstone**  
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**Anne Fallis Elliot**  
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**Xiren Qian**  
**Tsukamoto Family**  
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**December 2009**  
**Chris Jakubowski**  
**Natalie Percy**  
**Elaine Rawlings**  
**Lora Rawlings**  
**Patterson family**  
**Cathy Foster**  
**Almira Shewchuk**  
**Kathleen Cherniski**  
**Brownridge Family**  
**Shirley Brown**  
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**Dwayne Claridge**  
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**Linda Fisher**  
**Booth-Navid Family**  
**Barbara Grexton**  
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**January 2010**  
**Shakilah Mehrunnisa**  
**Barb Nieradka**  
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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

### IT'S HOCKEY TOWN!

Hockey fever runs high in these parts at the best of times and with the approach of *Mastercard Memorial Cup 2010* in mid May, it's sure to reach a frenzied pitch. Art imitates life, so we are joining the fun with *Hockey Town*, a contemporary art exhibition about our national game that opens April 29. I first met one of the artists in the exhibition, Leah Modigliani, when I coordinated a thematic artist residency entitled *Sports* at the Banff Centre. The resident artists contributed to a set of hockey cards that are still among my prized possessions. Leah was a standout because she was an authentic hockey fan who also made amazing art about her passion for the sport. Here it is many years later and she, along with Liss Platt and Liz Pead, are still loving the sport and still making art. *Hockey Town* was put together by Sandra Fraser of the MacLaren Art Centre with a catalogue co-produced with the AGSM in time for the Memorial Cup. Between periods be sure to come down and see this memorable exhibition!

Our own double Valentine to Brandon is coming up March 4<sup>th</sup> when we open solo exhibitions by David Owen Lucas and Weiming Zhao, two painters who are inspired by Brandon's extraordinary architecture in very different ways. Look for Weiming Zhao and our staff at the Royal Winter Fair for wonderful painting demos and workshops.

Coming up on Thursday, March 25, catch sight of some of Brandon's very own celebrities hoofing it on the dance floor for our Mambo for Monet fundraising event. We'll be at the Victoria Inn, tickets are \$75 each which includes dinner and a tax receipt, entertainment by Gypsy jive and no one will make you dance...unless you want to!

Jennifer Woodbury



Grand Valley, David Owen Lucas, 2009

## CONCINNITAS: A LOOK INTO BRANDON

David Owen Lucas

**MARCH 04 – APRIL 17, 2010**

**Main Gallery Exhibitions**

**Opening: Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 PM**

Concinnitas is a Latin word that was highly theorized by 15<sup>th</sup> century artist, architect, philosopher, writer, designer, and mathematician Leon Battista Alberti. To break down this complex concept into its most elemental explanation would be to say that Alberti believed architecture was parallel to spoken language. Like speech, architecture could express thought and be understood as a form of language. David Owen Lucas in *Concinnitas: A Look into Brandon*, presents large scale paintings of iconic architectural/landscapes of Brandon and surrounding area. For Owen Lucas, Assistant Professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Manitoba, the character of a city is defined by its architecture. "It is in my view that the monumental industrial, religious, financial, educational, and institutional buildings that accompanied the opening of the west also influenced the psyche, behaviour and development of the inhabitants of these places in the prairies. The buildings they built – to define themselves, defined the people." *Concinnitas: A Look into Brandon* will offer Brandon viewers an outsiders perspective of what architectural pieces have shaped us and why.



Downtown Brandon with MacKenzie Seeds Building, Weiming Zhao, 2009

## CHASING THE VISTA OF BRANDON

Weiming Zhao

**MARCH 04 – APRIL 17, 2010**

**Main Gallery Exhibitions**

**Opening: Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 PM**

Weiming Zhao grew up in remote Northwestern China during the Cultural Revolution. Teaching himself to read and speak English, Zhao came to Brandon in 1991 to study at Brandon University. Separated from friends, family and everything familiar, Zhao began to paint. Eventually his family joined him, while Zhao continued his art practice. In 2003, in order to capture his feelings of awe when he first arrived in Brandon, Zhao began a series of "en pleine air" paintings of Brandon and surrounding area. Six years and over 1000 paintings later, Zhao is still interested in landscape as an oeuvre that best captures beautiful fleeting moments and emotions. In *Chasing the Vista of Brandon*, Zhao offers viewers an intimate painterly reflection on seminal buildings in Brandon's downtown. Capturing both a sense of time passing and the timelessness of these buildings, Zhao continues to promulgate the ideal reflected in his earliest to his most recent of works; your subject matter need not to be grand to be majestic.



Great One, detail, Leah Modigliani

## HOCKEY TOWN

Liz Pead, Liss Platt, and Leah Modigliani

Curated by Sandra Fraser, organized & circulated by the MacLaren Art Centre

**APRIL 29 – JUNE 19, 2010**

**Main Gallery Exhibitions**

**Opening: Thursday, April 29 at 7:30 PM**

"Since Canada's early days, ice hockey has been closely tied to ideas about our national identity. In much the same way that hockey creates a sense of unity in communities across the country, the Group of Seven and Tom Thomson sought to express our diverse nation by painting the wilderness. Artists and athletes represent dreams of greatness in our society, and as such reveal expectations for individual achievement and the power of collective identity. In this exhibition, three artists combine their passion for hockey with their passion for making art, while challenging the stereotypes that surround gender, class, sport, and culture."

Sandra Fraser, Curator, MacLaren Art Centre



Emergency Self Destruct, Chris Cooper, 2009

## EVERY DOG HAS ITS DAY

Chris Cooper

**FEBRUARY 18 – APRIL 03, 2010**  
**Community Gallery Exhibitions**  
Opening: Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 PM

In *Every Dog Has Its Day*, Chris Cooper presents a series of cast bronze sculptures completed both at her studio in Rivers, Manitoba and at the Red Deer College Visiting-Artist-in-Residence program. Through her work, Cooper examines her fascination with the reciprocal relationship between humans/animals and their environments. As she writes in her artist statement, "(d)ogs are unique in the way that they trust us and become part of our everyday lives, providing a place where the human sphere and the animal sphere overlap." For this exhibition, Cooper positions her "subjects" in compromising environments/situations, that are, at times, burdensome. The intention is for the viewer to consider their own relationship to their environment(s). Ranging in subject matter from environmentalism to urban/rural development, from architecture to adaptation, Cooper delivers thought provoking works that are challenging, humorous, and aesthetically diverse.



## 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ARTS WEST TRAVELLING GALLERY

**WAYNE BROWN, RENATE CHRISTENSEN, SHANNON DESJARDINS, RUTH EISLER, LINDA FISHER, JOYCE FRIESEN, MARLYNE HARGREAVES, STEPHANIE HARVEY, SUSAN KNOWLING, MARILYN MITCHELL, ELAINE RAWLINGS, MAUREEN SCHWANKE, KEN SHAPPERT, ALICE SPARROW, MARGARET STEWART, AND RUTH WAREHAM**

**APRIL 15 – MAY 22, 2010**  
**Community Gallery Exhibitions**

"The Westman Juried Art Show and Travelling Gallery was established 31 years ago by the Arts West Council to provide Regional artists with the opportunity to have their work critiqued by professional artists and exhibited to the general public in communities throughout the Region. The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Travelling Gallery was chosen by jurors Shirley Brown and Diana Thorneycroft from works entered into the Juried Art Show held in April 2009 at Neepawa. Arts West appreciates funding support from the Manitoba Arts Council and Manitoba Culture, Heritage & Tourism.

Westman Region artists are invited to enter the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Westman Juried Art Show to be held Saturday, April 10, 2010 at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 481 Queen St. West, Virden, hosted by the Virden Community Arts Council and the Arts West Council. This year's jurors are Diane Whitehouse and Diana Thorneycroft. For more information, please visit [www.artswestcouncil.ca](http://www.artswestcouncil.ca).

Chris Moore, Acting Treasurer of Arts West Council, 2010



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### AFTER SCHOOL SNACK AND ART AGES 6-13 YEAR OLDS

Our *After School Snack and Art* program is an affordable class, only \$40/child per session, which includes a light nutritious snack and introduces students to a wide range of mediums and projects.

### AFTER SCHOOL SNACK AND ART DONATION

We are currently accepting donations of materials for this program. Your donations help us to keep this kind of programming accessible to all, while maintaining our high standards of excellence and quality.

#### Questions?

Please contact Chris Cooper at (204) 727-1036  
or e-mail at [education@agsm.ca](mailto:education@agsm.ca).

### ART CONNECTS: OH SO MANITOBA...

You're Invited! Currently at the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba, we are pleased to announce an exciting new art project entitled *Oh So Manitoba!* Part of a youth group and interested in participating? Then bring yourself and your group down to the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba where you will receive a guided tour of *Oh So Iroquois*, Jan 7 – Feb 20, 2010, or *Concinnitas: A Look into Brandon & Chasing the Vista of Brandon*, March 4 – April 17, 2010 exhibitions. Then, in our Children's Studio, everyone in your group will create his or her own personalized banner using acrylic paint and canvas. These unique crests will be displayed either at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair or in the foyer of the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba. Works can be picked up after the exhibitions *Concinnitas: A Look into Brandon & Chasing the Vista of Brandon* close. For a mere \$3.25/participant (includes G.S.T), this activity is sure to satisfy your group members' creativity while introducing them to a wide range of contemporary art. **Questions?** Please contact Chris Cooper at (204) 727-1036 or e-mail at [education@agsm.ca](mailto:education@agsm.ca).

### ROYAL MANITOBA WINTER FAIR

Spring is in the air and we'll be at the Fair, the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, that is, on March 30, 2010! Come see our booth, bring the kids and join in on a free activity, and while there check out Weiming Zhao, who wonderful banners created in our Art Connects program.

### SPRING CLASSES

Spring Art Classes and Workshops 2010  
Classes Start April 10, 2010

Please Visit Us at [www.agsm.ca](http://www.agsm.ca) for more info.

**Adult Classes:** Drawing, painting, ceramics, black/white and digital photography, Teens 11 years and up, Children's Classes, Weekend Workshops

### DOCENT INFO

Free Exhibition Tours Every Thursday Night after 6PM