

# ARTICLES

## NEWSLETTER OF THE ART GALLERY OF SOUTHWESTERN MANITOBA



SEPTEMBER 2011 TO APRIL 2012 #95



# MEET ART

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Takashi Iwasaki, *Moyotival*, Embroidery on twill, 2011



Chris Cooper, rabbit feet, Clay and patina, 2011

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

This year, autumn brings a fresh crispness to the senses as well as to the AGSM! In October, after a long search, Natalia Lebedinskaia has joined us as curator. She brings with her ample knowledge and experience gained at Concordia University and the Banff Centre for the Arts. With great enthusiasm, she has already dived into the business of getting to know the artists in this region. What better introduction than the Members Show, opening on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, for everyone to get to know each other and see some of the wonderful work done by our very own artists.

In mid-January, we are looking forward to *Hovercraft*, an exhibition of work by Manitoba craft persons who stretch familiar crafting techniques well beyond the traditional. We are working with co-presenter the Manitoba Crafts Council to bring in some of the participating artists to conduct hands-on workshops in embroidery or weaving. Keep an eye out for more information as January approaches.

In the spring, we will present an unusual exhibition *With Alec in Mind*, curated by Winnipeg based artist Kegan McFadden, which will feature many works from the Manitoba Arts Council Art Bank Collection. If you've ever wondered what lies hidden among the 500 pieces in our Collection, this show will give you a rare glimpse of work by Manitoba's best known artists. It will surely be an exciting winter and spring in the Main Gallery.

Jennifer Woodbury

## ANIMAL KEEPER CHRIS COOPER

SEPTEMBER 22 – NOVEMBER 12, 2011  
Main Gallery

Drawing on personal experience, Chris Cooper creates subtly altered sculptural forms of animals to explore society's often conflicting relationship with nature. Her beautiful yet faintly ominous sculptures and drawings speak to our bond with animals that is as much defined by our need to possess nature as it is to preserve it.

*Chris Cooper received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Manitoba in 2002. Since then her drawings and sculptures have appeared in galleries locally, provincially and nationally. The recipient of many awards and commissions, her work resides in numerous public and private collections. Chris Cooper lives and works in Brandon, Manitoba.*



*Nanny's baby, watercolour and coloured pencil, May 2011*

FEATURING  
NEW WORK  
BY ARTISTS  
WHO ARE  
MEMBERS  
OF THE AGSM

## THE SHEPHERD'S DIARY GERRY OLIVER

SEPTEMBER 22 - NOVEMBER 12, 2011  
Community Gallery

Using a variety of technique from coloured pencil to watercolour, Gerry Oliver brings her meticulous eye as an artist to the practical everyday life of a contemporary shepherd and her charges. Her lovingly rendered images serve as a poignant counterpoint to the direct and unsentimental excerpts from the artist's journal documenting life and death on a sheep farm.

*Gerry Oliver has spent most of her life working in some form of art. She has participated in several solo and group shows. Oliver has taught art to both adults and children in a variety of classes and workshops over the last five years. She lives on a farm near Carberry, MB with her husband, a flock of sheep, three dogs and five cats.*

## THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEMBERS SHOW AND SALE

NOVEMBER 24 – DECEMBER 20, 2011  
Members reception: November 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm  
Main Gallery

Just in time for the Holidays, we are pleased to announce the seventh edition of our Members Show and Sale, the AGSM's annual fundraiser. We have invited all our artist members to submit works for display and sale in the Main Gallery. The goal of the exhibition is to show our appreciation and support to our artist members who are interested in exhibiting and selling their work. Artists set all the prices, and the AGSM retains only a small portion of the sale. All raised proceeds will support the AGSM's education programs.

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS COMMUNITY GALLERY

THE AGSM COMMUNITY GALLERY IS LOOKING FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE 2012-2013 PROGRAMMING SEASON!

The **Community Gallery** is dedicated to offering its exhibition space to emerging and community artists and groups from the Southwest Region. It's a wonderful opportunity to share your work and to gain exhibition experience. Your proposal should include a brief summary of your exhibition idea, artist biographies, and a maximum of 15 images. In addition to original two-dimensional and small three-dimensional artwork, we welcome submissions of interesting private collections of art, objects, archives, and other ideas.

Send your submission electronically to Natalia Lebedinskaia at [curator@agsm.ca](mailto:curator@agsm.ca), drop it off at our reception desk, or mail it to:  
THE ART GALLERY OF SOUTHWESTERN MANITOBA 710 Rosser Avenue, unit 2, Brandon, Manitoba Canada R7A 0K [www.agsm.ca](http://www.agsm.ca)



Untitled, marker drawing on paper, 2011

# LEAF MANDALAS CRAIG MILLIKEN

DECEMBER 1, 2011- JANUARY 14, 2012  
Community Gallery

Brandon artist Craig Milliken's new mandala works draw from an array of intuitive responses to the shape of the circle. Milliken's choice to depict plants native to the area, such as simple Dandelions, brings these ideas into our everyday lives. Evoking the Jungian concept that the universe, as it is conceived by the human mind, is abstracted to a square, while the cosmos and nature as a whole to a circle, the balance of the drawings and their square supports refers to the harmony that the mandalas bring forth. A traditional practice in both Buddhism and Hinduism, they are spaces that are created for meditation, worlds through which harmony is both depicted and achieved.



Takashi Iwasaki, *Hatsugaseicho* Wood, glass, horn, bamboo, quartz, metal, bone, sea urchin spine, polyvinyl acetate glue, epoxy glue, tung oil, 2011

# HOVERCRAFT

TAKASHI IWASAKI, JEANETTE JOHNS, HEATHER KOMUS,  
CHANTEL MIERAU, JENNIE O'KEEFE, KRISTIN NELSON  
AND SUZIE SMITH

Curated by Jenny Western and Kerri-Lynn Reeves

JANUARY 19 – MARCH 31, 2012  
Opening reception: January 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm  
Main Gallery

With the inclusion of craft-based initiatives in the professional work of contemporary artists such as Allyson Mitchell, Jenny Hart, and Niki McClure, a new wave of young artists are considering the use of craft, design, and a DIY mentality within their gallery practice. *Hovercraft* pairs curators Kerri-Lynn Reeves and Jenny Western in a project focusing on the work of emerging craft-based artists specifically within Manitoba. The artwork included in *Hovercraft* challenges the traditional mode of the 'craft exhibition' by operating within the interstices of traditional craft and high art through the dual consideration of a skillful technique and theoretical framework.

**ART CLASSES  
REGISTRATION  
FOR CHILDREN  
& ADULTS BEGINS  
NOVEMBER 10, 2011**



Joyce Rushton working with Ruth Kent



From the Collection of J.J. Kegan McFadden

## OVER 80 AND RISING! FROM THE LADIES WHO PAINT AT RIVERHEIGHTS TERRACE

**JANUARY 26 - MARCH 24, 2012**  
**Community Gallery**

This exhibition showcases works made by Joyce Rushton's students at Riverheights Terrace. Drawing from her extensive art background, Joyce Rushton has been teaching classes at the Riverheights Terrace for the past eight years. Her students, most of them in their 80s and 90s, paint with great enthusiasm, and some, like Ruth Kent, have been taking classes with Joyce for as long as she has been teaching. Each year, they develop their skills by learning techniques of watercolour painting, pastel drawing, and experimenting with different styles of art-making.

## WITH ALEC IN MIND SELECTIONS FROM THE MANITOBA ARTS COUNCIL ART BANK COLLECTION

Curated by J.J. Kegan McFadden

**APRIL 19 – JUNE 9, 2012**  
**Opening reception: April 19th, 7:30pm**  
**Main Gallery**

In this exhibition, artist and curator J. J. Kegan McFadden revisits a traumatic experience in his family history – the murder of his great uncle, Alexander Tabolotney (1922 – 1995) by his grandson, Aaron Molodowic. He incorporates traces of Alec's life, such as family photographs and ephemera found on his property, with selections from the Manitoba Art Bank Collection that resonate with his personal memories and stories. By coupling mundane objects from Alec's everyday life with the Manitoba Art Bank Collection and his own personal remembering, McFadden brings to the fore the poetics of the everyday, things that we all inhabit but often take for granted. The exhibition will be accompanied by an artist book.



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FOR A UNIQUE SELECTION OF HANDCRAFTED TREASURES**



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THURSDAY UNTIL 9PM

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DECEMBER 24, 2011 TO JANUARY 2, 2012, Inclusive

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