

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Concert series presents Assiniboine Concert Band at 2:30pm and Other Mothers Sons at 7pm on June 30th
- Keewatin Summer Splash 2009 from July 1 - 5th:
- Celebrate Summer with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and Fireworks spectacular - July 4th at the Harbourfront
- Starting July 1st - Mather - Walls House open daily from 10-4

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# Talking Tourism

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## Celebrate Summer with the Symphony

**Article by Lindsay Mulash**

Celebrate summer at the lake with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra! On Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm enjoy the music of the Symphony Orchestra under the Harbourfront tent! Following the performance of the Symphony, be prepared to be dazzled by a huge fireworks extravaganza!

The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra is a Canadian orchestra from Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra has wowed audiences for over 60 years, and is composed of many incredibly talented musicians. Concert performances feature world re-

nowned guest conductors and artists, and celebrate the music created by famous composers, and even familiar



**Enjoy the tunes and booms of the Symphony and Fireworks**

modern Pop songs.

Seating is available under the Harbourfront tent with a donation to the silver collection at the door, or you can purchase tickets for re-

served seats at \$25.00 each. There are 800 regular seats available, and only 100 reserved seats. Special VIP tables are also available which includes VIP seating, wine and special hors d'oeuvres. Contact Len Mark at 467-2533 or Lucia Melnick at 468-2232 to reserve a table!

Tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis – make sure you get your tickets! Tickets are available at Johnson's Pharmacy and the Tourism Information Centre.

After you've enjoyed a gorgeous day in the sun at the beach, or wherever you go, make sure you come down to the Harbourfront in the evening for this spectacular event!

## [murmur] Kenora to Launch on the 3rd

**Article by Whitney Van Belleghem**

The art of story telling is as old as the human race. Stories can have many purposes such as to record a historical event, to unify a community, to teach a lesson or simply to entertain. Today we commonly record stories in books, movies and on television, but before these modern inventions stories were passed on orally from one generation to the next.

[murmur] is intended to

do all of the things that the ancient art of story telling



aims to achieve and more, while returning to the old

ways of oral story telling with a modern twist. Signs with a phone numbers on them will be placed throughout the community. Anyone can call the number on their mobile phone and hear historical stories, or someone's personal memories about the specific locations where the signs are installed. This allows people to hear stories about the site where they are standing.

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# Re/New Festival New to Kenora



Be part of  
Kenora's  
sustainable  
economic, social  
and environmental  
development.



Come out and learn about  
Kenora and its inhabitants  
in a whole new voice!!

## Article by Meadow Nenadov

Re/New Festival is a three-day event, organized by the Women's Place Kenora and the Creatorium, which includes discussions, workshops and presentations that will work on drawing together community members who are interested in Kenora's sustainable economic, social, and environmental develop-

ment.

Workshops and presentations have been held at St. Andrew's Church in Keewatin on Bay Street.

June 26<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm there will be two workshops done for urban planners, trades and construction professionals and community groups held by CMHC and University of Manitoba Alternative Village.

The ending day of the festival, held on June 27<sup>th</sup>, will be throughout Keewatin. Local artists will have the chance show off their talent in community businesses and participants receive a guided tour on the Willendorphin Collective's Repurpose Art Walk as well a walk for both adults and children on Mink Bay Nature Trail and 'It's a

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## Why Go Alone .....When you Can Go Green!

Green Adventures will be having a Grand Opening of their new shop on Sunday June 28th from 10:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. They are located right below Shopper's Drug Mart, beside the new Blue Heron Boutique. Throughout the day, Green Adventures will be offering free rentals of canoes and kayaks so if you have visitors looking for something to do for a sum-

mer Sunday afternoon – send them over to Green Adventures!

From 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. there will also be marshmallows to toast and a good old BBQ. Yum!

The evening will showcase the 1st annual: "Photo Scavenger Hunt". Participants are invited to bring their canoe or kayak down to the Lake, or rent one for \$10 from 6-9!

Prizes will be awarded for most pictures taken of specific objects/events/places. The complete list of photographs that participants will need to search out will be provided at 5:45 p.m. Then it's out on the lake and the competition begins!

Everyone is invited to check out the new home of Green Adventures. They can be contacted at 467-8535.

## Everyone Invited to the [murmur] Launch

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historical facts but aims to interact with people on a personal, more intimate level. Stories will be told from a first person narrative, by those who experienced the memory, and individuals are encouraged to explore the specific locations while listening to the corresponding story. [murmur] was initiated in Toronto in 2003. Kenora's stories will also be joining

stories from Toronto, Dublin, Edinburgh, Galway, Montreal, San Jose, Sao Paulo and Vancouver online at the [murmur] website <http://murmurtoronto.ca>. Once Kenora is live, the direct link to the site will be [www.murmurkenora.ca](http://www.murmurkenora.ca).

New to Kenora the program will be launched this summer. It will start with 16 site locations and thirty three stories, each lasting 30 seconds to 2 minutes. Once the project is up and running eventually

more sites and stories will be added to the original ones. Maps of the site locations will be available at the Travel Information Centers and at the Lake of The Woods Museum. The reveal date is Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be snacks and refreshments as well as a walking tour at 10:30 starting at Beatty Park in Keewatin. Come out and learn about Kenora and its inhabitants in a whole new voice!

# Keewatin's Summer Splash 2009 - A Week of Fun

## Article by Lindsay Mulash

This summer, come home to Keewatin to celebrate Keewatin's Summer Splash during Homecoming Heritage Week!

Last summer, Keewatin celebrated its Centennial Anniversary. And this year, bring your family, friends, and neighbours to Keewatin's Summer Splash, and enjoy the special events and activities that have become a part of the community's traditions.

This year, Keewatin's 2009

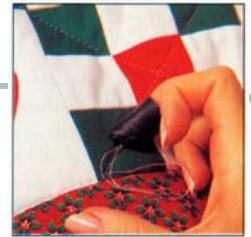
Summer Splash week is July 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. Take part in parades, live entertainment, nature walks, and street festivals all while enjoying Keewatin's natural beauty.

Start Canada Day off with biscuits and jam at the Keewatin Senior's Centre. Then head to Ottawa Street for the Soap Box Derby! Kids and those who wish they were still kids have built their cars and are ready to race them down Ottawa Street. Watch the parade starting from Ottawa

Street, and going to the old baseball park. Take part in children's activities and adult bingo following the parade. Mather Walls House will be hosting their Strawberry Social, and live entertainment will be playing at Beatty Park in the evening. Finish off the day with Canada Day Fireworks at Beatty Park on the Keewatin Waterfront!

Throughout the week, you can enjoy events such as live entertainment from the Lake of the Woods Concert Group, a kids' fishing derby, an Artisan's

Market, and so much more. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, finish up the day at the Kenora Harbourfront with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and a fireworks extravaganza! For more information visit <http://keewatin.biz/>



## 24th Annual Quilt Show at the LOW Museum

### Article by

### Whitney Van Belleghem

Most of us are familiar with the idea of curling up with a favourite quilt and a cup of hot chocolate on a cold winter day, but quilts serve more than just a functional purpose. Quilting has been around for as long as anyone can remember, certainly at least as early as the ancient Egyptians. For as long as it has been around, it has served as a form of artistic expression and a way to liven up the décor of residences and

public places of importance.

Quilting is an intricate art which requires a keen eye, and knack for piecing together shapes and images in a way that provides an aesthetically appealing final work.

Early quilter's guilds were established in the 1920's and since then quilting has only gained popularity as a form of art.

The Lake of The Woods Museum is proud to host the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show. The exhibit will run until July 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Show exhibits 58 never before exhibited pieces, ranging from full sized quilts to smaller pieces such as wall hangings, table runners and purses. All of the quilts were done by members of the Lake of The Woods Quilters Guild, with the majority of the members being local.

The quilts have been judged and the winners have been designated with a ribbon.

The quilt show is always one of the museums most popular exhibits, so come out and see what makes this show

so desirable!

If you are interested in attending this or any other exhibit stop in at the Kenora Tourism Center and pick up the Museums 2009 Brochure, it comes with one free admission!

LOW Museum 467-2105.

## “Local Wisdom” available at Re/New Festival

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Dog's Life' community dog walk. Projects and demonstrations will be put on by KACL Art Partners, Grassy Narrows Young Women's Drum Club, Redditt Circus Kids, and LOWAC. Ranging from hands-on recycled paper-making and natural earth works community art projects to displays of local talent.

At Beatty Park on Tenth Street the festivities include a Farmer's Market, art show in addition to information booths on “local wisdom”. Information booths will help Kenora gain focus and knowledge on sustainability and development, the following is a list of available “local wisdom” and information booths on Revisiting Treaty, Anishinaabe Gardening, Wild

Food Plant Identification, Anishinaabe elder water teaching, Permaculture and more.

In addition to the festivities, a public announcement on Kenora's Community Strategy Launch will be made at 4:00pm from the group involved in developing Community Strategy from this spring on the subject of Kenora's plan of action from the final report that was pre-

sent to the Kenora City Council.

Saturday's wrap up of the festival however is free and everyone is welcome, no registration necessary.

For registration and information please visit [www.renewfest.ca](http://www.renewfest.ca).



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### A Natural Attraction



## E.S.C.A.P.E Powerboat Excursion

### Article by Whitney Van Belleghem

Many people chose to explore the lake on their personal powerboats. This is a great way to experience the lake and can be very rewarding. Lake of the Woods is a huge lake with its waters spreading all the way down into the United States. It has over 14000 islands and many resorts. There are bays, beaches, marshlands, and ever changing water levels. Sometimes navigating can be difficult and even dangerous so it is important for anyone who plans on traveling this body of water to have an understanding of the lake and its specific safety requirements.

The Exciting Scenic Canadian American Powerboat Excursion or ESCAPE for short, was designed to provide boaters with a better understanding of Lake of The Woods and to bring seasoned boaters into contact with those new to the lake, all while having a great time! The First ESCAPE took place back in 1974 and since then over 2000 boaters have participated. The Summer ESCAPE will run the 1<sup>st</sup> through to the 5<sup>th</sup> of July this year.

For Safety and convenience reasons it is important that each group of powerboats contains only 10 boats or less, with both the leader and the last boat in the division having great knowledge and experience on Lake of The Woods. This insures that everyone involved makes it to the destinations (such as resorts and lodges) safely and that no one gets left behind. It is strongly advised that each boat should have a marine radio for optimum communication levels between members of each division.

For more information please visit the ESCAPE website at [www.lakeofthewoods-escape.com](http://www.lakeofthewoods-escape.com) or , or contact -Al & Patti Hal-faker - (218) 326-0278 or John Wiebe - (204) 967-1337

## Help to Keep Invasive Species OUT of Our Waterways - Clean Your Equipment

### Article by Meadow Ne-nadov

After an exciting day on the lake of water skiing, fishing, hiking or touring you may have unwanted visitors tagging along on your way home. Invasive species are just that, unwanted visitors that do not know when to leave. Ecosystems are diverse and delicately interconnected in each region, when species are transferred there are three possibilities. Sometimes the environment is too different, and the organism dies shortly after arrival. Other times the species is quite adapted to the area and has natural predators that control population and carrying capacity of a species.

Thirdly though, the organism is too adapted and thrives in its new environment pillaging the area of its resources. The latter case is demonstrated by various species that inhabit Lake of the Woods and surrounding areas and in other cases by species we are trying to prevent access, such as zebra mussels. Invading species bring diseases, parasites, and unparalleled competition with local organisms leading many other species to be in threatened or endangered status. Organisms, such as zebra mussels, negatively impact flora, fauna, and people everyday. Zebra mussels seem harmless enough, not endangering people or their daily habits...that is until they reach

such a high carrying capacity and travel into water lines and drainage systems blocking flow from either side. Uncovering up to 20 feet of pipeline due to obstruction is not only ludicrous, it is preventable. Luckily, zebra mussels are not in Lake of the Woods, YET. There have been reported accounts of zebra mussels as close as Lake Superior. Preventing species invasion is crucial to retaining the life that so many people have developed and thrive on in this secluded paradise.

Preventative measures before you leave the boat launch include; remove all visible plant and other organisms, drain the water from your boat (live-well, bilge, and motor), remove

organisms on equipment (waders, gear etc). One can clean equipment and gear with hot water, high pressure wash or drying in the sun for five days.

Local invasive species include Rusty Crayfish (bait), Purple Loosetrife (decoration, green housing), Round Goby (fishing), European Frogbit (pond decoration), Spiny and Fishhook Water flea (boats and fishing equipment). Deciphering between a native species and a local one can be tricky. Rusty crayfish are characterized by black tips on their brownish-red to greenish-blue cheliped (claws) with an open oval gap. Also, usually the size of cheliped compared to the body of a Rusty Crayfish is greater than that of local species.