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Member's Corner

The Newest Faces of Volunteering | By Pat McCullough & Andrea Cibinel

The WAG Associates are pleased to welcome 6 new members this year:

- Candace Borger
- Jan Coates
- Susan Hayward
- Erika Olson
- Diane Weselake
- Paul Wiebe

We are also pleased to welcome 9 new members to the Executive Committee:

Amanda Stevens | Co-Chair, Communications Committee

Amanda is the Director of Conversation Design with an AI technology company called Master of Code in Winnipeg. Her role is all about designing the experience users have with bots that use machine learning to drive efficiencies and automation into their lives. Amanda has always had a passion for art and is fascinated by its ability to evoke emotions from onlookers and admirers.

Taylor LaRocque | Co-Chair, Communications Committee

Taylor is a Landscape Architect with Public City Architecture in Winnipeg. Drawing from her Métis heritage, Taylor has continuously pursued work reflecting her deep interest in design rooted in the history and culture of place, and was named an Olmsted Scholar by the Landscape Architecture Foundation in 2013 based on her research into Lakota sacred landscapes and memorials in South Dakota. Taylor is also an executive member of Building Equality in Architecture: Prairies.

Lorraine Prokopchuk | Member at Large

Lorraine worked for 37 years as an educator in various capacities in the St. James-Assiniboia School Division. She has worked as a Provincial Specialist in Early Years Literacy for the Manitoba Department of Education, a Manager of Learning Through the Arts for K-6 classrooms, and also as an Independent Literacy Consultant. She is a former board member of The Winnipeg Singers and a former Executive member of the Players Ladies Golf League. Married 51 years, she is also a mother of two and grandmother of two.

Carolyn Knowles | Member at Large

Originally from Montreal, Carolyn moved to Winnipeg after living for a time in Iowa and Zimbabwe. She has had a varied career, teaching youth in a hospital setting and then at an International School. She continued her teaching career in Winnipeg at Balmoral Hall School and SJR. Although her teaching background was in science and math, she loved incorporating the arts in order to expand student's understanding. Carolyn and her husband have 3 daughters and 4 wonderful grandchildren. As a retired teacher, she looks forward to being involved and getting

Cailyn Harrison | Member at Large

Cailyn holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts Studio Honours degree from the University of Manitoba, and has over 6 years of professional arts administration, curatorial and communications experience. She is particularly interested in contemporary craft and design, and served as a Volunteer Coordinator for C2 Centre for Craft. Cailyn currently works in marketing at the University of Manitoba School of Art.

Cleo Curtis | Member at Large

Cleo is a communications professional with a background in artistic and commercial video production. She is a graduate of the Creative Communications program at Red River College and the University of Winnipeg.

Nuala Nazarko | Member at Large

Nuala is currently the Director of Development at the Equality Fund, an international development organization that supports women's rights around the world. Prior to returning to Winnipeg, Nuala lived and worked in Ottawa, and spent time in South America working with the Canadian Embassy in Ecuador. In her spare time Nuala enjoys camping with her family, kayaking, and spending time with her two young daughters (she hopes to instill in them a love for art, social justice and community!)

Spencer Ferbers | Member at Large

Spencer is 22 years old and joined the Associates of the WAG through the Lasting Legacies workshop last November. Spencer began his first year of medicine at the University of Manitoba this year around the same time he was asked to join the Executive Committee. He is honoured and excited to be a member of the committee and is eager to contribute to the great work they do!

Ian Bawa | Member at Large

Ian, a born and raised Winnipegger, switched paths in becoming a lawyer to pursue a career in filmmaking in 2007. A graduate of the University of Winnipeg Film program, Ian has produced, directed, and worked on a number of features, short films, documentaries, music videos, and a variety of other projects. His latest film *Strong Son* will premiere at the 2020 Toronto International Film Festival and Vancouver International Film Festival.

doesn't stop our wheels turning!



Associates of the WAG win Outstanding Foundation or Philanthropic Group

By Esme Scarlett & Andrea Cibinel

We are pleased to announce that the Associates of the WAG have received this year's Manitoba Philanthropy Award for Outstanding Foundation or Philanthropic Group! Our co-chairs, Esme Scarlett and Andrea Cibinel, were interviewed by Aaron Epp following the announcement, here is an excerpt of the Winnipeg Free Press article:

The Associates of the Winnipeg Art Gallery exist to advance the WAG's mission through fundraising, volunteerism and community outreach. Founded in 1948, the group now has 118 members.

It has supported dozens of exhibitions, art education programs that today reach more than 25,000 students annually, the purchase of more than 2,000 artworks, and donated nearly \$1 million.

It founded the gallery's gift shop as well as the Clara Lander Library and Archives. "It's an amazing group of people to work with, with an amazing spirit and commitment to the arts," says Esme Scarlett, who co-chairs the group along with Andrea Cibinel.

Being recognized by AFP Manitoba is "absolutely humbling," Cibinel says. "The Associates present and past could not be more thankful for this recognition," Scarlett adds.

The group is currently focused on Qaumajuq, the WAG's centre for Inuit art, which is scheduled to open its doors early next year. "This is a significant addition to our city, and the fact that we have an insider's look has been an especially rare treat," Cibinel says.

The awards presentation took place virtually on Friday, November 13.



Recognizing Kathy Kushpel

Kathy Kushpel, our Admin Assistant has decided to retire. Kathy has been with us for approximately 15 years and she will be greatly missed. Over the years Kathy has kept all our records, managed membership, the collection of membership dues and generally kept us organized! Kathy was always gentle and respectful of all. We wish Kathy all the best in her well-deserved retirement!



Tannis Richardson's *Vignettes from My Life*

On September 23, Tannis Richardson celebrated the launch of her new book with a virtual conversation with CBC Radio's Terry MacLeod. Her memoir, *Vignettes from My Life*, is a collection of insightful recollections about a long life well lived. McNally Robinson, host of the book launch event, writes this of her contributions:

Tannis's marriage to George Richardson, ultimately head of one of Canada's most prominent companies, thrust her into the national and international spotlight, but her heart and her many volunteer efforts have always centred on Manitoba.

Following the death of their eldest child, Pamela, of juvenile diabetes at just 29, Tannis co-founded Starry Starry Nights in Winnipeg, which over the past half-century has raised many millions for research into the disease. She continues to contribute to this confounding illness with the sales of her book, as all proceeds will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Canada.

Over the decades, Tannis has also been involved as a volunteer and supporter of many other organizations, including the Health Sciences Centre, the Winnipeg Art Gallery, the Manitoba Opera Association, the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and

Gallery. Her support has extended to the Friends of Upper Fort Garry, the Winnipeg Library Foundation, the Manitoba Museum, United Way Winnipeg, the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research, the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada, and the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

Tannis is the Associates' longest standing member. Her book can be purchased online at McNally Robinson. Congratulations Tannis!



Ian Bawa's *Strong Son*

Executive member Ian Bawa's short film *Strong Son* was showcased at this year's Toronto International Film Festival! One of only 35 shorts

examines the complex relationship between a father and son, reflecting Ian's relationship with his own father and the tension between their cultural traditions and his difficulty in upholding them. In an interview with CBC, Ian reflected on the film as an opportunity to connect with his identity in a new way:

"It's been just this eye-opening revitalization of what it means to actually own your identity, own your culture, be yourself that I've been fighting with for so long," he said.

Strong Son was also featured this year at the Vancouver International Film Festival.

Ian's father Jagdeep Singh Bawa, the star of the film, passed away last month - the Associates of the WAG would like to extend our condolences to Ian and the rest of the Bawa family.



Amaryllis Sale

In late October, the Associates held an [Amaryllis fundraiser](#) sale. These beautiful bulbs bloom into red Amaryllis flowers which self-grow with no

containing one bulb, two complimentary admission tickets to the WAG , and a save the date for Art in Bloom. The bulbs sold out in 2 days but we are actively working to secure more. If you are still interested in purchasing a bulb, please contact Pat at pmccullough@wag.ca. Thank you to everyone who has supported this flower-powered fundraiser!



Gallery Shop Re-opening

The renovated [Gallery Shop](#) held its grand re-opening on Saturday, October 17. The new Shop is now accessible from the street with its own entrance, and continues to celebrate artists from across the country as the construction of [Qaumajug](#) - the Inuit art centre is ongoing. The Gallery Shop is temporarily closed due to new Covid-19 restrictions, but they offer virtual shopping appointments via Zoom! A new online shop is also launching November 24, so keep your eyes peeled! We look forward to visiting the beautiful new space soon!



Save the Date: Art in Bloom

Every second year, the galleries blossom with a lush exhibit of floral designs interpreting artwork from the WAG collection. We are excited to announce that the Associates have been working hard to bring a reimagined [Art in Bloom](#) to the WAG for 2021. Mark your calendars for **April 16-18, 2021** and stay tuned for more exciting updates!

Thank you WAG donors – your support is more important than ever during these challenging times. Please consider a gift

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1. A fun Covid safe and socially distanced
meeting outside. The weather doesn't stop our
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2. AFP Award.

3. Kathy Kushpel.

4. Tannis Richardson.

5. Ian Bawa.

6. Amaryllis bulbs fundraiser.

7. Gallery Shop at the Winnipeg Art Gallery.
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8. Art in Bloom at the WAG, 2019.

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