Gimli Culture Days & Nuit Blanche

EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, September 25

Waterworld Art Fair: We Can Be Heroes!

Fri, Sept 25 1-7 pm at the Lakeview Gimli Resort, Ballroom

Join an eclectic group of creative people, Artists of the Lake, for their hero-inspired show of fine art representing a wide variety of media including paintings, sculpture, glass, photography and more.
Heroes are highlight the important things in our lives, our world. What kind of hero could you be? The Classical Superhero: Someone who performs an heroic act on a big scale, like Joan of Arc, or with mythical super skills, like Spider-Man and Wonder Woman. Or do you relate to the Unsung Hero: a person just doing their job, but in so doing, save a life, right a wrong, raise children, do something extraordinary without any fanfare. Sometimes, it's the Anti-Hero that appeals to us: someone who seems to be on the wrong side of goodness--but when the dust settles, they're on the right side after all, like Robin Hood robbing the rich to help the poor.

Through the ages artists have often explored the idea of Heroism, and this is your opportunity to see how contemporary artists choose to explore the theme within their own arts practice. Added feature from 5-7 pm is the background music provided by the Wednesday Night Jammers. Live music to enjoy while you choose your art fair favourites.

Where Art Meets Music!

Fri, Sept 25, 2:00PM - 4:00PM
Lakeview Gimli Resort, Ballroom

Every Wednesday evening, we make music together—and tonight, we're inviting you to be part of it! Come find us amid the colour and creativity of the Waterworld Fine Art Fair: We Can Be Heroes! as we fill the space with music from 2 to 4 pm.

Sing along. Tap your toes. Soak up the sights and sounds. Whether you love to make music or simply love being around people who do, there's a place for you in this lively celebration of music, art, and community.

Come for the colour. Stay for the music. Join the jam!

Saturday, September 26

Waterworld Art Fair: We Can Be Heroes!

Sat, Sep 26, 10:00AM - 8:00PM Lakeview Gimli Resort, Ballroom

This fine art fair featuring over 20 creative souls from Artists of the Lake continues through Saturday with a special reception with man of the artists on hand from 6 to 8 pm. Check out the special We Can Be Heroes theme area, vote for your favourite work, and choose what kind of hero you could be to make our world a better place!

Murals & Mysteries: Look closely, Follow the clues, Find the story.

Sat, Sep 26, 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Evergreen Regional Library Gimli, 65 1st Avenue

Come explore the colourful world of local artist Veronica Green! This Culture Days event invites families, curious minds, and art lovers of all ages to take a closer look at the vibrant murals Veronica has created right here at the library.

Can you spot the hidden details, symbols, characters, and stories tucked into her larger-than-life artwork? Follow the clues, hunt for the surprises, and see the murals from a whole new perspective. The first intrepid art detectives to complete the scavenger hunt will have a chance to win a free copy of Veronica's exclusive colouring book, featuring illustrations inspired by her murals.

Once the mystery is solved, settle in for Storytime and treats. Come for the hunt, stay for the stories, and discover just how much there is to see when you really look at a mural!

Look closely. Follow the clues. Find the story.

Heroes on the Pier - Chalk the Walk!

Sat, Sep 26, 11:30AM - 1:00PM

Gimli Harbour Pier, 1 Centre Street

Come make your mark on the Gimli pier! The WAVE Artists of the Interlake invite artists and non-artists of all ages to grab some chalk and turn the sidewalk beside Gimli's famous Seawall Gallery into a colourful celebration of heroes.

Our heroes might be mythical, comic-book legends, everyday people who quietly make a difference, or someone in your own life who deserves a little recognition. Maybe your hero protects the environment, helps a neighbour, inspires others—or simply makes the world a better place. Draw a portrait, write a name, create a symbol, or let your imagination run wild.

No artistic experience required—just bring your ideas. The chalk is on us, the pier is your canvas, and the theme is wide open. Come for the art, stay for the fun, and see what happens when a whole community gets creative together.

Serious artists. Serious fun. Serious chalk.

Gimli Glider: Ready for Takeoff!

Sat, Sep 26, 1:00PM - 2:00PM

Gimli Glider Exhibit, Unit 119B, Lakeview Hotel, 10 Centre Street

Could you be a glider pilot? Take to the skies—no airport or pilot's licence required! Hosted by the Gimli Glider Exhibit, this hands-on Culture Days activity invites kids, parents, grandparents, and curious aviation fans of all ages to discover the surprisingly serious art of paper-airplane flight.

Learn how to fold your own paper glider, then put it to the test. Will it soar? Loop? Dive? Glide across the room like a champion? Experiment with different folds and designs, make adjustments, and see if you can build a plane that flies farther, straighter, or simply more spectacularly.

Inspired by the incredible true story of the Gimli Glider—the passenger jet that ran out of fuel and, thanks to the skill of its crew, glided safely to the ground in Gimli—this is your chance to become a glider pilot of your own.

Fold it. Fly it. Fine-tune it. Let's see how far you can glide!

Ron & Friends: Celtic Music at Waterworld

Sat, Sep 26, 2:00PM - 3:00PM , 6:30PM - 8:00PM

Lakeview Gimli Resort, Ballroom

Get ready for some toe-tapping Celtic sounds! Local musician Ron Scott, well-known for his love of Celtic music, will be joined by a few of his musical friends for two special performances during Gimli Culture Days & Nuit Blanche.

Catch them Saturday from 2 to 3 pm, then again during Nuit Blanche from 6:30 to 8 pm in the ballroom at the Waterworld Fine Art Fair: We Can Be Heroes. With lively tunes, musical camaraderie, and plenty of heart, Ron and friends are bringing the soundtrack to your afternoon — and your Nuit Blanche evening.

And speaking of heroes… we think Ron is one of ours! His generous sharing of his musical talents is a gift to the community. Come listen in — you just might discover a new musical hero of your own.

Tiny treasures. Big stories. Button up!

Sat, Sep 26, 1:30PM - 3:30PM

New Iceland Heritage Museum, Lady of the Lake Theatre, 94 1st Avenue, Gimli, MB

"Boutons" is French for our lowly button, but the Bouton is high fashion! Buttons may be small, but they carry big stories! Join us for a fascinating look at the humble button and its surprising journey through history, art, fashion, and everyday life.

When European settlers crossed the Atlantic to the Americas, they often arrived with little more than the clothes on their backs and a few treasured family possessions. The buttons fastened to those garments became “silent passengers”—travelling through hardships and celebrations, witnessing changing times, and sometimes surviving long after the people who wore them.

Discover the history and art of button collecting, explore a display of buttons from different eras and materials, and hear how these tiny objects can reveal stories about social customs, culture, technology, fashion, and the people who made and wore them.

Come curious, bring your questions, and prepare to look at your button jar a little differently. You never know what history might be hiding in plain sight—or what stories your own buttons could tell!

Sights & Sounds of New Iceland

Saturday, Sept 26 5-8 pm

Step inside the New Iceland Heritage Museum and discover the stories, people, and places that shaped New Iceland — from its Icelandic roots to its enduring connection with Gimli, the land, and the lake.

During Nuit Blanche Gimli, explore the museum’s permanent and travelling exhibitions with FREE admission from 5–8 pm, and enjoy a special musical performance by Gimli musicians Krystal & Mike from 5:15–5:50 pm.

Come for the history, stay for the music, and experience the sights and sounds of New Iceland!

Free entry • 5–8 pm • Live music 5:15–5:50 pm

Music Meets the Museum: Mike & Krystal Live!

Sat, Sep 26, 5:15PM - 5:50PM

New Iceland Heritage Museum, 94 1st Avenue, Gimli, MB

Let the evening sky light your way to the New Iceland Heritage Museum, where beloved local duo Mike & Krystal will set the mood with a special live music pop-up. From 5:15 to 5:50 pm, enjoy a short set of sweet harmonies, easygoing strums, and feel-good chemistry that’s sure to put a little spring in your Nuit Blanche step.

Then, at 6 pm, Nuit Blanche Gimli kicks into high gear — right from the same spot! Saunter down to the Lady of the Lake Theatre for a special screening and the start of the Walking Tour. With more than a dozen Nuit Blanche events to discover, you can strike out on your own or join one of our guided groups. There's plenty to see, so grab your walking shoes and let the night unfold!

XNuit Blanche Kick-Off: Jeff Sahulka's Happy Hour

Sat, Sep 26, 4:00PM - Sat, Sep 26, 6:00PM
Ship & Plough, 42 Centre Street Gimli, MB

Start your Nuit Blanche Gimli with singer/songwriter Jeff Sahulka from 4 to 6 pm. Pull up a chair, grab a drink, and settle in for an intimate afternoon of live music with Jeff Sahulka at the Ship & Plough. Jeff brings his latest songs and a storyteller's eye to the sweet, strange, funny and sometimes not-so-sweet stories of the human experience. Expect original music, honest moments and a few surprises along the way. But don't stay too late! Other events begin at 6, including the Nuit Blanche Walking Tour starting from the New Iceland Heritage Museum at 6. Or grab a program and stroll the events on your own.

This special performance is free as part of Gimli Culture Days & Nuit Blanche. Enjoy the music while you take in the Ship & Plough's welcoming pub atmosphere, home-cooked food and craft beer. Food and drinks are available for purchase.

Come for the music, stay for the stories—and perhaps a pint.

Nuit Blanche Walking Tour: Gimli After Dark

Sat, Sep 26, 6:00PM - 9:00PM
Gather for the start at: New Iceland Heritage Museum 94 1st Avenue Gimli, MB

When the sun goes down, Gimli comes alive with art, culture, and creativity! Join us for a special Nuit Blanche walking tour through the heart of Gimli, where more than a dozen venues will open their doors from 6 pm until late, for an unforgettable evening of discovery.
Follow the route and experience a lively mix of Culture Days events along the way: explore a fine art exhibition, catch live theatre and music, try your hand at a make-and-take art activity, listen to local authors share their work, wander through galleries staying open late, take in a special film screening, and discover plenty of other creative surprises.

Don't want to miss anything? Then the tour is designed especially for you. But with so much to see and do, there's no single way to experience the evening. Make a night of it, wander at your own pace, stop somewhere unexpected, and let your curiosity be your guide.

One evening. More than a dozen stops. Five hours of art, culture, and discovery. Gimli after dark has never been more interesting!

Tour starts with a special screening by Gimli Film Festival, at 6 pm, in the Lady of the Lake Theatre in the New Iceland Heritage Museum. We'll walk through the downtown of Gimli, taking in nearby venues, ending the tour at 9 pm. But the excitement doesn't end there--take in our Nuit Blanche Late experiences of live music at the Interlake Brewing Company from 9 until 11 pm.

Five Summers; One Magical Stage!

Sat, Sep 26, 6:00PM - 7:00PM
Gimli Harbour Bandstandd, 1 Centre Street, Gimli, MB

Get ready to sing, dance, and be dazzled! Gimli Junior Musical Theatre Summer Camp, founded by Romanna Klymkiw and Stephanie Marks, is celebrating its fifth summer of bringing full-scale musicals to life!

This year, our talented young performers take the stage with selections from Aladdin Jr., our 2026 production, alongside favourite moments from past musicals and special solos showcasing some of our incredible young performers.

Featuring performers ages 5–16, this lively showcase is packed with music, magic, and plenty of Gimli Junior Musical Theatre spirit!

We're thrilled to be part of Nuit Blanche Gimli and can't wait to share the stage with you**!**

Pick Your Canvas: Art, Frames or Rocks!

Sat, Sep 26, 6:00PM - 9:00PM

Gimli Art Club & Gallery**,** 3 Centre Street Gimli, MB

Come create, experiment, and leave your mark at the Gimli Art Club! This hands-on Culture Days event offers three ways to get creative, whether you're a seasoned artist, a first-time painter, or simply someone who wants to make something fun.

ART IS YOU: Add your self-portrait to a giant community canvas and show us your inner artist! Paint yourself as you see yourself—or show us what inspires you, what you love, or the creative spirit that makes you you.

I'VE BEEN FRAMED!: Choose a pre-drawn frame on another giant canvas and fill it with whatever your imagination dreams up. Your masterpiece will become part of a mini art show, proudly displayed for everyone to enjoy.

ROCK PAINTING: Choose a rock from the shores of Lake Winnipeg and transform it into a tiny work of art. Painted rock examples will be on display to spark ideas, but what you create is entirely up to you. Then take your little lakeside masterpiece home as a memento of your day in Gimli.

Try one, try all three, and discover where your creativity takes you. No experience necessary—just bring your imagination!

Three ways to make art. One great reason to get creative.

Mugshot: Paint, Fire & Make It Yours!

Saturday, Sept 26 6-9 pm

Hidden Treasures Studi**o,** 40 Centre Street**,** Gimli, MB

Paint it. Fire it. Make it yours. Come make something you'll actually use! Hidden Treasures Studio invites you to pick up a brush and turn a plain ceramic mug into a little piece of your own creativity. The mugs have already been hand-made by the studio staff, so this time, the fun is all about the decorating.

Choose your colours, paint your design, add a pattern, a name, a favourite image—or simply see where the brush takes you. No artistic experience required, and no two mugs need to look alike. Once you're finished, leave your mug with the studio to be fired, transforming your painted design into a durable, one-of-a-kind keepsake.

Come for the creativity, stay for the satisfaction of making something with your own hands. And yes, it's free.

Centre Stage: Short, Sweet & Inspiring!

Sat, Sep 26, 6:30PM - 6:45PM , 7:05PM - 7:20PM , 8:30PM - 8:50PM

Aspire Theatre, 76 2nd Avenue**,** Gimli, MB

Take your seat and get ready for a little theatrical mischief! The A-Spire Theatre Players are bringing the stage at Aspire Theatre to life with a selection of short skits designed to entertain, surprise, and maybe even leave you wondering, "What just happened?"

Each performance will run no more than 20 minutes, making this the perfect Culture Days stop for a quick dose of live theatre. The Players may bring you a bit of comedy, a touch of drama, an unexpected character—or a twist you didn't see coming. You won't know exactly what's in store until the curtain goes up!

The A-Spire Players are a volunteer, non-profit performing arts group dedicated to creating opportunities for local performers and audiences to experience the joy of live performance. This time, they're keeping things short, lively, and wonderfully unpredictable.

Come for a skit, stay for the surprise. Live theatre. Local talent. Twenty minutes of fun.

XMeet the Poet: Angeline Schellenberg

Sat, Sep 26, 6:45PM - 7:45PM
Don Fletcher Artrepreneur, 40 Centre Street

Come meet celebrated Manitoba poet Angeline Schellenberg for a short reading and conversation during Nuit Blanche.

Angeline will share a selection of her poetry, talk a little about her work and creative process, and invite you to ask questions. It's a chance to hear poetry from the poet herself—and to discover the person and stories behind the words.

Angeline is the award-winning author of Tell Them It Was Mozart, Fields of Light and Stone and Mondegreen Riffs. She is also the host of the Speaking Crow open-mic poetry series and a practitioner of contemplative spiritual direction.

Join us for a brief, intimate encounter with one of Manitoba's distinctive poetic voices. Hear her words, discover her work, and leave with a new perspective on poetry.

Drums, Rhythm & Community

Sat, Sep 26, 7:15PM - 8:15PM
Right Choice Realty, on the porch, 35 Centre Street, Gimli, MB

Come and listen the rhythm of the heartbeat of Indigenous drumming right here in Gimli! Join local Indigenous drummer Tara Campbell and members of her drumming group for a special Culture Days gathering filled with the powerful sound and energy of drums played together.

Feel the heart-beat. Experience the joy of making music in community as these local drummers share their passion for drumming with us.

Whether you're familiar with Indigenous drumming or hearing it for the first time, everyone is welcome to stop by, listen, and experience the age-old songs.

Come for the drums. Stay for the rhythm of the heartbeat.

Sunday, September 27

Waterworld Art Fair: We Can Be Heroes!

Sun, Sep 27, 10:00AM - 5:00PM
Lakeview Gimli Resort, 10 Centre Street

This fine art fair featuring over 20 creative souls from Artists of the Lake continues through Saturday through Sunday with more than 100 works for you to enjoy. Check out the special We Can Be Heroes theme area, vote for your favourite work, and choose what kind of hero you could be to make our world a better place!

Your Face is Our Canvas!

Sun, Sep 27, 11:00AM - 3:00PM

Gimli Art Club & Gallery, 3 Centre Street

Ready to wear your creativity? For the first time during Culture Days, the artists of the Gimli Art Club are putting their brushes to work on something a little different—the human face!

Come by and let a Gimli Art Club artist transform you with a splash of colour, a fantastic design, a favourite creature, or whatever creative inspiration strikes. Whether you're a child eager to become a tiger, butterfly, superhero, or magical creature, or a grown-up who's ready to have a little fun and embrace your inner artist, everyone is welcome.

This is art you don't just look at—you get to wear it! Bring the family, bring your imagination, and leave with a little extra colour on your face and a smile to match.

Come as you are. Leave as a work of art!

XFrom Imagination to the Page: An Hour with Trinity Cunningham

Sun, Sep 27, 1:00PM - 2:00PM

Don Fletcher Artrepreneur, 40 Centre Street, Gimli, MB

Where do stories begin? For Trinity Cunningham, they began with an imagination that was always busy creating new worlds.

Join Trinity for an hour of reading, conversation and storytelling as she shares her work and talks about the journey from those early ideas and notebooks to becoming a novelist. She'll read from her writing, discuss her creative process and the worlds and characters that inspire her, and leave plenty of time for questions and conversation with the audience.

A lifelong lover of writing, Trinity has explored everything from songwriting and screenwriting to fiction. After studying screenwriting and storytelling, she began transforming ideas she had carried for years into novels.

Come hear the stories, meet the writer, and discover what happens when the worlds in your imagination finally make their way onto the page.

X – still in some kind of development?

- **Interlake Brewing**
- **GIFF**
- **9-11 pm at Ship & Plough on Saturday night**
- **Ron Scott musician at Waterworld Art Fair on Saturday evening**
- **Be Inspired, at Waterworld Art Fair.**