

# Retirees'

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# News

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## The 29<sup>th</sup> President's Reception for Retirees

The 29<sup>th</sup> President's Reception for Retirees will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011, at 2:00 pm in Marshall McLuhan Hall, Room 204 University Centre, The University of Manitoba, Fort Garry Campus.

You are invited to meet with Dr. Barnard, President and Vice-Chancellor, who will provide an update on happenings at the University, with other University of Manitoba retirees, and with our speaker **Mr. Paul Hess, Director of the School of Art**. Mr. Hess will discuss the following:

### **Does a Building Make a School?**

This illustrated talk will examine ways that specific environments significantly shape the learning/research activities of artists and designers. Consideration will be given to the current ARTlab project and Taché Hall redevelopment underway at the U of M Fort Garry campus.

Originally from Toronto, Paul Hess studied at the University

of Guelph and received his Master of Fine Arts from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in 1978. He was one of the artists who began layer painting in the mid-1970s at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax. He has lived on the east coast and the west coast. His teaching experience has included postings at several universities across Canada. His artwork has been shown in various centres across Canada since 1974. He has received arts grants from the Ontario Arts Council, British Columbia Arts Council and the Canada Council. In 1987, he was appointed to the faculty at Emily Carr University of Art and Design in Vancouver, British Columbia where he held teaching and administrative roles, including the position of Dean of Media Arts. In 2008, he was appointed Director of the School of Art, University of Manitoba.

At the reception which follows, there will be time to greet your former colleagues and



Paul Hess

friends. Spouses/partners are also welcome to attend. Please invite those survivors of retirees whom you know. You are asked to RSVP by Friday, April 8, 2011, to Linda Lassman at email: [linda\\_lassman@umanitoba.ca](mailto:linda_lassman@umanitoba.ca) or by telephone: (204) 474-9124.

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The fall President's Reception will be held at the Bannatyne Campus of the University of Manitoba on October 15, 2011. The annual general meeting of UMRA will also be held at this time.

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### Want to Join UMRA?

Membership in UMRA is open to all retirees of the University and their spouses/partners.

If you wish to join UMRA, you are invited to fill out an application form available at the President's reception April 16, 2011. A copy of the application form is also available online at the UMRA Website:

[www.umanitoba.ca/outreach/retirees/](http://www.umanitoba.ca/outreach/retirees/) under Membership in the left column.

### UMRA Website

[www.umanitoba.ca/outreach/retirees/](http://www.umanitoba.ca/outreach/retirees/)

"In Memoriam" is a section on our Website to recognize retirees' lives. It appears in the list on the left side of the UMRA Homepage. When you click on "In Memoriam", a list of deceased University of Manitoba retirees with a short description of where each person worked at the university appears. By clicking on a name, you are linked to a PDF file containing the full published obituary. To assist the volunteer who scans the local obituaries, retirees are asked to notify UMRA of the deaths of other retirees by telephone at 474-7175 or by email: [retirees@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:retirees@cc.umanitoba.ca).

### Special Interest Groups

## Interested in Photography?

Are you interested in a workshop on digital photography? Do the following questions interest you: What kind of camera should you look for and buy? How do you use all those special features on your digital camera? How do you get the best pictures at your next family gathering? How do you capture that beautiful scene? How can you take photos like a professional?

If you are interested in any of these topics, contact Bob Talbot, our long-time University photographer, now retired and a member of UMRA. Either e-mail Bob at [bdtalbot@mts.net](mailto:bdtalbot@mts.net) or telephone him at 204-422-8755.

## Would you be interested in a walking tour of the University of Manitoba Campus?

There have been many changes to the Fort Garry Campus recently and Brian Macpherson has agreed to conduct tours whenever a sufficient number of retirees are interested. For those interested, there will be a sign-up list at the Information table at the April 16, 2011 President's Reception or you may call the UMRA office at (204) 474-7175.

### UMRA Endowment Fund Committee

Following the approval by the Annual General Meeting last October, 2010, that UMRA pursue the possibilities of a bursary/scholarship fund, an ad hoc committee has been working with the U of M Development Office. The members of this ad hoc committee are Doug MacEwan, Chair, Juliette (Archie) Cooper and Lois Brockman.

## Retirees continue to support the United Way of Winnipeg

University of Manitoba Retirees have once again shown how supportive we are of Winnipeg's United Way campaign and the great work it does in our community. In 2009, the total contribution from Retirees passed the \$100,000 mark and we have passed this mark again in 2010. The latest Giving Summary for the campaign shows that the total contribution from Retirees has reached \$111,000. The United Way has changed the way it is reporting the contributions, which makes it somewhat difficult to make a direct comparison with 2009. Nonetheless this 2010 total is impressive.

Our 2010 campaign workload was assisted greatly because, for the first time, the retirees' mailing list was made available directly to the United Way. The United Way staff then prepared and mailed out the pledge form packages on our behalf. Given this, it was unnecessary for a team of our volunteers to stuff and seal over 1600 envelopes this year. Brian Macpherson, Chair of the Retirees' Campaign, especially thanks Richard Johnson and Ed Tyrchniewicz who assisted with a morning of follow-up phone calls.

With respect to privacy concerns, should any of you not want your name and address information provided directly to the United Way, please notify Linda Lassman to have your information removed from the mailing list. You may contact Linda by email at [linda\\_lassman@umanitoba.ca](mailto:linda_lassman@umanitoba.ca), or by phone at (204) 474-9124.

### Computer Support for UMRA Active Members

## Computer Problems at Home?

UMRA has arranged for a computer support service to be available to our *Active Members*.

This service is provided by graduate students in Computer Science and includes assistance with both hardware and software problems. The charge for the service will depend upon the nature of the problem and the time involved to solve it. If you are an *Active Member* of UMRA, you can request assistance either by phoning the UMRA office at 474-7175 and leaving a message, or by sending an email to [retirees@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:retirees@cc.umanitoba.ca).



### Staff Benefits Corner

## Changing your address?

This is a reminder to all retirees to advise the Staff Benefits Office of any change in address or family status. If you currently receive monthly payments, such as a Post Retirement Adjustment payment or a monthly annuity payment from the University, or have Retiree Supplementary Health, Dental or Optional Life Insurance benefits, please report changes to the Staff Benefits Office directly at 474- 7428 or email: [SB-Webmaster@ms.umanitoba.ca](mailto:SB-Webmaster@ms.umanitoba.ca)



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outreach/retirees/](http://www.umanitoba.ca/outreach/retirees/)

### Email contact to Retirees

UMRA is using e-mail to send reminders and notices of events of interest to retirees. To receive these, retirees should forward their e-mail address to [retirees@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:retirees@cc.umanitoba.ca)

## The Stadium and Fitness Centre: an update

The Winnipeg Football Club's board of directors has approved its end of a \$190-million plan to build a new home for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers at the University of Manitoba. The board voted December 13, 2010, to agree to a deal that will see the non-profit club responsible for paying \$85 million back to the province over the next 40 years. The club feels this is possible, given new revenue streams that will be available at a new facility.

The University of Manitoba also continues with its original plan to construct a new fitness centre on campus, supported by \$15 million from the Government of Canada and \$5 million from the province. Subject to City Council approval, the City of Winnipeg will provide \$2.5 million for the fitness centre, which will be available to students and the general public.

"The new stadium development continues to be an important and exciting development at the University of Manitoba," Dr. Barnard said. "I look forward to opening kick-offs of the first Bison and Bomber games there in 2012. This project will be a source of pride for us, for our faculty, for our students and for the community at large.

We are also very excited that this project includes a new, world-class fitness facility to serve the university and wider community. This facility will further enhance the University of Manitoba as a focal point for community activities... we look forward to the day we can welcome stadium users to the University of Manitoba where they will see what a valuable and beautiful resource the university is to the community."

The project at the university will create an estimated 2,425 person-years of employment and \$19.6 million in provincial tax revenues from construction.

John Danakas  
Director, Public Affairs  
University of Manitoba

Who wants to participate in?

## Centre on Aging

The University of Manitoba's Centre on Aging will hold its Annual Spring Research Symposium on Monday, May 2, 2011, at the Brodie Centre, 727 McDermot Ave., Bannatyne Campus of the University of Manitoba.

Registration forms need to be mailed in by April 21, 2011. There is no fee for the Symposium and lunch is available for \$10.00. More information is available at their Website: [www.umanitoba.ca/centres/aging/](http://www.umanitoba.ca/centres/aging/) or by telephoning (204) 474-9854.

## Travel Study Opportunity for 50+ – May 25-June 8, 2011

This is to give you notice of a new fun and educational venture in the 50+ program of Extended Education at the University of Manitoba. We will be offering a **Travel Study course to Kyiv, Ukraine** from May 25 to June 8. A poster/brochure is ready. **Cost** is \$1995 CDN +5% GST. A first payment of \$800 CDN (+5% GST), is due March 21, 2011 (includes \$200 non-refundable deposit). A second payment of \$1,195 CDN (+5% GST) is due April 25, 2011.

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