



A dynamic community that celebrates and supports *Arts and Creativity!*

Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are delighted to present

Ash Mercia: Poetry and Theatre

Local playwright, poet, teacher, and performer, Ash Mercia will be taking to the Snell Auditorium stage, to share some of her own poetry, and maybe a piece or two of Mary's. You can also catch a snippet of her upcoming Edmonton Fringe show, "Thank You for Coming to My TED Talk," a show about how putting in the work to know thyself is perhaps the meaning of life itself. In the meantime, learn how the natural world has influenced her own life and writings! A wonderful cycle from writing to visual art to performance!

Mary's World: Paintings & Drawings by Carol Lynn Gilchrist

running in the Kiwanis Gallery until August 27, 2023.
#FirstFridaysRedDeer Opening Reception August 4th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.
This collection of paintings and drawings explores the poetry of Mary Oliver, (1935 - 2019, American).



On Exhibit from June 20 to August 27, 2023
in the Kiwanis Gallery.

Gallery Hours: Mon to Thurs 10am–8pm, Fri 12–5pm, Sat & Sun 10am–3pm

The Red Deer Arts Council is pleased to present:

Handmade By You: Artists from Youth HQ and the Boys and Girls Club

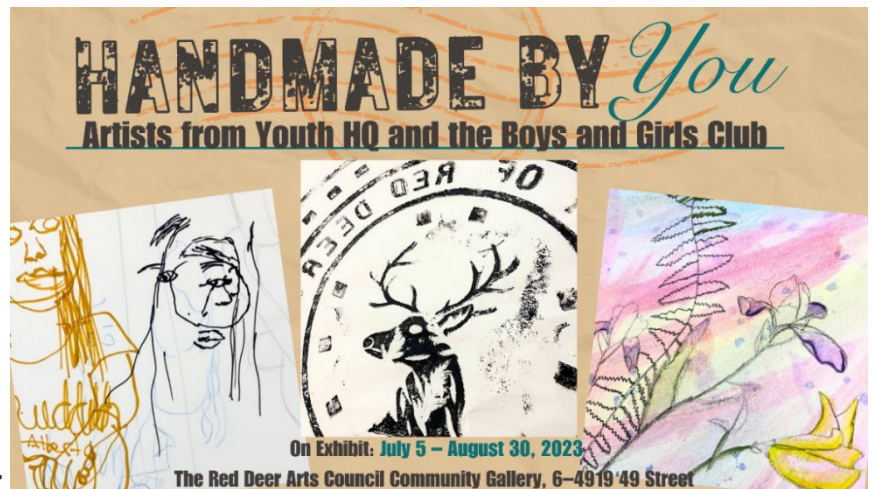
in the Red Deer Arts Council's Community Gallery.

#FirstFridaysRedDeer Opening Reception
August 4th from 5pm – 7pm
6 – 4919 49 Street, Red Deer

Come see the art on display and create your own take on a famous artwork you can take home!

The exhibitions continues until August 30.

Gallery Hours: Mon to Fri 10am – 4pm



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~Creativity Understood~



What's Happening in August 2023



The 4th Edition of the In the Neighbourhood Concert Series takes place around Central Alberta!

Our 4th year of pop-up concerts in and around Central Alberta continues! Join us at any concert around Red Deer or Red Deer County this summer and enjoy the fun! Bring your lawn chair or a blanket, sunscreen. Often, food is available for purchase at these events, so a few bucks can't hurt and helps a great cause in the community! (Tips for performers are also welcome!)

Riverside Meadows – August 19 3pm, Cheryl Fisher & Jazz at the Lake Trio

Delburne – August 24 7pm with Kayla Williams & The Yacht Daddies

West Park – August 26 2pm with Taylor Drive

See our website and Facebook pages for any backup dates due to weather changes.

Call for Alberta Culture Days Visual & Literary Art Exhibition: Here, There & Everywhere

Visit RedDeerArtsCouncil.ca/abcc-gallery to download the submission form and find out more about this intriguing group exhibition! Ideas for places that could be used for inspiration could include (but are certainly not limited to):

- Where you are from
- Where your family is from
- Where you live now
- A place you used to live
- A place associated with important memories
- A historic location important to you

What places are meaningful to you, and why? Visual and Literary Artists of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply. We look forward to presenting the variety and different perspectives that local artists will explore through their work.



Paradise Plaza: Where Art, Music, and Community Connect!

The Back Alley Collective has hosted a few design socials to discover what the community wants to see in a sidewalk lounge, so now, it's time to build it! We're inviting volunteers to help with a community build for our new parklet lounge. Dates and times to be announced. Connect with the building team through info@reddeerartscouncil.ca. We hope to have the build installed before the end of August, then we get to decorate!!! We'll enjoy the plaza until October and come back next summer and beyond! **For more updates about Paradise Plaza, follow on Instagram @paradisepiazza_rd!** We've got buskers and outdoor artist residencies each week until October!

Alberta Culture Days is back for September 2023!



So many groups are planning exciting activities to celebrate arts and creativity all around Red Deer and Central Alberta next month. To help plan your full month of festivities, check out the full schedule of activities on our website or follow

<https://www.facebook.com/reddeerculturedays>.



Natural world inspires art at the Marjorie Wood Gallery at Red Deer's KWNC

Nature art doesn't just mean pictures of birds and flowers at the Marjorie Wood Gallery in the Kerry Wood Nature Centre. Robots have been portrayed hiding in the woods in tongue-in-cheek paintings by Red Deer artist Andrea Dillingham-Lacoursiere. Local metal sculptor Lyle Keewatin Richards has presented animal assemblages made of welded motor parts. And one particularly memorable exhibit for Kathryn Huedepohl, program lead for the Waskasoo Environmental Education Society, was a 3-D shoreline installation, created in a gallery corner, complete with sand and seashells.



Nature art can mean various things to people — from abstract patterns in butterfly wings, to glimpses of greenery in urban landscapes — and the full range of these images has at some time or other, been seen in this space. The Marjorie Wood Gallery was created when the KWNC opened in 1986 and was named for Kerry Wood's wife. Marjorie was more sporty than arty, according to Huedepohl's research. But she was devoted to ecology and the nature centre, as a life-long helpmate of her naturalist husband, Kerry Wood. The scout leader, writer, radio personality was a major developer of the Gaetz Lakes Sanctuary. "It was very important to him," said Huedepohl, though the land was donated by J.J. Gaetz and his mother, Catherine. Before passing away in 2002, Marjorie was a member of the Alberta Natural History Society and a regular visitor at the KWNC — always with a smile on her face, Huedepohl recalled.

Her namesake gallery changes exhibits every two months, and is growing in popularity with local artists. Huedepohl recalls a time when filling the space was a challenge. "Now we are booking into 2025."

Perhaps the "coolest" thing, she reflected, is that visitors can leave the gallery and then walk out the back door into the sanctuary and view nature itself. Huedepohl feels art and nature are a perfect fit, with the natural

world providing inspiration, healing, and an aesthetic that connects to everything... "even many technological advancements are derived from nature..."

On the other side of Red Deer is Fort Normandeau, which has no official gallery, but theme-appropriate art is starting to appear among its historic exhibits. Throughout August, Lego portraits of Indigenous leaders and their stories (created and compiled by Ponoka's Greg Sawisky), can be seen at the site that marks the birthplace of Red Deer.

Huedepohl said she would like to continue incorporating thematic art into the fort in future.

Outside of the interpretive centre is a sculpture of a bison. Its abstracted rear portion is seemingly disappearing — like the real-life buffalo, which were driven to near extinction from indiscriminate shooting in the 1800s.

The re-created Fort Normandeau stands close to the actual site where the 65th Battalion Mount Royal Rifles were mobilized in 1885 during the North-West Rebellion. Huedepohl noted that no fighting ever took place here. Instead, the site continued to be a meeting/ trading place for First Nations, Metis and European people, and an example of their peaceful co-existence. "It shows what can happen when people work together... I think that's a nice thing to keep in mind."

Kerry Wood Nature Centre Summer Hours (until Labour Day) : 10am – 8pm daily. Fort Normandeau Summer Hours: 11am – 6pm daily.

Visit <https://www.waskasoopark.ca/> for more details.

