



A vibrant community celebrating and supporting **Arts, Culture, and Creativity!**



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

“The 40th Middle Schools Awesome Art Show!”

featuring works by students from Central, Eastview, G.H. Dawe, Gateway Christian, and Glendale Schools running in the Kiwanis Gallery until May 12, 2025



Gallery Hours: Mon-Thurs 9am–8pm, Fri 9am–5pm, Sat & Sun 10am–3pm

#FirstFridaysRedDeer Opening reception May 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm with many of these young artists in attendance!

Tulips
Victoria Ogunjana
Acrylic Paint, 2025

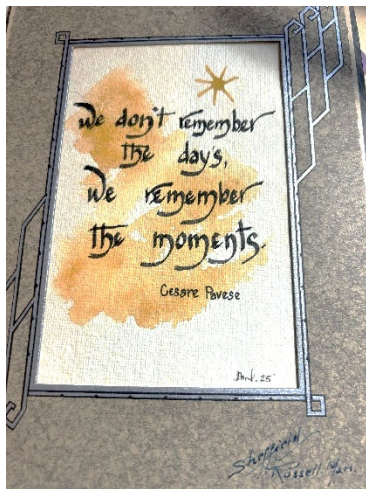


PlayStation Colour Wheel
Jacob Yu
Acrylic Paint, 2025

Next up in the gallery –
The 17th Hangups and Insights IB & AP High School Art Show

Red Deer Arts Council is pleased to present

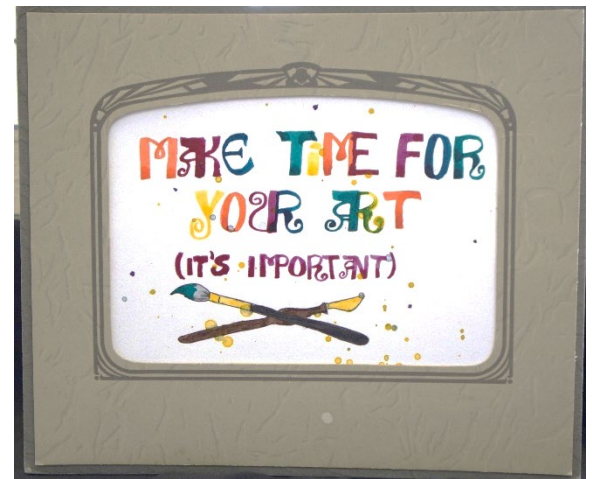
Memories: Works by the Lettering Arts Guild of Red Deer



in the Red Deer Arts Council's Community Gallery until June 2, 2025.

You Remember the Moments
Janice Armstrong, 2025
Watercolour and Ink

Make Time for Art
Karen Leckie, 2025
Watercolour and Ink



#FirstFridaysRedDeer May 2 for a closing reception 5–7pm

This exhibit reflects on the guild's rich tradition of promoting the art of beautiful letter creation. Each piece is presented in vintage portrait folders, adding a nostalgic touch that ties together the past and present.

Community Gallery Hours: Mon to Fri 10am – 5pm



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Creative Happenings in May 2025

The 6th In the Neighbourhood Concert Series is back this summer!



Starting in June – Join us at our Concert Series shows around Red Deer & Red Deer County! Community Associations can now request an “In the Neighbourhood” concert as part of their summer festivities to enjoy friends, fun, and music together!
RedDeerArtsCouncil.ca/concert-series-register



2nd Annual Summer Solstice Plein Air Painting event is

happening again June 21 & 22 at Heritage Ranch! We’ve joined the Come Paint Alberta collective and are on the trail of paint outs across the province! Event details & registration form at:

RedDeerArtsCouncil.ca/plein-air.

This two-day event will feature an oil painting demonstration by Ariane Kamps, time to paint late into the golden hour on Day 1 and an Art Show and Sale, with adjudication by Larry Reese and prizes on Day 2! The

Alberta Sports Hall of Fame & Museum will host the Art Show & Wet Canvas Sale starting at 2pm on June 22, 2025. Bring all your friends and help them select a piece of art celebrating all the natural beauty of Red Deer, the river, and our fantastic trail systems! Buy & See ART!

Drum Circle – Sunday, May 4 @Vin L Den, 2–4pm. FREE!
 Free, drums provided. First Sunday each month from 2 – 4pm.



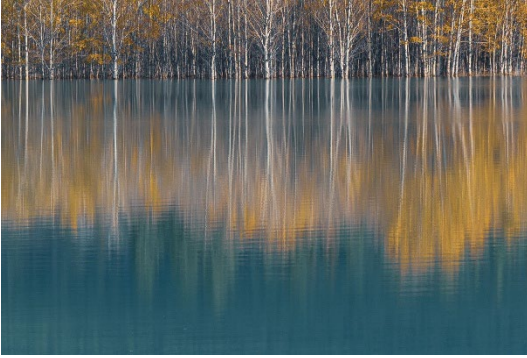
Hat Parade - We held our inaugural hat walk and tea party April 26th with almost 50 people in attendance! As one of just 4 cities in Canada as part of the World Hat Walk weekend, Red Deer



(and visitors from around Alberta) donned their best headwear and put their pinkies up with tea and scones! *Fabulous Photo credits: Kim Mortimer, The SnapHappy Photographer*

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Local Photographer's Unique Nature Images to be Featured at June Art Show



When Sylvan Lake photographer Carmen Therriault drives around the province, she's always searching for the perfect shot. Since many a mountain sunset or rolling farm field have graced magazines and calendars, Therriault tends to be on the look-out for something a little different.

It might be an unusual play of light, rhythmic shadows, or kaleidoscopic reflections on still water. "I am always striving to capture things in ways that are not common, from different perspectives," she explained.

Night photography can be especially striking. And one of Therriault's more memorable images is of a ghostly green curtain of northern lights reflected on a lake. "I was very excited to get that!" she recalled. Therriault has been creative all of her life, starting from her childhood in Edmonton and continuing after she moved to Central Alberta to become a teacher about 30 years ago.

The mother of four admitted there were many years when all of her focus was on her family. But as her children hit high school and left home, Therriault gained more time to explore her own interests. About a decade ago, she joined the Central Alberta Photography Society and started on a journey towards becoming a dedicated photographer, who specializes in artistic imagery.

Rolling with new innovations, Therriault gradually upgraded her equipment, replacing her second-hand Canon with a modern, mirrorless camera. She shoots "raw" footage that isn't automatically enhanced, so does her own colour saturation and light adjustments. But Therriault said her "line in the sand" is she will never add elements to her pictures that weren't there in the first place.

At a time when images generated by AI blur the lines of what is real and threaten to displace human creativity, the photographer believes authenticity is becoming increasingly important.

Therriault will take dedicated photographic trips around the province about twice a month. But wherever she drives she keeps a camera in the car, to be ready to take a spectacular shot.

Since some moments will not wait for her to set up a tripod, Therriault also uses her cell phone camera. She said the only hitch is these pictures have a lower resolution, limiting how large prints can be blown up. Therriault, therefore, often uses her phone camera as a compositional tool. "I use it for "sketching" and collecting ideas, and figuring out how I'm going to photograph things..."

Many of her nature images will be seen on June 6 and 7 at the Sylvan Lake Art Show and Sale at the NexSource Centre.

While Therriault's landscapes have been purchased to hang on the walls of homes and businesses, she also takes portraits of adults and children. She believes most people don't think about having portrait-style pictures taken of themselves —yet these kinds of images will someday become very important keepsakes for loved ones.

As part of her Carmen Therriault Photography business, she offers special occasion and family photography, as well as photo workshops.



For more information, please visit carmenherriaultphotography.com.

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