



Creating a vibrant community that celebrates the *Arts*

Pulse of Istanbul and Beyond the Looking Glass share October in the Kiwanis Gallery



Carnival, Photograph
Roberta Murray



Rhythm of Istanbul,
Acrylic on Canvas, Asta Dale

Continuing to October 14

Pulse of Istanbul: Works by Asta Dale

Calgarian, Asta Dale had the opportunity to visit this city and its people, relaxed atmosphere and history of one of the world's largest city, made a distinct impression on her.

First Friday Red Deer October 5, 2012

Elvin Berthiaume performs from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Elvin Bruce Berthiaume is a singer, songwriter, guitarist and fly fisher from the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.

October 16 to November 25

Beyond the Looking Glass:

Photographs by Roberta Murray

Beyond the Looking Glass explores a place where dreams and nightmares exist together and the distinction between truth and fiction becomes blurred.



Shirley Flinn

Interview by Emily Ursuliak

Shirley Flinn is an artist with a self-professed love for life-long learning. She began her foray into painting in 1999 with a night class in watercolour painting with Susan Woolgar at Red Deer College. It wasn't until 2007, when she took a course through Pro's Art School in Edmonton, that she discovered the medium that she became most passionate about: oil painting. What she loves most about oil painting is the texture of the medium, which she describes as similar to, "painting with cream cheese." With the instruction of Loraine Ure, Ann Waeland, and Gene Prokop at Pro's Art School, Shirley says she matured as a painter and was exposed to not only new techniques, but also to artists who have influenced her work. Pino Daeni, Ramon Kelley, Zhaoming Wu, Jeff Legg, and David Leffel are just some of the artists who inspire her. She has since gone on to take numerous workshops and courses through Alberta colleges and universities and says that every workshop that you take, even if you didn't enjoy it at the time, or felt like you didn't learn anything from it, always has something to teach you upon further reflection.

Shirley's paintings take on a wide field of subject matter, which capture her eclectic tastes. She likes to approach painting portraits not in the static, formalized poses we normally see, but in an unexpected way that captures the personality and the essence of the person she is painting. Still-life paintings are another favourite of hers as they "capture something at the perfect moment." Her subject matter also branches out to images of the natural world, animals and basically any image that she finds herself profoundly struck by. She enjoys focusing in on the precise details of the painting she is working on and getting them just right. In fact, her work ethic towards her art is one that many of us may wish we had, since she dutifully spends a specific amount of hours each day working on one of the many projects she might have on the go at one time.

Shirley is also a very dedicated member of her artistic community. She finds the time to be involved in the Lacombe Art Guild, the Lacombe Arts Endowment Foundation Committee, the Portrait Society of Canada and the Red Deer Arts Council. In the past she was also a member of both the Sylvan Lake and Red Deer Art Clubs. Shirley won the Intermediate Award at the zone level, the Hildur Sherbeck Award at the Alberta Wide exhibit of the Alberta Community Art Clubs Association, held at the Red Deer Museum and Art Gallery in 2006, and was the recipient of the Lillian Nunn Scholarship in 2008. Recently, she was awarded the Lacombe Arts Endowment Grant in 2009; was the Lacombe Art Show and Sale's featured artist in 2010; and was honoured with the Vivian Thierfelder Trophy in 2010. It is obvious that Shirley is a very accomplished artist. You can see more of her work at: www.shirleyflinn.com.

The Chase
Oil, 2012
Shirley Flinn



**Do you love Social Media, Marketing and Communications!
Our Communications Committee Needs You!**

We are seeking qualified committee members to help with our social media, newsletters, marketing and promotions of the artists in our community and to help develop a communications plan for RDAC. Meeting are once a month and to fulfill any activities the committee would be involved in. We hope someone with marketing and communications background will love to work with artists and board members in this exciting endeavour. Contact the office for further information.

**New Registration Deadline
October 5, 2012**



Words & Pictures & Online: Visual Artist Development Series –This 3-part series was designed to progressively build the skills and knowledge needed to create a dynamic portfolio! See our website for more information.

Where: All workshops will be held at **Multipurpose Room at Culture Services Centre, 3827 39 Street, Red Deer, AB**

Please confirm your spot by email at

info@reddeerartscouncil.ca or phone 403-348-2787.

Payment is due in advance at the Red Deer Arts Council office by cheque or cash.

Registration is limited to 25 participants per workshop.

Cost: Individual Sessions \$40 (RDAC members) & \$60 (non-members)

Take all 3 sessions for only \$100 (RDAC members) or \$120 (non-members)

Workshop #1: The Written Word

Date/Time: Thursday, October 11, 2012 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Facilitator: Diana Anderson

Workshop #2: Digital Photo-documentation

Date/Time: Thursday, October 18, 2012 from 6:30pm to 10:00pm

Facilitator: Paul Leathers

Workshop #3: An Artists Guide to an Online Presence

Date/Time: Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Facilitator: Kim Bruce

I am the Arts



Shirley Flinn reading in her Lacombe garden, Summer 2012.

I am a wife, mother and grandmother.

I am a woman that has experienced success and failure.

I am an artist that likes to garden and read.

I am proud to be a part of the Red Deer community through my involvement with the Red Deer Arts Council.

Join me in volunteering and make Central Alberta a great place to call home.

Upcoming Kiwanis Gallery Exhibit
Members Only Show and Sale:
A Juried Exhibition

November 27, 2012 to January 1, 2013

REMINDER to Members: Open to all RDAC Visual Arts Members
Deadline for Entry: 4:30 pm, October 25, 2012

First Friday Red Deer: Opening December 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm



The View from the Chair by our member, Carol Nault

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