



**Leading a dynamic community
that celebrates the Arts**

**Explore the landscape abstractly with Susan
Delaney in the Kiwanis Gallery!**

Showing in the Kiwanis Gallery from August 23 to October 16, 2016, *Geospaces: Acrylic Paintings* by Susan Delaney. First Friday Red Deer Opening: September 2 from 6 to 8 pm.

September 2nd's First Friday Red Deer features local artist, Susan Delaney presenting a series of abstract paintings that delve into geological processes and images. Ms. Delaney will be in attendance in the Kiwanis Gallery to discuss her favourite way of working.

This series of paintings called *Geospaces* is inspired by the landscape and the qualities of the media: paint and water. As the layers begin to develop in the abstract paintings, emerging colour and composition allow the water media to influence the painting's ultimate direction. Abstract painting in this layering process allows Susan to contemplate and meditate on the overall process.

"There is a calculated spontaneity to the layering and movement of paint and water, and an increasing level of risk as the painting evolves, that make both the process and the result exciting and rewarding."

Susan Delaney, August 2016



Rocky Mountain Reverie I,
Acrylic, 2014
Susan Delaney



Geospace 20
Acrylic, 2014
Susan Delaney

First Friday Red Deer is sponsored by the Red Deer Downtown Business Association



Our membership answered and the results matter!

The Red Deer Arts Council undertook a member survey to get a better understanding of how we can serve our membership. We received responses from 34 individual members and 14 organizational members, which is an above-average response for this type of survey. Jan Howden-Paul and the group ACFA Régionale de Red Deer won our individual and group draw-prize and will receive their 2017 membership for free. Thanks to everyone who took the time to answer the survey!

The results showed that both individual and group members would like to see opportunities to promote their work, their events and themselves through social media channels, the website and the newsletter. Being included in an online database of artists was also very important to members. Finally, members appreciate networking opportunities and would like to see those focused on providing opportunities to showcase their work to the public and local businesses, in addition to opportunities to collaborate with others. We have heard our members and we will be working to find ways to promote their work. For workshops, the most popular topics were those that involved generating income including grant writing, fundraising and marketing. We will be using this feedback as we plan workshops for the coming year.

The vast majority of members belong to the Red Deer Arts Council because they want to support or advocate for the arts community. We are proud to have such great members who are dedicated to the arts and we look forward to working with you now and in the future to support the arts in Red Deer.

Red Deer Culture Days 2016

Red Deer Arts Council and our partners are thrilled to have been selected as a Host Celebration Site for the 2016 Alberta Culture Days. We are part of the celebrations occurring throughout the province during Alberta Culture Days 2016. Alberta Culture Days runs September 30, October 1 & 2 and is the province's largest celebration of our heritage, arts, community spirit and cultural diversity. From Friday, September 30 to Sunday, October 2, the streets around the downtown of Red Deer come alive with chalk artists, pop-up galleries, museum & art exhibits, music, theatre games, kid's activities, dance, demonstration artists, plays, steamroller prints and all manner of arts and culture events.

"Alberta Culture Days is a family-friendly and affordable way for Albertans to discover, experience and celebrate Alberta's culture in new and exciting ways. I'm delighted that Red Deer will be joining in the celebrations at the end of September."

Ricardo Miranda, Minister of Culture and Tourism

The events will be co-hosted by many community partners including, Red Deer College Arts Centre & Red Deer College, Red Deer's Public and Catholic Schools, Red Deer Public Library, City of Red Deer Heritage and Public Art and Culture Services Divisions, Central Alberta Retired Teachers Association, Red Deer Visual Artists, Red Deer Cultural Heritage Society, Central Alberta Women's Immigrant Association (CAIWA), Central Alberta Refugee Effort (CARE), The Hub on Ross, the Scott Block, Celebration of Dance Committee led by Country Pride Dance Club, Attribute Art School, Red Deer Downtown Business Association, Against the Wall Theatre and the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery.

All the events around the city can be found on the Red Deer Arts Council's website: ww.reddeerartscouncil.ca & Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/reddeerartscouncil/> or on Red Deer Culture Days Facebook page at - <https://www.facebook.com/reddeerartsdays/>

Central Alberta Theatre Interview by Paul Cowley

The show must go on.

For 46 years, dedicated members of Central Alberta Theatre have ensured that it does. Dozens of talented amateur actors have tread the boards in local dinner theatre productions since CAT debuted its version of *Oklahoma!* in 1970.

Now, four dinner theatre productions a year are held, along with a season preview event and the annual One Act Festival. The smaller Nickel Studio is also used by CAT and other local artists looking for a more intimate venue.

CAT is all about sharing. The theatre troupe is not only dedicated to making sure its shows go on, but those of other groups and companies as well.

CAT Society president Craig Scott said their mandate is to help out theatre as a whole.

“Any time we get a chance to do that we will,” says Scott, who is also Chair of the Red Deer Arts Council and BullSkit.

CAT has the spaces, the props, costumes and, most importantly, a core of dedicated volunteers. Red Deer College, BullSkit, Red Deer Players Society, Innisfail Town Theatre, Prime Stock, The Red Deer Players, Cornerstone and Tree House Youth Theatres and the high schools have all been lent a hand over the years. Charities also benefit with \$1 from every dinner theatre ticket donated to local non-profits.

In its role as the operator of the 700-seat Red Deer Memorial Centre, CAT has literally turned the spotlight on high school theatre performances, concerts, comedians, children's shows, fundraisers, and even election debates.

Craig, who has directed and acted in productions, says CAT also offers theatre lovers a chance to take on new roles.

“The cool thing about CAT and the thing I admire most about it is if you want to direct, you can direct. If you want to work backstage, you can work backstage.”

CAT's website: <http://centralalbertatheatre.net>

Phone: 403-347-8111



Outlaw,
CAT Production 2010

We are the Arts

We are the elder statesmen of the theatre community.

We wish for a vibrant, thriving and varied arts community.

We are here to help all in the arts community because we must stick together to thrive.

We are Central Alberta Theatre.

We're proud to call Red Deer our home.

Join us in discovering the best our city has to offer.



Wild Dust
Cat Production, 2015
Photo by Konstantin Vorosmarty

Upcoming Exhibit in the Kiwanis Gallery:

October 18 to November 20

And the Winners Are: Photographs by Central Alberta Photographic Society

Did you know? We have profiled 51 members in our newsletters since its inception in September 2011!



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