

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



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

## Transitions: Cyanotypes by Vivian Smith

running in the Kiwanis Gallery until February 9, 2025

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

**#FirstFridaysRedDeer** Closing reception: February 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Catch it while you can!

Next in the Gallery will be the Red Deer Arts Council's

**Annual Visual Arts Members Juried Exhibition:**

## All About Paper



Untitled  
Cyanotype Dye  
Vivian Smith, 2021

Valleys and Lakes  
Mixed Media Collage,  
Denise Romaniw, 2024



Hilltown of Andalusia, Spain  
Paper Collage, 2025  
Wendy Meeres



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## GUILTY: Art by Ryan Boyd

in the Red Deer Arts Council's Community Gallery until February 21, 2025. Join us for **#FirstFridaysRedDeer February 7** for an opening reception from 5 – 7pm with the artist in attendance.

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

Ryan Boyd is a multidisciplinary artist from Lacombe, AB. From acrylic, digital and sculpture artworks Ryan said "If I like, I try it" forward looking attitude that brings out a variety of bold works of art and unique sculptural pieces.



Untitled Painting in Acrylic and Mixed Media and  
Untitled Sculpture with Cello and plaster, both by Ryan Boyd



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# Creative Happenings in February 2025

## Red Deer Arts Council's 2025 Scholarships & Awards Program

The Red Deer Arts Council is pleased to announce the launch of our 2025 Scholarship & Awards application period. Submissions are now being accepted for the following awards:

- Princess Margaret Scholarship for Post-Secondary students
- Centennial Scholarships (Secondary & Post-Secondary)
- Waskasoo Bluegrass Music Scholarship (Secondary)
- RDC Music Society Scholarship (Post-Secondary)
- Artwalk Developing Visual Artist Award (practicing artists)
- Emerging Artist Award (practicing artists)
- The Diane Hermary Volunteer Spirit Award, via Nomination

These five scholarships and three awards are intended to support and encourage promising artists in their continued development, while also serving to raise the arts profile by stimulating, celebrating, and promoting the arts in Central Alberta.

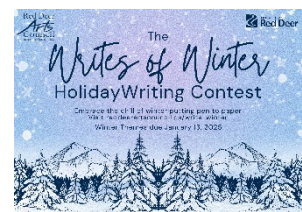
Application guidelines and submission forms can be downloaded from our website at [RedDeerArtsCouncil.ca/scholarships-awards](http://RedDeerArtsCouncil.ca/scholarships-awards).



## Congratulations to our Writes of Winter Contest Winners!

We've been impressed with the quality of the stories and poems received for this year's Writes of Winter! Congratulations to all our wonderful winners! Visit [RedDeerArtsCouncil.ca/writes-winter](http://RedDeerArtsCouncil.ca/writes-winter) to read these and all the submitted stories!

**Holiday Short Story – Fiction** winner: *There is Magic in Bower Mall*, by Amanda Mason



**Holiday Short Story – Creative Non-Fiction** winner: *Mohawk*, by Judy Brownlee

**Holiday Poetry** winner: *In Winter's Embrace: A Red Deer Reverie*, by Lindsay Wiebe

**Winter Chill Short Story – Fiction** winner: *Laced Memories*, by Karli Kendall

**Winter Chill Short Story – Creative Non-Fiction** winner: *In the Winter We Took the Hill*, by Jeremy Robinson

**Winter Chill Poetry** winner: *Snow Owl in A Carboard Box*, by Judy Brownlee

## Exciting Events Coming Up this Spring! SAVE THE DATE

- **Art Speaks Learning Series** – Special event February 12: Artists Geertje Marquardt and Vytautas Musteikis from Germany & Lithuania! \$15 or \$10 for members. AFA & AB Playwrights Talks are FREE →
- **Drum Circles** Our next circle is February 2<sup>nd</sup> @Vin L Den, (5 – 4919 49 Street) from 2–4pm. Free!
- **Bingo Volunteer Opportunities!** We need 4 volunteers for our February 21<sup>st</sup> event at Red Deer Bingo Centre. Shifts are from 4:15 pm - 9:00 pm and a meal is included at the onsite concession. We have monthly bingo events in 2025. If you can help for a shift, please sign up at [bit.ly/rdac-bingo](http://bit.ly/rdac-bingo)!

 <p><b>How to Write Grant Applications - Independent &amp; Collaborative Artists</b></p>	<p><b>Crafting Your Grant Applications</b> Join Kari McQueen from the AFA for an important conversation about preparing your applications for independent and collaborative projects <b>Wednesday, February 26, 2025</b> 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. FREE</p> <p><b>Getting Your Work Seen - Playwrights Edition</b> Join Trevor Rueger of Alberta Playwrights Network to discuss what it takes to get a play from the page to the stage. <b>Wednesday, March 26, 2025</b> 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. FREE</p>	<p><b>Getting Your Play Seen by Audiences</b></p> 
<p><b>Art Speaks Learning Series 2025</b></p>	<p>Alberta Foundation for the Arts THE CITY OF Red Deer</p>	<p>Red Deer Arts Council Red Deer Museum Art Gallery</p>

- The inaugural **Red Deer Hat Parade** will take place Saturday, April 26, 2025 with a gathering and photo at City Hall Park, then a walk through Downtown to see murals and public art, en route to the Scott Block Theatre for a casual tea party!

- June 21 & 22 – Our Summer **Plein Air Painting** event is happening again! More details coming soon!

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## 25-years of Red Deer's Voyager Art to be Celebrated this Spring



Kaleidoscopic tile work, looming brick legs and a David Thompson weathervane are all part of the public art created by Dawn Detarando and Brian McArthur of Voyager Art Inc. Over the past quarter century, the Red Deer-based artists' diverse works have been installed across the province and country — from Central Alberta to Edmonton and Ottawa. And many designs for these pieces will be featured in a 25-year retrospective show starting in May at the Red Deer Museum and Art Gallery.

Detarando said she was initially surprised when guest curator Mary-Beth Laviolette suggested compiling an exhibit of their creations. "Sometimes I think maybe Red

Deer is over-saturated with our work," explained Detarando, who with McArthur has completed such local projects as the decorative tile work in the G.H. Dawe Centre.

Their Dalmation dog mosaic decorates Red Deer's newest firehall, while a plaque glows like Northern Lights on the former Central Intermediate School. Other Voyager Art projects are in Blackfalds, Penhold, and at the Lacombe Memorial Centre, where mosaic grain elevators float like hot air balloons — one of Detarando's favourites.

Upon giving the exhibit idea further thought, she decided that two-and-a-half decades of being professional artists in Central Alberta was a milestone worth celebrating. Models of various projects will be part of the museum show — including of the looming legs at Edmonton's Southgate Centre mall and the aluminum David Thompson canoe weathervane that was installed north of the legislature building.

McArthur credits the City of Red Deer and other area municipalities as being very supportive of local creativity. He believes living in a smaller city has given Voyager Art more opportunities than if the studio was located in larger centres with a more competitive pool of artists.

He and Detarando have lately started to focus on getting their artwork out further afield.

Their next big project will be collaborating with an Indigenous artist to create a tile mosaic floor mural for the new Adisoke Library in Ottawa. The pair have previously carved cougar and beaver themed rooms (in different years) for Sweden's famed Icehotel.

While Detarando and McArthur share artistic vision, they hail from opposite sides of North America.

McArthur grew up on the same acreage south of Red Deer where Voyager Art studio is now located. He believes his parents' interests in taxidermy and horticulture provided him with creative inspiration as a child.

Detarando was raised in small-town Massachusetts. Her grandmother's artistic crafting motivated her to start sculpting. She met McArthur while they were both taking graduate studies in art at The Ohio State University. The artistic spouses are partnering this winter on a snow carving commission in Banff for the Snow Days Festival.

And they have also coordinated the Central Alberta visit of two veteran carvers from Germany and Lithuania, whom they met at the Icehotel. The Europeans will create musical instruments from straw in front of the Red Deer Museum and Art Gallery on Family Day. Geertje Marquardt and Vytautas Musteikis will also present a Feb. 12 artist talk at the museum. McArthur and Detarando say, "We would love for you to meet them!"

