



**Creating a vibrant community  
that celebrates the Arts**

*Common Threads continues in the Kiwanis Gallery  
and Michael Dawe reads from his new book!*

Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are pleased to continue with the exhibit, *Common Threads: Fibre by In-Definite Arts Society*, which runs in the Kiwanis Gallery to October 19, 2014.

Our First Friday Red Deer is October 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. We are delighted to have **Michael Dawe** reading from his newest book, *Red Deer: A Memorable City*. More information on Mr. Dawe follows in this newsletter. Join us for a delightful evening! Refreshments will be served.



*My Boy,*  
Photograph, 2010  
Alexis Marie Chute

**Kiwanis Gallery next exhibit:**

Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are pleased to present, *Unfulfilled Precognition: Works by Alexis Marie Chute*, which runs from October 21 to November 23, 2014.

*Calgary Cityscape,*  
Crewel, Keith T

Faced with the death of her unborn son, Alexis, an Edmonton artist, worked to process this life-altering change through her photographic art. This body of work speaks to all audiences, as death touches everyone at some point in their life.



Please join us for our First Friday Red Deer, November 1 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

*Meant for You,* Photograph,  
2010 Alexis Marie Chute

First Friday Red Deer is sponsored by the Red Deer Downtown Business Association **for** Red Deer Arts Council.



## Join us for Webinar Wednesdays!

Culture Services, City of Red Deer, and the Red Deer Arts Council presents this series of webinars from CARFAC Ontario's series. (CARFAC - Canadian Artists' Representation/Le Front des artistes canadiens)

The series is available to all professional artists across Canada, but you can join your fellow visual artists to see the webinar and then join in a discussion over coffee and muffins. Each session is held at the Culture Services Centre at 3827-39 Street on Wednesday mornings. Seminars begin at 10:00 am sharp. Please arrive a few minutes early to get a seat.

Topics include:

October 1 - Marketing 2.0

October 15 - Art in Cyberspace

October 29 - Doing Business with Commercial Galleries

November 12 - The Perfect Portfolio

November 26 - Grant Writing

December 10 - Creatively Making a Living as an Artist

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## Michael Dawe and Red Deer's history go hand in hand at this special First Friday event!

A fifth generation Central Albertan with roots in Red Deer and Pine Lake, Michael Dawe is a graduate of the University of Alberta. In 1979, he became the city's first full-time archivist with the Red Deer and District Archives. He also worked as a curator of history in preparation for Red Deer's centennial of incorporation as a city in 2013.

Michael has written six books to date. He is a regular columnist for the Red Deer Express and an occasional free-lance writer for the Red Deer Advocate and Sylvan Lake News.

Michael has won a number of awards, including the Queen's Golden Jubilee, Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Alberta Centennial medals. He was named Alberta Citizen of the Year by the Council on School Administration of the Alberta Teachers' Association for his work with local schools and received the Minister of Veterans' Affairs Commendation for his work with veterans. He was voted Red Deer's Most Beloved Citizen four years in a row by the readers of the Red Deer Express newspaper. Michael was named Red Deer's Citizen of the Year in May 2014.



Notice is given for a **Special Meeting of the Membership** to elect two members to the Red Deer Arts Council board. The Special Meeting is set for Monday, October 6 at 7:00 pm at the north branch of ATB Financial, North Gaetz Crossing, 6794 50th Avenue.

The Board is putting forth two members for election: Evan J. Thompson and Andrea Lacoursiere. Votes must be made in person and not by proxy or otherwise. Please RSVP to Diana Anderson, Coordinator, as to your intent to attend.

## Town and Country Dance Club: Interview by Judy Jackson

“Dance like no one is watching” could be the motto for the Town and Country Dance Club. The club focuses on sharing the heritage of old time music and dance, encouraging its 40 members to experience dance as an art form and offering the public dance instruction from two of the founding members, Doris and Doug Norman.

The club was founded in August 2007, when Doris, Doug and five other dancers saw the need for a new dance group focusing on instruction and having fun. Membership is \$5 and includes a newsletter but anybody can take lessons. It's never too late to learn – or to come back, as club president Willie Wilkie proved, dancing again after a 10-year hiatus.

Doris defines the style of dance they teach as “old time with an emphasis on pattern dancing.” She says the basic dances such as the fox trot, waltz and jive are easily learned and can make attending a dance less intimidating. For those who want to go beyond basics, an advanced class is being offered this year.

Dancing is a joyful experience, Doris says. “You rarely see a couple dancing that aren't smiling.” She adds that she is “not much on going to a gym or exercising, but she has no problem dancing!” In fact she and Doug created one of the dances they teach. Their “Hot Foot Two Step” has become a favourite with many dancers.

Dancing began at a young age for Doris. Her parents attended community dances just to socialize, but the children ended up learning to dance there. Then there were sock hops and school dances. When she met Doug, with his natural rhythm and musical background, dancing became a major part of their lives.

The Normans keep their dancing shoes shined for workshops across Western Canada. The couple also manages a farm near Spruce View where Doris creates Danish celebration cakes and Doug, an experienced drummer, plays with the fiddle band The Reflections and the new band JukeBox Rock.

In addition to its ongoing dance instruction, the club hosts two major events. The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Festival of Music and Dance held June 7, 2014 sold out in April and number 8 is already planned for June 6, 2015. Their fall event on October 25 at Valley Centre Hall will feature the 50s and 60s music of JukeBox Rock.

Basic and advanced classes begin October 14 at the Bower Kin Community Centre. No partner is needed for basic but pre-registration is required.

Contact Doug and Doris at 403-728-3333 or email [townandcountrydance@airenet.com](mailto:townandcountrydance@airenet.com) about dance lessons or details about the October 25 dance event. Pay at the door.

# We are the Arts



Doris and Doug Norman, instructors for Town and Country Dance Club, enjoy dancing together at anytime!

Photograph courtesy of the Red Deer Advocate. Jeff Stoke, Photographer.

We are students, coaches, volunteers, friends, and partners.

We promote cultural dance by teaching dance lessons & hosting special events.

We practise old time country dance patterns.

We are Town & Country Dance Club.

We are proud to call Red Deer home.

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

Red Deer Arts Council Needs **YOU!**  
Our Literary Arts and Communications committees could use a few passionate about the arts folks, just like you. Consider joining one of our committees and get involved in the **ARTS!**

### Want to know who's who on our Board?

Chair of Red Deer Arts Council, Scott Barnabé

Vice-Chair, Janice Shimek

Treasurer, Dolores Coghill

Secretary, Diane Hermary

*Communications* ~ Jonathan Wieler, Chair

*Programming* ~ Heather Christenson, Chair

*Fundraising* ~ Janice Shimek, Chair

### Portfolios

*Visual Arts/Gallery* ~ Carol Nault, Chair

*Literary* ~ Carl Hahn, Chair

*Performing* ~ Carl Stretton, Chair, Rob Ironside - Committee Member

*Culture* ~ Dolores Coghill, Chair

*Scholarships* ~ needs a Chair

Meet some of our Red Deer Arts Council members at the Red Deer Public Market throughout the season at booth number 81. They will enjoy sharing their passion for arts and culture with you.

### Red Deer Arts Council

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