



Creating a vibrant community that celebrates the *Arts*

Hang-Ups and Insights in the Kiwanis Gallery



Voyager, Digital
Juan Osorio Varela
Hunting Hills High School



Scream, Woodblock Print
Camara Swap
Lindsay Thurber
Comprehensive High School

May 29 to June 24, 2012

Hang-Ups and Insights: The 4th Annual IB and AP Art Show from Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive and Hunting Hills High Schools

A new title for a great show, *Hang-Ups and Insights* features the work of the 2012 graduating students of the Advanced Placement and the International Baccalaureate Art Programs. This exhibit showcases the young people who are the next generation of talented artists from the two high schools. This exhibit marks a wonderful way to wrap up another year of guiding these talented artists along their creative journeys.

Official Opening: Tuesday, May 29 from 6:30 to 8:30

First Friday Red Deer: June 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Bryce Evans will present clips from his short film and project, "One" at the Snell Auditorium, Kiwanis Gallery along with his presentation.

First Showing: 6:30 pm;
Second Showing: 7:00 pm;
Third Showing: 7:30 pm.



Red Deer's Own Visual Arts Event: Red Deer Artwalk Festival, June 9 to 16

In 1988, the Red Deer Downtown Business Association, the City of Red Deer and the Red Deer and District Allied Arts Council teamed to form a new venture called "Art Walk", in which local art was displayed in (mainly) downtown businesses. The public was invited to walk from one venue to another to view the art. There were very few art galleries in Red Deer at that time but downtown businesses made space for artists to display their works in their windows and on their shelves. A shuttle bus was made available to transport patrons to more out-of-the-way venues, such as Red Deer College and Red Deer and District Museum. A committee was struck to continue the event from year to year.

In the mid-1990s, the DBA withdrew from Art Walk. The committee continued the event, changing from static displays in businesses to a dynamic gathering of arts and artists in one location, first in City Hall Park and then, in Rotary Recreation Park East, its present location. The Allied Arts also withdrew its sponsorship after moving from the Old Court House. The City of Red Deer continued to assist by supplying secretarial and bookkeeping services. In 2006, this relationship also ceased and Artwalk has continued as an independent organization ever since.

Following an Artwalk in City Hall Park, the Artwalk Committee moved to make it a complete festival in Rotary Recreation Park East. It has grown to include many more exhibitors, with live music and a food concession. In 2005, two members from Artwalk were on the organizing committee for the first Alexander Way celebration that included a re-scheduled Artwalk festival, due to a June flood. Artwalk spearheaded the Mayor's Proclamation for Visual Arts Month in September of 2006. In 2007, Red Deer Artwalk became a weeklong festival with the addition of Artists about Town, Amble Gallery Tour, and an evening film night in partnership with RD College Motion Picture Arts.

The 24th Red Deer Artwalk Festival runs from June 9 – 16, and includes the following:

Artists-About-Town features artists demonstrating their work, *and inviting all passersby to come out to the festival.* **Artists-About-Town** will start Saturday, June 9 at the Red Deer Market and continue throughout the following week at the Kerry Wood Nature Centre, City Hall Park, Veterans Park and the Recreation Centre. Artwalk's Facebook page will post details regarding the artists and times as they become available.

On Thursday, June 14th, join the **Artwalk Amble Gallery Tour**. This evening gallery tour will take you on a guided visit to a number of the City's art galleries. The tour starts and ends at the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery (MAG) and finishes with a private reception. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for those under 13, and may be purchased at the MAG, Sunworks Home & Garden store. Their bus tour partners are the Harris-Warke Gallery, Kiwanis Gallery, MAG and Shirley Rimer's studio.

The grand event, **Artwalk Festival day**, will be in the park on Saturday, June 16 from 9-5. Enjoy art demonstrations, interactive activities and live music in a beautiful park setting at this free community all-ages event. This year, feature artists Mary Vanson will do Rosmalling; Wendy Meeres will do mixed media as demonstrations. Mai Maclean will do face painting and Patti Morris will do fiber/mixed media as participation arts. **Artwalk's** extensive Art Market, where visitors can buy exclusive original art, showcases the work of local and regional artists. The stage will be alive with the music of Cassandra Little Spoon McNaughton, JR3 (Josh Rickard Trio), Charlie Jacobson Duo, Michelle Joly with Kayla and Melody, Rebecca Raabis, Union Soundtrack and Chad Gillies.

**Put yourself in the picture! Buy a T-shirt – listen to the music – stop at the food booth –
buy art - spend the day!**

Red Deer Arts Council Report on the Member Survey, Part II

By Carol-Lynn Gilchrist, Chair, Programming and Events Committee

Last month we shared some of the results of our Member Survey and this month we're focusing on the questions that provide insight into how we stay connected and how we see ourselves as active participants in the RDAC community. The RDAC is committed to look at strategies that build a strong and interconnected art and culture community in Red Deer.

Our members are artists; they're creative and community-minded. You don't have to look far to see examples of events and social causes that call upon artists to create excitement or awareness by donating their time and talents to these activities. We are in demand. Community building is about making those personal connections, coming together for a purpose and rolling up your sleeves to get a job done. The RDAC also needs your talents and energy to help us to serve others. Can you recall the last time you helped the RDAC? In the Member Survey, we asked you to consider the many ways you could volunteer with us. The answers were not surprising, but the long-answers highlight a common symptom: burnout. Thankfully, the survey results also show that you are most likely (52%) to help out for "work bees" where you can go home at the end of the day feeling like you did something concrete! You also prefer a specific job, and will respond favourably to a general call for a specific task or event. These types of ad-hoc volunteer opportunities fit with your busy lives. In other words you'll let us know when you can lend a hand! The survey results also identified that most of the respondents did not see their level of commitment as on-going. This is in sharp contrast to the RDAC's real need to create a strong board and standing committees; to attract a core group of people with communications and marketing backgrounds, organizing our volunteers, as well as leadership skills.

Lastly, a summary of all things social! The results show that many members (60%) would like to see 2-3 social events per year. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the early spring will continue to be our major event. We heard positive comments about including entertainment from "Against the Wall Theatre" and our first Pecha Kucha night which featured five of Red Deer's professionally recognized visual and literary artists: Brian McArthur, Dawn Detarando, Darren Petersen, Leslie Greentree and John Burnham. There was support (52%) for planned but unstructured socializing at restaurants and lounges so we will pursue that with those business owners. There was a long list of suggestions so thank you for your input for social activities. Until then, there is always "First Fridays Red Deer", which is a perfect time to grab a date, tour the gallery scene, and chat with fellow artists, gallery owners and arts supporters of all kinds.

Note to Kiwanis Gallery: First Friday Red Deer, June 1st

Bryce Evans is an emerging photographer with roots in Red Deer. This film entitled "One" is an insight into one teen's loneliness during the periods of high school and post-secondary education; a time where he finds himself, and the key to breaking out of the lonely mindset.

Bryce's Project Description: The one phenomenon that has continued to mystify beings on a mental, physical, philosophical and sociological basis is loneliness; for without interaction, it is impossible for us to function naturally. This is not only a visual representation of one of the most influential and universal struggles we endure, but a call to action to inspire change. The short film compliments the first chapter of ten photographs that Bryce has created with the project.

We are the Arts



Artwalk Committee Members making boxes for their tents, May 2012

We are artists, friends and lively, capable women!
We are advocates for the visual arts in our city.
We are artists and arts enthusiasts.

We are proud to call Red Deer home.

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

Upcoming Kiwanis Gallery exhibit for July June 26 to August 19 Flower Scapes: Works by Elaine Tweedy

A Summer's garden offers Elaine, a Sherwood Park artist, the colours, shapes, spaces, values and movements that herald an emotional reaction to the world around us with all five of our senses. Join Elaine on this exploration of her favourite subject matter in watercolours and acrylics.

First Friday, July 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Share with Elaine the special glories of a summer garden and enjoy refreshments at this First Friday of the summer event!

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