



Leading a dynamic community that celebrates the *Arts*

A riddle and a story highlight the First Friday Red Deer event in the Kiwanis Gallery!

For the first time ever, Red Deer Arts Council's August 4th First Friday Red Deer event features the Writers' Ink group with an interactive literary event. Writers' Ink is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a special edition of their anthology. One lucky participating person will win this special edition in a draw.

But the fun begins with trying to solve a riddle. Using the space available in the Snell Auditorium, Writers' Ink will mount excerpts from their writing, much as though they were visual art, in this twist on exhibits!

Embedded in the excerpts will be clues participants can collect as they move through the exhibition. Once they are confident they have solved the riddle, they can enter a draw to win a copy of the Writers' Ink's 25th anniversary anthology, *Write on, Canada!*

Writers' Ink also invites our guests to have fun by contributing a couple of sentences in a visitors' book, as they enter the auditorium, and then see what sort of story emerges! It will be read aloud at the end of the evening by a member of Writers' Ink - should be a hoot!

Come and get your literary kicks at this innovative event, held on August 4 at the Kiwanis Gallery and Snell Auditorium from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibit, *cottonwoodSky: Works* by Theresa Potter and Lorene Runham will also be open from 6 to 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Donations are welcome.

More delightful artworks
by Theresa Potter and
Lorene Runham!



More than Enough!
Chalk Pastel
Lorene Runham



Blue Branches
Acrylic
Theresa Potter

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



Red Deer Arts Council News

Meat Draw Fridays!

Starting on Friday, July 7 and through to September 15 from 5 to 7 p.m., the Red Deer Arts Council is again at East 40th Pub with a Meat Draw Raffle. This includes six draws, plus one bonus draw where you could also win one \$25.00 gift certificate (each ticket costs \$1.00). Each round you could win your choice of meat or a free drink! Friday nights only! Come and help the Arts Council raise funds plus enjoy a night on the town! Meat choices are ribs, chicken and steaks - who wouldn't want to win that and make their BBQ for the summer, stupendous! August 4, 11, 18 and 25th - see you there!
East 40th Pub, 3811 40 Ave, Red Deer - Phone 403-340-1844

Public Market 2017 Season - Red Deer Arts Council's Members will be at the market in Stall 104.

Watch for our members: August 5 & 19 - Strive Dance, August 12 - Wildrose Harmonizers, August 26 - Marianne Harris of Paintwerx Studio.

Fort Normandeau Days Saturday & Sunday, August 26 & 27, noon to 5 p.m. at Historic Fort Normandeau. Have a blast in the past as we celebrate life as it was at The Crossing, circa 1885! \$3/Person, \$10/Family, \$15/Carload of 6 or more. For more information call 403-347-7550

Sunnybrook Farm Museum - Lunch at the Farm. Wednesday, August 9 & 30: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Relax in the 1889 Hanna log house and enjoy lunch including homemade pie with ice-cream and musical entertainment. The event includes a guided wagon ride featuring the history of Sunnybrook Farm Museum. Cost: \$12.00 per person. Reservations recommended.

Pioneer Days Festival. Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20 at 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pioneer breakfast, tractor pulls, tractor parade, threshing, beef-on-a-bun dinner (Saturday), homemade pie, silent auction, children activities, concession, face-painting and more. Cost is \$15.00 per family or \$5.00 per person (additional meal charges apply).

Ross Street Patio - Free Music All Summer Long

A partnership between The City of Red Deer and the Downtown Business Association (DBA), the Patio features free, live music all summer long. Featuring talented local musicians and bands that contribute to the amazing atmosphere you'll find on the beloved Patio. Events are free and open to the public. The City of Red Deer hosts four Friday Patio Parties from 5 - 8 p.m. on August 11 and 25.

August 11th – St. Groove, Jesse Roads August 25th – The Well Witchers, The Good Goodbyes
For details on these events, visit www.reddeer.ca/PatioParties.

The Downtown Business Association supports events held on the following dates:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. & Wednesdays: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

(during the ATB Financial Downtown Market)

Schedule of Performances:

Wed August 2	Thomas Hutlet	Thurs August 3	Devon Cooper
Tues August 8	Ross Neilson	Wed August 9	Coleen Brown
Thurs August 10	Roberta Fetch duo	Tues August 15	Pat Maloney
Wed August 16	Levi Cuss	Thurs August 17	Tyley Braun

Come downtown for a really cool, and hot-event filled summer!

Pat Matheson: Ceramics take him places

Pat Matheson's lifelong artistic journey began with what seemed a setback at the time.

Set on studying printmaking at the University of Calgary, Pat was stymied when the course was filled. Disappointed, he turned to ceramics.

"It sort of changed my life," he says of that decision. He quickly found printmaking and ceramics had a lot in common. "You have to follow processes, take steps from A to B to the end."

Ceramics also came with a versatility and tactile quality not found in printmaking.

"To me it was just really intriguing," he says, in the kitchen of the 113-year-old family homestead just north of Sylvan Lake. "It just sort of became an area I really wanted to explore further."

Before University of Calgary, he was in Red Deer College's Art and Design program and credits a long-time Red Deer College instructor, Chuck Wissinger, for opening students' eyes to the potential of ceramics.

"He was phenomenal with students. He just blew the walls off any limitations you thought you might have."

Pat's current passion is Raku, a quick, distinctive and unpredictable process that spawns kaleidoscope-coloured creations.

"That's what I love about it. You just really don't know what you're getting half the time," he says. "You're along for the ride as much as you are in control. I love that part of the art process."

Pat, who will soon retire as the city's first Public Art Coordinator, has sold his works through shows across North America and has been a well-known figure around Central Alberta shows. He has regularly taught ceramics to clubs and high school classes. Gust Gallery in Waterton has been carrying his work for the past eight years.

For the past dozen years, Pat's family homestead has been regularly turned into an impromptu art gallery during summer months and Christmas.

That morphed into Art at the Farm, of which the sixth annual version is taking place on August 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. About 20 artists in all disciplines, from painting and ceramics to woodworking and metalwork to textiles will show off the results of their talents.

Art on the Farm is located at 39423 in Red Deer County, about five km north of Sylvan Lake off Hwy 597. Watch for the signs.

I am the Arts



Pat Matheson at his farm.
July 2017

I am a son, a brother, an uncle and usually a pretty good neighbour.

I will soon be retired and am looking forward to some travel and way more studio time.

I like to putz in my yard and spoil my rescue horses.

I am a visual artist. I am Pat Matheson.

I am a Red Deer boy but live just outside the City now.

Join me in discovering the best Red Deer has to offer.

Upcoming Exhibits in the Kiwanis Gallery:

Exhibit continuing:

'cottonwoodSky': paintings by Theresa Potter and Lorene Runham, running from June 19 to August 19, 2017 in the Kiwanis Gallery.

August 21 to October 15

2017 ACACA Alberta Spirit Show

The Alberta Community Art Clubs Association is a province-wide organization that supports artists in all stages of their development. The Alberta Spirit Show is the best of the best! First Friday Red Deer Opening: September 1 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Troubled Monk Brewery & Red Deer Arts Council

Join the TM staff and Red Deer Arts Council for a social night on August 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the brewery, #1, 5551 45 Street for the opportunity to mingle and match your talents to others in the arts community, as well as talk about ways to get involved in more art projects together.

Brewery Tours are a part of this deal, so be sure to get behind the scenes. Come and hear Scott Barnabé talk about our upcoming Casino and the many music jams around the city.

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