



Creating a vibrant community that celebrates the *Arts*

Get your dancing shoes on with performing artist Charlie Jacobson in the Kiwanis Gallery!

The Red Deer Arts Council is thrilled to have Charlie Jacobson perform in the Snell Auditorium (4818 - 49 Street) for our First Friday Red Deer event on April 7th. Charlie will be playing from 6 to 7:25 pm in a rollicking, kick up your heels concert! We will leave room if you want to dance, so come downtown ready to rock and roll!

Jacobson is a passionate blues/rock artist with no fixed address, although he calls Red Deer home. With his guitar and suitcase drums always packed in the van, his nomadic lifestyle takes him to shows ranging from music festivals, house concerts, and large blues clubs to community halls and theatres. You might see him fronting the four-piece Charlie Jacobson Band or re-creating that full sound on his own, playing his suitcase drums with his heels, ripping on the guitar, singing and dancing.

In addition to being an accomplished guitarist and songwriter, Jacobson is a true showman. If there is a table to dance on, a banister to slide off or a chandelier to swing from, you'll find him working it into his passionate, high energy act.

Continuing Exhibit

Trains, Planes and Automobiles - Journeys From the Past and Into the Future - A Red Deer Arts Council Visual Arts Members' Juried Exhibition, Gallery from February 22 to April 23, 2017.

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



Supporting the Arts Downtown



Charlie Jacobson with guitar in hand.
Photographer Gilmore Guitars

Come join us at Festival Hall,
4214-58th Street, for our
Canada 150 **Friday Family Dance**
on April 28 at 6:30 pm. Based on
community dances of days gone by,
the evening will feature live music a
new dance lesson and fun for the
whole family.



Our AGM, held on March 16th, was a great success. Thank you for the continued support of the community, and the continued service of current Board members. Welcome to all new Board and Executive Board members.

Joining our board for the 2017 to 2019 term are Scott Barnabé, Diane Hermary (welcome back to both of you!), Craig Scott, Doug Vint, Claude Godin, and Heidy Panameno. Continuing with us are Delores Coghill, Rob Ironside and Janice Shimek. We do have room on the board for a visual arts representative and if you are interested, please contact Diana Anderson in the office at 403-348-2717. Elected to the Executive are Craig Scott, Chair; Janice Shimek, Vice-Chair; Delores Coghill, Treasurer and Diane Hermary, Secretary.

Welcoming new members to our Board!

Claude Godin - A dynamic and versatile musician, Claude Godin creates mood and memories with music. Born in Montreal and raised in the village of Robertsville in New Brunswick, Claude eventually relocated to the growing suburban city of Red Deer. Claude was immersed in music from early childhood. Focused and driven to perfect his art, Claude became well versed in alto, tenor and soprano saxophones as well as the clarinet. He is also well versed in many other complementary instruments, including piano, guitar, bass and the drums.

Currently, he leads a groove and funk band under his own name, Claude Godin Groove Ensemble. He also performs with Edmonton blues/funk band The Whisper Kings. In 2011 & 2015, Claude won the prestigious Saxophone Player of the Year award from the Calgary International Blues Music Association.

Heidy Panameno - Film is in my blood, as is Red Deer, where I was raised. I was voice-trained for three years and classically trained in music theory and classical flute. My art history and English literature education, combined with a film degree and business certificate, have allowed me artistic opportunities not many newcomers to Canada have access to. I do believe that life is a stage and the performance I deliver reflects directly on my productivity. Having studied Drama, I chose to pursue Film Studies because it encompasses all artistic mediums.

I have come back to Red Deer to expand the film industry with the aid of the arts. The Red Deer Arts Council has been a supportive organization for many artists over the years and supported community projects, which also help to build the strengths of the talented people here at home. My hope and shared vision is to retain our talented individuals by providing community involvement and suggestions creating placement within the arts with projects significant to their education and passions where their artistic talents are related.

Doug Vint was born in Brandon, Manitoba, raised in all provinces west, spending most of his teen years in central BC. He worked in mining, forestry, ranching and owned his own consulting company in Quesnel, BC. He moved to Red Deer in 2000 from Prince George and decided to become involved with the community. He soon found himself chairman of the Normandeau Society, then Chairman of the Red Deer and District Museum Society and on the Board for the Sunnybrook Farm Society. He is a member of the Tetra Society in Red Deer.

Work got in the way of volunteering and he backed out of all involvement but found he wanted to learn more about the arts community in 2017 and joined the Red Deer Arts Council. He is still employed by WSP Canada (Engineering Consultants) and finds time to write, play a little guitar, paint and construct detailed scale models of miscellaneous equipment for display.

He hopes to be able to contribute to the work done by the Arts Council promoting community involvement in the arts and culture of Red Deer while he learns more about the many talented artists in the area.

Patricia Smith: Golden oldies sleuth
Interview by Paul Cowley

Patricia Smith is a treasure hunter.

But it's nostalgic musical gold she's after.

The busy Red Deer guitar player and singer is a member of four bands, including The Eclectics, The Tunsmiths, old-time dance band Black Velvet and gospel group Strings 'n Things.

Digging up the old-time dance music is a big part of the fun, says Patricia, who is retired after a 27-year-career with Red Deer's Shaw TV.

"I get to research old songs. That feeds my inner nerd," she says with a laugh.

"During the early 1900s there were a lot of really neat songs written," she says, adding many resurfaced during the Second World War.

"But that was also the big band era so they lost the verses and they used to just play the choruses.

"So nobody knew the verses. So I find the verses and write them into notation into my key— so our piano player is able to follow the melody and so can I."

To dig up these musical gold nuggets, she mines the Internet. Sometimes she can find lyrics and chords and sheet music, but other times she must make her own musical notations from an online performance.

"A lot of people will have heard the tunes from their parents or grandparents. Sadly, I think old-time is kind of fading away because it's not a part of the active culture anymore."

But for some, dance music of yesteryear remains popular. There is a circuit around Central Alberta and as far as Calgary where different bands dig into the musical past and jog more than a few memories among appreciative audiences.

"There's a very active group of seniors, who stay fit by dancing," she says. "Some of them dance five, six, seven times a week."

Patricia says she loves playing music and sharing the company of other musicians.

"The band members are great. They are our best friends and, in many cases, they're also our relatives. So it's a wonderful activity."

Her 93-year-old father Robert still performs with her, along with her partner Paul Potter and other members of his family.

I am the Arts



The Eclectics: Dennis Nault, Scott Barnabé, Carol Nault, Paul Potter and Patricia Smith, at a performance at Sunnybrook Farm Museum on September 21, 2013. Photograph by Sunnybrook Farm staff.

I am indescribably lucky to express myself and relate to others through an art form that engages the whole self.

As a writer and interpreter of songs, I think it is my job to elicit emotions and memories through music, verse and motion. Whether thoughtful, sad or just plain fun, music can be a key that unlocks the spirit and frees the soul.

I am Patricia Smith, musician.

I am proud to call Red Deer my home.

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

Upcoming Exhibit in the Kiwanis Gallery:

April 25 to May 22, 2017

The 32nd Middle Schools Awesome Art Show

From TV shows to celebrities to the world around them, middle school students see the world with unique eyes.

Tidbits from March 20th Meeting.

The Red Deer Arts Council has voted to transfer the Art Moves Project in its entirety (including both day-to-day operations and administrative oversight) to the Cosmos Group of Companies. This will ensure the continued life of this important and well-received project in our community. Congratulations, Cosmos. We believe that this is a great fit and are looking forward to watching this project grow and continue to benefit others. We will continue to be a partner with Cosmos as they move forward with the project. We also hope to develop joint programming, where possible, for arts-related workshops or events.

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