



A dynamic community that celebrates and supports the Arts

Your kid could do that? Really? Our visual arts members get inside this hypothesis at the Kiwanis Gallery!

How many times have you, as a visitor to a gallery, overheard those words at a gallery opening or visiting an artist's studio? Now is the opportunity to have a playful discussion about what that means to you as a visitor and as the artists who are presenting this theme.

Our Visual Arts members take a playful look at abstraction, and other non-representational and representational approaches to art . This is a fun and interesting conversation on what art means to you and to the artists.

As a helpful guide to our artists' interpretation of the theme, their artist statement will be posted with their artworks. You will be surprised how they interpreted this and it should make you think about how every artist interprets the world differently.

The Red Deer Arts Council is pleased to present "My kid could do that!" in a Red Deer Arts Council Visual Arts Members Juried Exhibition from February 21 to April 22, 2018 in the Kiwanis Gallery at the Red Deer Public Library, 4818 49 Street.

First Friday Red Deer Opening: March 2nd from 6 pm until 8 pm. Our visual arts members will be in attendance. Come and see how they interpret this cool theme!



Luna Swirl,
Acrylic, 2017
Marianne Harris



Hiding the Past,
Mixed Media, 2017
Catherine Gruber



Reflect,
Watercolour, 2017
Sheila Wright



Red Deer Arts Council Annual General Meeting and "Where's My Tribe?" Event

Notice is hereby given that the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of The Red Deer Arts Council will be held on **Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 6:00 pm** in the Nickel Studio in the Memorial Centre, at 4214 58 St, Red Deer, AB. (The Nickel Studio is upstairs.) Open to members and the public.

Immediately following the AGM, Red Deer Arts Council will host a "Where's My Tribe?" social from 7:00 to 8:00 pm with guitarist Josh Rickard, who will be providing us with entertainment before and during a mix and mingle event where you can familiarize yourself with fellow members and guests. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome to attend. Josh is an Alberta-born musician and composer. His music is mainly instrumental and often explores themes of nostalgia, the prairie, rural culture, and nature. His solo work can be described as impressionistic, abstract and improvisational.

Rob Ironside speaks out about reasons for joining the Red Deer Arts Council at the board and committee levels!

Joining the Red Deer Arts Council board of directors was a great discussion for me and my organization. I think we all get complacent and fall into ruts. I was looking for something to expand my vision, connect with others in the community and develop new opportunities that would help the community and, in turn, our dance club.

After a short period of time, the new people I met at the board expanded how I felt I could make an impact on my interest area of dance. Deciding to be part of the Performing Arts Committee and the new committee formed to organize the Family Dance was a perfect fit.

The Family Dance committee formed under the umbrella of the Arts Council united four different organizations that shared a similar goal. Together the Red Deer Arts Council, the City of Red Deer, the Red Deer Cultural Heritage Society, and the Country Pride Dance Club shared ideas, contacts, and resources to make the family friendly dances a success that celebrates its 4th year. Having a voice from a dance perspective on the Performing Arts Committee also helped spearhead another joint project called the Celebration of Dance that showcases all forms of dance during Alberta Culture Days. This weekend event allows anyone to promote themselves and showcase their talent. To give the fifty-plus different dance groups, studios, and clubs the chance to be involved helps bring awareness to the whole City and region of what is available and how dance has a positive influence on our community.

Without the Red Deer Arts Council and the networking made available, these two specific projects would not have happened. Our club had existed as an island on its own and rolled along fine, but by reaching out, meeting others, I know my personal vision has expanded and I believe benefits everyone.

Troubled Monk Brewery & Red Deer Arts Council

Join the Troubled Monk staff and Red Deer Arts Council for a social night **Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 pm** at the brewery, #1, 5551 45 Street (Cronquist Business Park) for the opportunity to mingle and match your talents to others in the arts community, as well as talk about ways to get more involved in more art projects together. Open to all arts supporters and fans as well as Red Deer Arts Council members and other artists/arts organizations in Red Deer. If anyone wants to present at this event, please contact the office at 403-348-2787.

Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 pm. Come and hear what is new with Central Alberta Theatre and Pig Prov is all about, as well as Heidi Panameno talking about Hello Neighbour!

As a partnership with Troubled Monk and the Arts Council, the third Tuesday of the month is the social. Discussions around arts topics and a mix and mingle are regular agenda items! You may introduce yourself/your group's events, and let folks know who you are and what you are all about. Or just come and have fun with us!

Just do it.

Nike might have copyrighted the slogan but as a potter Arne Handley lives by it. His career as a teacher taught him that you reach a point where it comes naturally.

“If you have to think about it you’re doing it wrong — and the same with pottery and with any kind of art,” says the Medicine Hat artist.

Handley, who retired 14 years ago after a long teaching career, first saw pottery as a teaching tool. While teaching in Jasper he took classes with a Hinton potter who passed on basic concepts of what pottery should be.

Two years in Japan, where he taught English, helped mould his own perceptions of what clay could be made to do.

On returning, he began teaching in Medicine Hat, where he taught mostly junior high school, and where he still lives.

He would go on to build his own studio and gas kiln and has taught at Medicine Hat College and Red Deer College.

Handley has developed his own shorthand to get him from clay to creation.

“When I prepare the clay I’ll actually draw in the lumps of clay a line drawing of what I want so when I’m sitting down to make the pot I don’t think about it I just look down at that line drawing.

“So when you’re creating that piece you know how to do it and you’ve done your thinking before. Then it just becomes in some ways mindless — mindless not in a negative sense, a positive sense,” he clarifies with a chuckle.

In his 40-plus years moulding and throwing clay Handley has perfected the art of not being perfect.

“I like things that aren’t quite perfect. If you look at my pots the glaze often doesn’t cover the clay or some of the lines on the edges aren’t perfect.”

Those little deviations often create pieces with a better flow.

“It’s that other sense of what the pot is.”

Handley is a long-time Red Deer Arts Council member and has shown his works in many Central Alberta shows. His works will appear next at the Lacombe Art Show and Sale on April 19. To learn more go to www.arnehandley.com.

I am the Arts



Reflecting my father,
Arne Handley
Photograph by Nissa Handley

I am a father, husband, reader,
potter observer and outsider.

I am a teller of tales, lies and
leader to beauty.

I am Arne Handley.

I am proud to call Medicine Hat
home. (And Red Deer my
friend!)

Join me in discovering the best
Alberta has to offer.

Upcoming Exhibits in the Kiwanis Gallery:

Exhibit Continuing
to April 22

“My kid could do that!” -
A Red Deer Arts Council
Visual Arts Members
Juried Exhibition



Horse,
Alcohol Ink, 2018,
Lorene Runham

Coming:

April 24 to May 21

The 33rd Middle Schools Awesome Art Show

First Friday Red Deer May 4
from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Red Deer Arts Council
wishes everyone a very



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