



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

*The 28<sup>th</sup> Middle Schools Awesome Art Show*  
In the Kiwanis Gallery

Billie Joe Armstrong,  
Charcoal, by Raven Cheney,  
Grade 8,  
Eastview Middle School



**April 30 to May 26**  
**The 28<sup>th</sup> Middle Schools Awesome Art Show**

Featuring artwork from five middle schools of Red Deer, this annual exhibit delights its audience with a variety of works expressing these young students' talents as they experiment with different subject matter and media.

Featuring Students from:  
Eastview, Central, Gateway, West Park and Glendale Middle Schools

Opening Reception: First Friday Red Deer May 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Join us and meet the students and enjoy their interesting artwork.

Pacific Bug  
Mixed Media,  
Cole Webber, Grade 8,  
Eastview Middle School



Untitled, Felt Pen,  
Group Work, Grade 6,  
Westpark Middle School



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



## Red Deer Arts Council Welcomes New Board Members 2013-2014

### **Marilou Bergevin**

Marilou was born and raised in Montréal, Québec. Marilou has been living in Red Deer for 4 years. She has been involved with the French Canadian Association of Alberta (ACFA) in Red Deer for 3 years and has now become the director since September. Possessing a bachelor in science, she is a scientist at heart but now enjoys working in the community. In her free time, she enjoys sewing and quilting and visiting the Alberta outdoors.

### **Delores Coghil**

Delores was born and raised in Alberta, spending the last 27 years in Red Deer. She has started her own bookkeeping business 13 years ago after working as a controller, accounting manager and accounting technician for other businesses in Red Deer. Her involvement in arts and culture started last year when she became Manager of the Red Deer Cultural Heritage Society. Having friends and family in the arts and being teased for only using her left side of her brain, she looks forward to using the right side of her brain in this new role. Excited to discover all the wonderful happenings with the Arts Council and the community, she hopes to help make a difference.

### **Matt Gould**

Award-winning multi-disciplinary artist, Matt Gould, has created and exhibited works on paper, canvas and in textile for over thirty years. His work can be found in numerous private, public and corporate collections in Canada, the United States and Europe. Since 2007 Gould has taken on the role of Artistic Director for Red Deer's celebrated and long-standing youth theatre organization Tree House Youth Theatre, celebrating its 25th anniversary year! Matt has also done work at Red Deer College as musical director for "Toad of Toad Hall" in 2012 and as an instructor in art process for the second year theatre students. Currently, Tree House is hard at work creating "Red Deer River Stories" the Official Play of Red Deer's Centennial, set for its world-premiere in May and June of 2013.

### **Gordon Hiebert**

Gordon has been an art photographer since 1978 and computer programmer since 1982. For 15 years he worked in Alberta schools, maintaining computer labs and AV equipment, and worked on interschool networking before the days of the internet. Gordon was a board member with the Three Hills public library providing technical assistance bar-coding their entire collection, and creating a program to upgrade the Marc record system. He taught photography and computer programming in various venues. Gordon photographs landscapes in BC and Alberta, exhibiting in galleries from Chilliwack, BC, to Alberta. He has participated in many juried art shows through the years. Gordon moved to Alberta in 1989, and continues to photograph prairie panoramas and landscapes. He currently builds websites for business clients and provides a community artists' online showcase at RedDeerArts.com for the Red Deer Arts Council.

### **Carl Stretton**

Carl Stretton has been heavily involved in the Red Deer arts scene since the early 90's. He was a member of the Red Deer and District Allied Arts Council in the late 1990's for about 5 years during a very difficult transitional time for the organization. Carl has been active as a musician in the local music scene for almost 20 years. He is the owner and operator of reSound Promotions, a company specializing in live and recorded sound engineering. Carl has also been producing the *Red Deer Scene* publication for the last ten years. He sees Red Deer as a thriving arts community that is coming into its own, and believes that the Red Deer Arts Council can assist to realize that potential.

## Tree House Youth Theatre

By Michael Lupul

Red Deer's award-winning Tree House Youth Theatre provides an extraordinary theatrical experience for children between the ages of nine and seventeen in Central Alberta. The children participate in a variety of programs in which they perform in a number of productions throughout the year. One of the main priorities of the organization is the development of the children. The authentic theatrical experiences provide them with increased confidence, speech, and clarity, among other skills. THYT fosters a completely inclusive culture in which participants from all walks of life are accepted. Strong emphasis is placed on the children's connection with themselves, the ensemble, the part, and the play.

This year, Tree House Youth Theatre is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary and, to celebrate this in style, the company is preparing Red Deer River Stories, the official play of Red Deer's Centennial. Weaving tales of Red Deer's colourful past with hard-hitting social issues, this wide ranging and dynamic production will have its world-premiere and opening night gala on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The doors will open at 7:00 p.m. The production runs from May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Scott Block, located at 4818 50th Avenue in Red Deer. Tickets for the gala are just \$25.00 and, for all remaining productions, will be \$15.00. For more information about the production and to order tickets please visit their website at [www.threehouththeatre.ca](http://www.threehouththeatre.ca).

### Announcing our Scholarship Winners for 2013

Princess Margaret Scholarship for Post-Secondary Students was awarded to Matthew Dane Peavoy;  
Canada Centennial Scholarship for Post-Secondary Students was awarded to Jamie Barnes; and  
Canada Centennial Scholarship for Secondary Students was awarded to Rebecca Epp

The scholarships will be presented to the winners at the Mayor's Recognition Awards on June 19, 2013.

### Red Deer Public Market 2013

The Red Deer Arts Council is pleased to announce that some of our members will be at the Public Market in stall number 81. Please visit them and find out what's happening in the arts and culture scene around Red Deer.

Individual and Organizational Members, spots are going quickly, so if you would like to join us, please call Diana at 403-348-2787 and book your spot now! A tent is provided to us by Culture Services (CoRD) and we have a sign that announces you are a feature member of RDAC! This is your opportunity to announce your events or sell your work! A great way to meet folks, too.

# We are the Arts



Tree House Youth Theatre  
Cast of Characters, 2012

We are tweeters and twitters, Facebookers and texters. We are the future.

We skip, jump, dance, laugh, love, smile, snarl, and play!

We are triple threats. We tread the boards.

We were planted and took root here.  
We are twenty five. We are proud to call Red Deer home.

Join us in discovering the best our city has to offer: Unplug! Turn off! Connect!

## Upcoming Kiwanis Gallery Exhibit

May 28 to June 22

Hang-ups and Insights: The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual IB and AP Art Show with Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School and Hunting Hills High School

**VOLUNTEER** with the Red Deer Arts Council and be involved in helping arts and culture thrive in Red Deer and area! Our Programming Committee are seeking members to help us plan and implement workshops and events throughout the year. If you can help, please call the office.

The Canadian Revenue Agency recognizes our **CHARITY** Status and enables us to give tax receipts for your donations.  
Give a little, give a lot!

## Red Deer Arts Council

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