



**Leading a dynamic community
celebrating the *Arts***

Hang-ups and Insights: Our Popular High School Art Show at the Kiwanis Gallery

Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are pleased to present, *Hang-Ups and Insights: The 7th Annual IB and AP Art Show* from Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School (LTCHS) and Hunting Hills High School (HHHS) held from May 26 to June 20 in the Kiwanis Gallery.

Hang-Ups and Insights features the artwork of the 2015 graduating students of the Advanced Placement and the International Baccalaureate Art Programs. Every year there are new things to see and experience in this show. From installation art to ceramics to prints and drawings and beyond, this exhibit showcases the young people who will be the next generation of talented artists. Come explore their works with them at the opening.

First Friday Red Deer Opening: June 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Students and instructors will be in attendance. Everyone is welcome to attend to help us celebrate these fine young artists! Refreshments will be served.



Bloodshed for Beauty
Graphite
Michaela Harvey
LTCHS



Reflections of What Was
Acrylic
Kathryn Richards
HHHS



Eggs for Faces
Conté
Winston Brandt
HHHS

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



The Art and Architecture of John Hull Interview by Paul Cowley

Sometimes, architect John Hull doesn't so much live for his art as live in his art.

"A lot of my creative energy last year was spent building a new energy-efficient home for my wife and I on an acreage subdivided from my uncle's farm," says Hull, who has run his own Red Deer architecture firm since 1999.

"My next project will be to develop an art/nature walk for my eight grandchildren through a wonderful spruce and poplar portion of our land — something full of creative surprises, opportunities and magic."

Born and raised in Toronto, Hull graduated with an architect's degree from the University of Toronto in 1971. He fell in love with Central Alberta after a visit to see an uncle in Rimbey and settled in the area.

He has been married to Judy for 38 years and has four children. Settling in, he worked in construction, architectural design and farmed until 1988, when he joined a small four-person firm called Group 2 Architects. After years with Group 2, he wrote his practice exam to become a registered architect in 1999 and branched out on his own.

Hull has put his stamp on many high-profile projects in Red Deer. He counts the Red Deer Hospice, Ronald McDonald House, all phases of Cross Roads Church and the modernization of Stettler's Recreation Centre among his favourites.

Given his career choice, it comes as no surprise that art has always been a part of Hull's life. While studying to be an architect in the late 1960s and early 1970s, fine arts classes were seen as important training for architects who will be required to present building ideas to clients.

"Now, of course, it is all done by computer. But those classes were transformative for me, and I have sketched, drawn and painted all my adult life. I have taken many Series courses at Red Deer College," he says, adding his all-time favourite classes were taught by Robert Sinclair.

"As I toddle into retirement, I know I will have more time to spend exploring art. There was a time when I did a significant amount of painting on my own and I hope to get back to it when I retire in a few years," he says.

Hull has been a member of the Red Deer Arts Council for about 10 years, joining to support the local arts community.

"I like art and I like to be in the loop of people who are thinking creatively in Red Deer. I like to see what the shows are and go to the galleries and the museum, the film club and the film society."

Hull says he can't define why art is important to a community.

"It seems axiomatic, and beyond rationalization that art is the main defining quality of our community's culture. It is everywhere and is everything."

Famed U.S. architect Frank Lloyd Wright would agree. "The mother art is architecture," he once said. "Without an architecture of our own we have no soul of our own civilization."

Public Market 2015 Season

Red Deer Arts Council hosts a site at the very popular Public Market. Come down Saturdays throughout the season and visit with some of our individual artists or arts organizations at **Stall 81**, (3rd aisle from the east entrance). This is a wonderful benefit for members! We will let you know who is there each month starting in June. Sorry if you missed visiting with Tree House Youth Theatre May 16, and Wild Rose Harmonizers May 23. Watch for Strive Dance on June 6, Red Deer Public Library on June 13, Red Deer Symphony on June 20, and Red Deer Cultural Heritage Society on June 27. We are so pleased to offer this to our members, so get out and include them in your visit to the Public Market before it is moved next year!

Best Summer Ever!

The Ross Street Patio is back with another awesome summer of entertainment. It all gets kicked off on June 5th from 12:00 to 1:00 with the amazingly talented Randi Boulton. Then from 4:00 to 6:00 St. Groove will jazz up the patio with their mix of jazz, funk and blues. Bring the entire family down; we will have something for all ages and there could be a flashy surprise as well. This is just the start of a summer full of entertainment on the patio. Check out the weekly shows with the Downtown Business Association every Tuesday and Thursday over lunch and every Wednesday during the Downtown Market. Our website has more info or like us on Facebook at City of Red Deer Culture Services.

The Downtown Market

This wonderful local market gets off to a roaring start on June 3rd. Join them for fresh and local produce every Wednesday from 4 - 7 p.m. on Little Gaetz Avenue between Ross (50) Street and 48 Street (Alexander Way). Make it, Bake it or Grow it! The Downtown Market is an accredited Alberta Farmer's Market, meaning all items sold at the market are locally produced, with the exception of BC fruit. It goes all summer long until October 7th.

The Country Pride Dance Club

The Country Pride Dance Club of Red Deer took **first place in the team line dance competition** at the three-day Calgary Dance Stampede at the Hyatt Regency in April.

It is the first time in 14 years that Country Pride has had a competition team. The choreographer of the winning dance was by Kathie Chernetski, and the 3:45-minute dance was performed to the Lara Bell Bandy song *Giddy On Up*. The Country Pride Dance Club had over 25 dancers participate in the weekend Festival!

Calgary Dance Stampede is an exciting international dance event that draws top competitors from around North America and Europe, performing a variety of dance styles in glorious costumes in one of Calgary's premier venues. The event includes more than 100 hours of instructional workshops featuring new dance techniques and patterns from world-class instructors.



The team performed some formations that were unique and had not been done before.

Photographer Rob Ironside

I am the Arts



John Hull, May 2015

I am a husband, father and grandfather.

I enjoy golf, cross-country skiing, and playing Old Timers Hockey. I paint and love to support all the arts in Red Deer, whatever genre.

I am an architect, and next door neighbour to the Red Deer Arts Council in the Scott Block.

I am John Hull.

I am proud to call Red Deer and beautiful Central Alberta home.

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

Upcoming Exhibit in the Kiwanis Gallery:

June 22 to August 23, 2015

Goin' to California: My Motorcycle Diaries, Watercolours by Susan Barker

Become a member of a committee and get involved. Give back to the community that you are a part of. Find a rewarding volunteer position with the Red Deer Arts Council.

We need people to help with our Programming Committee. So if you like to plan workshops or events, this committee is for you. Call Diana at the office.

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