



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

Dear Little Friends continues in the Kiwanis Gallery,
and Dominique Adams and Craig Gomez
perform at First Friday Red Deer, February 6.

A dynamic duo, Dominique Adams and Craig Gomez, will perform at First Friday Red Deer, February 6, 2015 at 6:15 pm in the Snell Auditorium, Kiwanis Gallery, Red Deer Public Library.

Dominique and Craig are a musical duo consisting of vocals and guitar. The two have known each other since high school and are both students in the music program at Red Deer College. In the past year, they have performed a variety of shows ranging from private functions and parties to open mics.

They will play two sets: from 6:15 - 6:45 pm and from 7:00 - 7:30 pm.

Come and join us for refreshments and a night of music and art!

December 30, 2014 to February 22, 2015
Dear Little Friends: Ceramics by Alysse Bowd continues in the Kiwanis Gallery.

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



Wanderer Division,
Drawing for
Stoneware Piece,
E.M. Alysse Bowd



Trumpeter Division,
Drawing for
Stoneware Piece,
E.M. Alysse Bowd



Parkland Hand Weavers and Spinners Interview by Margrit de Graff

Recently, I enjoyed the privilege of attending a get-together of the Parkland Hand Weavers and Spinners Guild in the old home at the entrance to Red Deer's historic Sunnybrook Farm (4701 – 30th Street). Starting at 7:00 p.m. every second Monday of the month, these amiable people gather in the rustic living room of the storied house and are willing to share their expertise in an ageless skill. While listening in on discussions on modern happenings in their ancient art and exchanges of tips on weaving, modern fibers versus old and even on washing, shrinkage, dyeing and drying, I was wondering where a narrow door in the living room wall was leading to. I expected that door to perhaps hide a cluttered catch-all, or some rickety ladder leading up to a creepy attic, floorboards too risky to step on and tangles of spider-webs between rough rafters. When one of the gracious weavers, Amy, invited me to see the upstairs. I jumped at the chance and a most delightful surprise awaited me!

Hard behind the door, stairs lead to an unexpected second storey. Steep and narrow the steps are, but rickety they are not. The footing is solid, the staircase walls are varnished wood. Halfway up on a landing sits a table loom. It can be borrowed and taken home by any new member who would like to try his/her hand at weaving before investing in a loom of their own. Ascending the stairs up further, inviting warmth envelopes a person discovering the nicely wood-walled (former) bedrooms, now used by the weavers. Windows situated in the gables let in light and no spider webs are in evidence. Instead, four impressive looms of different sizes display works in progress. Here guild members work on a loom at any time suitable to them. If they want to, they can do their own projects on a warp (the threads running lengthwise) and take shuttle in hand to weave their yarn under-and-over-under-and-over, the threads of the warp like in times immortal, until their piece is finished. Then another weaver can start a new cloth on the same warp. When an undertaking is finished the strings of the warp get cut between each piece and the weaver can claim his or her accomplishment in unique fiber art. Originality is exactly the reason these likable people weave by hand as in olden times. Their items are of individual designs. All are of the very best craftsmanship, sturdy and meant to be used. How fitting that these hand weavers ply their craft in this abode of a bygone era!

Interested people are always welcome. Instruction is provided by patient, experienced fiber artists since 1974. An extensive library of related books is on hand. For further information please call Darlene at 403 749 3054, or Margaret at 403 346 8289. Their webpage is www.hwsda.com

Note: By 1737, silk weavers in France, working on Jacquard looms and trying to find a way to speed up the slow weaving process, had invented punch cards; the first inspiration in the development of the computer.

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

Watch for exciting news about visual arts, music and literary workshops held in conjunction with our AGM. Our 'Where's My Tribe'? event will round out the evening.
Details will be announced in mid-February.

ALL AGES EVENT  EVERYONE WELCOME

FAMILY DAY FRIDAY
Dance



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13 2015
FESTIVAL HALL, 4214 - 58 ST, RED DEER 7:00 P.M.

TICKETS | **LEARN OLD TIME & NEW DANCES TO**
\$20 FAMILY OF 4 | **LIVE MUSIC BY BLACK VELVET**
 OR: \$10/ADULT, \$5/YOUTH
 AGES 3 AND UNDER ARE FREE

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ *followed by DJ tunes*
 Presented by the Country Pride Dance Club and these partners:



Red Deer Cultural
Heritage Society



THE CITY OF
Red Deer



TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR OR ONLINE AT WWW.COUNTRYPRIDEDANCECLUB.CA

The Red Deer Arts Council is pleased to be a partner for this series of family dances.
Keep your eye out for our May event! Fun for the whole family!

We are the Arts



Amy of the Parkland Hand Weavers and Spinners Guild working on one of their looms at the Sunnybrook Farm Museum in Red Deer, 2014.

We are friends, volunteers, and active participants in the arts.

We enjoy all that Red Deer offers with a busy arts environment.

We are the Parkland Hand Weavers and Spinners Guild.

We are proud to call Red Deer home.

Join us in discovering the best our City has to offer.

Upcoming Exhibit in the Kiwanis Gallery:

February 24 to April 26

Take a Second Look at Your Plate: Photographs by Edmonton artist, Anne Marie Resta

First Friday Red Deer, March 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Refreshments served.

Become a member of our board or committees and get involved! Give back to the community that you are a part of and find a rewarding volunteer position with the Arts Council.

The Canadian Revenue Agency recognizes our **CHARITY** Status and enables us to give tax receipts for your donations.

Give a little, give a lot!

Even \$10.00 helps and you get a tax receipt for it, too.

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