

Creating a vibrant community
that celebrates the *Arts*

Passionate Conversations at the Kiwanis Gallery



Pounce by Roberta Murray is part of our door prize at Passionate Conversations. You must be in attendance at our Gala to win this photograph!



The 10,000 things stay blameless by Susan Delaney is part of our fundraiser!

October 19 to October 22
Passionate Conversations:
Salon Show and Sale Fundraiser

As a fundraiser in support of our Arts Council, this exhibit will bring the best of our talented artists together in one fun-filled week-long and one evening event! Look for local visual artists' works, local musicians and their CDs, and a nod to our literary artists by purchasing those hard to get books that you love. The Arts are alive and well in Red Deer!

Our evening gala is on Friday, Oct 21st from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, with the main sale evening preview from October 19th to 21st. Sale days continue on October 22nd. Doors open at 12 noon, Friday, October 21.

The Eclectics will be performing for the evening. Champagne will be available at a cash bar as well as coffee and hors d'oeuvres. Join us for a "Where's My Tribe" event, at the same time, as we unveil our new 'tattoo' T-Shirts!



John Burnham: Writer

Interview by James Folk

John Burnham is a resident of Red Deer, though native to the United States, and a published author by trade. He says he “never didn’t feel the desire to write,” which fuelled his drive to get a manuscript published. Much of his time in the work force aided his developing writer’s mind, first in the U.S. Navy, and then in various labour jobs in Alberta where he wrote safety reports and analyses for various companies. John’s eclectic choice of occupations over the years has given him an equally diverse and fluid experience base from which he draws his inspiration and ideas for writing, evident in his numerous submissions to writing contests. John is presently residing in Red Deer, retired, with his wife, Rochelle.

John is the proud author of “The Kitten Burglar”, a recently-published crime novel with a sequel in the works. John has also recently authored a short literary piece which has been selected to be acted in full by Central Alberta Theatres (CAT), an organization of considerable renown in Red Deer for its plays and acting talent, the same organization which has recently purchased the former Uptown Cinema (City Centre Stage). John is the Vice-President and long-time member of Writer’s Ink, a local non-profit writer’s group that meets weekly to present and discuss the writing of the members, in which he serves as an inspiration to those who also want to be published, among other roles.

John is member of the Red Deer Arts Council and Chair of the Literary Arts Committee.



Travis “Omen” Oman
1st place hip hop emcee

C.A.W.S. Takes Flight

Based on the success of the first ever Central Alberta Word Slam held September 23 at the Scott Block, it is clear that we have a broad and dynamic variety of innovative voices in our community with a lot to say. Launched as a joint effort by the Red Deer Arts Council and the City of Red Deer Culture Services, the Central Alberta Word Slam (C.A.W.S.) was created to showcase the art of spoken word. Poets and hip hop emcees alike were invited to compete on stage for an exciting evening of creative word smithery, each sharing three original works that were judged by randomly picked members of the audience. Taking the top three spots in the slam poet category were Jarrett Viczko, Emily Campbell and Jock Mackenzie, while the top three hip hop emcees for the evening were Travis “Omen” Oman, “Skyler Durden” Havel and Tamra “Ms. Teaze” Nash. With an amazing hybrid of styles and personalities and an enthusiastic crowd of over a hundred, the buzz has already started for next year’s Word Slam. Word up!

Jason Brink, October 2011

Red Deer Arts Council News

Upcoming Workshops:

Red Deer Arts Council, United Way of Central Alberta, Central Alberta Theatre, CiRS, and the City of Red Deer have been doing a series of Sponsorship workshops with Brent Barootes, President of the Partnership Group - Sponsorship Specialists. You can check his website for details, at www.partnershipgroup.ca or email him at brent@partnershipgroup.ca.

Two have been given; there are three more to follow. They are:

1. **Sponsorship: Discovery Sessions – What Are They, Why Are They Important and How They Can Make You More Money** held on Saturday, October 29, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Activity Room #3, G.H. Dawe Community Centre, 56 Holt Street, Red Deer. The workshop will deliver a clear understanding of what to do when you get a meeting with a prospect.
2. **Sponsorship: Building a Proposal That Works** on Saturday, February 11, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Venue to be confirmed. There is more to building a proposal than asking for money and telling the prospect how much you need the sponsor's money!
3. **Sponsorship: How to Figure out What You Have to Sell Beyond Banners and Logos** on March 10, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Venue to be confirmed. This workshop will help registrants to better understand what they have that is of value to potential sponsors. The session will identify steps to helping you identify such saleable assets.

For more information and how to register, call the RDAC office at 403-348-2787

Our member Against the Wall Theatre:

Against the Wall's big project this past spring had been the development as well as another run of *Dead Lover's Day*, a musical by Alexandra Mihill that made its debut in 2008 with a terrific run at the Edmonton and Calgary Fringe Festivals and also in Red Deer. After three years of intensive development, the play expanded to a cast of ten, had six new songs and is now a two-act play. The musical has matured a lot since its beginnings, and also includes a live band, and fuller, richer music. The development of Alexandra's musical illustrates one of Against the Wall's goals: to help emerging playwrights develop their work.

Look for Bullskit productions this fall.

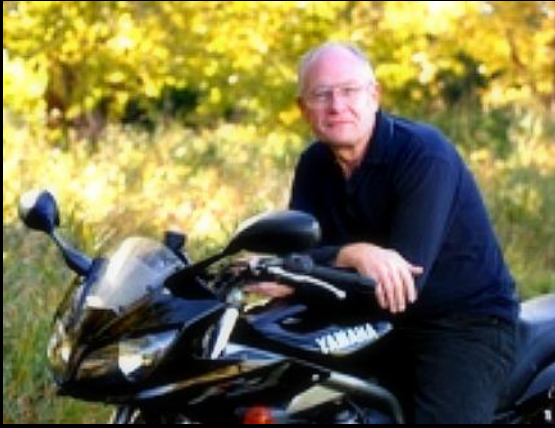


Dead Lover's Day Production by
Against the Wall Theatre

RDAC and Culture Services of the City of Red Deer wishes to thank everyone for their participation in the 2011 Alberta Arts Days held this past September 30 to October 2nd. Thanks also to the Alberta Government for their grant through Alberta Culture and Community Spirit.



I am the Arts



John Burnham is a member of Writer's Ink and the Red Deer Arts Council.

I am a grandfather.
I am an eclectic worker.
I am a writer.

I'm proud to call Red Deer home.

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

Kiwanis Gallery: October 25 to November 27

Words for Peace: Red Deer Lettering Arts Guild



Red Deer's Lettering Arts Guild chose Peace as the theme of a 5" X 20" banner exhibition. This exhibit will focus on Peace – in all of its forms and manifestations. Peace on Earth, Peace to Mankind, Peace of the Spirit, Peace of Mind, Peace between People, between countries, races and religions. The Guild has opened the participation on the exhibit to province-wide calligraphers. Come and enjoy the start of the holiday season with this beautiful, evocative and heart-felt exhibit with us.

First Friday, November 4, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

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