



## Leading a dynamic community that celebrates the *Arts*

### The best of the best in the ACACA Alberta Spirit Show in the Kiwanis Gallery!

Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are pleased to present **Alberta Community Art Clubs Association Alberta Spirit Show 2017**, which runs in the Kiwanis Gallery from August 21 to October 15, 2017.

The Alberta Community Art Clubs Association's *Alberta Spirit Show 2017* follows the province-wide Zone shows each year. The Spirit Show is made up of the best of the works from the three zone shows (north, central and south) and a final jurying at the Alberta Wide Exhibition. Truly, the best of the best is an understatement!

Selected artworks from the awards and achievements from each zone show are sent to the Alberta Wide show in Sherwood Park, where they are re-juried by professional artists. The winners of the zone shows and the AB Wide show become the 'best of the best' for our Kiwanis Gallery exhibit.

The exhibit features around 30 works including paintings, drawings, mixed media, sculpture and digital works from the province-wide competition of community artists.

Our First Friday Red Deer is September 1 from 6 to 8 pm. Refreshments served. Some of the artists will be in attendance.

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



*Cactus*  
Watercolour, Diane Peers  
Signature Category



*Eggs Today*  
Oil, Ingrid Shields  
Intermediate Category



## Red Deer Arts Council News

### Red Deer Culture Days 2017

Red Deer Arts Council and our partners are thrilled to have been selected as a Host Celebration Site for Alberta Culture Days 2017. We are part of the celebrations occurring throughout the province during Alberta Culture Days 2017. Alberta Culture Days runs September 29 & 30 and October 1 and is the province's largest celebration of our heritage, arts, community spirit and cultural diversity. For three days, the streets around downtown Red Deer come alive with an arts jam, a pop-up gallery, museum & art exhibits, music, theatre games, kids' activities, dance, demonstration artists, plays and all manner of arts and culture events.

**Join us as we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Alberta Culture Days  
September 29 to October 1, 2017!**

**"Alberta is such a diverse and vibrant province, and Alberta Culture Days is one way we celebrate our unique spirit. This year marks the 10th anniversary of Alberta Culture Days, and we look forward to Red Deer helping to make it the best year ever. Thank you and congratulations to the Red Deer Arts Council and its partners for being part of the celebrations, and sharing your culture with Albertans."**

**- Ricardo Miranda, Minister of Culture and Tourism**

The events will be co-hosted by many community partners including, City of Red Deer Culture Services, Red Deer College Arts Centre & Red Deer College, Red Deer's Public and Catholic Schools, Red Deer Public Library, Central Alberta Retired Teachers Association (CARTA), Red Deer Visual Artists, Red Deer Cultural Heritage Society, Central Alberta Women's Immigrant Association (CAIWA), Central Alberta Refugee Effort (CARE), Norwegian Laft Hus Society, The Hub on Ross, the Scott Block, Country Pride Dance Club, Attribute Art School, Against the Wall Theatre, Red Deer Downtown Business Association, Golden Circle and the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery.

All the events around the city can be found on September 8 on the Red Deer Arts Council's website, [www.reddeerartscouncil.ca](http://www.reddeerartscouncil.ca), and Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/reddeerartscouncil/>, and on Red Deer Culture Days' Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/reddeerartsdays/](http://www.facebook.com/reddeerartsdays/)

#### **Meat Draw Fridays!**

Continuing into September from 5 to 7 pm., the Red Deer Arts Council is again at East 40th Pub with a Meat Draw Raffle. This includes six draws for a free drink or your choice of cuts of meat - , plus one bonus draw where you could also win one \$25.00 gift certificate. Each ticket costs just \$1.00! Friday nights only! Come and help the Arts Council raise funds plus enjoy a night on the town! Meat choices are ribs, chicken and steaks - perfect for the final barbecues of the year! September 1, 8 and 15th. See you there!

East 40th Pub, 3811 40 Ave, Red Deer - Phone 403-340-1844

**Public Market 2017 Season - Red Deer Arts Council's Members** will be at the market in **Stall 104.**

Watch for our these members: September 2 and 16 with Country Pride Dance Club, September 9 with Marianne Harris of Paintwerx Studio, September 23 & 30, and October 7 with International Women of Purpose.

## Candice Meyer: Metalsmith is her passion

Life took an unexpected turn for Toronto-born-and-raised Candice Meyer when she married an Alberta boy and moved to the remote wilderness in Peace River Country.

In 1982, Meyer and her husband Ian (a musician who'd been in an Edmonton-based band with Meyer's brother) decided to raise a family on the northern property where Ian had been raised.

Rural life was a big adjustment for Meyer, who's now a Red Deer-based metalsmith.

"At first I felt very alone and isolated. Our nearest neighbours were a few miles away," she recalled.

But Meyer's in-laws soon moved to another dwelling on the site and helped raise their grandson and granddaughter on the organic cattle ranch.

And farm living soon grew on the Toronto native, who learned to love the quiet, beautiful scenery and the glimmering northern lights.

But when Meyer's children grew up and moved away and Ian began working in the oilfield, she realized she needed something else to do.

Meyer took an interest in metalwork after seeing a magazine picture of intricate chainmail, created with jewelry rings.

She ordered some equipment about a decade ago, starting with a set of pliers, and moved on to a soldering torch and press punch, and learned from trial and error. "It became an obsession with me. I would spend hours and hours doing this."

Four years ago, Meyer moved to Red Deer with her husband, to be closer to their son. She continues to create a diverse array of sterling silver and stainless steel jewellery that's sold at the Makers' Emporium in Red Deer's Frame-It store, as well as the Alberta Craft Council shop in Edmonton.

Meyer feels metalsmithing allows her to become wholly absorbed in creativity. But as a work-at-home artist, she's happy to have made connections with others through the Red Deer Arts Council.

Meyer is the featured artist for September at the Alberta Craft Council Gallery in Edmonton, and her jewellery can also be seen on Sept. 23 and 24 at the Reynolds Alberta Museum's Metal Show in Wetaskiwin.

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# I am the Arts



Ian and Candice Meyer at  
Lake Louise, 2017

I am a mother to two (now adult) kids.

I loved raising our kids on our organic cattle farm before moving to Red Deer.

My husband and I celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary in August.

I love to camp and boat in Central Alberta.

I am a self-taught metalsmith.

I am Candice Meyer.

I am proud to call Red Deer home.

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

## News from the arts council

We are sad to note the passing of one of our board members, Heather Christenson. She was a valued member of our team and a wonderful person. Heather will be missed by us and her many friends and family.

## Troubled Monk Brewery & Red Deer Arts Council

Join the TM staff and Red Deer Arts Council for a social night on September 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the brewery, #1, 5551 45 Street for the opportunity to mingle and match your talents to others in the arts community, as well as talk about ways to get involved in more art projects together.

Brewery Tours are a part of this deal, so be sure to get behind the scenes.

Come and hear Diana Anderson talk about Alberta Culture Days and what is on offer from our 15 partners who join us on September 29 to October 1 to share their events. Craig Scott will be on hand to talk about Central Alberta Theater's 2017-2018 season. If you have something to share, now is the time!

## Red Deer Arts Council

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