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# A dynamic community that celebrates and supports the Arts

Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are pleased to present **Passages: Paintings by Lana Michelin** from October 16 to November 18, 2018 in the Kiwanis Gallery.

First Friday Red Deer Opening: November 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm Artists will be in attendance. Members of the Red Deer Arts Council, affiliates, and invited guests are welcome to attend.

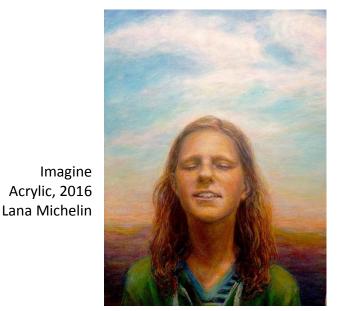
This series of acrylic paintings are of Lana's children throughout their growing years and in the landscapes they inhabit. The works convey the emotional lives that the children only give small hints of - like exposed tips of enormous icebergs that float largely below the surface of still water. Enigmas but also products of our environment which Lana strives to convey through her paintings. This is Lana's first solo show and she is excited to share her works with you.



Above Vrsac Acrylic, 2018 Lana Michelin



Dinghy Acrylic, 2014













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### Red Deer Arts Council News

Passages – Paintings by Lana Michelin at the Kiwanis Gallery, October 16<sup>th</sup> – November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018
Lana Michelin may be a familiar name from her journalism with the Red Deer Advocate, but we at the Red Deer Arts Council and the Red Deer Public Library are excited to present her very first solo art exhibition at the Kiwanis Gallery (in the basement of the Downtown Library branch.) We hope to see many of you at her opening as part of First Friday on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please note that due to AGLC regulations, First Fridays at the Kiwanis Gallery are open to members of the Red Deer Arts Council, including affiliates of our member organizations, and invited guests.

# Upcoming at the Kiwanis Gallery is *Everyday Wonderments*: Paintings by Corinne Anderton November 19<sup>th</sup> – December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Colour is all around us and part of everything we see. Through her explorations of colour, Corinne will demonstrate the interaction of colour and the behaviour of watercolour pigments on paper. First Friday Red Deer Opening: December 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for members and invited guests only.

#### A HUGE THANK YOU! (Arts & Craft Beer Fundraiser)

We'd like to thank the many people and organizations that helped make our "Ghouls Night Out" Arts & Craft (Beer) Fundraiser a great success once again. We can't continue to do the work we do without your support and the support of community partners, like our friends at: Messinger Meats, Tribe Flat Out Food, Bo's Bar & Grill, Cuppitycakes Bakeshop, State & Main and Red Boar Smokery who all created delicious eats; Troubled Monk Brewery and Siding 14 Brewery from Ponoka for the awesome craft beer; our super-talented band, The Klamdaggers, for keeping us entertained throughout the evening and the many sponsors who helped us put on our shindig and/or offered silent auction and raffle prizes as well. They are too many to name, but we must mention our community partners at Novamen for their generous sponsorship of our entertainment for the event. Last but most definitely not least, we would like to thank the amazing team of volunteers who helped keep the evening running smoothly. Our deepest gratitude to everyone for your participation.

#### **Membership Renewal Season**

It's that time again! As soon as the snow starts to fly, you know it must be time to renew your membership for 2019! We have an online webform you can complete at <u>reddeerartscouncil.ca</u> to renew and pay your annual membership fee, or you can print off the paper form on the site and mail it in with a cheque if you prefer. Individual memberships are \$30 and Organizational memberships are \$50. If you join or renew now, your membership is valid until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

#### Who is our new Coordinator?

Suzanne Hermary joined the Red Deer Arts Council in March of 2018 and first worked as a Board Member before taking on the role of Coordinator with Diana's retirement. She is a singer, actor, and lover of all this culture, history, travel, and art. She has worked with member groups like Red Deer Players Society and is a professional travel agent on the side. Suzanne is keen to learn more about all things surrounding the creation of artworks, like those she's admired on her museum visits around the world. She may even try her hand at creating her own masterpiece with all this creativity flowing around her.

"I love meeting new people and making Red Deer an exciting place to live for those who love music, theatre, literature, art and creativity. If you see me around town at an event, please come say 'hi' and introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you in the future."



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### Strive Dance Academy: Creating Good Citizens and Dancers 🕺



Strive Dance Academy aspires to more than pointed toes and perfect posture.

Artistic director Hannah Peacock says from the beginning the parents behind the academy wanted to create good citizens as well as committed and accomplished dancers.

"Our dancers are in the studio five days a week," says Hannah, who joined Strive in 2011. "In giving that much time to dance, parents also wanted to create an environment where they were teaching their children about citizenship and how important it is to get out in the community and give back to the community."

The message to students is that although they are laser-focused on improving their skills and doing well in competitions, it's not all about them.

First artistic director Judy Dorland helped get the academy off the ground and harness the huge amount of volunteer work parents did to make it happen. There are now 85 competitive dancers and nearly 80 in the pre-competitive program, which takes budding dancers as young as six.

All of the dancers build on the three core disciplines: ballet, jazz and tap. But dancers can also experience a huge range of other disciplines, such as hip hop, musical theatre, acrobatic, contemporary/modern and lyrical among others. There is also community programming for adults looking for fun and exercise. Another program takes youngsters from three and up.

Strive has grown considerably this season, she says. "I think we've found our niche. We have stuck to what we feel is truly important in our competitive side." By that she means they have kept three core disciplines — ballet, tap and jazz — at the heart of their program.

"We have built our whole programming around that. Our dancers have to take those disciplines in order to become well-rounded and versatile."

Strive is a non-profit society and has paid a lot of attention to marketing, building their community profile developing a smooth-running operation on the administrative side.

"I think it's just a combination of things over time that has really led to our program being able to flourish and people being able to see that."

For more information go to www.strivedanceacademy.ca They are located at 5424 45th St.





We are the Arts

We are a non-profit dance society, focused on providing the highest quality instruction and building great citizens.

We enjoy nurturing the love of dance in young students, watching them grow, and providing a foundation necessary to pursue a career in the arts.

We are proud to call Red Deer home. Join us in celebrating the best that Central Alberta has to offer.

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