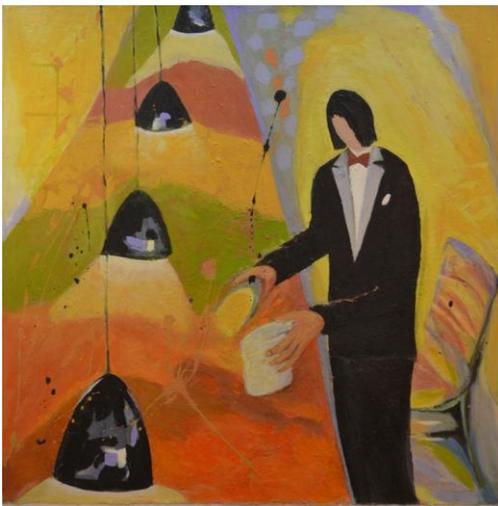




Creating a vibrant community
that celebrates the *Arts*

Flower Scapes and Pulse of Istanbul in the Kiwanis Gallery



Spice Merchant, Acrylic on Paper/Canvas, Asta Dale



Thirty Minute Study of Classmate
Acrylic, Luke Hermary

June 26 to August 18

Flower Scapes: Works by Elaine Tweedy

First Friday Red Deer, August 3rd from 6:30 to 8:30
Elvin Berthiaume will be performing; refreshments served.

Scholarship Award Winners

**Presentation: August 3 at 7:00 pm in
the Kiwanis Gallery**

The Princess Margaret Scholarship: **Luke Hermary of
Sylvan Lake** and

The Centennial Scholarship for Secondary Students:
Matthew Dane Peavoy of Red Deer

August 21 to October 14

Pulse of Istanbul: Works by Asta Dale

Istanbul – the Jewel of Europe, the Gateway to the Orient, exotic Hagia Sophia; Calgarian, Asta Dale had the opportunity to visit this city and its people, relaxed atmosphere and history of one of the world's largest city, made a distinct impression on her.



Waskasoo Environmental Education Society

Article by Emily Ursuliak

The Waskasoo Environmental Education Society (WEES) is an extremely dedicated member of the Red Deer community. It provides programs for both young and old to get more involved in the natural world around them and to develop a strong appreciation for its beauty, as well as a desire to protect it. WEES has been involved in the community since 1986, when it was a part of the Museums Management Board (later called the Normandeau Cultural and Natural History Society).

WEES is responsible for programs at the Kerry Wood Nature Centre, the Gaetz Lakes Sanctuary, Fort Normandeau, the historic Allen Bungalow, and throughout Waskasoo Park. Many know the Sanctuary for its beautiful walking trails, and also the terrific programs run at the Nature Centre. There are youth programs there such *Nature Savvy Saturdays* and *Discovery Sundays*, and many Cub and Guide badge programs. The Nature Centre—an Alberta Museums Association *Recognized Museum*—also runs nearly 300 school programs each year, the long-running *Nature Nursery* preschool program, and puts on a large event for Family Day. *The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour* is an important and popular fundraiser. Nature-art in the Marjorie Wood Gallery and the interactive permanent displays enable even more people to discover the natural environment of the Red Deer area. The Kerry Wood Nature Centre is open year-round except Christmas day, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the winter and until 8:00 p.m. from the May to September holiday weekends. On statutory holidays the Nature Centre opens at 1:00 p.m.

Fort Normandeau, an 1885-era stopping house, militia and NWMP fort, is a must-visit attraction for anyone interested in learning more about the early history of the Red Deer area. Fort Normandeau has terrific interactive programs, especially for children. Personally, I will always remember learning to pan for gold, and also how to make ice cream the old-fashioned way during my visits there back in my childhood. In May and June the interpretive centre and fort are open from 12–5 p.m. weekdays (12–8 weekends), and this extends in July and August to 12–8 throughout the week. The fort grounds, picnic area and canoe launch are always open to the public for free from May 1 to October 15 from dawn to dusk. *Fort Normandeau Days* is a highlight every summer; re-enactors get together to stage a mock battle between the “militia” and the First Nations community.

Another attraction run by WEES is the Allen Bungalow, a historic house just across from the Kerry Wood Nature Centre. It has a newly renovated meeting room suite that can be rented out to small meeting and social groups and is wheelchair accessible. There is also the Gaetz Lakes Sanctuary, a peaceful park with picturesque scenery and beautiful walking trails. It’s a perfect place to go for a picnic, or hike throughout the year.

WEES sustains these four vital attractions in Red Deer with the help of hundreds of dedicated volunteers and generous sponsors. They are always looking for new members from the community who might want to get involved through volunteering, sponsorship, or by sitting on the board of directors.

Get out and enjoy all our Parks system has to offer!

Red Deer Arts Council supports the Activ Kidz Program

The Red Deer Arts Council lent our support to the City of Red Deer's pilot project called **Activ Kidz Neighbourhood Playground Program** because we all "recognize the connections between arts, heritage and wellness and understand that youth who are not drawn to other types of physical activity can often be motivated to be active through dance, theatre or other arts opportunities". Just as the world is different today, **Activ Kidz** is not the playground program of our youth. The revamped program brings new ideas together about strengthening neighbourhood connections and understanding the linkages between a healthy, active lifestyle and safe, friendly neighbourhoods through art and other activities.

Carol-Lynn Gilchrist was one of the volunteers and here is what she is doing:

"I volunteered to design and run a small activity called the "Community Mapping Game" which encourages children to observe and record the natural and built environment of their neighbourhood. During the walk, I pointed out signs, city utilities and other infrastructure, housing types and unique architecture that matched questions on their game cards. Afterwards, they developed a map together arranging images on a real map of the area.

The children learn new words and develop an understanding of land use planning, street composition and architectural forms and patterns found in their neighbourhood. It is hoped that this understanding improves community identity, way-finding and belonging. They experience a unique way of looking at the changes occurring where they live and to ask important questions like; "What's going to happen on that vacant lot?" and "How do I feel about that?" which are good questions no matter what age you are and that all residents of a city should ask themselves."

Carol-Lynn appreciated the financial support of the RDAC in offsetting her program costs.

Before...



After...



On August 12th, brought to you by Tim Hortons, the "Best Summer Ever" concert series continues at the Bower Ponds Stage with performances by local musicians ½ Chance Heroes and Rebecca Raabis. Come down and enjoy the show from 2 – 4, arrive early for your chance to win the "Best Seats Ever" or a Raleigh Mountain bike from Tim Hortons. Check www.reddeer.ca/bestsummer for more information.

Running on Miracles Completion: Brenda Smith recently completed the make-over of her first nominee, a single mom, Erin with a group of volunteers. Benda says, "Thank you to all my wonderful volunteers! You are awesome!"

We are the Arts



A walk in the Sanctuary with an Interpreter, 2011
Photo by Diane Olsen

We are moms, dads and grandparents .

We are love nature.

We are naturalists, educators and just plain folks!

We are proud to call Red Deer home.

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

Upcoming Kiwanis Gallery exhibit for August 21 to Oct 14

Pulse of Istanbul: Works by Asta Dale

First Friday Red Deer, September 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. enjoy this exotic locale and its people through Asta's eyes as we enjoy refreshments and conversation

The Bard on Bower: Presented by Prime Stock Theatre – catch the last productions of Macbeth and The Taming of the Shrew from August 1 to August 4. Go to www.primestocktheatre.com. Admission is by donation. Bring a chair, a blanket and get a coffee at the local concession. Great fun!

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