



# A dynamic community that celebrates and supports the Arts

Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are excited to present

## Alberta Community Art Clubs Association Alberta Spirit Show 2022



Red Booth  
Watercolour  
Diane Peers  
(Southern Zone)  
Signature Award

running until October 16, 2022  
in the Red Deer Arts Council's  
Kiwanis Gallery

**First Fridays Red Deer Opening  
September 2 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm  
with some artists in attendance**

**Library/Gallery Viewing Hours:**  
Mon – Thurs: 10 am – 8 pm  
Fri: 12 pm – 5 pm  
Sat: 10 am – 3 pm | Sun: Closed

## Reconnection & Collective Care

### Alberta Culture Days Pop-Up Exhibition



**Featuring the Art of**

- Maxine Whitehead
- Margaret Roome
- Halia Cliffe
- Eelkje VanderMeulen-Smart
- Carmen Therriault
- Marianne Harris

At the Red Deer Arts Council Office Gallery  
Suite 6 - 4919 49 Street Red Deer



The Red Deer Arts Council's new Community Gallery is pleased to present a group exhibition featuring works around the theme of ReConnection & Collective Care as part of Alberta Culture Days 2022. These ideas have encompassed much of the past year as we re-emerge into the world, discover how local artists interpret these ideas through various media. Artists include members of the Red Deer Arts Council and the Central Alberta Retired Teachers Association.



**First Fridays Red Deer Opening Reception  
September 2 from 5 – 7pm with artists in attendance**

**Open to the public, all are welcome.**

Gallery Hours: Wednesday – Friday, 10am – 4pm.



RED DEER & DISTRICT  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION  
all for community.



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# What's Happening in September 2022

Catch the last few concerts of the year! Facebook is the best spot to check for any new dates added to the schedule. You can still apply for a show at this link: <https://www.reddeerartscouncil.ca/news/neighbourhood-concert-series>

September 9 – Rosedale Skate Shack, band TBC, 6:30pm

September 17 – West Park Activity Centre Market – Prairie Roads, 5pm

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PRESENTED BY THE RED DEER ARTS COUNCIL

**IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CONCERT SERIES**

City of Red Deer & Red Deer County 2022

**YMCA Hub 2.0**

Wednesdays at the

Inclusive Arts Programming at  
YMCA Northside Community Centre

Red Deer Arts Council

A COMMUNITY CHOIR FOR EVERYONE

*Ross Street Singers*

Join us each Thursday at 10am-11:30am in the Red Deer Arts Council Office #6, 4919 49 Street

A WELCOMING, BARRIER-FREE OPPORTUNITY TO SING WITH YOUR PEERS

FREE to attend  
All are welcome.

FREE EVENTS!

**RED DEER CULTURE DAYS**

ALL SEPTEMBER LONG!

Check out the Facebook or website  
Facebook: @reddeerculturedays

Red Deer Alberta Culture Days September 2022  
Discover • Experience • Celebrate

Join us at the YMCA Northside Community Centre for the Hub 2.0 every Wednesday from 10:30am – 4pm for inclusive arts activities! All welcome.

**Open Studio 2022 Tour**

September 10-11

Red Deer Arts Council  
literary | performing | visual

All Studios are in Red Deer

## Alberta Culture Days is back!

Check out all the amazing events happening around Red Deer – so many activities are planned across the city in September. Learn more with the QR codes provided or pick up a brochure!

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**WRITES OF AUTUMN**

WRITING WORKSHOP

September 12 6 – 9pm  
6 – 4919 49 Street, Red Deer

**Anne Of Green Gables Literary Tea Party**

September 24, 1pm – 3:30pm  
Cronquist House, Bower Ponds  
4707 Fountain Dr, Red Deer

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## Still Life in Retirement for Red Deer Painter

For many people, retirement is the busiest time of their lives. For Philip Gauthier, that's definitely true of his artistic endeavours. "The most I've painted is since I've moved here," says the relatively new Red Deer resident, who moved here in 2019.

A dedicated oil artist, Gauthier has been developing his eye for still life works. His current show at A+ Art Gallery features numerous images of interesting arrangements of items – along with a few live subjects. He's always looking for eye-catching, well-worn items that have character and would fit well in an aesthetically pleasing composition. Composing and lighting his subjects is as much work as painting them.

"I might spend two to three days getting things just the way I like it," he says. "Then I pretty much paint what I see." And that process can be just as painstaking, making sure every detail is exactly as he wants it. "What I like about oils is it's so forgiving. You can mould it, you can do whatever you need to do," he says. "It's reversible." Of course, still life hasn't been Gauthier's only painting subject. Most of his artistic education was during his apprenticeship as a sign-painter.

"I did that for many, many years. I learned quite a bit from that discipline," he says, citing, proportion, composition, brush control and colour theory among the many basic skills he acquired. He still does a bit of sign-painting, and does allow some sign paints to sneak into this oil works.

"The magic of that stuff is it covers like oil paints can't," he explains.

"I was a tattoo artist for a long time too," he adds. That "super-precision work" and his sign-painting experience account for his adherence to strict realism today.

"Most of my work is pretty tight. I wish I could paint looser; I'm trying to learn to do that."

Gauthier also had a portrait phase. After a trip to Amsterdam in the mid-1990s and several days at the Rijksmuseum, he was inspired to study portraiture, and started photographing and painting homeless people. At that time, Gauthier was an outreach worker on Vancouver's east side, and found many willing subjects among his clients.



Philip Gauthier works on a somewhat macabre still life in his home studio



As a young man, Gauthier had experienced his own problems with substance abuse and crime, so he could relate to their situation and wanted to provide them an opportunity for dignity.

"A portrait is generally done for someone of wealth and status," he explains. He gave all those paintings away to his subjects. One was used at a memorial for one of his clients, he recalls. "The family really appreciated it."

Only since retiring to Red Deer has Gauthier finally been able to call himself an artist and start shopping his work to galleries for a public audience. Until then, his art had been a personal, meditative experience to help maintain his own balance.

"I think it helps fight depression doing this," he says. "It's kind of a therapy for me. When you can put the right colour in the right spot, it's very satisfying."

To see Philip Gauthier's work, visit A+ Art Gallery and Unique Collections at #203-4919 49th Street.

Older items of "character" are likely candidates for Philip Gauthier's still life arrangements.

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