



Creating a vibrant community that celebrates the **Arts**

The Best of the West Travelling SAQA Trunk Show in the Kiwanis Gallery

December 31, 2013 to March 2, 2014
*The Best of the West Travelling
SAQA Trunk Show*

SAQA stands for Studio Art Quilts Associates. They are a non-profit international organization whose mission it is to promote the art quilt through education, exhibitions, professional development and documentation. Founded in 1989 by a group of 50 artists, they now boast over 3,000 members worldwide; artists, teachers, collectors, gallery owners, museum curators and corporate sponsors. SAQA defines an art quilt as a contemporary artwork exploring aesthetic concerns common to the whole range of visual arts: painting, printmaking, photography, graphic design, assemblage and sculpture which retains, through materials or techniques, a clear relationship to the folk art quilt from which it descended. Artists in this *Best of the West* show are from as far away as Winnipeg to the west coast of Vancouver Island. First Friday Red Deer, January 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Refreshments will be served.

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



Patti's Rocks,
Fibre Art
Patti Morris,
Red Deer, AB



Mutt and Jeff,
Fibre Art,
Margaret Blank
Mirror, AB



Nesting Patterns,
Fibre Art
Barbara McCaffrey
Victoria, BC



Wonderful World,
Fibre Art
Susan Krznar
Regina, SK



Seeking Friends and Volunteers!

Red Deer Arts Council has been working very hard this past year. Our board and volunteers have contributed over 1750 hours towards the goals of the Arts Council and its members. You too can be part of this exciting arts organization!

Our Communications Committee have a Marketing Plan in place that requires short term and long term volunteers to help with a variety of jobs, including: designing a calendar for use by all our members; running a contest; designing a survey to find out how Red Deerians want to support the arts; finding hidden artists (are you one?); developing a mentoring program for artists; and much more! It is an exciting plan full of promise and interesting work. If you like Social Media and developing ideas, then this committee is right for you!

Our Programming Committee is in the midst of planning special events and programs for 2014. You can get in on the ground floor and help us develop and implement the plans in process. If you like a one-time project, this might suit you. We also have room on our committee for more folks who like to plan programs and watch people get excited about new ideas or taking an old idea and making it new!

Our Scholarship Committee is also planning a fabulous new award from RDAC. We are exploring an Emerging Artist Award in all the arts genres. If this twigs you to artists you know about who might be eligible, then keep your eyes open for the call for submissions. If you like helping young students in high school and college get ahead, then join our committee and help us administer our scholarship program.

Our Board will be seeking new members for our AGM in March. We meet once a month and have fun discussing how we can grow the arts in Red Deer. If you have time to give and are interested in the arts, then this is for you.

RDAC needs you and your ideas! Get hold of our Coordinator, Diana, in the office and discover the many ways you can help to grow the arts and culture scene in Red Deer.

We would like to thank Mike Lupul for his time and expertise in interviewing our members for the *I Am the Arts Campaign* which you see every month. Mike is a student at Red Deer College and has been volunteering his time for nearly two years with this ongoing member benefit. Mike is also a member of our Programming Committee. Many thanks to a wonderful and steadfast volunteer!

Red Deer Arts Council Membership and Friend Drive 2014

As part of our membership drive for 2014, we would like to encourage interested persons to think about helping the arts community by involving yourself on our board or committees, as described above. We would be happy to discuss this with you - just call the office to set an appointment or talk to Diana. We hope to hear from you.
Call 403-348-2787 for more information.



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Membership Application Form 2014

- Individual \$30.00
- Group \$50.00
- Student \$15.00 (from September 1 to August 31 yearly)
- All other memberships are renewable annually in January
- Donations are greatly appreciated. (Tax Receipts over \$10 will be sent.)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Group Name: _____

Representative's name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

My interests with the Red Deer Arts Council are: please check all that apply

I am / We are

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Artist(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Artist(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Artist(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural |

I would like to be / We would like to be

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Members | <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts/Gallery Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Arts Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programming Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer - wherever I am needed! | |

Please keep a copy for your records and submit form, along with your payment, to the Red Deer Arts Council! Thank You!

Thanks to the generous support of:



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We are the Arts



Scott Barnabé, Diana Anderson and Wendy Meeres involved in discussing the Arts Council and our liaison with Culture Services, 2011

We are friends, volunteers, and active participants in the arts.

We enjoy all that Red Deer offers with a busy arts environment, as we play music, paint or sculpt, and indulge our imaginations while reading and doing all manner of arts and culture things that brings Red Deer to life.

We are the Red Deer Arts Council.

We are proud to call Red Deer home.

Upcoming Exhibit in the Kiwanis Gallery:

March 4 to April 27

Open and Closed: Mixed Media by Wendy Meeres

Keys and doors – they can open, close, be inviting or hindering? What words, stories and images will Wendy's work inspire? First Friday Red Deer, March 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

The Canadian Revenue Agency recognizes our CHARITY Status and enables us to give tax receipts for your donations.

Give a little, give a lot!

Please note: Our old computer crashed in December. Our coordinator, Diana Anderson, is now learning Windows 8. If anyone could volunteer their time to help her understand how some of the programs work, she would be delighted to have your help! Give her a call.

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