



A dynamic community that celebrates and supports *Arts and Creativity!*

Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are delighted to present **Alberta Community Art Clubs Association'**

Alberta Spirit Show 2023

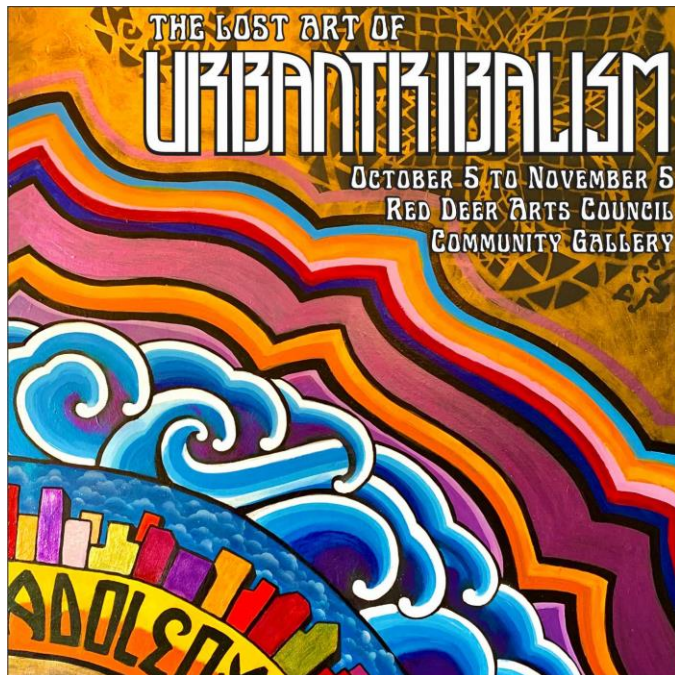


which runs in the Kiwanis Gallery until October 15, 2023.
(Detail Image: Agriculture Employment by Josef Ginter)
#FirstFridaysRedDeer Opening Reception October 6 from 5:30-7:30 pm.



Coming up, starting October 17th is **Echoes of Italy: Abstract Landscapes by Linda Mah** running from October 17 to December 2, 2023 in the Kiwanis Gallery. (Reaching for the Sky by Linda Mah)
Gallery Hours: Mon to Thurs 10am-8pm, Fri 12-5pm, Sat & Sun 10am-3pm

The Red Deer Arts Council and Central Alberta Retired Teachers' Association is pleased to present:



The Lost Art of Urban Tribalism: Works by Jason O'Connor

in the Red Deer Arts Council's Community Gallery.

We asked artists to consider the importance of place, and their responses included culturally meaningful places, places of solace, places we live. Come see how our selected artists interpreted the places they love in both imagery and poetry.

#FirstFridaysRedDeer Opening Reception on October 6 from 5pm - 7pm with the artist in attendance.

6 - 4919 49 Street, Red Deer

The exhibition runs October 5 - November 14, 2023

Gallery Hours: Mon to Fri 12pm - 4pm



~Creativity Understood~

What's Happening in October 2023



Our friends at Mr. Motors recently contributed \$2000 towards The Hub 2.0 and now, to help the program even further, they're also hosting a BBQ Fundraiser! Join us on **Saturday, October 7th from 12 – 2pm** at the YMCA Northside Community Centre (6391 76 Street) for pulled pork, music, crafts, and a Bottle Drive with our fundraising partners at Cosmos! The Hub 2.0 is an inclusive weekly program for people with



disabilities and we're always excited to continue making it barrier-free and welcoming to anyone! Away for the long weekend? You can still donate to the program using this QR!

Art Speaks Business of Being an Artist Series: Creating Custom Art Shipping Boxes

Join Curiosity Art and Framing gallery owner and framer, Andrea Hatch, for this hands-on workshop. Learn how to build a box from coroplast for shipping your artwork. Make a custom box to fit your art piece (12" x 12" or 11" x 14"), so come prepared with dimensions. **Sunday, October 29th, from 1 - 4pm** | \$25 MAG/RDAC Members, \$30 regular (+GST.) All supplies included. Register on the MAG website!



3rd Red Deer International Powwow Needs Volunteers!

Help Powwow Times run their 3rd Annual International Powwow! A variety of volunteer opportunities in 4-5 hour shifts all weekend, October 13 – 15, at the Peavey Mart Centrium.

Join Continuing Programs!

Want to read something you've written aloud for a receptive audience? Try your hand at **Brave New Words!** 2nd Friday of each month. **Ross Street Singers** runs every Wednesday 10:30am – 12pm at Festival Hall – this barrier-free choir welcomes folks of any experience! Sing with us!

And come have fun at **The Hub 2.0** at the YMCA Northside Community Centre each Wednesday from 10:30am – 4pm! Music, art & more! These programs are free to attend/participate, and open to the public!

At Age 84, Creating Art Keeps Red Deer Artist Going

Betty Schnell used to drive to the mountains to find spectacular scenery to paint.

Now she stays closer to her Red Deer home, painting brilliant canola fields, changeable Prairie skies, and “roads to nowhere” that disappear over the next rise.



Snell feels there's plenty of beauty in Alberta, whatever the season. “I just drive down the road until I see something that I want to paint.”

Once she spots a view that appeals— whether an old barn nestled in the trees or a pattern of hay bales in a field, Schnell sets up her easel to paint in “plein air,” right at the scene.

In case of rain or snow, she stays inside her vehicle but continues to put her brush to board or canvas. “I'm 84,” says Schnell, “and I can still jump in the car and get out painting. Isn't that wonderful?”

As an artist, she is very prolific, perhaps making up for lost time. Schnell was 35 years old when she created her first painting. The native of Hardy, Sask. recalled going to a small rural school with no art programs. And nobody in her family was an artist. Yet, whenever the Eaton's Christmas catalogue came in the mail, she would look longingly at the painting kits, thinking maybe she would buy one, if only there was enough money left over...

Since Schnell married young and raised seven children, there never was extra money at Christmas time. Her growing family moved to Alberta in the early 1960s when Schnell's husband left the farm to take a job in the oilfield, near Brooks.

Snell recalled filling her creative urge by sewing clothing for her children. She also immersed herself in many crafts: knitting, crocheting, wreath-making, flower arranging, even making fun-fur flowers — a late '60s trend.

It wasn't until the family moved to Spruce View and her kids' school opened the local art room to community members that Snell was finally able to try painting with oils and watercolours.

“It's always been a joy, from the first painting I did,” she recalled. Her first effort was of a tree that she depicted in a shocking emerald. “It was SO green,” recalled a rueful Snell.

She learned more about colour theory and other fundamentals by taking many art classes over the years. After moving to Red Deer, she signed up for the summer Series program at Red Deer Polytechnic and also joined the Red Deer Art Club.

After the Red Deer Arts Council was started, she became a member and has appreciated the networking and exhibition opportunities this has provided.

Snell's work is now displayed in the new Curiosity Art Gallery in Red Deer. She also has a tradition of opening up her home gallery to the public once a year. (The next sale will be Oct. 14 from 10 to 4 p.m. at 17 Byers Close).

As a nature lover, she's happy to pass on her enthusiasm for local scenery to others through her art. “It is such a joy and it certainly keeps me going.”