



Leading a dynamic community celebrating the *Arts*

So, what is a Prairie Circus anyway? Explore this theme with Dawn Saunders Dahl in the Kiwanis Gallery

The Red Deer Arts Council is pleased to present Prairie Circus Series: Figurative Works by Dawn Saunders Dahl in the Kiwanis Gallery from August 25 to October 18, 2015.

Storytelling through art-fuels Dawn Saunders Dahl to paint fantastical imagery alive with visually dynamic narratives using pop culture images, dreamy landscapes and evocative moods. In this new series of work which focuses on portraits of people wearing masks, Saunders Dahl, an Edmonton artist, explores the realm of the circus and some of the nostalgia associated with being part of the circus event and environment.

This *Prairie Circus* series began in 2002 while Saunders Dahl attended an artist residency in France. Inspired by the festivals, the people, the architecture and the art, she painted and drew images that emphasize the aura of mystery and fantasy that captivated her as a young child and continue to as an adult.

The circus invented the rules of engagement for today's global entertainment industry . . . the birth of pop culture. - Noel Daniel

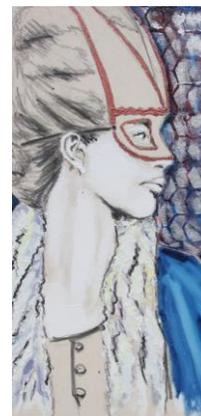
This series incorporates fantastical imagery, visually dynamic narratives, heightened by composition and drawing, interlaced with dreamy landscapes and fueled by the influence of abstract expressionism. Using this visual foundation to evoke moods and memories, a playground of nostalgia and personal revelations is created.

Join Saunders Dahl for our First Friday Red Deer, September 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Kiwanis Gallery.

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



Jess,
Oil, 2015
Dawn Saunders Dahl



Maggie and Carolyn
Oil, Dawn Saunders Dahl



Arts and athleticism team up at
Alberta Sports Hall of Fame and Museum
Interview by Paul Cowley

Athleticism often has been described as artistry in motion.

But that is only one of many links between the worlds of art and sport.

Alberta Sports Hall of Fame and Museum managing director Donna Hateley has long been interested in the connection between the two.

That's why the Hall of Fame and Museum, just off Hwy 2, has had its own art gallery for the past five years and became a member of the Red Deer Arts Council.

"I felt there's a perception out there that arts and culture is 'here' and sports is 'here,' and they're very separate," says Donna. "I wanted to show people there's an arts component in sports."

On the walls recently was a collection of historic black-and-white photographs of area bull and bronco rider Leo Brown.

An upcoming show will feature the work of photographer Dave Holland, who has captured athletes in training through his lenses.

Art has crept into the hall's collection and display cases in numerous other ways. There was the collection of thousands of curling pins, bronze statues from the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics, and a needlepoint piece showing the logos of all NHL teams, a labour of some 2,000 hours. Hall of Fame and Museum staff also like to show visiting youngsters how art and design has been incorporated into uniforms from past Olympics.

"There is a whole range of things that come from the arts culture that are related to sports," says Donna.

The Hall of Fame and Museum will be playing a big role in Red Deer's 2019 Canada Winter Games, and art will be a component of that.

Born and raised in Rockwood, Ontario, Donna has been with the Hall of Fame and Museum for 17 years, the last 10 as manager.

Her daughter's involvement in freestyle skiing led to a side career as a judge. She is now world-class calibre and has judged international events in Norway and Austria as well as numerous events across Canada and the U.S. She was president of the Canadian Freestyle Ski Association and is now chair of the judge's advisory group, and as head judge and head proctor is in charge of training all of the province's freestyle ski judges.

"I quite enjoy talking to new parents and athletes and helping them understand what the judges are looking for," she says.

This past summer, Donna was appointed President of the Canadian Association for Sport Heritage, an organization representing all of the sports halls of fame across Canada.

Red Deer Culture Days 2015

Friday, September 25

***Showcasing Immigrant Art with a Pop Up Global Gallery with the Central Alberta Refugee Effort (CARE) Store Front at "Central Block" 5000 Gaetz Avenue (east side of Scotia Bank), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

***Red Deer Reads Community Launch Party!**

Red Deer Public Library Downtown Branch, 4818 49 Street, The Book: *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel, 6:30 p.m.

***Get ready to dance your feet off with Two Bit Bandits!**

Friday Family Dance, Festival Hall - 4214-58th Street, 7 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are available at the door or online at www.countrypridedanceclub.ca.

***Attribute Art School celebrates 5 years with new work by instructors and students!**

Old Courthouse, #212, 4836 Ross Street, Opening Reception: September 25, Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., September 26, 27 at 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

***Bull Skit Comedy**

The Scott Block Theatre (4816 50 Ave), Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets available online at www.BullSkitComedy.com.

Saturday, September 26

***Red Deer Culture Days Sidewalk Chalk Art and Music**

Downtown Red Deer –from Ross Street to Alexander Way, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Downtown comes alive with beautiful, vibrant, sidewalk chalk art, hands-on art activities and talented local musicians on the streets from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

***The Central Alberta Immigrant Women's Association (CAIWA) Open Doors to Celebrate Culture Days!**

#110, 5017 49 Street, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., featuring coffee and tea from around the world, cultural displays, music and dancing.

***Calf Skit entertains families!** Hub on Ross, 4936 Ross Street, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

***A Pop Up Gallery pops up for your visual arts viewing pleasure!** Red Deer Arts Council and Central Alberta Retired Teacher Association (CARTA) hosting - in the rear of the Scott Block, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

***Heritage/Public Art Comes Alive!** Ross Street and Little Gaetz Avenue, Heritage Display, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

***Lots of fun for the whole family at the Red Deer Museum & Art Gallery!**

4525 47a Avenue, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. MAGnificent Saturdays Presents: Exciting Encaustics!

***Kick up your heels with this fabulous Dance Extravaganza!**

Hub on Ross, 4936 Ross Street, and the Ross Street Patio - weather permitting, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

***Experience life in Central Alberta through an artist's eye!**

Hub on Ross, 4936 Ross Street, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Osi Cruz-Lahtinen in the public art gallery.

***Year After Year draws on Red Deer in this motion picture!**

Red Deer College Arts Centre, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Filmed by Motion Picture Arts alumni and adapted from the critically acclaimed stage musical, *Year After Year*. Free to public.

***Red Deer College presents!**

Welikoklad Event Centre (4922-49 Street), Red Deer College hosts an exhibit by Robert McInnis. Times and dates TBA.

***Swing to the blues at the Golden Circle!**

4620-47A Avenue, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Kat Danser swings to the Swamp Blues and Gospel at this foot stomping event!

***Nuit Blanche presents "Light Up the Night" once again!**

Rotary Recreation Park and Heritage Square behind Recreation Centre. Entrance from parking lot at the MAG & Recreation Centre, 7 p.m. to Midnight.

Sunday, September 27

***Lots of Fun for Kids at the Red Deer Museum & Art Gallery!**

4525 47a Avenue, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. *Kids Celebrate!* is a lively, interactive exhibition designed for children and families.

***Doors are Opening all over Red Deer!**

Sunday, September 27th at various times TBA. Venues TBA. The Doors Open concept is a simple one: buildings of architectural and historical significance open their doors to visitors for a day or a weekend. FREE.

***Alberta Culture Days Meets the Instruments!**

Red Deer College Arts Centre, Mainstage, 56 Avenue & 32 Street, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join the Symphonic Winds for a children's concert celebrating Alberta Culture Days.

For Full Listings go to the Red Deer Arts Council Website: www.reddeerartscouncil.ca

I am the Arts



Donna Hatley, President, Canadian Association for Sports Heritage Conference, June 2015, at the Titanic exhibit, Maritime Museum.

I am a mother with a son living in Victoria, and a daughter living in New Zealand who just had my first grandchild.

I enjoy watching all sports, walking and coffee with friends, when I am not on a ski hill.

I am a FISA World Cup Freestyle Skiing judge, which allows me to travel the globe.

I am Donna Hatley.

I am proud to call Red Deer home.

Join me in discovering the best our city has to offer.

Upcoming Exhibit in the Kiwanis Gallery:

October 20 to November 22

Second Thoughts: Works by Joanne Madeley
Joanne's artwork explores how people think.

Public Market 2015 Season

Red Deer Arts Council Stall 81, (3rd aisle from the east entrance) watch for Country Pride Dance Club - September 5 and 19th, Red Deer Symphony on September 12th and October 10th, Culture Services on September 26th for Red Deer Culture Days, and Kerry Wood Nature Centre Bookstore on October 3rd.

Something special is coming to the Market on September 5th, but you have to be there around 11 am to discover what it is!

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