



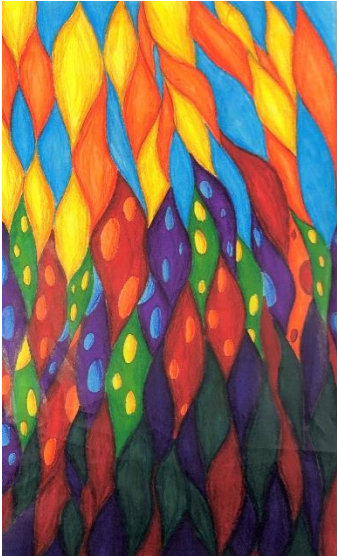
**A dynamic community that celebrates  
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Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library  
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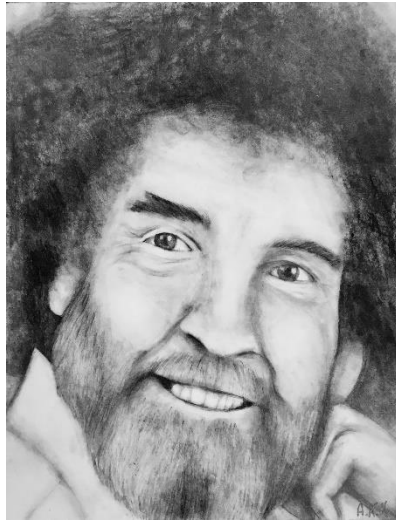
# 34<sup>th</sup> Middle School Awesome Art Show

running until May 20, 2019 in the  
Kiwanis Gallery.

**First Friday Red Deer:**  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019  
from 6:00 to 8:00 pm



*Go with the Flow,*  
Multimedia on Paper  
Torin Thorhauer, Grade 8,  
Central Middle School



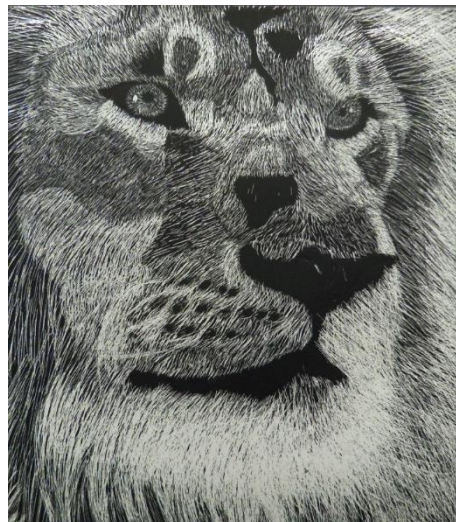
*Bob Ross, Graphite*  
Aria Kettyle Kozuback,  
Grade 8, Eastview  
Middle School



*Pineapple*  
Printmaking/Ink &  
Watercolour  
Elisha Seewalt, Grade 8  
Gateway Christian School



*Melting, Ink on Foil*  
Kat Te, Grade 8  
Glendale Sciences/Technology



*Lion*  
Scratchboard  
Laurel Walters, Grade 8  
Westpark Middle School



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## News and Events Happening in May

### The Red Deer Public Market

The Public Market is back to its favourite location this summer, in the parking lots out front of the Servus Arena and Pidherney Centre on 47<sup>th</sup> Street! We are already filling slots to showcase your art and/or organization throughout the summer months. Each Saturday morning slot is \$40 for members and you can email Suzanne at [RedDeerArtsCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:RedDeerArtsCouncil@gmail.com) for more details and to reserve your spot! Avoid disappointment, book your spot now! Spots in May/early June and September/October are still available!

### Volunteer Appreciation and our Scholarship and Awards Ceremony

The Red Deer Arts Council is excited to host our annual Scholarship and Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> with venue TBA (watch your weekly listings!) In addition to bestowing the honours on our Scholarship and Award winners for 2019, we will also have a screening of "Power on Water," a short inspirational film created by local filmmaker and past Emerging Artist Award winner, Rueben Tschetter. Please come out, join us for a bevvvy and a snack, and celebrate this years' honourees and the many volunteers who help make the Arts Council the strong community organization we are today! Thank you volunteers!!!

### Welcome New Board Members

In March, the Red Deer Arts Council membership elected FOUR new Board Members, completing a full slate with our returning leadership: Craig Scott, Scott Barnabé, Doug Vint, Diane Hermary, Heidy Panameno, Rob Ironside, Ranjit Mullakady and we ratified David Gilmore's November 2018 special election via SurveyMonkey. We're excited to introduce a couple of our newest members!

**Michael Richard** Michael Richard is a Tree House Youth Theatre alumni and he's been performing with Central Alberta Theatre since 1996. Through high school he studied drama, exploring lights sound and directing for zones festivals then continuing his training with Red Deer College's Technical Theatre program. His lifelong passion for the arts drives him to pursue filmmaking and photography work, play guitar, and promote his designs through a variety of platforms including his YouTube channel DarkflameStudios. Michael works as a professional chauffeur, taking care of VIP clients on the most important days of their lives. He's looking forward to working with the Arts Council in the upcoming year to bring new insights with fresh ideas.



**Curtis Labelle** is an award-winning Canadian singer, songwriter and entertainer raised and living in Red Deer, Alberta. He has performed across Canada with regional appearances in the United States and he teaches Musical Theatre Performance privately with students from all over Alberta. Locally, he is performing as 'Piano Plunger Guy' at Here to Mars and as pianist for Broadway Open Mic events with Evening Star Entertainment. He recently began work with the HUB on Ross, Red Deer's centre for inclusivity that uses the arts to help enrich the lives of marginalized people. Curtis loves creating events and has taken on the

role of Fundraising Chair for the Red Deer Arts Council, he's even written musicals to help towns in need raise funds to enhance and maintain their community halls. In addition to teaching and performing, Curtis is planning his Summer 2019 wedding to his fiancé, Jared, and cuddling with his new kitten, Smudge.

Check back next month for more bios from our other new board members, Jan Underwood, Brian Barritt, and David Gilmore! To tide you over, turn the page and learn more about what brought David to the Arts Council!



## Two Red Deer men’s love of guitars has generated a musical gift for the community

Soon after David Gilmore and Don Routley formed the non-profit group GuitarZ for KidZ Red Deer in 2018, they received a first guitar donation from award-winning Stettler band Renegade Station. “We cleaned up the wear and tear and restrung it,” recalls Routley, and the instrument was donated to a disadvantaged person who otherwise wouldn’t get to play.

Gilmore was inspired to start GuitarZ for KidZ by a charitable effort already underway in Ontario. His

musician friend Dan Walsh and Blue Rodeo’s Bob Egan were collecting unused or broken guitars, fixing them and gifting them to individuals with limited financial means.

“I thought it was my turn to give something back,” recalls Gilmore, who talked to Routley about launching this effort in Western Canada. The two formed GuitarZ for Kidz as a charitable committee of the Red Deer Arts Council — along with local board members Jim Claggett, Matt Sayler and Shelley Hagar.

The group members have been busy getting the word out to potential guitar donors, as well as local music shops, agencies and schools that can refer recipients. So far about 30 guitars have been refurbished and put into grateful new hands, said Routley. A few unfixable instruments were turned into original art by local artists, then auctioned off to benefit the charity.

Routley and Gilmore are thrilled with the community support — including donations of guitar picks and strings, as well as five free music lessons given to all GuitarZ for KidZ recipients (including adults). Would-be recipients can fill out an application on the website [guitarzforkidz.ca](http://guitarzforkidz.ca). The group accepts acoustic and electric guitars, amps, bass guitars, as well as ukuleles and other stringed instruments.

“It’s such a rush to see people’s faces light up,” says Routley. Besides donating to individuals, including a 78-year-old who’s always wanted to play, a free guitar was also given to A Gathering Place for people recovering from addictions. Playing music can be “very meditative and energizing,” says Routley, a retired insurance adjustor who drives a school bus.

Gilmore, who runs the Gilmore Guitars shop and luthier studio, says “I know what the guitar has done for me.... Music changes the way you think. It’s another language — and it’s always nice to know a different language.

### We are the Arts

We are community members who love guitars and hope to change lives.

We aim to help as many individuals and families as would like to gain access to a stringed instrument.

We believe everyone should be able to make music.

We are GuitarZ for KidZ Red Deer

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

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