



A vibrant community celebrating and supporting Arts, Culture, and Creativity!



Red Deer Arts Council & Red Deer Public Library are delighted to present

Farm Friendly: Works by Larry Reese

running in the Kiwanis Gallery until October 6, 2024.
#FirstFridaysRedDeer First Friday Red Deer Opening: September 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm with the artist in attendance and presentations directed by Tanya Ryga, featuring Aaron Ranger, Wanda Oler, and Paul Boulton at 6pm and 7pm.

Description: Just west of Sylvan Lake, Larry Reese and his wife Tanya Ryga have lived for decades surrounded by agricultural land and the people who work those farms. Over the years, Larry has made connections with a number of local farmers who allow him to paint on their land *en plein air*, capturing the extraordinary challenges in their ordinary lives. His upcoming "Farm Friendly" exhibition is a retrospective culmination of those experiences.



Ers Market
Oil on Masonite, 2009
Larry Reese

Gallery Hours: Mon to Thurs 9am–8pm, Fri 9am–5pm, Sat & Sun 10am–3pm

Central Alberta Retired Teachers' Association and the Red Deer Arts Council are pleased to present

You Must Remember This An Alberta Culture Days Group Exhibition

in the Red Deer Arts Council's Community Gallery until September 30, 2024.

Join us for #FirstFridaysRedDeer September 6 – with several participating artists in attendance.

Gallery Hours: Mon to Fri 11am – 4pm

For this year's exhibition call, we invited artists in our community to provide both literal and metaphorical responses to memory as part of this group exhibition. Whether personal memories, events of importance, or places that embody home, these local visual and literary artists have shared what's meaningful to them. Featuring: Renu Mathew, Wendy Parker, Geoff Parker, Paul Boulton, Jana Olson, Lynda Baxter, Amie MacInnis, Eelkje VanderMeulen-Smart, Brenda Smith, Wendy Meeres, and Catherine Neale-Ward

YOU MUST REMEMBER THIS

Red Deer Arts Council & Central Alberta Retired Teachers Association Present
An ALBERTA CULTURE DAYS Visual and Literary Art Exhibition
Exhibition running from September 2-30



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Creative Happenings in September 2024

In the Neighbourhood Concert Series

Saturday Sept 14 – West Park, Gibbs & Gilly at the West Park Activity Centre, 5621 39 Street

Tuesday September 17 7pm: The Rick Moore Swing Trio at Heritage Square (by the MAG) 4402 47 Ave

Casino Weekend - Sept 7 & 8, 2024

Thank you to our many volunteers helping at Red Deer Resort & Casino so we can raise funds through the AGLC! Come by, have a tasty dinner and try your hand at some of the fun! Country Artists Craig Silver from the Maritimes will be performing starting at 9pm on Saturday the 7th! Thank you for your support!



The Hub 3.0 Launch!

We are so excited to announce that through a Community Initiatives Program grant from the Government of Alberta, we are able to expand our arts and culture activities at the YMCA Northside Community Centre from one to TWO days each week!

Join us Wednesdays for Mixed Media Art, Strum & Drum with Dean Ray, and Theatre Creation activities. On Fridays, there will be a second class for the same art project, plus Movement activities, and Karaoke on the Creative Open Stage! Session times run 10:30am – 4pm on both weekdays. The Hub 3.0 is a place where everyone can shine and we hope you'll come experience the joy and magic in our space full of creativity, self-expression, and belonging!

Alberta Culture Days – September 2024

We're thrilled to celebrate Red Deer's Culture Days events this September! Check out all the arts & culture activities offered by RDAC and our many partners around the city at <https://www.facebook.com/RedDeerCultureDays/> or <https://bit.ly/RDCultureDays> for complete details!



Online Art Auction



Mo Leaney
Miss Strickley
Stoneware/Acrylic



Kate More
Watering Hole, Bear Flats,
Fort Vermillion, Alta
Oil On Masonite, 1993



Art Whitehead
Vase of Flozers
Pastel, 1999



Ellen Lyons
Hay and Fence
Coloured Pencil, 1993

Featuring over two dozen works by Canadian artists!
Red Deer Arts Council fundraiser running until September 15

Check out the online auction at: galabid.com/rdacauction



Susan Woolgar
Fire and Drums
Acrylic on Canvas, 2024

RDAC Online Art Auction We've received some magnificent art donations over the years and rather than letting them sit wrapped in boxes in the back room, we're opening our coffers to share some of the beautiful art through an online fundraiser! Check out these works at GalaBid.com/RDACAuction and bid before Sept 15th!

Storytellers Unite at Red Deer's Writers' Ink

As the petroglyphs at Writing on Stone provincial park can attest, stories are as old as human experience. Melanie Holland's own experience took an alarming and unexpected turn in 2015 when she was diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer.

Holland had kept a diary since she was 12 years old. "It was a way to let out what's kept inside," she explained.

But the diary wasn't enough of an outlet for her fears and emotions during her cancer treatments. Holland tried blogging but found it also didn't provide enough of what she needed.

Then in 2021, the 46-year-old former nurse joined the Red Deer writing group Writers' Ink and found a "cathartic" release.

She began imagining aspects of her life, as if another character was living them.

"When I'm writing about something hard, I can fictionalize it and it becomes a tool for me to be able to go through my life," she said.

Whether her cancer journey ever becomes a memoir to be shared with others remains to be seen. Holland admitted, "It's at the back of my mind. For now, I can write about it, one step at a time."

Other members of Writers' Ink — from age 20-something to their 80s — have their own reasons for attending the group that provides a weekly sounding board and monthly workshops.

"People will bring in their poetry, their memoirs, their fantasy or science fiction... They can share (their stories) if that's what they want."

Group members provide feedback and are very supportive and welcoming, said Holland. If someone is after constructive criticism, they can provide a gentle critique.

While some members have published or self-published works, she noted it isn't necessary to be that driven.

"You can join if you have never been a writer and just want to try it out."

Writers' Ink was founded in 1992 by local writer Murray Fehrer. He had been part of a successful writers' group in Medicine Hat and wanted to create the same experience here. The group celebrated its 30th anniversary two years ago.

Some members have since moved away but still attend Zoom meetings, which are alternated every other Tuesday, with in-person meetings held at 7 p.m. the Calder School in Sunnybrook Farm.

While most get-togethers involve listening to other members read their works, Holland said professionals are hired about once a month to give tips on how to sharpen one's writing style.

Most members attend as needed, when they have something to share, said Holland, the group's president. In-person meetings usually draw five to 10 attendees, while Zoom meetings can have 15 or more. (A yearly membership fee is \$15.) Holland finds Writers' Ink helps keep her on-track, providing motivation as well as fellowship. "It's a community, and we have become really good friends."



Writers' Ink President Melanie Holland at her writing desk with one of the collections of stories published by Writers' Ink.



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Since writing is about telling stories — whether through children's books, short fiction, novels, poetry or non-fiction — Holland invites anyone interested in becoming a storyteller to learn more about Writers' Ink by emailing rdwritersink@gmail.com.