



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

Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are delighted to continue

Connection: Sculptures by Deb Laninga

running in the Kiwanis Gallery until August 14, 2024.

The Embrace

Cold Cast Bronze with Resin, 2022

Deb Laninga



#FirstFridaysRedDeer Gallery will be open from 5:30 – 7:30 on August 2nd.

Description: Redwater artist Deb Laninga works in realism to preserve “that moment”; the moment where our humanity shines and is most evident and revealing. Shown throughout her sculptures of the figure and portrait, she creates art that captures a scene that will stay in your mind, a moment where you identify with emotions, memories, family, friends, and community.

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

Make sure to check out this show before it leaves on August 14th! Stay tuned for our next show at the Kiwanis Gallery, which will feature **Farm Life: Works by Larry Reese!**

The Red Deer Arts Council is pleased to continue

Taming the ADHD Brain Multidisciplinary Works by Carmen Winter

in the Red Deer Arts Council’s Community Gallery

until August 26, 2024.

#FirstFridaysRedDeer August 2 – Artist Carmen Winter will be showing off her musical skills during the event 5:30 – 7:30!

Gallery Hours: Mon to Fri 11am – 4pm



Photo by Oren Sew



Wisdom
Pencil Crayon on Music Manuscript
Carmen Winter



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Creative Happenings in August 2024

2024 In the Neighbourhood Concert Series

Late summer dates are:

Thursday, Aug 15 – Bower Community Centre – James Reckseidler

Friday Aug 16 – Vanier Woods – Cheryl Fisher Jazz Trio

Saturday Aug 17 – Riverside Meadows Community Centre, Denis Boisvert

Sat. Sept 14 – West Park, Gibbs & Gilly

Casino Sept 7 & 8, 2024

If you ever get an itch to play the slots or spin the roulette wheel, September 7 & 8 will be a great opportunity to have a little fun and support the Red Deer Arts Council! Many volunteers will be putting in hours for these two days at Red Deer Resort & Casino and we'd love to see your smiles while we take care of guests and players early and late! Join us and show your support!

Welcome New Staff & Support to the Red Deer Arts Council team!

These folks aren't completely new faces to the local arts scene! We've got some of Red Deer's most committed artists joining Suzanne in office starting July 23rd and we're ecstatic to welcome them to our growing team! Supporting all aspects of the organization as Administrator & Events Coordinator with a focus on Visual Arts and the galleries, we're excited to welcome Kristina Miko! We've also welcomed longtime RDAC member Scott Barnabé in the same role with a lens on the Performing Arts! Both team members will help us grow capacity as an organization and help with Literary and other programs and events across the organization. Further, we're also pleased to gain Dacia Fauth in a contract position to help support the growth of The Hub 2.0 program which is expanding into a 2-day program, starting in September. (More details to come soon, please check out new and exciting details on our website at <https://www.reddeerartscouncil.ca/news/Hub-YMCA> for further information, starting mid-month.)



From left to right: Kristina Miko, Dacia Fauth, Scott Barnabé

AlbertaCultureDays.ca September 2024

Discover • Experience • Celebrate Alberta Culture Days is back all September long, and we're thrilled to make it extra special as part of our 50th anniversary celebrations! We've got concerts, our "You Must Remember This" literary and visual arts exhibition, the Open Studio Tour, Drum Circles, Dance Classes, and more! We know you'll have a blast, so make sure to check out <https://bit.ly/RDCultureDays> or <https://www.facebook.com/reddeerculturedays/> for complete details about the upcoming events!



Call For Submissions!

YOU MUST
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Red Deer Arts Council & Central Alberta Retired Teachers Association Present

An ALBERTA CULTURE DAYS Visual and
Literary Art Exhibition

Applications due August 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Exhibition running from September 2-30

The Lettering Arts Guild of Red Deer Renews an Old Tradition

The word ‘calligraphy’ can bring to mind painstakingly intricate lettering in illuminated manuscripts from the Middle Ages. Others may think of the elegant script on wedding invitations. But what about the bold graffiti spray painted onto railway cars — or the hand-written lettering in speech bubbles floating over characters’ heads in graphic novels?

Calligraphy can mean all these things to members of the Lettering Arts Guild of Red Deer. Past-president and exhibitions co-ordinator Karen Penrice said the 70-or-so members practise the art of lettering for different reasons. Some incorporate it into their visual art works. Other members enjoy using it for card making or scrapbooking purposes. Most enjoy calligraphy as a unique art form of its own.

Penrice said she loves that the contemplative discipline can involve the principles of geometry and physics, by holding pen nibs at various angles to create different styles of script. Free-form applications, as can be found on place cards and invitations, hold appeal for many guild members. Penrice said that perhaps the free-form can be attributed to graffiti artists and taggers who create their own blocky and/or swirly lettering styles on the sides of buildings or rail cars.

While members of the guild tend to stick to paper and pens, they have the freedom to explore their individual interest. During a class or workshop, Penrice said, “I like to get up and walk around and see what everyone else is doing... to see where creativity takes people.”

The Lettering Arts Guild of Red Deer was started by a handful of practitioners in 1985. The club will celebrate its 40th anniversary next year. At its height, the local guild had upwards of 130 members. Membership is just over half that now and this number has held steady for many years. Penrice said most of the members tend to be older and female. But there are also some younger folks and males in the group. Some reside elsewhere in North America, as far as Texas. Over the years, the club has brought world-renowned calligraphy experts to Red Deer to teach the process. Online and in-person classes and workshops are still regularly offered. Members get together monthly to learn about different kinds of paper and writing techniques — from the decorative to the bold.

Penrice, a retired physiotherapist, said she’s always been interested in the written form, ever since taking a commercial art class in high school. She joined the Guild to learn beautiful lettering and to incorporate it into her watercolour paintings. But the friendships she’s made are a big reason why she continues to attend meetings at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Capstone.

“It’s a friendly social group,” she said, with a Christmas party and a year-end potluck barbecue. Regular exhibitions are held in between to keep members interested. Penrice said beginners are welcome and neat handwriting is not a pre-requisite. Members are willing to share their skills. “There are always new and creative lettering styles to learn!”

For more information about the Lettering Arts Guild of Red Deer, please email kdpenrice@gmail.com or visit lagrd.ca.



Demonstrations at a Lettering Arts Guild Meeting



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