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Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are excited to present

# Live Music with Memphis Mafia Band at Shiny Things

**Red Deer Arts Council Visual Arts Members Juried Exhibition**

running until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

in the Red Deer Arts Council's Kiwanis Gallery.



The Memphis Mafia are a traditional sounding classic country and rock band that honour the music of all the greats of years past.

*Be Golden*  
Mixed Media Collage, 2015  
Lorene Runham



*Canuck*  
Oil, 2021  
Philip Gauthier



**First Friday Red Deer Opening**  
**March 4<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 – 7:30 pm**

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**Library / Gallery Viewing Hours:**


Mon – Thurs: 10 am – 8 pm

Fri: 12 pm – 5 pm

Sat: 10 am – 3 pm | Sun: Closed



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**April 3rd, 2022 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm**  
at the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery  
Free to attend!  
Register at [reddeermuseum.com](http://reddeermuseum.com)

Business of Being an Artist Series

**Artist Portfolio Workshop**  
with Suzanne Hermary (Red Deer Arts Council) and Kim Verrier (Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery)

ATB Free to attend thanks to ATB Branch for Arts and Culture!

Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery

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## Art Speaks Learning Series: **PREPARING YOUR ARTIST PORTFOLIO**

This weekend's FREE workshop will help visual and performing artists prepare their portfolio to submit for auditions, exhibitions, and more! Additional information about getting your own exhibition is part of the session as well!  
Register to attend at

<https://www.reddeermuseum.com/programs/artspeaks/artist-portfolio-building-workshop/>.

## Renovations are in progress at our new office downtown!

The walls are crisp, clean, bright, and mostly (but not all) white and the floors arrive April 4<sup>th</sup> for installation. Our new office and gallery is getting super spiffy and we want to thank our friends and sponsors at Sherwin Williams and Central Alberta Tile One for making this new space as fabulous as possible from day one! A MASSIVE thank you to our volunteers, including our new landlord Savannah Properties, for the many hours they have already donated hours of their time and talent to making our space beautiful and functional. We are supremely grateful for your help and support!

We are excited to have a larger, accessible street-front venue where we can better serve the creative community and expand our advocacy about the importance of the arts for the well-being of our community. The sign, created by our friends at Quest Signs, is up (see next page!) and things are going to be gorgeous once complete. Keep your eyes open for a Grand Opening in a couple of months after we've gotten a bit settled and Suzanne is working in office each day. For the time being, we do still recommend you call or email before coming down to visit... [reddeerartscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:reddeerartscouncil@gmail.com).



**SHERWIN-WILLIAMS.**

## Year of the Garden Exhibition Call Coming Soon

With our new space, we are excited to add new arts opportunities to our Creative Community. We're going to start with a new exhibition in support of Red Deer's Year of the Garden. You might already be familiar with Red Deer Arts Council's past group shows titled, "In the Garden" so we're bringing back the theme and giving it some sun .... The call for artists of all ages, levels, abilities, and backgrounds will be forthcoming on our website mid-April with plans to install for July. Start painting, or writing, or playing with dirt (ahem...clay,) or building your beehive. We're excited to see your creations!

## Our New Board Executive – Updates from the AGM!

We held our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday March 16, and it was the speediest AGM in the west! Half an hour! Woohoo! We still managed to get plenty done, and heard from our Chairperson, Michael Richard, and our Treasurer, Delores Coghill about the where we are as an organization exiting the past two years of upheaval. We also welcomed Lorna Johnson, recently retired Executive Director of the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery to the Board. We are excited to learn from her experience and knowledge as we continue to build and grow.

Our next Board Meeting was March 21<sup>st</sup> and that night more shuffles and magic happened! Our Board executive now features: Janice Armstrong as Chairperson, Marnie Blair as Vice-Chair, Delores Coghill as Treasurer, and Lorna has joined as Secretary! These ladies all bring a strong and determined energy to improve our community through the arts and we are excited to see where they lead!

## In the Neighbourhood Concert Series

We are working on securing all necessary funding to produce this summer's concert series and we'll announce the neighbourhood opportunities to submit as soon as we're able. Keep your eyes peeled on our social media and website!

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## Arts Council's New Space Will Become Focal Point for Arts Community

The doors are about to open on a creative new conception of the Red Deer Arts Council. While the final renovations and the big move are still ahead, the Arts Council's new office and creative space is opening this spring at #6 4919 49th Street.

"It's an opportunity for re-envisioning the kind of organization that we are," says coordinator Suzanne Hermary. "It's an opportunity to really make a name for ourselves and push advocacy because we are visible."

For more than a decade, the Arts Council has been hiding its light under a bushel, in a cramped, inaccessible office second floor of the Scott Block. "There are still way too many people that don't know that we exist – or they think that we're part of the City."

With a 24-7 security system, it was harder to get into than a New York jewelry store. The challenging stairwell created an added expense just to get the copier moved down by a special machine, she notes.

Recently taking part in the Rozsa Foundation Arts Management program, Hermary's capstone project was to find new digs for the organization that is the polestar of the arts community in Red Deer. The space she found is on the ground floor of a building that already houses A+ Art Gallery and several other arts-oriented people and organizations. The adjacent open space has been used for numerous arts events – which is how she made the contact.

Building owner Ben Heuven "is very open to supporting arts activities," Hermary says.

Heuven calls the building an "incubator" that has grown many small businesses, thanks to the visibility and profile they've received so close to the Millennium Centre.

While the higher profile will give the Arts Council more credibility as the epicentre of the arts community, the increased space creates new opportunities for service as well.

The large front space has room not only for office furniture, but also for a small gallery, some retail art space, rentable meeting space, and even a "green screen" wall (already painted!) to rent to video artists.

The gallery will be for new and emerging artists, to complement the existing Kiwanis Gallery that exhibits professional artists, Hermary explains. The retail space would be for small-scale art such as lampwork beads, so it would also complement but not compete with the A+ gallery upstairs.

With so much wall space, and a donation of paint from Sherwin-Williams, there will also be an opportunity to create a mural that can be rotated out every few months.



Coordinator Suzanne Hermary is thrilled that the Arts Council is "signing up" for a new space and bigger role as the cynosure of the arts community.



Many volunteers have helped paint and decorate the new space over the past few weeks!

The new lease was made possible by a Canada Emergency Business Loan and a provincial grant that Hermary hunted down. She's pleased that the Arts Council has finally found a space that can be a fulcrum to leverage improved services, profile, and funding.

"We haven't waited to be given a space from the City," she says. "We've just gone out and done it."

For years the Arts Council has watched other groups lobby successfully for funded space, so Hermary hopes this new nerve centre will help unify the arts community to make it more effective.

Swimmers, pickleballers and hockey players have dedicated booster groups that "make their needs very present in the face of the funders," she says. "We need to speak up for ourselves a little bit more."