



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



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

Annual Visual Arts Members Juried Exhibition:

All About Paper

running in the Kiwanis Gallery until April 14, 2025

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

#FirstFridaysRedDeer Opening reception March 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm with many of the artists in attendance!



Valleys and Lakes
Mixed Media Collage,
Denise Romaniw, 2024

Hilltown of Andalusia, Spain
Paper Collage, 2025
Wendy Meeres



Red Deer Arts Council is pleased to present

Creature Comforts

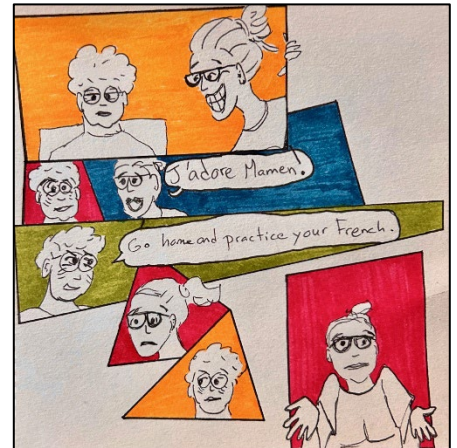
Works by Shellie Jones & Nicole Estabrooks

in the Red Deer Arts Council's Community Gallery until February 21, 2025.



Highland in the Wind – Highland Cow
Shellie Jones
Needle Felted Wool in reclaimed frame

French Lessons
Nicole Estabrooks
Ink and Paper



Join us for **#FirstFridaysRedDeer March 7** for an opening reception from 5 – 7pm with both artists in attendance.

Community Gallery Hours: Mon to Fri 10am – 5pm



~ Celebrating 50 years of Arts and Creativity in Central Alberta ~

Creative Happenings in March 2025

Red Deer Arts Council's 2025 Scholarships & Awards Program

The Red Deer Arts Council is pleased to announce the launch of our 2025 Scholarship & Awards application period. Submissions are now being accepted for the following awards:

- Princess Margaret Scholarship for Post-Secondary students
- Centennial Scholarships (Secondary & Post-Secondary)
- Waskasoo Bluegrass Music Scholarship (Secondary)
- RDC Music Society Scholarship (Post-Secondary)
- Artwalk Developing Visual Artist Award (practicing artists)
- Emerging Artist Award (practicing artists)
- The Diane Hermary Volunteer Spirit Award, via Nomination

These five scholarships and three awards are intended to support and encourage promising artists in their continued development, while also serving to raise the arts profile by stimulating, celebrating, and promoting the arts in Central Alberta.

Application guidelines and submission forms can be downloaded from our website at RedDeerArtsCouncil.ca/scholarships-awards.



The In the Neighbourhood Concert Series is back this summer!



Submissions to be a **performer** for our 6th concert season are due by April 21st. To sign up as a duo or solo musical act, please complete the form at RedDeerArtsCouncil.ca/concert-series-perform. We are not able to hire larger ensembles for this series; artists can still submit to be included on our contact list for outside opportunities – event organisers reach out to the Arts Council every year to book musicians for their special events and this juried list is a resource we can share with them. Be on it & book gigs!

Community Associations – your booking form will launch in April!

SAVE THE DATES! Creative Spring Events List

Drum Circles – Join Drummer Dan Barton at our next free circle Sunday, March 2nd @Vin L Den (beside RDAC gallery) 2–4pm.


Creative Conversation – March 20 at Urban Odyssey Pop-Up Gallery on the Ross Street Patio to chat all things art.

NEW EVENT! Red Deer Hat Parade



Inaugural Hat Walk Saturday, April 26th with an accessible stroll through downtown donning your best hat and a enjoy tea party with friends and family at the end! Hats, fashion, contests, music, art, friendship, and more! Wear your best spring bonnet or favourite ballcap! Join us! 12pm – 3pm. Meet in front of City Hall!

2nd Annual Summer Solstice Plein Air Painting event is happening again June 21 & 22 – Bigger and Better! Come Paint Alberta!




Getting Your Work on Stage - Playwrights Edition

Join Trevor Rueger of Alberta Playwrights Network for a discussion about getting your play on stage!


So you've written a play...what do you do now?? This conversation will take participants through next steps when it comes to your writing. Topics will include - dramaturgy, workshoping, development, publishing, production, and promotion. This conversation is not specific to writers, but also to anyone interested in producing, presenting, or just want to know more about what it takes to get a play from the page to the stage.

Wednesday, March 26, 2025
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.


Getting Your Work Seen by Audiences



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Red Deer Museum mag Art Gallery

The Red Deer Art Club Welcomes Artists of All Skill Levels



Thirty-seven years ago, Sheila Wright was a busy mother of two young sons who yearned to express her creativity. She found artistic motivation and plenty of like-minded friends by joining the Red Deer Art Club.

Formed in 1948, the group has become one of Red Deer's longest-serving cultural organizations. Even back when Wright signed on 1988, it had been around for four decades, with a loyal membership.

She notes three current members have been with the group even longer than she has. People stick around because it's "a community," Wright believes.

"You learn from (other members). You can talk about art with them. Art had been part of my life, forever, since my

mother was an artist... I just thought it was a comfortable place, where I needed to be..."

The non-profit continues to spark creativity in new and established artists who meet weekly on Thursday afternoons at the Golden Circle.

By paying a \$25 annual membership fee, local artists can put their work into twice-annual club sales and various exhibitions, says Wright. Red Deer-area residents can also choose to remain non-members and just drop in to attend the club's weekly art sessions for a \$2 coffee fee.

All attendees are welcome to bring their own projects — a drawing, watercolour or acrylic painting, or even a gel print (only oil paints and solvents are not allowed due to city fire codes).

They can take inspiration from monthly "prompts." Wright says past ideas have included creating art based on song titles — leading to interesting perspectives on How Much is that Doggy in the Window and Rocky Mountain High.

Landscape painters can be challenged to tackle depicting people or otherwise leave their comfort zone. But Wright said it's always in a supportive environment.

Members had largely been focused on elevating their skill level when she first joined the club. There are still member-led tutorials on colour theory, watercolour techniques, composition, printing methods etc. And once a month, anyone who wants constructive critique on a project can ask for feedback from other members.

But Wright says the focus has become more inclusive since she became president 11 years ago.

While some individual artists still take outside lessons to improve their skills, others are happy to work away on personal interests, including adult colouring books, or just share in the discussion.

Wright considers it a no-pressure environment.

Most of the 40 club members are retired. A few are disabled. Wright says the club includes everyone "in the conversation" and provides artistic encouragement.

She invites anyone interested in joining the creative community to stop by on a Thursday afternoon.

The Red Deer Art Club's spring show and sale will be held in conjunction with the Red Deer Pottery Club, on Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Red Deer Recreation Centre lobby.



To connect with Sheila and the Art Club, you can also visit [Facebook.com/RedDeerArtClub](https://www.facebook.com/RedDeerArtClub).