



A dynamic community that celebrates and supports *Arts and Creativity!*

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

Mary's World

Paintings & Drawings by Carol Lynn Gilchrist



running in the Kiwanis Gallery from June 20 – August 27, 2023.

This collection of paintings and drawings explores the poetry of Mary Oliver, (1935 - 2019, American). Mary Oliver was a keen observer of the natural world and explored timeless themes of seasonal changes, of cycles of death and rebirth, and of our connection with all living things. Carol Lynn was curious to examine how her prose could inform her painting process.

#FirstFridaysRedDeer Opening Reception May 5th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Come and meet the students and see what they see. **Gallery Hours:** Mon to Thurs 10am–8pm, Fri 12–5pm, Sat & Sun 10am–3pm

The Red Deer Arts Council is pleased to present:

Handmade By You:

Artists from Youth HQ and the Boys and Girls Club

in the Red Deer Arts Council's Community Gallery.

#FirstFridaysRedDeer

Opening Reception

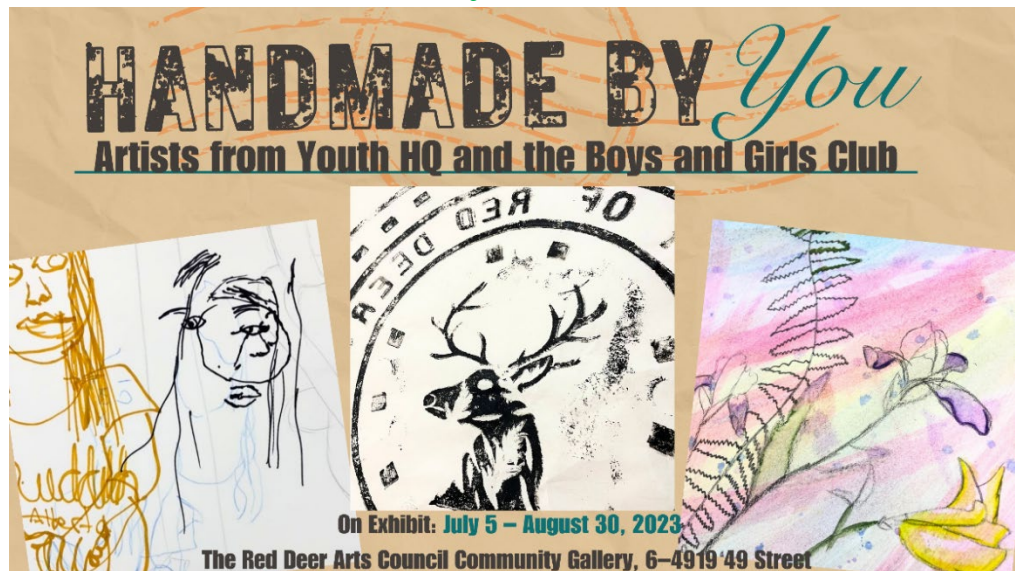
July 7th from 5pm – 7pm

6 – 4919 49 Street, Downtown

Red Deer

Running : July 5 – August 30

Gallery Hours: Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm



RED DEER & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION all for community.



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What's Happening in July 2023

The 4th Edition of the In the Neighbourhood Concert Series starts NOW!



We're so excited to present our 4th year of pop-up concerts in and around Central Alberta this summer!

Join us at any concert around Red Deer or Red Deer County this summer and enjoy the fun! Bring your lawn chair or a blanket, sunscreen. Often, food is available for purchase at these events, so a few bucks can't hurt and helps a great cause in the community! (Tips for performers are also welcome!)

- Mountview & Sunnybrook welcomes Denis Boisvert on Wednesday, July 12 at 7:30pm at G.W. Smith School
- Mynarski Park in Springbrook welcomes Keeley Russell from Calgary for Thursday, July 13 at 6pm! (Corner of Oak + Willow Streets, GPS for 506 Oak)
- Spruce View Community Hall hosts Taylor Drive on Thursday, July 20 at 6pm! (2127 AB-54, Spruce View)
- Benalto Family Resource Centre hosts Alecia Aichelle on Thursday, July 27 at 6pm! (5025 40 St.)

Come to our Art Supply Swap and Design Social Event July 8th!

Back in 2022 when the street was under construction, a few organizations and businesses on 49th Street created a collective to revive our little pocket of downtown. This year, we're looking to create a more permanent sidewalk lounge space with your design ideas to help us create this new outdoor venue right outside our front door!

Join us Saturday, July 8 from 12pm – 2pm to swap art supplies with other local artists and to share your ideas about how we can make this fun new place come alive with art, music, and community. Bring your unused art supplies to swap with something new you've always wanted to try out, and connect with other local artists, the creative businesses on the street, and maybe enjoy a tasty bit from a local business, too!

Call for Alberta Culture Days Visual & Literary Art Exhibition:

Here, There & Everywhere

Visit RedDeerArtsCouncil.ca/abcd-gallery to download the submission form and find out more about this intriguing group exhibition!

PARADISE PLAZA

SIDEWALK LOUNGE

WHERE ART, MUSIC, AND COMMUNITY CONNECT



COME TO OUR DESIGN SOCIAL AND PROVIDE INPUT!
SATURDAY JULY 8 FROM 12:00-2:00 PM

49TH STREET

Local Event Producer Helps Sow Seeds of Arts and Culture in Downtown Red Deer



In 2021, event producer Kimberly Beaune moved back to her hometown of Red Deer after being away for 27 years, working in Calgary, Edmonton and Toronto. Among the first changes she noticed is the downtown seemed to have lost some "spirit" since she left. On the more encouraging side, Beaune also observed how thriving our local culture has become. "I was most excited that there is this vibrant arts scene," she recalled. "The Red Deer Arts Council is active, there are First Fridays (art gallery openings) for visual arts. There is the Ross Street Patio, and all of this music and theatre..."

She was thrilled with the wider array of live entertainment options in the community. While Red Deer Polytechnic suspended its theatre program in 2020, Central Alberta Theatre continues and there's also now Red Deer Players, Bull Skit Comedy, and Prime Stock Theatre (of which she is General Manager and her husband Richard has become artistic director).

Kimberly Beaune, who was once heavily involved in her youth club, high school theatre and Country Pride dancing, has now dived right back into her home community to help re-energize the heart of Red Deer.

"One of the first things I did is join the Red Deer Arts Council, the Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Red Deer," she recalled. As a business owner, the Red Deer College hospitality graduate has lived in many big cities and knows that "art is the seed" that kick-starts neighbourhood regentrification by sprouting a thriving mix of galleries, shops and restaurants.

"It starts with artists doing cool and interesting things. Soon other people want to come down and see it," she explained, and this buzz causes businesses in the area to thrive and more to move in. "Artists build community, create a vibe and a destination, and then move on and do it all again somewhere else."

Beaune, who's planned large-scale events for Canadian Tire, L'Oreal, Swarovski Crystal, and others, runs her own company, Creative Twist Inc., which manages Scott Block Theatre and is marketing it as a diverse event space.

Beaune is also operating the Capstone Discovery Bus, which pulls up at most special activities to draw awareness of Red Deer's newest riverside neighbourhood, pegged for residential/commercial development. Beaune and her staff are planning many of the Capstone events in Canada 150 Square, including free drop-in art classes and concerts, Upcoming are Capstone Cabaret on July 7, Jazz and Java on July 9. There's Yoga in the Square as well as bike cruises, car events and more. (The full run down is available at liveincapstone.ca/events.)

She hopes to ignite a similar scene this summer on 49th Street. Beaune is part of the Back Alley Collective, made up of members of the Downtown Business Association and Arts Council. They are setting out to create a Paradise Plaza gathering spot with art and music on the sidewalk. Buskers will entertain during Wednesday farmer's markets, and on other days, alternating with Ross Street Patio events. And it's just the beginning, said Beaune.

Just as there's an entertainment district on Ross Street, she envisions an arts and culture district eventually unfolding on Little Gaetz, up to and including the Welikoklad Centre. "Wouldn't it be great to see something happening there?"

Visit Kimberly's website at CreativeTwist.ca to learn more about bringing creative ideas to life!

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