

# Red Deer Arts Council

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A dynamic community that celebrates and supports the **Arts**

Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are pleased to present:

## Hang-ups and Insights

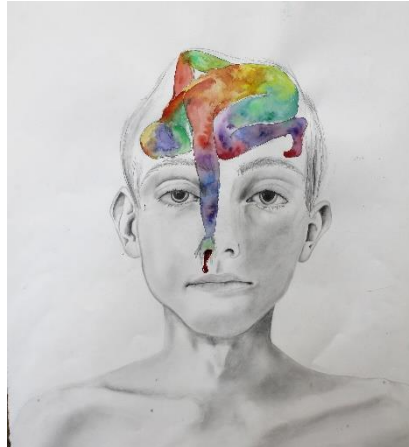
The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual IB and AP Art Show with  
 École Lindsay Thurber  
 Comprehensive High School and  
 Hunting Hills High School

running until June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the  
 Kiwanis Gallery.

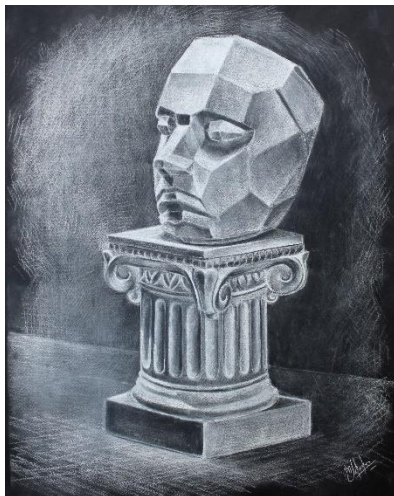
**First Friday Red Deer:**  
 June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm



*Overstimulated*  
 Marker  
 Alex Jones  
 Hunting Hills High School



*Nicholas*  
 Graphite & Watercolour  
 Grace Stignant  
 Hunting Hills High School



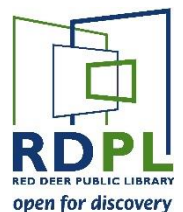
*Shakespeare*  
 Graphite  
 Margaryta Lvova  
 Hunting Hills High School



*Doors>building*  
 Emma Plastow  
 Acrylic on masonite board  
 Ecole Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School



*平和 (Heiwa)*  
 Alyssa Richardson  
 Mixed Media on masonite board  
 Ecole Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School



## News and Events Happening in June

### Scholarship and Awards

We are very happy to announce the winners of the 2019 Red Deer Arts Council Scholarships & Awards:  
 Centennial Scholarship for Secondary Students – Ainsley Nivens – Performing Arts - Dance  
 Centennial Scholarship for Post-Secondary Students – Jesse Drwiega – Performing Arts – Musical Theatre  
 Waskasoo Bluegrass Music Scholarship for Secondary Students – Harbour Lehocky – Performing Arts - Violin  
 Emerging Artist Award – Jason Steele – Performing Arts – Theatre & Film  
 Artwalk Developing Visual Artist Award – Roberta Murray  
 The Princess Margaret Scholarship, administrated for the City of Red Deer – Holly Mayoh – Visual Arts  
 Thank you to our jurors for your work in selecting these fine candidates and thank you to the Scholarship Committee for your guidance through the process. Congratulations to all the winners!

### Meet our New Board Members



Jan Underwood immigrated to Canada in 1981. Prior to that she was employed as a Theatre Specialist in high schools in England for 10 years. She directed many musicals and plays and assisted in developing the Drama Certificate for Secondary Education in the school system.

In Red Deer she opened Masquerade School of Drama, and also Masquerade Talent Agency, which operated successfully for many years, teaching Theatre Arts, Musicals, Speech Arts, On Camera, and entered many students in various Kiwanis Speech and Music Festivals. She was a member of Central Alberta Theatre and the Red Deer Players and has volunteered as a Director, Producer, Actor, and Dialect coach. One of her favourite initiatives as a Producer was the performance of

“Journeys of Hope – Four Refugee Stories” in 2016, shown to a packed audience at the Welikoklad Centre as part of Alberta Culture Days. This involved over 75 people from all artistic mediums, writing the plays, adding choreography, music, poetry, songs, film, artwork, and more. These can still be viewed on YouTube. Jan continues to be an advocate for encouraging integration of people of different cultures with diverse artistic talents into the Central Alberta arts scene and broader community.

### The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Open Studio Tours

The Visual Arts Committee is excited to announce the dates of our upcoming Open Studio Tours, happening June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> around Red Deer and Central Alberta! With over 20 artists opening their doors, it's going to be an awesome weekend of discovering creativity and our amazing local talent. See the process these artists undertake to create their unique works and talk to them and learn about what they do! Everything from glasswork to painting, ceramics to felt hats, it runs the gamut with: Marianne Harris, Marlene Kallstrom-Barritt, Jeri-Lynn Ing, Shirley Rimer, Roberta Murray, Larry Reese, Darcy Gusse Edinga, Margriet Hogue, Margaret R. Hall, Leanne Keyes, Trenton Thomas Leach & Holly Elliott, Wendy Meeres, Bobbie Seright-Palanuik, Pat Matheson, Gordon Hiebert, Suzanne LeBeau, Kristina Cryderman, Vivian Williamson, Emily Williamson and Naomi Williamson. Keep your eyes open for brochures like these available now!

**The Red Deer Public Market** – The joys of summer Saturday mornings have returned to downtown and the Red Deer Arts Council is holding down Stall 18 for members each week! Make sure to visit us while you're shopping for your homemade and homegrown specialties!

# Fran Kimmel, literary voices and mysteries

Fran Kimmel has been writing all her life and, now in the middle of her third novel, still finds it a “mysterious process.” The Lacombe author’s advice for others plumbing their own literary mysteries is – like Nike says – Just do it. “The best piece of advice is to write. Just keep writing,” says Fran.

Writing is often more about the journey than the destination – especially for those just learning to find their voice.

And fear not: “Out of bad writing comes good writing,” she says. “Be gentle with yourself.”

Fran says writing has always been a passion. She has written newspaper and magazine features, for online publications, tackled teen magazine columns, educational videos, corporate work and radio drama.

All the while, she was writing for herself, her imagination fed by an eclectic career that has included jobs as youth worker, career counsellor, proposal writer, communications

coordinator and a 10-year stint as a vice-president for a national management consulting firm.

While enjoying her success, she knew she had her own stories to tell. She began writing short stories and drew out her own literary voice.

As the stories flowed from her imagination, she found she was returning to the same characters often. It seemed natural to let her characters take shape in the longer form of a novel — and *The Shore Girl* was born.

“I like the spaciousness of the story you can tell with a novel.”

That debut novel won the 2013 Alberta Readers’ Choice Award and was selected a Canada Reads Top 40 book. It follows Rebee from toddler to teen as she deals with her mother’s addictions and a family’s dark past.

To say the success of her debut came as a surprise is a bit of an under-statement. “I was shocked,” she says with a chuckle. “I was quite thrilled it was getting some exposure.”

*No Good Asking* came out last year and focuses on Hannah, a troubled young girl who is taken in by a family over Christmas.

While writing is a solitary pursuit, she has shared her passion with others through numerous writing and communications workshops. She has participated in many retreats and loves most of all meeting fans and literature lovers through book club appearances throughout Central Alberta and as far as Cranbrook and Kimberley, B.C.

“I think they’re my favourite thing. I meet such interesting people.

“I also get great reading recommendations.” For more about Fran go to [www.frankimmel.com](http://www.frankimmel.com).



## I am the Arts

I am a mother, grandma, daughter, wife, sister, friend, and dog mom.

I enjoy life's simple pleasures, especially a good story.

I am proud to call Central Alberta home.

Join me in discovering the best Central Alberta has to offer.

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