



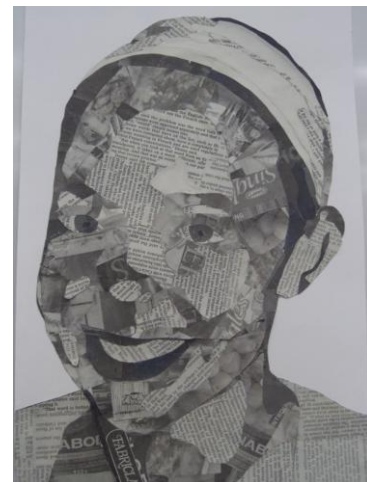
**Creating a vibrant community
that celebrates the *Arts***

*The 29th Annual Middle School Awesome Art Show
in the Kiwanis Gallery*

**April 29 to May 25, 2014
The 29th Middle Schools Awesome Art Show**

Explore the hidden and oft times turbulent world of students from five middle schools of Red Deer. What trends will they see? What TV or social media world will be explored? What will catch their eye this year? This annual exhibit delights its audience with a variety of works expressing these young students' talents as they experiment with different subject matter and media. Come see what is new!

First Friday Red Deer Opening: May 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.
Come and meet the students and enjoy their interesting artwork.



Self Portrait
Mixed Media, Grade 8
Mariah Smith, Westpark



Haida Bear
Ink, Grade 7
Cassie Jones, Eastview



Untitled
Mixed Media Collage, Grade 6
Maria Semenova, Westpark

First Friday Red Deer is sponsored by the Red Deer Downtown Business Association for RDAC.



Things you might not know about the Red Deer Arts Council:

Did you know that we partner with the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra to help sell their raffle tickets? This is the second year our board members have taken on this responsibility. Tickets are still available at the Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Symphony Orchestra's offices. Tickets are going fast. Imagine winning a trip for two to Cancun, Mexico. Wouldn't you want a bit of warm weather now?

Did you know that our board members will again be at East 40th Pub and Grill to host a Meat Draw raffle? It is oodles of fun with lots of folks enjoying the pub's fabulous steak sandwiches throughout the two summer months. Stay tuned to find out when we will be there. Lots of our members have won the meat draw, so be sure to attend.

Did you know that our members, both organizations and individuals, are eligible to take their spot in the famous Red Deer Public Market from May to October? Spots are still available to members, but if you aren't a member and would like to participate in this, please call Diana at the office - all it takes is to join us as a member and a spot is yours! Previous members who shared this benefit were delighted with the outcome. They met new people, talked about their events, sold their artwork, got the word out to hundreds of people who hadn't realized what a vibrant arts community we have! Join us to spread the message: arts and culture are alive and well in Red Deer.

Did you know that we participate in Red Deer Artwalk Festival? We support with volunteers and share the information tent with the Artwalk Committee. Scott Barnabé, our Chair, has been there for three years running. Other board members take on additional responsibilities when their time allows.

Did you know that our Visual Arts members are entitled to join in the fun of a Pop-Up Gallery? We have participated in two so far as a new initiative. We are planning more - especially for Alberta Culture Days, September 27th . And we have a secret venue just waiting for exploration!

Did you know that our Coordinator chairs the Alberta Culture Days meetings and applies to Alberta Culture for grants on behalf of many partners? And we work with the Public and Catholic Schools to place artists in the schools and hosts a performance with our partner, Red Deer College (Arts Centre), that sees over 1000 students enjoy a play for the first time. There have been many 'wow' moments for those students!

Did you know that we partner with the *Red Deer Scene*, and Carl Stretton, to print over 1100 hard copies of our joint publication? We have done that for nearly three and a half years, now! Thanks to Carl, we have a printed presence among Red Deerians.

Did you know that we share all the arts communities events, workshops, performances, exhibits, etc, through our weekly listings - only to members! So far this year, over 24 organizations, 75 renewed members and 22 new members get this benefit weekly! All members are welcome to send us their information to be disseminated to people who have a vested interest in the arts. This is a fabulous reason to join the Red Deer Arts Council and be a part of something grand!

**Alberta Art & Drafting Supplies
Celebrate 20 Years of Excellence
by Sherrie Wood**

Over the past two decades, Alberta Art & Drafting Supplies has been a supportive influence to the art community. Located centrally between two of Alberta's largest cities, Calgary & Edmonton, their downtown residence at 4711-49th Avenue in Red Deer attracts every age group, as well as every level of expertise. Their commitment to promoting inspiration shows in their impressive selection of inventory, the credibility of their educated staff, along with a fair pricing system, which meets the criteria of all genres.

Karen Walls (Owner) set out to provide an independent, locally owned establishment dedicated to satisfying their patrons every need. With the help of Lorette Frank (Manager) and their knowledgeable team of sales representatives, they are prepared to assist clients in finding any specific product or material that may be required. For any item that can't be tracked down, special orders are available; they possess the ability to ship Canada-wide and discounts may also apply to your purchase.

Alberta Art & Drafting Supplies has endured through a number of expansions over the years that have multiplied the amount of their product by up to ten times. Shelves are lined from floor to ceiling with everything imaginable, including instructional media such as DVD's and literature. Their inventory consists of all the necessary media for painting, drawing, calligraphy, printmaking, air-brushing, sculpture, ceramics, drafting, design, etc. An in-store gallery, called "Wall 2 Wall," can be viewed where local artists exhibit two to three pieces of their artwork for viewing, but the works are also for sale. People from all walks of life are welcomed to shop or browse at their pleasure in an ambient atmosphere. For children, there is a cozy corner where they are encouraged to express their creativity and have the option to submit their artwork for display.

Art classes for adults are scheduled every Friday, twice a day, between 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and between 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, with Michael Downs. Occasionally, other art classes are put on by Samantha da Silva, about once every three months. Any artist interested in giving lessons is invited to discuss further details with the management. At Alberta Art & Drafting Supplies, their constant goal is to keep the public informed on upcoming art shows. They uniquely accept and cater to absolutely everyone in the art industry. Join them on Facebook or come in to see what they have to offer Red Deer and the surrounding community. You can contact them at info@albertaart.com or phone 403-346-8255.

Red Deer Arts Council is sad to say goodbye to Mike Lupul. Mike has been writing our "I am the Arts" interviews for two years. As a business administration student at Red Deer College, Mike has been part of our Programming Committee as well as doing our interviews. We wish Mike well as he seeks new endeavours and new creative outlets. Thanks Mike!

We welcome various members of *Writers Ink* as our new source of interviewers! You will see their names change as they share this responsibility. Our members will be contacted by them when the time comes to be interviewed. Members who would like to be interviewed are to contact Diana in the office.

We are the Arts



Erin Boake at Golden Dealer Workshop,
Calgary, 2013
Photo by Lorette Frank

We are mothers, sisters, and friends.

We are artists, illustrators, painters,
ceramicists, and sculptors.

We are passionate and we love Art!
Our mission is to provide artists
with the best materials and customer
service available! We are Alberta Art
& Drafting Supplies.

We are proud to call Red Deer home.

Join us in discovering the best our
City has to offer.

Upcoming Events:

May 27 to June 21

Hang-ups and Insights: The 6th Annual IB and AP Art Show with Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School and Hunting Hills High School

Want to know who's who on our Board?

Chair of Red Deer Arts Council, Scott Barnabé

Vice-Chair, Janice Shimek

Treasurer, Dolores Coghill

Secretary, Diane Hermary

Communications - Jonathan Wieler, Chair

Programming - Heather Christenson, Chair,

Committee Member - Jonathan Wieler

Fundraising- Janice Shimek, Chair

Portfolio

Visual Arts/Gallery - Carol Nault, Chair

Literary - Carl Hahn, Chair

Performing - Carl Stretton, Chair, Committee Member
- Rob Ironside

Culture - Dolores Coghill, Chair

Scholarships - Matt Gould, Chair

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