



Creating a vibrant community that celebrates the *Arts*

Tantalizing Treasures come out of the cupboard in the Kiwanis Gallery

February 23 to April 24

**Out of the Cupboard: A Red Deer Arts Council Members
Juried Exhibition**

What tantalizing treasures are hidden in your cupboard?
Is it your grandmother's favourite teacup? Or do you have
something as odd as a pair of boxing gloves hidden away
among mundane items?

The Red Deer Arts Council's visual arts members have
been cupboard-diving to see what their creative energy
could produce for this themed exhibit. The Visual Arts
Committee developed a special theme this year,
challenging our members to identify and find inspiration
in their cherished objects. The results will surprise you!

Artists created pieces of art inspired by special objects in
their homes or studios, whether kept out in the open or
tucked away in a cupboard. They may or may not be
functional; they may be in use or just kept as treasured
items. Their artists' statements will offer insight into what
these artworks are all about.

The exhibit was opened to all Red Deer Arts Council visual
arts members. Our First Friday Red Deer Opening is set
for March 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Come and join the fun!
Refreshments served and all are welcome to attend.

First Friday Red Deer is sponsored by the
Red Deer Downtown Business Association



Cocks and Cookbooks,
Acrylic, Marianne Harris



Glubs, Fibre,
Charity Beasley



Flames of Amber,
Raku, Sharon Grinde



Dad & Andy,
Digital, Lorene Runham



Red Deer Arts Council Annual General Meeting and "Where's My Tribe?" Event

Notice is hereby given that the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of The Red Deer Arts Council will be held on Monday, **March 21st**, 2016, at 6:30 pm in the Snell Auditorium in the downtown branch of the Red Deer Public Library at 4818 49 Street, Red Deer, Alberta.

Immediately following the AGM, the Red Deer Arts Council will host a "Where's My Tribe?" social from 7:30 to 8:30 pm with live entertainment. **Charlie Jacobson**, our second Emerging Artist Award winner from 2015, will be entertaining us for a full 45-minute set with his mix of blues/rock music. Dancing is encouraged! Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome to attend.

Creative Business Planning for Your Creative Business

Want to grow the business side of your art-making life? A well-thought-out and flexible business plan can make a big difference. During this session, you will engage in creative and fun processes that help you think about the business side of your art-making life. Each week you will be given questions and exercises to help you in your planning. Take-aways include a binder of useful materials and worksheets, a rough first draft of your business plan, and resource lists of books, articles and websites to help you finalize the plan. This is a great investment in your future!

When:	Tuesdays, April 12, 19, AND 26 (6:30 – 8:45 p.m.)
Who:	Up to 12 artists (visual, literary, performing)
Instructor:	Glynis Wilson Boulton*
Investment:	\$150 for Red Deer Arts Council members \$180 for non-members (includes a membership up to Dec. 31, 2016)

Registration Deadline: April 1, 2016

To register, call 403-348-2787 or email info@reddeerartscouncil.ca

*Glynis Wilson Boulton is a writer and emerging visual artist who has run her own successful arts-oriented consulting business for the past 17 years. Glynis brings a passion for arts-based processes and experience with planning in both traditional and non-traditional ways. (Her first business plan was a collage. Later, she expanded her planning repertoire to meet the changing needs of her business.)



To all who moan about the price of musicians:

A guy calls the musicians' guild to get a quote on a 6 piece band for a wedding. The rep says "Off the top of my head, about \$2000".

The guy says "WHAT? FOR MUSIC?"

The rep responds "I'll tell you what. Call the plumbers' union & ask for six plumbers to work from 6 'til midnight on a Saturday night. Whatever they charge you, we'll work for half."



This little quote is taken from Facebook, but sums up the situation for artists nicely. Food for thought!

Issy Covey and her Perfectly Imperfect Pottery

Interview by Paul Cowley

Issy Covey's relationship with pottery is a little twisted.

"I never liked pottery," confesses the Red Deer artist. "It was my least favourite thing in college and my least favourite thing to teach."

Textiles and silk screen printing were her artistic passions as a young woman studying at college in Aberdeen, the Scottish city close to where she grew up. As a teacher in a tough part of Aberdeen (think a brogue Blackboard Jungle) she had to inspire enthusiasm in all of the arts – that included pottery and the dreaded wheel.

Long after she followed her Canadian husband Wayne to his home country, where they raised two sons, pottery re-entered Issy's life. Friend, neighbour and artist Sue Barker "forced" her about 17 years ago to take a pottery class, she laughs.

"I enjoyed the club. There were a lot of nice people," she says. She also found hand building and extruding clay forms was a lot more fun than the wheel. As each form was created, a kind of warped inspiration took hold, and her cylinders and rectangular vases were given new shape.

"I think when I realized I'd never make them perfect, it was natural to twist them. In the back of my mind, I still want to make it a perfect cylinder, but something just grabs me."

Before she knows it her hands and sponges have turned the clay into fascinating, organic, raku shapes. Further adding to the mystery and the spontaneity of the works is the unpredictable nature of the firing and glazing process. "You never know what colour it's going to be."

Issy, who is a long-time Red Deer Arts Council member and a dedicated First Friday Red Deer volunteer at the Red Deer Arts Council's Kiwanis Gallery in the downtown Public Library, is looking forward to spending more time on her pottery. She recently retired from the Red Deer Advocate where she was the graphic artist for 25 years. Her work has been featured in numerous local shows and sales and was most recently in the Red Deer Arts Council show at the Kiwanis gallery.

Matthew Peavoy played Rachmaninoff's Etude Tableau op. 39, No. 9 for the Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition and then played it at Carnegie Hall on November 28, 2015. Take 3:51 minutes of your day and have a listen! Matthew was our 2013 Princess Margaret Scholarship Award Winner while still a student at Red Deer College and went on to Brandon University. Truly a gifted individual!



Links to YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fc-QCSM4aAo>

This is the link to his channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/matthewdpeavoypiano>

I am the Arts



Issy enjoying a cold one in Bergen, Norway, in 2013 - a family photograph.

I am a mother and grandmother.

I love to walk my dog, sculpt and listen to classic rock (I saw the Rolling Stones in Aberdeen when Brian Jones was still in the band).

I am an artist and a potter.

I am Issy Covey.

I am proud to call Red Deer and beautiful Central Alberta home.

Join me in discovering the best our city has to offer.

Upcoming Exhibit in the Kiwanis Gallery:

April 26 to May 23

The 31st Middle Schools Awesome Art Show

First Friday Red Deer Opening: May 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Our 2016 award for the Emerging Artist Award and our three scholarships for Secondary and Post-Secondary Students are out. Deadline for our Scholarships is March 4th. Deadline for the Emerging Artist Award is April 1st. Spread the word for us. All information is on our website.

Tax time is coming up! There is still time to donate to the Red Deer Arts Council and receive your tax receipt for this year, but hurry!

The Canadian Revenue Agency recognizes our charity status and enables us to give tax receipts for your donations. Give a little, give a lot!

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