



A dynamic community that celebrates and supports the Arts

Red Deer Arts Council is pleased to present



Alberta Culture Days²⁰²⁰ September 2020 Discover • Experience • Celebrate



Trees Together
Acrylic on canvas
Marianne Harris, 2017
(at 4804-50 Avenue)

The Red Deer Arts Council gratefully acknowledges the many venue owners, both landlords and business operators, who've provided access to their storefront windows on Ross Street, Little Gaetz and 49th Street. A complete list of spaces and artists is available at <https://www.reddeerartscouncil.ca/news/alberta-culture-days/glass-front-gallery-alberta-culture-days-2020-event>.

On September 26th, from 12-4pm, we're also hosting a mini Open Studio Tour at Roland Plaza, The Scott Block, and Wolf & Crown Tattoo!



Bower Ponds
Acrylic on Gallery-Wrapped Canvas
Brian Downes, 2019
(at 5005 50 Street)



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ALBERTA CULTURE DAYS

EVENT CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

A MIX OF IN-PERSON  & VIRTUAL/ONLINE 



WATCH FOR THE SPECIAL COMMUNITY ART PROJECT 



SEPT 1-30

GLASS-FRONT ART GALLERY

RED DEER ARTS COUNCIL AND CENTRAL ALBERTA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION



SEPT 3, 10, 17, 24

ART STREAMED: DISCOVER RADICAL ART CONTENT FROM RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY

RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY



SEPT 10

MEET THE ARTIST: MATT GOULD

RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY



SEPT 12-13 & 19-20

NORWEGIAN LAFT HUS OPEN HOUSE

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SEPT 12

IMAGINATION STATION FAMILY ART ACTIVITY

CENTRAL ALBERTA CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL - FAMILY SERVICES OF CENTRAL ALBERTA

SEPT 2020



SEPT 12, 19, 26

LIVE MUSIC ON THE PATIO & AROUND DOWNTOWN RED DEER!

CITY OF RED DEER CULTURE SERVICES



SEPT 17

BOOK CLUB JAMBOREE

RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY



SEPT 19

TWO NEW EXHIBITIONS OPEN AT THE MUSEUM!

RED DEER MUSEUM + ART GALLERY



SEPT 19

DO MORE GOOD CORPORATION - EDUCATION/ ENTERTAINMENT

MICHENER CENTRE EDUTAINMENT CHARETTE



SEPT 19, 26

COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

CITY OF RED DEER CULTURE SERVICES



SEPT 24

"THE SHARING CIRCLE" THERESA "CORKY" LARSEN-JONASSON

RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY



SEPT 25, 26

A CELEBRATION OF RED DEER'S CULTURAL RICHES

CENTRAL ALBERTA REFUGEE EFFORT & URBAN ABORIGINAL VOICES SOCIETY



SEPT 26

A CELEBRATION OF DANCE

COUNTRY PRIDE DANCE CLUB



SEPT 26

COMMUNITY ART PROJECT + GALLERY

A + ART GALLERY & UNIQUE COLLECTIONS



SEPT 26

MINI OPEN STUDIO TOUR IN THE GLASS FRONT ART GALLERY

RED DEER ARTS COUNCIL



SEPT 26

FAMILY LITERARY SCAVENGER HUNT

RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY



SEPT 26

THE MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

RED DEER ARTS COUNCIL AND RED DEER CULTURAL HERITAGE SOCIETY



SEPT 26

BOOMING TREE TAIKO PERFORMANCE

RED DEER ARTS COUNCIL

FOR FULL EVENT DETAILS, TIMES & LOCATIONS VISIT

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Alberta Culture Days 

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Alberta Culture Days Still Social, If Somewhat Distant

It takes creativity to keep a public event alive during a pandemic. Fortunately, artists are full of creativity. Alberta Culture Days will have a decidedly different look this year, but it will persevere. In fact, Culture Days is now a month-long event.

One event that is running all month downtown is the Glass Front Gallery exhibit, a collaboration of the Arts Council and the Central Alberta Retired Teachers' Association. Arts Council Coordinator Suzanne Hermary says several building owners and businesses bought into the opportunity, so plenty of window space will be dedicated to the exhibit on Ross Street, 49th Street and Little Gaetz Avenue.

All the art will be behind glass, but it's still a good chance for anyone interested in purchases to do some window-shopping.

"I'm happy to help people make sales of their art," Hermary says.

Another major downtown event is scheduled for the final weekend: the mini-tour of art studios. The Arts Council's Open Studio Tour, where the public can visit Red Deer art studios, is normally held in June. It was cancelled this year due to the pandemic, explains Hermary.

Instead, three artists will be working on pieces in downtown store-front locations. Not only will the art be behind glass, but the artists as well, so the public can walk by safely and watch them ply their skills.

If looking at art from a safe distance simply isn't enough, there are more opportunities for participation. The City's Culture Services department has sponsored a family-friendly community art project with local art teacher Erin Boake.

"We can safely social distance everybody," Hermary says.

Participants of all skill levels can add to the painting, which will be a tribute to the frontline workers during the pandemic, and will be permanently installed at the hospital afterward.

Another full-participation event is the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Cronquist House is the site of an afternoon of tea and scones, with instrumental and theatre performances themed on Alice in Wonderland. The Arts Council and the Cultural Heritage Society have made it a free event. Hermary says they had a similar party last year themed on the Bronte sisters.

"It was really, really well received."

As usual, the Central Alberta Refugee Effort is getting in on the act as well. In partnership with the Urban Aboriginal Voices, CARE is planning both live and virtual performances, displays and demonstrations from a variety of world and indigenous cultures. A drum circle is scheduled for Sept. 25 and 26 at Festival Hall, and events will be simulcast on social media.

There is, of course, a risk that pandemic rules may change as the month goes on, and some events could end up cancelled. But with the number of glass-front and virtual events, Alberta Culture Days will still be a significant event. Red Deer Public Library's entire slate of events is being safely live-streamed, and includes music, storytelling and visual art.

"We tried to make things both self-guided (and) digitally deliverable," Hermary says.

For the complete list of events, dates, times and locations, visit the Red Deer Arts Council website at reddeerartscouncil.ca or reddeerevents.ca.



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