



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

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

The Floral Female Connection Oils and Mixed Media by Sharon Wright

running in the Kiwanis Gallery from December 29 – February 20, 2023.



Exotic Beauty
Oil on Canvas, 2021
Sharon Wright

Star Struck Peonies
Oil on Canvas, 2022
Sharon Wright



#FirstFridaysRedDeer Opening Reception January 6th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Refreshments served. The artists will be in attendance.

Gallery Hours
Monday to Thursday: 10 am – 8 pm,
Friday: 12 – 5 pm, Saturday: 10 am – 3 pm,
Sunday: 10 am – 3 pm

The Red Deer Arts Council is pleased to present

The Brush Decides

An Exhibition of Paintings by Cathy Fee

in the Red Deer Arts Council's New Community Gallery.

#FirstFridaysRedDeer Opening Reception January 6 from 5pm – 7pm with the artist in attendance.

6 – 4919 49 Street, Downtown Red Deer

Gallery Hours: Wednesday – Friday, 10am – 4pm and by appointment.

My work is about freedom. Sometimes I feel stuck in a wheelchair. Painting sets me free. It makes me feel like a normal, whole person and not someone who is broken. Painting inspires me to be free. Being free from pain reminds me of what it was like when I used to ride a motorcycle. When I rode, I felt like I was flying. Painting lets me fly again. Sometimes I'm not sure where the painting will end up when I start, I just have to let the brush decide.



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What's Happening in January 2023



**Red Deer Arts Council
Scholarships & Awards**

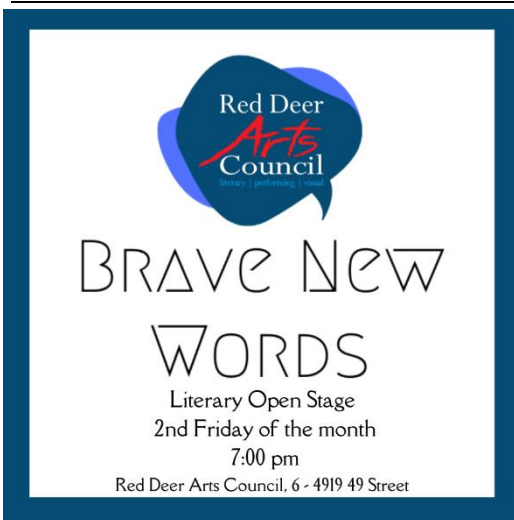
Applications open for the 2023 Scholarships & Awards

Starting January 9th, 2023, applications will be posted for our annual scholarships & awards! Submissions are due Wednesday March 1st, 2023 for all categories. The Red Deer Arts Council helps fund continuing education and artistic developments through the following five scholarships:

The Princess Margaret Scholarship for Post-Secondary Students (\$500), The Canada Centennial Scholarship for Secondary Students (\$500) and Post-Secondary Students (\$500), The Waskasoo Bluegrass Music Scholarship for Secondary Students (\$500), and The Red Deer College Music Society Scholarship for Post-Secondary Students (\$750.) Practicing artist awards

include The Artwalk Developing Visual Artist Award (\$1500), and the Emerging Artist Award (\$1000) which supports artists in all genres. Complete eligibility and submission details available at

<https://www.reddeerartscouncil.ca/about-red-deer-arts-council/scholarships-awards/scholarship-awards>.

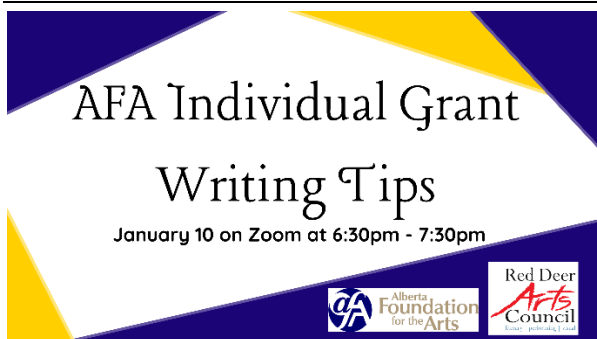
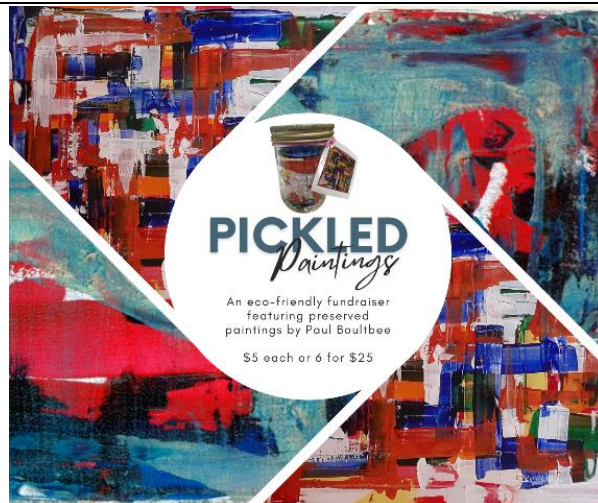


Brave New Words – A Literary Open Stage

We are so excited to finally bring back our monthly event for writers in Central Alberta after a 3-year hiatus! Join us at the Red Deer Arts Council's office on the 2nd Friday of each month starting at 7pm, for an opportunity to share your current writings, whether poem, short story, non-fiction with other writers to see how it feels in front of a supportive and encouraging audience. Works can be in progress or finished, and you can ask for feedback, though that's not required. Brave New Words is an opportunity to explore your current works more deeply – how they are received by others, how they feel when you're saying them aloud. All ages welcome. FREE to attend.

Pickled Paintings Fundraiser

We are excited to present a fundraiser with heart! These preserved original artworks are a perfect hostess gift for anyone creative on your giving list! On sale at the Red Deer Arts Council office, 6 - 4919 49 Street. \$5 each, or buy 5, get 1 FREE! Proceeds support the Red Deer Arts Council and the many exciting things we have planned for 2023! Limited supply! Get yours before they're gone!



Grant Writing Workshop with the AFA - Zoom

We're hosting a grant writing webinar with Brenda Hennig from the AFA for Individual Project Grants on January 10, 2023 at 6:30pm on Zoom. For Literary, Visual, and Performing Artists! The Alberta Foundation for the Arts (AFA) next

deadline for individual grants is 1 March 2023 for music, Indigenous, theatre, film video, literary, visual arts, and dance. Workshop topics include background of the AFA, what grants we offer, how to apply for grants, what to include in your application, the adjudication process, and the reporting process when you're successful. Reserve your FREE spot at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/492063323647>.



Art Speaks Learning Series: How to Frame and Ship Artwork

Join us January 25 from 6:30 to 8pm at the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery. Learn best practices in presenting and conserving your artwork. Join Andrea Hatch from Curiosity Art & Framing in her presentation on the importance of framing artwork and how to ship artwork for safety and preservation. Pre-registration required via reddeermuseum.com. \$10 for MAG or RDAC Members, \$15 for the public.

Coming up! February 22: Paths to Publishing with Crystal Kirkham, Local Writer
 March 29: So Many Artists, So Few Galleries – Finding Your Way with Larry Reese



Our outreach programs: The Hub 2.0 & the Ross Street Singers continue in the new year! Join us Wednesdays from 10:30am-12pm downtown at the Flex space next door to our office for the Ross Street Singers community choir, no experience needed! You could alternatively visit our friends at the YMCA and enjoy Mixed Media art-making, Strum & Drum concerts and Creative Open Stage with The Hub 2.0! Programs start at 10:30 and run until 4pm. It's a blast every week and free for all to attend.



A New Home, A New Future for Arts & Culture in Red Deer!



A Grand Opening!

Come celebrate with us as we officially launch our brand new office and art gallery in downtown Red Deer!

Friday, January 20, 2023

6:30 pm RSVP

info@reddeerartscouncil.ca

Suite 6 - 4919 49 Street

We are overjoyed to finally welcome you, our Creative Community, to the official grand opening of our lovely new space on the main floor of the Imperial Block. While we've been here most of 2022, we were under renovations and then blocked by construction work outside our front door. Now's the time to show off our space and discover the bright future of arts & culture in Red Deer! The event will include a ribbon cutting, smudge ceremony, remarks from dignitaries, refreshments and entertainment. We hope you can enjoy! Please RSVP to info@reddeerartscouncil.ca. A special shout out to the local businesses who helped us make our space so beautiful and engaging: Thank you!!!



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