



# A vibrant community celebrating and supporting Arts, Culture, and Creativity!

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## Creature Comforts

### Artworks by the Sculptors' Association of Alberta

running in the Kiwanis Gallery until November 29, 2025

As an artists' collective, the Sculptors' Association of Alberta (SAA) offers a unique perspective on the sculptural arts in our province. Their work is three-dimensional and often tactile.

Creature Comforts challenged sculptors to investigate and illustrate the comforts that move us to feel safe and secure. Through this

exhibition, the sculptors of the SAA explored how our creature comforts helped us through the pandemic – and what they mean for everyone as we travel through life.

#FirstFridaysRedDeer Opening reception November 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm with the artist in attendance. **Gallery Hours:** Mon to Thurs 9am–8pm, Fri 9am–5pm, Sat & Sun 10am–3pm

Keep It Under Your Hat - walking box  
Ash, Walnut, Padauk and glass  
Glen Christenson



Lenny the Raven  
Sculpture  
Karen Klassen

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## XL: A 40 Year Lettering Legacy

### Celebrating 40 Years of Calligraphic Works from the Lettering Arts Guild of Red Deer

at the Arts Council's Community Gallery until November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

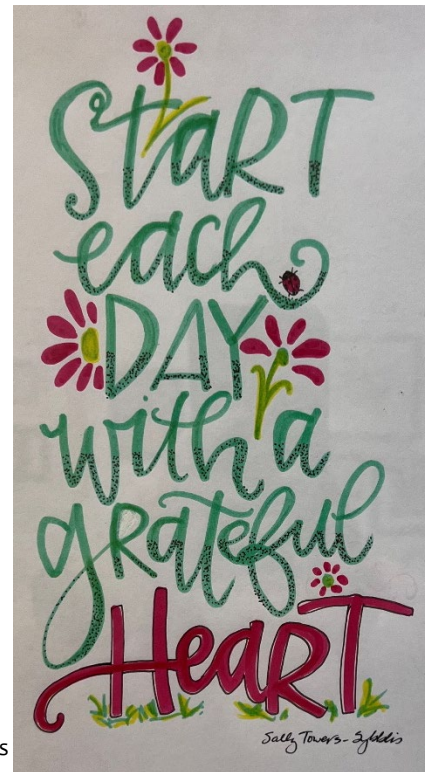
Celebrating 40 years of calligraphy in Red Deer with a wide variety of lettering styles and artistic displays. See messages in a bottle, 3D pop-ups, textural books and more!

First Fridays Opening Reception **November 7** from 5:00 – 7:00pm.

**Community Gallery Hours:** Mon to Fri 10am – 5pm



My Winter Garden by Christine Ahmad



Start Each Day... by Sally Towers-Syblis



*Celebrating more than 50 years of arts and creativity in Central Alberta*

# Creative Happenings in November 2025



With the return of the falling leaves, it's time to revisit the cool things you can do in Red Deer through the Red Deer Arts Council!

**Ross Street Singers** runs every Wednesday morning from 10:00am – 11:30am at Festival Hall! Join other community members from around Red Deer in a welcoming atmosphere to sing some fun choral music together. Free to attend, bring a pencil for notes!

**Community Drum Circles** On the first Sunday of each month, join a local drummer for a guided drum circle experience. Jam with friends, learn new rhythms, and try something new! Free to attend, drums provided, but you can also bring your own! Join us November 2 from 2 – 4pm at The Vin L Den, next door to our office.



Register for our next **Art Speaks Learning Series** talk features Search for Art Speaks on Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery's website.

[RedDeerMuseum.com/](http://RedDeerMuseum.com/) Stacey Bliss, PhD, is the Research Grant Specialist, Applied Research, at Red Deer Polytechnic. She is also a qualitative researcher, instructor, sonic artist, improviser, and Earl Grey tea connoisseur. Her interests include critical studies in improvisation, sound studies in education, sound art, as well as sonic and performative ethnography. She also likes to take long walks, and chill out.



**Dr. Stacey Bliss**

## 7 Keys for Living a Creative Life with Dr. Stacey Bliss

The seven thematic keys from sonic artists' philosophies and practices can help artists and creatives 'live well' in our unpredictable, mercurial modern times. Highlights include learning about "inner technology," humming as your 'internal instrument', and Stacey playing chimes and a hand-held 22" gong. Baazingg!

**Wednesday, November 26, 2025**

**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery**

**Art Speaks Learning Series**



## The Writes of Winter is back!

**STARTING NOVEMBER 12, 2025!**

The days are getting shorter, the temperatures are dropping, and we're all preparing to hunker down through another dark and dreary winter. We could all use something to look forward to! Why not a little creative writing? Submit a Poem or Short Story (either Fiction or Non-Fiction) up to 500 words, about the holidays or winter season in Red Deer as part of The City's Season of Sparkle! Complete contest details and submission form can be found at [RedDeerArtsCouncil.ca/write-winter](http://RedDeerArtsCouncil.ca/write-winter) starting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Submissions are due December 1, 2025.**

# Central Alberta Theatre Presents 'A Christmas Carol' as Part of Eclectic Season



Penny-pinching curmudgeon Ebenezer Scrooge will re-learn some hard life lessons when Central Alberta Theatre's *A Christmas Carol* takes the stage starting Nov. 21. Based on the Charles Dickens novella, this seasonal ghost story is 182 years old. But it will be conjured up with new flair in this production, adapted by Albertan Bridget Ryan and directed by Sylvan Lake Theatre's Tanya Ryga.

With a universal message about generosity and looking after those in need, the play "speaks to today," said CAT's artistic producer Jeremy Robinson. The growing rift between rich and poor in our society will make *A Christmas Carol's* poignant message even more relevant in this co-production between CAT

and Sylvan Lake Theatre, he added. At 55 years old, CAT — one of Alberta's oldest non-profit, volunteer-based community theatres— has been re-examining how it operates. A new goal is forming partnerships with other local arts groups, said Robinson.

Like theatres across the country, CAT has had to adapt after COVID-related shutdowns. The Red Deer-based group also felt the loss of Red Deer Polytechnic's defunct theatre program, which once channelled trained actors and technicians into the community. Fortunately, many individuals with a passion for theatre remain in the city, said Robinson. CAT, therefore, has been holding free workshops to expand technical theatre skills among its members. (CAT memberships are free).

The group is also altering its theatrical offerings to become more viable. Dinner theatre has been put on hold so CAT can re-focus on operating out of a smaller space. Robinson believes there are many advantages to using the intimate Studio Theatre (upstairs at the Memorial Centre) for CAT's four annual productions. The cast of the season-opening October production of *Frankenstein*, for instance, got to rehearse on the same stage where they later performed. Limited seating in the Studio Theatre meant they were also playing to more full houses.

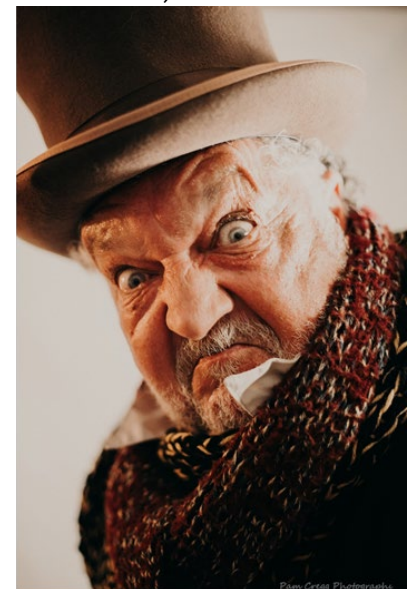
As well, Robinson said CAT is now able to put on plays that go beyond the broad comedies and farces that generally accompany dinner theatre. This season includes the spirited rom-com *Book Club*, in February. Written by Canadian Kristen DeSilva and co-directed by Robyn Jeffrey and Hannah Sanson, it shows what happens when men discover book clubs are a great place to meet women.

In March, CAT will present *Fool for Love*, by Sam Shepard, directed by Sarain Soonias. This challenging drama explores complex emotions and relationships. Robinson said cast members are eager to delve into the deeper material. "This season we have an eclectic group of shows," he added. "We're trying some different things to bring in more people, (create) more excitement..." While CAT is taking more risks these days, the company isn't abandoning its core audience. The perennially popular *A Christmas Carol* will run to Nov. 21 -Dec. 6 at the Studio Theatre in Red Deer, as well as Dec. 13 and 14 in Sylvan Lake as part of the co-production between companies. (at H.J. Cody School, 4520 50th Street.)

For more information, please visit [centralalbertatheatre.ca](http://centralalbertatheatre.ca).

To purchase tickets for the Sylvan Lake Theatre performances, please visit

<https://www.showpass.com/a-christmas-carol-slt/>



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