



Creating a vibrant community that celebrates the *Arts*

Fractals Infinitum: Elyse Eliot-Los and Janice Johnson at The Kiwanis Gallery



It's a Trap, by Janice Johnson



Fire Dance by Elyse Eliot- Los

Feb 28 to April 29

**Fractals Infinitum: Mixed Media Fractals by Elyse Eliot-Los
and Digital Fractal Imagery by Janice Johnson**

A Fractal (derived from *fractus*, Latin for broken or fractured) is a mathematics term coined by Benoit Mandelbrot in 1975 to describe equations that, for Elyse and Janice, are the best existing mathematical descriptions of many natural forms, such as coastlines, snowflakes, crystals, and mountains or parts of living organisms. They work with these math equations to produce gorgeous digital images called "Fractals". For them, mathematics does not have to be a bunch of complicated formulas that are beyond comprehension. Fractals are a marriage between geometry and art. Let your imagination soar and try and discover what these Fractals mean to you as the inspired viewer!

Both artists have taken differing routes to producing Fractal images. Elyse became mesmerized by this concept after years of making "Mandalas" which are also based on geometric structure. The fractals are more dynamic by incorporating spiral-like forms to the circle. Janice has made Mandalas as well, however her inspiration for producing fractal images was inspired by a love of numbers and the fascination of that which may be produced digitally. Fractals, to her, are a visual manifestation of the abstraction of mathematics.

First Friday Red Deer, March 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Come and meet both our out-of-town artists, Elyse from Benalto and Janice from Calgary, and discover a world of abstract art through math!



open for discovery



Against the Wall Theatre

Interview by Emily Ursuliak

Founded in October 2008, Against the Wall Theatre was born out of a friendship between Amy Erlandson and Jenna Goldade. Jenna and Amy met in Grade Ten and both graduated from the Red Deer College Theatre Program. Jenna later went into the Red Deer College Motion Picture Arts Program and became prolific as a director, writer and actor. Meanwhile, Amy took on a number of roles within the theatre community as the Vice President of Prime Stock Theatre, a coordinator for *Scriptease* and also found the time to do a six-month tour of Italy in *Theatrino*.

It was in Jenna's final year of the film program that she had a chat with Matt Grue, the Artistic Director of Ignition Theatre, and she approached Amy with the original idea for *Bullskit*. The format for *Bullskit* morphed into that of an improv and sketch comedy show by their second year. In their second year, they decided that in the addition to *Bullskit* shows, they were taking on the challenge of producing two plays: one an original work and one from a new, but established script. *Suburbia* was one of the new and cutting-edge plays that they produced in their second year. Their third season found them producing the new play *Choke*, and an original musical "*Dead Lover's Day*".

Watching the cast of *Bullskit* perform improv always delivers up unexpected surprises and a lot of laughs. Both Jenna and Amy describe improv as something that is fun, spontaneous and it allows them to work with characters and story. In their fourth season of *Bull Skit*, they have been fortunate to work with amazing guest musicians, artists and our very own Mayor Morris Flewwelling. Against the Wall Theatre prides itself on supporting the development of arts in the community and plans on supplying more opportunities in the upcoming year. Against the Wall Theatre currently host improv classes for the community.

When talking with Jenna and Amy, it's obvious how passionate they are about Red Deer's theatre scene. They give a lot of credit to an arts community that has supported them during their development, especially Central Alberta Theater and Ignition Theatre. They express a desire to provide more opportunities for local actors to at least develop their skills at home before leaving for big cities, and hope to convince them to stay and be a part of a scene that has only become more exciting in recent years. You can find out more about them on their website: www.againstthewalltheatre.com.

Register Now for Brent Barootes two final sponsorship workshops!

1. **Sponsorship: Building a Proposal That Works** on Saturday, February 11, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Dawe Centre
2. **Sponsorship: How to Figure out What You Have to Sell Beyond Banners and Logos** on March 10, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Dawe Centre

To register, call the RDAC office at 403-348-2787 or send a cheque to RDAC. Cost is \$40.00 per workshop.

Wanted:

Are you interested in the arts and willing to put yourself in our Board picture? **We need members for our Board.** The AGM is coming up on March 20th, so we need to hear from you soon. Please contact Diana at the office.

Love to play the slots and tables, and interested in how casinos work? Then call us! **We need volunteers for our Casino** to be held on June 1 and 2. Sign up for one shift or two, we can use all the help we can get!

Don't Forget: Red Deer Arts Council Membership Drive 2012 Get your membership in early to get the most benefit!

For the Most Wanted members and citizens of Red Deer,

As many of you already know, Red Deer's centennial celebration and the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Distinguished Artist Gala are happening in 2013. The Red Deer Arts Council is working with the city to create programs and events to celebrate these events.

We operate out of the Scott Block on a small budget with one part-time employee and many volunteers. **We are currently seeking some organizations and individuals to join our Board of Directors.** The Board consists of 12 members, some of whom represent Red Deer organizations (such as the Symphony or Downtown Business Association), and some are individuals offering their abilities and talents; offering advice and creative thought. The Board helps direct the committees, creates programming services, and raises funds to support many forms of art expressed here in Red Deer. Meetings are one evening a month, with a group of people that are fun, energetic, creative thinkers. Not that you have to be that to join, but we can help you get there!!

Come volunteer with us and make Red Deer a jewel in the Crown of Alberta!!

If you feel this is more that you can offer at this time, we have committees needing volunteers or why not purchase a \$30.00 membership, and support the growth of Red Deer's best interests, the arts!

Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Distinguished Artist Gala: Red Deer Celebrates the Arts in 2013

Last April, Red Deer was awarded the 2013 Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Distinguished Artist Gala. Plans are now starting to take shape.

The gala will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2013 at the Red Deer College with a theme of "Rooted in Alberta" fitting with Red Deer's Centennial. The evening will start with a reception and dinner in the College's new Cenovus Centre, just outside the visual arts studios. The awards ceremonies and community performances will follow at the Arts Centre. Tickets will be available for dinner and the awards or for the awards and dessert.

The week of the gala will see many community events celebrating our active and creative arts scene. Artwalk is planning some special activities as they commemorate their 25th anniversary; Sunnybrook Farm Museum is hoping to host "Spring at the Farm" on the Sunday; there will be a special MAGnificent Saturday that will raise funds for MAGsparks; and artists will be in the schools creating a centennial legacy project and "Rooted in Alberta" exhibitions will be hosted. We hope that this event will be the start of an annual Arts Awards Gala in Red Deer.

The Arts Council is involved in many aspects of planning this prestigious event. Sponsors and volunteers will be vital to Red Deer's success in hosting so if you would like to get involved, please step forward. **At this time, the Legacy and the Sponsorship Committees are looking for members. If you think you have some time and skills to share please contact Wendy Meeres at 403-309-2637.**

We'll keep you posted as the plans develop!

We are the Arts



Bull Skit Improv, 2011
Against the Wall Theatre, Scott Block

We are someone's kids,
someone's Mom, Father and
family members.
We love theatre in all its forms.
We are actors, directors,
behind the scenes, artists all!

We are proud to call Red Deer
home.

Join us in discovering &
enjoying the best our city has
to offer.

Coming Soon to the Kiwanis Gallery:

May 2 to May 27

The 27th Middle Schools Awesome Art Show

Featuring artwork from five middle schools of Red Deer, 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!

Opening Reception: Saturday, May 5 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Come and meet the students and enjoy their interesting artwork.

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