

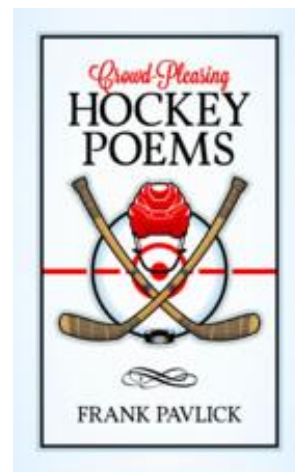


## Creating a vibrant community that celebrates the *Arts*

*First Friday Red Deer, April 4 hosts Frank Pavlick, Canada's Sports Poet!  
Continuing in the Kiwanis Gallery:  
Open and Closed: Mixed Media by Wendy Meeres*

Our First Friday Red Deer, April 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 presents Canada's only Sports Poet, Frank Pavlick.

On January 1st, 1984, Frank Pavlick decided Canada should have a full time Sports Poet. He offered himself the position, accepted, and has been working at the adventure ever since. To date, the 79 year old Poet has 14 books to his credit, and is an Award Winning, Best Selling Author. His Poetry is also found the World over, through his original All Occasion Poetry plaques and laminated works. In 1988, Frank was the winner of the first Olympic Poetry Sweatshop, in Calgary, Alberta.



For over 20 years, Frank was the Official Sports Poet on the John Short Sportstalk Show, in Edmonton. His Sports Poetry was also heard regularly on CKGY, Red Deer. Throughout the years, Frank Pavlick's books have been used around various Alberta schools, as teaching tools for Poetry.



**Continuing until April 27**  
***Open and Closed:***  
**Mixed Media by Wendy Meeres**

Contrasting Worlds  
Mixed Media  
Wendy Meeres

First Friday Red Deer is sponsored by the Red Deer Downtown Business Association for RDAC.



## Red Deer Arts Council Yearly Report to Members, Part Two

This yearly report gives the statistics and data of our involvement in the community through our participation in various events, workshops, gallery news and the like. We hope you find it informative.

As part of First Friday Red Deer, RDAC's Kiwanis Gallery had an average attendance of 72 people with the highest attendance at the Middle and High School shows. We continued with our alternates First Friday Red Deer, when the artists/groups have had their openings, so we hosted the following: February - Fran Kimmel and Kimmy Beach - literary readings; April - Bruce Jacobson - performing singer/songwriter; August - Judy Moody and Carol Ritten Smith - literary readings; October - The Eclectics - performing artists.

### **Kiwanis Gallery Exhibits for 2013:**

The Red Deer Public Library Art Lending Program

Steps Along our Journey: Central Alberta Refugee Effort

When the City Isn't Looking: Photographs by Bill Peters

The 28th Middle Schools Awesome Art Show

Hang-ups and Insights: The 5th Annual IB and AP Show with Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School and Hunting Hills High School

Alberta Skies: Acrylics by Judith Hall

Connections: Fibre Art by Dawna Dey Harrish

Rooted in the Arts II: The AFA Collection

Red Deer Arts Council Visual Arts Members Juried Exhibition

The Scholarship Committee was pleased to announce three award winners for the 2013 Scholarships: Musician Rebecca Epp, from Ecole Secondaire Lacombe Composite High School, won the Centennial Scholarship for Secondary Students. Writer Jamie Barnes, from Red Deer College, won the Centennial Scholarship for Post-Secondary Students. Musician Matthew Dane Peavoy, attending Brandon University, won the most prestigious award, the Princess Margaret Scholarship for Post-Secondary Students. Each scholarship was \$500.00.

We participated fully in the special event for the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Distinguished Arts Awards Gala held at Red Deer College on June 15th. RDAC's Coordinator chaired the Community Events Committee and was a member on the Organizing Committee who oversaw this prestigious event for Red Deer. The Coordinator with members of the Community Events committee hosted a Sneak Peek held of June 10 at the Hub on Ross which hosted 100 people. The Monday Kick Off hosted 150 people. Various events around town, like the Artwalk Amble Tour, Artwalk Festival Day, Farmers Day Country Fair at Sunnybrook Farm, literary readings, Bull Skit performances, MAGSparks and MAGnificent Saturdays and regular attendance at the Museum & Art Gallery, Rooted in the Arts exhibit at Harris-Warke, and a blues jam at the Hub, rounded out the week of activities surrounding the Gala.

The Communications Committee focused on two key areas during the year: developing a marketing plan for the Arts Council and improving social media presence through assistance to the Red Deer Arts Council Coordinator. The Marketing Plan was refined and presented to the Board who approved the plan and also provided support for plan implementation. It was also presented to members at the AGM.

## 2014 Board Members Elected at the AGM, March 21, 2014



Carl Hahn is a professional writer and editor, and heads a fiction writing group in Red Deer. A former reporter for the Red Deer Advocate's LIFE publications, he wrote about nearly every artist and arts organization active in Central Alberta at that time. He's looking forward to increasing the profile and activity of the literary arts community through the Red Deer Arts Council.

Rob Ironside is originally from Rocky Mountain House and grew up loving music, and dance. He started dancing more seriously with the Blue Norther Dancers in Edmonton in 1985, and performed and competed on that team in the US, and all over Alberta. He started teaching dance in 1988. He graduated from University of Alberta with a degree in Physics and Mathematics. In 1989, Rob moved to Red Deer and was one of the founding members of the Country Pride Dance Club. As President of the Club in its early days, Rob helped build the club to over 300 members. Rob became President of the Country Pride Dance Club again in 2010. " I am excited about sharing the passion of dance with a new generation of dancers. My ultimate goal is to have the community understand the importance of the arts and dance."



Jonathan Wieler lives by the Rule of Gratitude; as such, he is grateful to be part of such a vibrant community and all the opportunities that are open to him, and because of that, he wishes to give back. His focus is on building relationships and his philosophy is a people centered approach. Jonathan loves meeting new people in our community "feel free to look me up so we can go for coffee!" He is an entrepreneur (co-owner of City First Aid Inc.) and a family man. He has lived in Red Deer for 18 years and has traveled much of North and South America. Jonathan enjoys reading and learning about history, philosophy and science. He values physical fitness. He likes to garden. Also, he enjoys singing and has a strong affinity for barbershop harmony. "I am curious. I am personal. I am BOLD."

Heather Christenson was also elected as a new member to our board. Unfortunately at the time of the newsletter, she was away and unable to provide information for the newsletter. Check out the website in days to come to find her photo and biography.

Re-elected to the board was Scott Barnabé, Carol Nault, Janice Shimek, and Diane Hermary. Continuing their terms to 2015 are Carl Stretton, Matt Gould and Delores Coghill.

# We are the Arts



Back Row: Rob, Scott, Janice - Front Row: Carl, Diana (Coordinator), Carol, Delores and Jonathan at the AGM, March 21, 2014.  
Photo by Rob Gilgan

We are mothers, fathers, and friends.

We enjoy all the arts have to offer and believe we can make a difference in our community.

We are arts advocates! We are the Red Deer Arts Council.

We are proud to call Red Deer home.

Join us in discovering the best our City has to offer.

## Upcoming Events: April 29 to May 25 The 29<sup>th</sup> Middle Schools Awesome Art Show

Missing from the above photograph:  
Carl Stretton had a gig to play, Heather was away,  
Matt performed with Tree House for the event.  
Diane Hermary was on a tropical vacation!



Matt Gould and Tree House Youth Theatre perform for the "Where's My Tribe?" portion of the AGM, March 21, 2014.  
Photo by Rob Gilgan

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