



Leading a dynamic community that celebrates the *Arts*

Hawaii - a different kind of paradise in the Kiwanis Gallery!

From beautiful Hawaiian landscapes to abandoned vehicles, this Calgary artist sees a different Hawaii that most tourists seldom focus on.

Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are pleased to present, *Presentification of Paradise: Digital Photographs* by Jean-René Leblanc running from October 17 to November 19, 2017 in the Kiwanis Gallery.

This Calgary artist explores the conceptual use of digital infrared photography as a means of investigating new ways of looking at the world we live in. Shot on the Big Island of Hawaii, diptychs composed of images of abandoned vehicles are juxtaposed with pristine landscapes to attempt to address the paradoxes of beauty, capitalism and notions of paradise. Jean-René uses his work to explore the relationship between digital technology and culture as a means of exploring the concept of presentification (to make visible the invisible).

First Friday Red Deer Opening: November 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Jean-René will be in attendance. Refreshments will be served.



Yellow MG
Photograph, 2012
Jean René Leblanc

First Friday Red Deer is sponsored by the
Red Deer Downtown Business Association



Supporting the Arts Downtown



Red Deer Arts Council News

On Tuesday, October 17, we welcomed artsVest to Red Deer! Our member arts organizations and others gained insight into sponsorship through this workshop. This will enable them to access artsVest funding and workshops that are happening across Canada. artsVest launched in Calgary in 2016 and has since spread to the other major centres in Alberta. Twenty members joined us for a very full afternoon of information and discussion.

artsVest is Business for the Arts' national flagship program that works directly with small to mid-sized arts organizations looking to procure sponsorships and build sustainable partnerships with the business community. The program consists of in-depth training in corporate sponsorship from one-on-one, group and peer-to-peer learning to online educational tools and mentorship pairing. The participants successful in securing sponsorships are awarded with matching funds at the end of the program, up to a maximum dollar amount.

With funding support from the Government of Alberta, Calgary Arts Development Authority and the Government of Canada, arts organizations across the province will be able to access not only sponsorship training, but an increase in matching fund distribution to over \$300,000 this year.



Four Red Deer Arts Council Board Members and our staff joined Allison Moore for a photo op. Photo courtesy of Kari Watson with SpaceFinder Alberta, who also presented.



Thanks to Central Alberta Theatre for donating the space for our workshop! We had a full house!
Photograph by Kari Watson

About artsVest

Last year, artsVest facilitated over 650 training and mentorship opportunities for artsVest participants, resulting in the delivery of 749 hours of live session programming. The program proudly boasts over 40 expert mentors across Canada, all seasoned professionals from the non-profit or corporate sector with experience in corporate sponsorship.

artsVest also operates in PEI, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Toronto, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Alberta, and British Columbia. 969 participating artsVest organizations have formed 3,376 partnerships with businesses, of which 2,286 are first-time business partnerships and 2,002 are long-term. These partnerships have generated \$13.92M in new private sector investment from \$5.61M in matching funds to date, and has resulted in an influx of \$19.53M to the cultural sector. Please visit www.businessforthearts.org for more information.

Allan MacIntyre: Looking at the big picture

Long-time Red Deer art teacher Allan MacIntyre had a go-to line for his students: "Go big or go home,," he says with a laugh.

It's not that he was looking for something rivalling Rembrandt's *The Night Watch* (3.63 metres by 4.37 metres, in case you were wondering). It was more about looking at art from a different perspective.

"A lot of times kids get too wound up in fine detail. When they work big they can work more with the composition," says MacIntyre, who retired from teaching art after 35 years in 2012.

MacIntyre had always loved art in school growing up in Westlock, Alta. But he had never had an actual art teacher. When he went to the University of Alberta to become a teacher, he knew he wanted to share his love of art with students.

He and wife Valerie would graduate together as teachers and head to Fort McMurray, where they taught for four years before taking a four-year contract to teach in Germany for the Department of National Defense. They returned to Fort McMurray for another four years before landing in Red Deer in 1989, where they have remained.

As a teacher at Glendale Middle School and Hunting Hills High School, Allan says he emphasized the importance of developing basic skills.

"I always pushed the importance of drawing. I think that's the basis of art," he says. "I would encourage my students to develop their skills and then move to the more creative part."

For MacIntyre the artist, landscapes proved a lifelong passion, rendered mostly in acrylic.

"I consider myself a landscape painter. Most of my inspirations come from landscapes."

But he also enjoys sculpting. Gardening and a small home renovation business have also tapped into his creative side.

"It's all somehow related to art and design," he says.

His home at the east edge of Red Deer is also full of art from around the world. "The teaching (in Germany) for four years really seeded our love to travel," he says.

He and Valerie have been to India, Africa, Europe, and travelled throughout Central America.

Closer to home, Allan is co-chair of the city's Public Arts Commission.

"It's such an exciting time to be in the commission with so many large projects, such as the two new fire halls and the new arena," he says.

I am the Arts



Allan at Berg Lake,
Mount Robson, BC, 2016

I am a husband, father,
grandfather, teacher, sibling and
friend.

I am an artist, gardener, painter
and adventurer.

I am Allan MacIntrye.

I am proud to call Red Deer home.

Join me in discovering the best our
city has to offer.

Upcoming Exhibits in the Kiwanis Gallery:

November 21 to December 26 *The Life of a River:*
Maps and Landscapes by Carol Lynn Gilchrist

News from the arts council

We are delighted to announce we launched our
brand new website!

One of the main goals of the Red Deer Arts Council
is to promote and market the arts in our
community. Toward this end, we developed an
Arts Directory. The Arts Directory was designed to
be a resource for anyone interested in learning
more about arts and culture in our community and
to connect with various local artists and arts
organizations. We hope this helps you find more
arts and culture in your life!

Create a profile!

As a member, you get a full directory listing
including complete contact information, profile
photo, summary, and up to 5 additional photos.
We also offer a more limited free profile, which
includes a profile photo and basic contact
information on non-members. Both the arts and
the public will be successful in connecting!

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