



**Leading a dynamic community
that celebrates the Arts**

**Explore the Red Deer River in all its glory with
local artist, Carol Lynn Gilchrist in
the Kiwanis Gallery!**

Following the Red Deer River from its headwaters near Skoki Mountain to its ending where it joins the South Saskatchewan River near Empress, local artist Carol Lynn Gilchrist honours the life of the river and the beautiful Alberta settings it travels through.

As a landscape painter and mapmaker, Carol Lynn angles the viewer's perspective and shifts the idea of the river as landscape to explore the nature of moving water and land formations. Fragile and changing ecosystems are depicted in her cartography. She celebrates this blue serpentine river carving through forests, farmland and crossing grasslands to join another major river at the Alberta-Saskatchewan border. Can you recognize the areas she paints? Come and explore the journey of our Red Deer River with her.

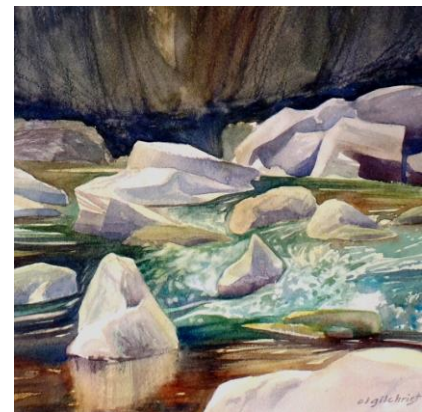
Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are pleased to present, *The Life of a River: Maps and Landscapes* by Carol Lynn Gilchrist running from November 21 to December 24, 2017 in the Kiwanis Gallery.

First Friday Red Deer Opening: December 1 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Carol Lynn will be in attendance. Refreshments will be served.

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



Breeding Projection
Watercolour, 2016
Carol Lynn Gilchrist



River Reflections
Watercolour, 2016
Carol Lynn Gilchrist



Red Deer Arts Council News

Red Deer Arts Council Membership Drive 2018



It's that time of year again, when your thoughts turn to renewing your Arts Council annual membership or getting your first one! By joining the Arts Council, you are adding your voice to the chorus that speaks for arts and culture in Red Deer. An arts council membership also provides you reduced rates for professional development workshops, networking opportunities with other artists and arts organizations, and opportunities to submit art to our Kiwanis Gallery shows. Members receive monthly newsletters and weekly listings of events in our city. Members can also submit promotional information and may be featured in our newsletter.

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 on our website. The Arts Directory was designed to be a resource for anyone interested in learning more about the 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 of 500 words, and up to 4 additional photos. Go to the website to become a member, or fill out a membership application form and send it to the office with your cheque.

We also offer a more limited free profile, which includes a profile photo and basic contact information for non-members.

Both the arts and the public will be successful in connecting!



Happy Holidays!



Arts and Craft (Beer) Fundraiser Coming in 2018!

Call your taste buddies and dig out your dancing shoes for the Red Deer Arts Council's 2018 fundraiser on February 3rd! We are once again bringing in a wide variety of craft brewers from Alberta and beyond, with local culinary talent providing appetizers. Then we're putting Red Deer's own Klamdaggers on the stage, so you can dance the night away to this immensely popular group. We will also raffle off many desirable prizes, so you can take home some memorabilia.

Join us February 3, 2018 as we blow the roof off Festival Hall ~~to~~ **start the new year!** Tickets will be available through the Black Knight Inn: \$50.00 each or \$350.00 for a table of eight. Check our website in early January for more information on the craft brewers, meadery and winery and how to get your ticket!



**L'Association Canadienne française de l'Alberta (ACFA) régionale de Red Deer:
an organization with big plans!**

A small but dedicated group of Francophones and Francophiles has been promoting French culture in Red Deer since the late 1990s.

"It's been a fairly small organization that has been growing slowly and quietly," says regional director Serge Gingras.

From its offices in Red Deer Plaza at 7464 Gaetz Avenue, the local branch supports the provincial organization's mission of promoting French language, culture and education.

"Everything and anything related to French, really," is how Serge sums up the organization's focus.

Reaching out into the community to offer support for those whose first language is French or who use French in their homes is big part of ACFA's work and Serge would like to see even more programs offered.

The group already works with Canadian Parents for French and offers French language courses through its resource centre.

An initiative in the works will focus on connecting with local French-speaking seniors, bringing them together for coffee and to socialize in the language they grew up with.

Serge, who is a leading member of Central Alberta Pride Society, would also like to follow Edmonton's lead and establish a local Franco-Queer group for the LGBTQ community.

Serge also wants to make more contacts with French-speaking newcomers, both from other parts of Canada and international immigrants.

The local ACFA branch is already getting involved with the 2019 Canada Winter Games and Serge will be looking for 1,200 bilingual volunteers to help out.

"I'm really excited to be part of the Games in that capacity," he says.

For many Red Deerians, their contact with the local ACFA branch is through the annual "Le Carnaval de Red Deer" winter carnival, to be held on Feb. 23-24, 2018.

Begun as an event geared mostly to local Francophones, winter carnival has been embraced by many others. "Over time, it's become more of a community celebration," says Serge.

It is the connection with the local entertainment community that brought the ACFA and Red Deer Arts Council together many years ago, a partnership that still flourishes.

The efforts of Serge and ACFA director Valentine Skeels have not gone unnoticed. Both were recently honoured along with 10 other outstanding members of Alberta's Francophone community with Senate 150th Anniversary Medals by Canadian Senator Claudette Tardif.

Très bien.

We are the Arts



Serge Gingras at work, 2017

We are arts, language and cultures from the francophone perspective.

We are Red Deer's francophone welcoming and resource centre, serving the entire community.

We are the ACFA de Red Deer.

We are proud to call Red Deer home.

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

Upcoming Exhibits in the Kiwanis Gallery:

December 29, 2017 to February 18, 2018

Into the Garden: Renewal

First Friday Red Deer Opening: January 5, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Come dressed as if you were heading out to a garden party or to enjoy the hot/rainy weather!

Tidbits of news from the arts council:

We have been working with SpaceFinder Alberta to get Red Deer's rentable spaces onto their site. SpaceFinder Alberta is a free matchmaking tool for renters looking for creative space, and spaces looking to promote their rentals.

We urge you, if you have a space, to get registered! Venues can market un-booked rental space by creating a listing and uploading a digital calendar, while creatives can discover space based on location, price, amenities, up-to-date availability and more. Check out their website: <https://alberta.spacefinder.org/> for more information.

Red Deer Arts Council

www.reddeerartscouncil.ca

403-348-2787

info@reddeerartscouncil.ca

Suite 110, 4818-50th Street

Red Deer, Alberta

T4N 4A3

Friend us on Face book:

<http://facebook.com/reddeerartscouncil>

Follow us on Twitter:

@RDArtsCouncil



Thanks to the City of Red Deer for all its support through Culture Services!