



Leading a dynamic community
that celebrates the *Arts*

The 8th Hang Ups and Insights: High School Art Show at the Kiwanis Gallery

Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are pleased to present *Hang-Ups and Insights: The 8th Annual IB and AP Art Show from Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School and Hunting Hills High School* held from May 26 to June 20, 2016 in the Kiwanis Gallery.

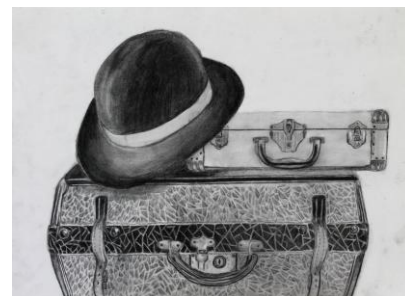
Hang-Ups and Insights features the artwork of the 2016 graduating students of the Advanced Placement and the International Baccalaureate Art Programs. Every year there are new things to see and experience through this show. From ceramics to prints and drawings and beyond, this exhibit showcases the young people who will be the next generation of talented artists.

See what inspires this young generation of artists as they develop their artistic perspective through their interactions with their culture and environment. Explore their work and try to imagine where their art will take them in the future.

First Friday Red Deer Opening: June 3 from 6 to 8 pm with students and instructors; *everyone is welcome to attend and help us celebrate these fine young artists!* Refreshments will be served.



Veil of Obscurity
Acrylic
Madeline Potter, IB
LTCHS



A New Beginning, Graphite
Brooklyn Lee, AP Art
Hunting Hills High School

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



The Red Deer Arts Council is extremely pleased to announce that Scott Barnabé, Past Chair, has won the Distinguished Voluntary Service Award for the Mayor's Recognition Awards 2016. This well-deserved award will be presented at the Mayor's Recognition Awards Ceremony on June 9th.

Scott has been the weekly host of the Music Gallery jam sessions at The Hub on Ross. Since 2010, Scott has teamed up and supported an individual with a disability to host these inclusive music-making sessions. Scott is excellent at promoting opportunities for musicians of all ages and stages of their development and is an important resource to The Hub. He has taken on volunteer leadership roles to host fundraising concerts, and promotes all of their music events. In 2013, Scott was the winner of the PDD Central Region Community Builder Award.

As Chair of the Red Deer Arts Council since 2010, Scott also sits on the fundraising committee, strategic planning, and performing arts committees. He has served twice as the Red Deer Arts Council Casino Chairperson. Scott was a dedicated Chairperson who was always looking for ways to advance the cause of arts and culture in many spheres in the community. He is passionate about developing a strong arts and culture community in Red Deer. He presently sits as Past Chair of the Red Deer Arts Council.

Red Deer Arts Council's first Open Studio Tour takes public behind closed doors!

The Red Deer Arts Council is thrilled to announce its first ever **Open Studio Tour, June 25, 2016!** We have partnered with nine visual artists in seven studios to bring you this amazing experience. They will open the doors to their private art studios from **1-4 p.m.** and welcome the public to see the process of creating fine art. From sculpted clay to sculpted metal, molten glass to molten gold, the fascinating techniques and works of some of Red Deer's most recognized professional artists will be on display for visitors.

This self-guided tour is free of charge. Visitors can download or print a tour guide that includes a map to help find all the studios, and artist bios to read before arriving on scene. The artists will not only demonstrate the processes they use, but happily take questions about their media, style, technique or anything related to art. Artists love to answer questions about their art!

Each studio is also offering a door prize for visitors. The draw will take place at a reception at Centennial Stage, 4816 - 50 Avenue (alley entrance behind the Scott Block). Tour visitors are invited to **RSVP** to the Arts Council by June 20th by phone at 403-348-2787 to be eligible for this special reception.

For those who don't want to rely on the luck of the draw to acquire some fine art, artists will also have their wares available for sale, making this a fantastic opportunity to purchase pieces that aren't normally available in local venues.

The downloadable/printable map will be available on the Arts Council website <https://reddeerartscouncil.wordpress.com/> or Facebook page. A brochure will also be available. Details will be posted to the website as they become available.

Creating a vibrant downtown results in a prosperous downtown.

The Downtown Business Association has long known the role the arts can play in creating the kind of atmosphere that keeps the heart of a town beating. "The arts groups contribute a lot to the community," says Amanda Gould, DBA executive director. "A thriving arts community is what builds a vibrant downtown."

The DBA has tapped into this city's deep well of artistic and musical talent to help showcase the merchant heart of Red Deer, where some of the community's most unique small businesses flourish.

Take Art Alley for example. A joint effort between the DBA and the City of Red Deer, it is the first project of its kind to transform non-descript and graffiti-vulnerable walls into works of art. Gould sees the project as a way to "put positive activity into not-so-positive places." The project has been a big success with artworks adorning five alleys in 2014 and another three added last year. Among the local artists who have been able to showcase their talent to thousands of passersby are Christine Karron, Brian Heimowski, Brian Usher, Mike Villasana and Dee Stewart.

The DBA is also a sponsor of First Friday Red Deer, a monthly multi-location venue for local painters and sculptors and other talented artists. During the summer, First Fridays also feature live music on the Ross Street Patio.

Not having the staff or the finances to become a major event organizer, the DBA has created its Seal of Approval Event Promotion Program. It assists organizers of downtown events with value-in-kind and financial support to leverage resources most effectively to create more events and programs than any one group could hope to provide.

A look at the DBA's calendar of events on its website offers a sense of how successful the drive to bring music and entertainment into the downtown has been.

Every lunch hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Wednesday evenings during the run of the ATB Downtown Market, people can enjoy live music on the Ross Street Patio.

"Our long-term objective is to have as much activity as we can handle," she says.

All of this activity has paid off. There are more people downtown than ever, something that was no doubt noticed by Hudson's before they chose to open a new restaurant on the corner of Ross Street and 49th Avenue earlier this spring. The addition of a full-service restaurant and lounge has been popular with other businesses, she says. "They don't look at it as competition; they look at it as complementing their own businesses."

Gould says the arts activities have helped build a buzz that is sure to pay off with more and more businesses seeing the potential downtown.

We are the Arts



The DBA staff outside their offices in the old Train Station, 2016

We are a catalyst for a vibrant and prosperous Downtown.

We see the Downtown as alive with culture, entertainment, shops and eateries.

We are the Downtown Business Association and the voice for 500 businesses and property owners.

We are proud to call Red Deer home.

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

Upcoming Exhibit in the Kiwanis Gallery:

June 20 to August 21

Highways of Alberta: Paintings by Greg Pyra

First Friday Red Deer Opening: July 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm with artist in attendance.

CENTREFEST – BENEFIT ON THE BRIDGE POSTPONED!

Due to the unpredictable weather the CentreFest organizers have made the decision to postpone this event. This event is too much fun to cancel it altogether so they have chosen **Saturday, JUNE 25th** as the new date. The band, invaluable sponsors, and the volunteers will be ready to party and they hope that you will be too!

They apologize for any inconvenience and hope to see all of you on the 25th of June!

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