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Leading a dynamic community that celebrates the first

Click, Click, With Central Alberta Photographic Society in the Kiwanis Gallery!

And the Winners Are: Photographs by Central Alberta Photographic Society (CAPS) is on exhibit in the Kiwanis Gallery from October 18 to November 20, 2016. Our First Friday Red Deer is November 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Refreshments served. Members of CAPS will be in attendance to talk to you about their work and perhaps give you tips on taking good photographs!

Rolling down the highway, on vacation or simply enjoying a family get-together, the camera is forever always around their necks!

The central focus of this body of work, in *And the Winners Are,* is the twice yearly competitions held by CAPS in the spring and fall. Each of the images was a winner in one or more categories in those competitions. The competitions are segmented into advanced, intermediate and novice members and the categories are colour, black & white, nature and digital manipulation. The works capture images taken during workshops or out and about. What has captured the imaginations of the members that brings their world closer to you?

The appeal of photography in its various forms is an integral part of society and needs no explanation as to its value as an art form or a communication tool. Most people own cameras: some wish to become more proficient in their use, or to form friendships with others who share their hobby. The Central Alberta Photographic Society provides a venue and various activities to meet those needs.

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







Midsummer Night's Dream
Photograph, 2014
Daniel Pelissier



Itsy Bitsy Photograph, 2015 Jim McKinley Digital Manipulation









Join us on November 4th at the *Friday Family Dance* at Festival Hall, 4214-58 St., for an affordable, multi-generational opportunity to listen and dance to live music with award winning country band *Domino*. Remember the old-time community dances from your childhood? Recreate those wonderful memories with your loved ones, and make new friends, at this great event!

At the 2015 ACMA (Association of Country Music in Alberta) awards, Domino was named Group of the Year and garnered the prestigious title of Fan's Choice. Being selected on a CCMA (Canadian Country Music Association) ballot for their song writing on the single "2:15" was a huge milestone and statement towards not only their songwriting ability but recognition across Canada. All the band members have been raised in small communities, and this mindset shines through when they perform. The previously released, "In a Small Town" single and video shares their mutual understanding of small town camaraderie. On their new EP "Ghost" they have perfected their vocal harmonies and melded a cohesive, unique sound. One might say it could be comparable to Fleetwood Mac embellished with country music.

Red Deer Arts Council Membership Drive for 2017 Begins!

Well, it's that time of year again, when all our thoughts turn to helping out the Red Deer Arts Council by renewing your yearly membership. Memberships are due in January but are taken throughout the year.

A Red Deer Arts Council membership has value, including reduced rates for professional development workshops, opportunities for conversations and networking through events and social activities. You or your group will also have the opportunity to be showcased in a feature article and the I am the Arts/We are the Arts Campaign in our newsletter. Our newsletter is distributed to our membership via email and printed in The *Red Deer Scene* which is distributed throughout the city. -There are opportunities for visual arts members to submit art to our Kiwanis Gallery through group or solo shows. Members receive weekly listings of events happening in and around our city and may submit as well, which extends your reach into the arts and culture communities and beyond.

Our application form is being remodeled. Watch for it in December's newsletter.

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The Red Deer Pottery Club: Playing in the Clay Interview by Paul Cowley

When your club has been going for about 60 years you know you're doing something right. And when your membership tops 50 people and you're almost running out of workspace you must really be onto something.

Enter the Red Deer Pottery Club.

Its studio in the basement of the Red Deer Recreation Centre has become the home and refuge for dozens of potters and ceramicists looking for a place to pursue their art.

Club president Karen Brodie believes the appeal of pottery is its versatility.

"There are so many ways to go with pottery," says Karen. Sculpting, turning pieces on the wheel or hand-building, the techniques are numerous. Throw in all of the different firing and glazing possibilities and you have an art form to satisfy the most creative visions.

"We welcome all input and ideas and we're always learning new things," says Karen, a club member for 20 years.

The club provides a place to socialize but also a getaway.

"It's cheap therapy for me," she says with a laugh. "It's something you can go and do and lose yourself in."

Joyce Kibermanis has been a club member for about 35 years, introduced to the group by a friend. To her, the club offers a creative outlet.

"I like to make things, original things. There's a sense of accomplishment in making something.

"It's totally your own. Bad or good, it's original."

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Many club members have studied pottery-making at Red Deer College or through city courses.

"We look for people to have the basics when they join," says Karen.

The club offers plenty of workshops, including full-day events, to help artists take their pottery to the next level. The club has close relationships with both the city and college and its experienced people. Karen says a special shout-out goes to Dawn Candy, of Little Sister Pottery, who takes care of their glazes and firing.

Membership costs \$150 a year and the club runs from September through May. In the summer, members can use the space, with its pottery wheels and kilns, for \$5.25 a day.

For information email rdpotteryclub@gmail.com or call Willy at 403-505-4799.

We are the Arts



Red Deer Pottery Club president Karen Brodie (left) and long-time member Joyce Kibermanis in the pottery studio at the Recreation Centre, October 2016 Photograph by Paul Cowley We are passionate about playing in the clay.

We are an eclectic group of likeminded people who love clay as a medium because it allows us to express ourselves artistically in so many diverse ways.

We are the Red Deer Pottery Club.

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:

November 23 to December 26 The Gift of Ellen Lyons

A private collection including works from some of Central Alberta's most notable artists will be on exhibit and sale just in time for Christmas.



Luke and Lief, Ceramic, Mo Leaney

Remembrance Day Service will be held at Crossroads Church from 10:30 am. SW Corner of 32 Street and Highway 2 38105 Range Road 275 Red Deer County, Alberta



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