



A dynamic community that celebrates and supports the Arts

Colour flows through Devenir's psyche and shows up on the walls in the Kiwanis Gallery!

DEVENIR presents "Abundance," a collection of a collection of paintings created by its members: Danièle Petit, Doris Charest, Karen Blanchet, Patricia Lortie and Sabine Lecorre-Moore. The work flows through the colour wheel using an "Abundance" of tones and subtle differences, to reveal the intimate language of the artists' voices.

"Abundance" is series of the artists' individual paintings created as a response to the following quotation by Georgia O'Keeffe: "I found I could say things with colors that I couldn't say in any other way - things that I had no words for".

Even with today's advanced technologies in communication, creating colourful images remains a powerful tool. Colour is the essence of our collective consciousness. Devenir seeks to connect with primitive emotions that are locked in our visual surroundings, both natural and urban, and our life experiences. They expose those emotions through colour conversations in their paintings.

Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are pleased to present, Abundance: Works by Devenir, a collective of five Francophone artists, which runs from August 21 to October 14, 2018 in the Kiwanis Gallery.

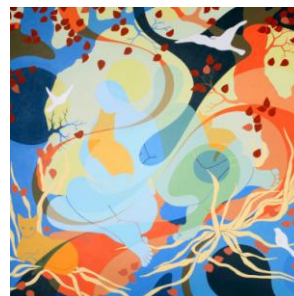
First Friday Opening: September 7 from 6 to 8 pm. Artists will be in attendance. Refreshments will be served.



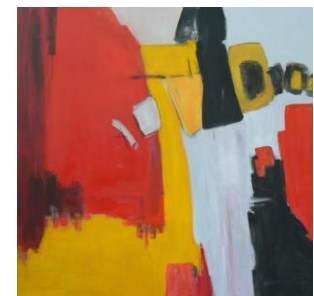
Forward
Mixed Media, 2018
Karen Blanchet



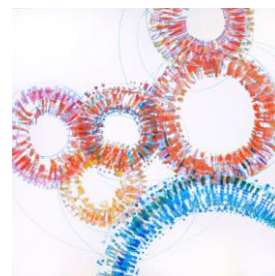
Off the Beaten Track
Mixed Media, 2018
Doris Charest



The Orange Cat,
Acrylic, 2018
Patricia Lortie



Rodeo Flirt,
Acrylic, 2018
Danièle Petit



Untitled
Watercolour, 2018
Sabine Lecorre-Moore



Red Deer Culture Days 2018

Red Deer Arts Council and our partners are thrilled to have been selected as a Host Celebration Site for Alberta Culture Days 2018.

Alberta Culture Days runs September 28, 29 and 30 and is the province's largest celebration of our heritage, arts, community spirit and cultural diversity. For three days, the streets around downtown Red Deer come alive with a pop-up gallery, cultural showcase, museum art exhibits, music, kids' activities, dance, book workshops and lectures, demonstration artists, pancake breakfast, plays, tours, local films and all manner of arts and culture events.

Join us as we celebrate the 11th Anniversary of Alberta Culture Days

Alberta Culture Days
September 28-30, 2018
 Discover • Experience • Celebrate

The events will be co-hosted by many community partners including, City of Red Deer Culture Services, Red Deer College Arts Centre & Red Deer College, Red Deer's Public and Catholic Schools, Red Deer Public Library, Central Alberta Retired Teachers Association (CARTA), Red Deer Visual Artists, Red Deer Cultural Heritage Society, Central Alberta Women's Immigrant Association (CAIWA), Central Alberta Refugee Effort (CARE), Norwegian Laft Hus Society, The Hub on Ross, Country Pride Dance Club, Central Alberta Film Festival, Central Alberta Theatre, Red Deer Downtown Business Association, ReThink Red Deer and the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery.

All the events around the city with full descriptions can be found on the Red Deer Arts Council's website: www.reddeerartscouncil.ca. Enjoy free events with the entire family!

For more information, contact Red Deer Arts Council at 403-348-2787 or email info@reddeerartscouncil.ca, or Annette Scheper, Community & Program Facilitator – Special Events, The City of Red Deer, Culture Services 403-309-3389 or email: Annette.Scheper@reddeer.ca
 To learn more, visit <http://culture.alberta.ca/culturedays/> or www.reddeerartscouncil.ca

We thank the Government of Alberta for its support in this endeavour.

News:

Our Coordinator, Diana Anderson, is retiring! But, expect to see her around as she continues in a volunteer role as Chair of the Visual Arts Committee and Kiwanis Gallery Team Lead. She has been with us for eight years and she leaves us now with warmer plans in mind. Nothing but lots of "R & R" and taking life slow, at home in the garden or perhaps Mexico. But she won't be out of touch too long! She plans to volunteer with us in whatever capacity she may be needed. We will miss her and don't worry we plan on celebrating her retirement with a big party. Stay tuned!

Public Market 2018 Season

Red Deer Arts Council's Members will be at the public market in **Stall 104**.

Join our member organizations and artists at the market and learn what makes the arts in Red Deer tick along fantastically! Look for these exceptionally talented people on their chosen date!

September 1 - Country Pride Dance Club; September 8 - Marianne Harris; September 15 - ACFA Régionale de Red Deer; and September 22 - Country Pride Dance Club.

Christine Karron creates new worlds with her art.

Christine Karron speaks four languages, but her favourite way of telling a story is through the pictures she creates. The Red Deer resident, who's becoming known for her *Fairies* colouring books and children's illustrations, was born in Estonia and moved at age 16 to Germany. She was raised in a family that encouraged creativity. Karron recalled her grandma, a gifted artist, "used to hold my hand to teach me to draw when I was a baby.... In my family (art) was something normal."

"I never thought of doing anything else," she admitted.

Karron was accepted into the Tallinn Art School for Children in Estonia. She later graduated from a technical high school focusing on art and design in Germany. Although she intended to take visual arts at university, Karron realized she was already earning a living as a freelance illustrator for advertising and publishing firms. So, she instead opted to establish her art career — a journey that continued after she moved to Canada with her husband and three children in 2008.

Alberta proved a great fit for the artist, who loves the countryside and "nice" people here. She explained, "In Europe I always felt torn between two different countries, two cultures...but when I came here, nobody cared if I was speaking perfect English. I'm finally feeling at home."

To connect to the local artistic community, Karron joined the Red Deer Arts Council, which keeps members apprised of exhibit, education and career opportunities. She's created public art projects, including murals of famous musicians on The Crossing nightclub, and popular art demonstration videos that have thousands of YouTube views. Between catering to her family's needs, Karron experiments with different styles and techniques, selling her eclectic paintings and prints online.

Using traditional media — watercolours, coloured pencils and acrylic paint — she conjures fantasy subjects from her imagination. Often she will wake up with ideas for new projects and characters. Among them is Benny Blue Rabbit, the hero of her children's stories.

Karron encourages everyone to explore their own artistic potential. "Art is absolutely important. It's therapeutic."

I am the Arts



I love to draw.

I enjoy telling a story through art and escaping into the world I am creating.

I am a professional artist and illustrator.

I love spending time with my family.

I am Christine Karron.

I am proud to call Red Deer home..

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