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## Red Deer Arts Council News

### Devenir's show "Abundance" continues at the Kiwanis Gallery until October 14th

At First Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be music performed by Claude Godin. Works by this collective of five Francophone artists, Sabine Lecorre-Moore, Danièle Petit, Patricia Lortie, Karen Blanchet and Doris Charest expose deep emotions and reveal their individual styles through colour and light. If you haven't yet done so, do check it out before they are gone!

Passages – Paintings by Lana Michelin at the Kiwanis Gallery, October 16<sup>th</sup> – November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Lana may be a familiar name from her journalism with the Red Deer Advocate, but we at the Red Deer Arts Council and the Red Deer Public Library are excited to present her very first solo art exhibition at the Kiwanis Gallery (Basement of the Downtown Library branch.) Check out her profile on the next page and discover some of the many ways she has expressed her creativity.

#### Friday Family Dance - October 19th, 2018

The harvest time edition of the Friday Family Dance is taking place at Festival Hall (4214 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Red Deer) from 6:30 to 11pm on October 19th. Tickets are \$20 per Family/Household of 4, \$10 adults, \$5 youth. Ages 3 and under are free. Bring your own water bottle or coffee mug and help reduce waste!

#### GHOULS NIGHT OUT - Arts & Craft Beer Fundraiser, October 26th, 2018

Come dressed in your best Halloween costume to our annual fundraiser on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Our Fantastic Arts & Craft Beer Fundraiser taking place at Festival Hall (4214 58 Street in Red Deer) Doors open at 8pm, band starts at 9pm. There will be flights of beer and wine selections on offer all evening, plus samplers from some of our favourite local restaurants! The Klamdaggers will be performing and there is a raffle, silent auction, and prizes for best Halloween Costumes!

#### Office News:

We are delighted to welcome our new Coordinator, Suzanne Hermary, to the Red Deer Arts Council. Suzanne spent a few months as a Board Member this year, but with the opportunity to contribute in new and exciting ways, she looks forward to taking on this new role, working with the Board in new ways. She is a graduate of Sheridan College's Bachelor in Musical Theatre Performance program and she recently started up a Broadway Open Mic Night to promote this art form in Red Deer.

Our Coordinator, Diana Anderson, is retiring! 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's put in her time 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.

**Canada Winter Games** opportunities for dancers, artists and other volunteers opportunities available on the City of Red Deer website. http://reddeer.ca/whats-happening/2019-canada-winter-games/

Public Market 2018 Season is coming to a close on Thanksgiving weekend

Red Deer Arts Council's Members will be at the public market in **Stall 104** on October 6 - Join the RDAC to announce upcoming Arts & Craft (Beer) fundraiser! Join our member organizations and artists at the market and learn what makes the arts in Red Deer tick along fantastically!

## Lana Michelin enters the spotlight with her first solo art exhibition

Some people write about art. Others create it.

Then there's Lana Michelin — who does both.

Red Deer Advocate readers might recognize the byline. Michelin's been writing about local visual arts, music and theatre as a reporter (who's also covered city hall and general assignment beats) since 1991.

Now she's stepping out of her news cubicle, and into the art gallery for her first solo exhibit. Passages will run from Oct. 16 to Nov. 18 at the Kiwanis Gallery, at the Red Deer Public Library.

Her acrylic paintings of people and landscapes are done in realistic style, with impressionistic and surrealistic influences.

Many of her works feature familiar models: Her son James and daughter Emma have had their formative years captured in paint. "They've been remarkably good sports, accompanying me to rural roads around Central Alberta," says Lana, with a chuckle.

She appreciates there's "nothing affected about them. There's no fakery... If they haven't had a good day, you see it.... It's the real moments I'm always seeking to convey through my art," she says.

Lana was born in Serbia and emigrated with her family to Brussels, then Saskatoon, in 1967 when she was four.

"I spent my whole childhood with a pencil in my hand. I'd be doodling Lord of the Rings characters in front of the TV," while taking drawing tips from her mom.

After moving to Winnipeg, she painted theatre sets, school murals, and church icons. But art wasn't encouraged as a career, so Lana took Fashion Design at Toronto's Ryerson University as a creative compromise. After designing wedding dresses for two years, she switched gears and returned to Ryerson for Journalism.

"It's funny... art had always been my go-to thing— except for about 20 years when I just wasn't doing it," says Lana. The dry spell coincided with starting her reporting career, getting married and having children. When her youngest was five, Lana began "messing around" with watercolours.

She also started classes with local artists Michael Downs, Susan Woolgar, Tanya Zuzak Collard. "It was motivating, and the instructors were a wonderful, knowledgeable resource," said Lana, who later joined the Alberta Community Art Clubs Association. Her work won awards at regional and provincial ACACA shows for five years.

Having spotlighted Red Deer's "rich, dynamic" arts scene in her articles, Michelin is thrilled to now take her place among local artists with her first exhibit.





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