



Image: *Endless Forms Most Beautiful* by Lyndal Osborne

The Farm Show Seeding, Growing, Harvest

April 23 to November 13, 2011

A three part visual art exploration about contemporary farming issues.

Seeding, Growing, and Harvest are a series of exhibitions newly created to explore contemporary farming issues.

Each exhibition includes unique farming perspectives from Albertan artists. The artworks are infused with

personal experience, family history, and cultural beliefs about farming. Viewers are encouraged to question each exhibition and explore their own thoughts and beliefs about farming in our present culture.



Part 1



Seeding

Seeding: April 23 to June 26

Artists: John Freeman, Cindy Jones, Alex Moon, Lyndal Osborne, Sally Smith

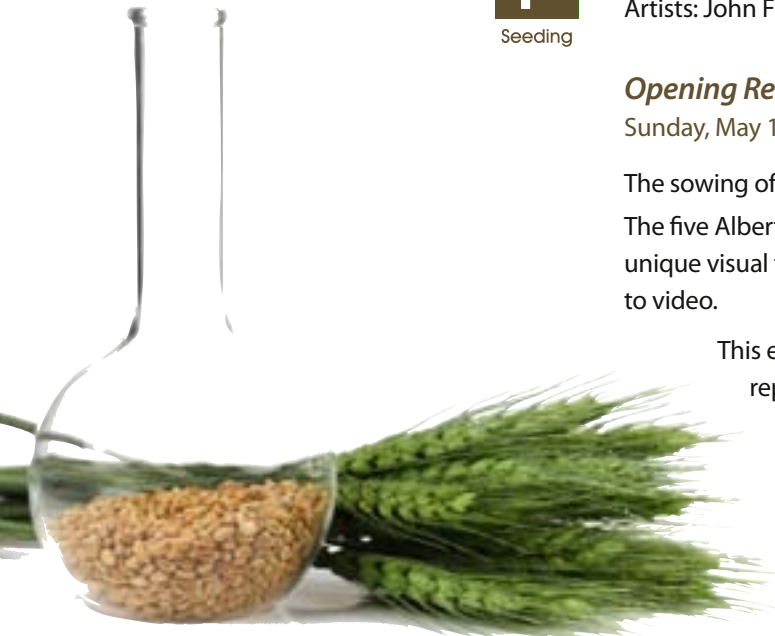
Opening Reception & Meet the Artists:

Sunday, May 1, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

The sowing of seeds sets a large number of farming processes in motion.

The five Alberta based artists in this cycle explore the process of seeding in unique visual forms ranging from futuristic sculpture, to photography to video.

This exhibition raises questions about genetic modification, representation versus reality, and the interconnection and fluctuations in nature.





Farming Out our Future

April 30 to November 13

Farmers and ranchers – people skilled at producing food – are fast becoming an endangered species. The question of who will own the countryside, live in it, care for it or produce food from it is far from settled. Farming Out Our Future explores some of the changes that have had an impact on rural life in Alberta from 1950 to the present.



From our Collection

Opens April 30 (ongoing)

Do you ever wonder what's in a museum?

On April 30 the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery will launch a new exhibit that showcases the unique objects represented in our collections, the core that forms the museum's activities for exhibitions, education and research.

From Central Alberta's history, these objects reveal the depth and scope of what the museum holds dear. Discover what is in your museum and why it is there.



2011 Alberta Community Art Clubs Association

Alberta Wide Art Show

June 18 to August 7

Opening Reception: Sunday June 19, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

This is the 32nd consecutive year that the ACACA and MAG have partnered to present this juried show. Visitors will see works of the "best of the best", representing the creative talent of rural artists from all over Alberta.



*Ten Miles to Home, Lori Connors, Nanton
(2010 Martha Houston Award)*



For Profit and Country: 100 Years of Community Service

July and August

Organized by the Provincial Archives of Alberta

The Alberta Women's Institutes (AWI) is the oldest continuing rural and small town women's voluntary organization in Alberta. This exhibit honours the many contributions of the organization over the last century.



102 Years of Enriching Rural Life

July 30 to October 9

The UFA has been an important part of rural Alberta for a century. Formed in 1909, the organization was committed to improving the lives of farmers in Alberta, formed Alberta's government from 1921 to 1935 and was a strong supporter of the women's rights movement in our province.





Events

First Fridays

April 1, May 6, June 3

The MAG invites you to visit during our extended hours on the First Friday of each month. Free admission after 4:30 pm.

16th Annual Central Alberta Heritage School Fair

May 6 and 7 – Parkland Mall

Everyone is invited to the Parkland Mall to see the unique variety of heritage projects presented by students in Grades 4 to 9.

The MAG Café

Does Farming Have a Future?

Wednesday May 25, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Is the Canadian farm in peril? Panelists include Dr. Roger Epp, Dean of Augustana Campus, University of Alberta and Mike Kozlowski, author of the Steel Pony Tour and new farmer.

Annual General Meeting

Red Deer & District Museum Society

Wednesday, June 1, 7:00 pm

Stewart Discovery Studio, Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery

Members and the public are invited to attend the meeting, meet our Board and Staff, and learn more about what's happening at the MAG. Come out to hear an update on the new permanent history exhibit planned for 2013.

The Board will present a revision of the Society's Bylaws for approval.

Please note that memberships must be current and in good standing 60 days in advance of the meeting in order to vote.



Coming Soon

James Bower and the United Farmers of Alberta

July 30 to October 9

In 1909, the United Farmers of Alberta was formed through the merger of the Alberta Farmers' Association and the Canadian Society for Equity. James Bower of Red Deer was elected as the first president.

The UFA quickly became the largest and most influential organization in the province, with a membership of more than 30,000. A speech by James Bower to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister of Canada, in August 1910 in Red Deer, is often credited as being a factor in Laurier deciding to run in the 1911 federal election on a platform of free trade or Reciprocity.

In 1921, the UFA formed the government of Alberta, serving until 1935 when the Great Depression destroyed it as a political party. The UFA remains an important agricultural supply cooperative.



Get Involved!

The Red Deer and District Museum Society is a registered not-for-profit organization building a cultural legacy for future generations. Our collections document a broad historical representation of the history of Central Alberta, the City of Red Deer and surrounding area.

Public support is essential in order to bring the collections to life. There are many opportunities to become actively involved.

- Volunteer at the Museum
- Make a financial contribution
- Become a member

MAG Membership

Be a MAG explorer all year long!

Visit www.reddeermuseum.com to download a form and learn more about MAG membership!





Reel Movie Mondays

A partnership with RDC Motion Picture Arts

Mondays: 7:00 pm

Galaxy Theatre, Gasoline Alley

April 4: Another Year

2010 TIFF Special Presentation - *Rated 14A*

April 18: Of Gods and Men

Grand Prize Winner, Cannes Film Festival - *Not yet rated*

May 2: Biutiful

2010 Academy Award Nominee - *Rated 14A*

May 16: The First Grader

Film Festival Favourite - *Not yet rated*

Tickets are available in advance at the Museum. For more information visit, www.reelmoviemondays.ca



MAGnificent Saturdays

Saturday afternoons, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Drop in for creative art making activities for families. No registration required. A new activity every week, taking inspiration from the shows in the Gallery. We supply the artist, the inspiration, and the materials; you supply your imagination.

April

April 2 RDC Student Art Inspired

April 9 Repetition, Repetition, Repetition

April 16 Personalized Puppets

April 23 Eggs or Bunnies or Baskets?

April 30 What's in a seed?

May

May 7 Messages for Mummies!

May 14 Amazing Aerial Art

May 21 Funny Farm Inventions

May 28 If you could wave a magic wand...

June

June 4 Goofy Grains

June 11 Perfectly Printed Plants

June 18 Best Dad Ever!

June 25 Dirt! Dirt! Dirt!

mag sparks

Inclusive, accessible visual art program for everyone.

Mon-Wed-Fri, 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

Everyone is welcome. Open Studio continues until April 22 at MAGsparks. After a short break, we will be offering our Spring & Summer program as follows:

May 2-13 Cards, Books & Puzzles

July 4-15 Build-it (sculpture)

May 16-27 Printmaking

July 18-29 Picture Perfect Pastels

June 6-24 Art Movements of the 20th

Aug 8-26 Creating with Clay

Century in Paint

\$2.00 drop in; \$20.00 for membership available to persons with disabilities.

See our webpage for details and to print a registration form.



Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery

The Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery is operated by the Red Deer & District Museum Society, a not-for-profit society (Alberta) and registered charity.

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The Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery is grateful to the City of Red Deer and the Alberta Foundation for the Arts for their financial support.

New Gallery Hours:

Monday to Friday: 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Weekends: noon - 4:30

First Fridays: 5:00 - 8:30 pm

Holidays: closed, except Family Day

Business Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

