

Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery
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TOP SECRET: mission toy

October 22, 2010 - January 9, 2011



The Exhibitor

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Kids all around the world play with toys because it's fun! But, did you know that toys also help children to gain knowledge, social and motor skills? Toys help teach children to share, compromise and cooperate with their peers. Many toys foster creativity and imagination, critical thinking and problem-solving.

Designed as an international investigative site known as "Toy Central", kids will have a unique opportunity to play toy detective, put on their lab coat and use their playtime skills to explore and learn about intriguing toys from around the world.

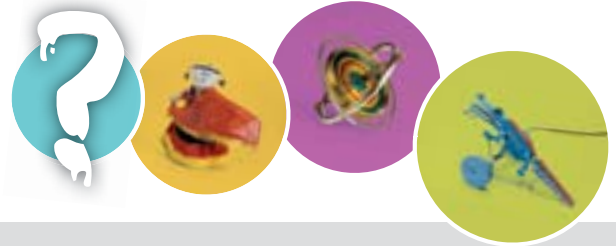
Young kids, old kids and kids at heart will love this exhibit.

Organized by the Canadian Museum of Civilization.



Opening Event:

HALLOWEEN @ the MAG -
The Curious Case of the Missing Toy
Sunday, October 31, 1:00 - 5:00 pm



Your History is Coming Soon!

Do you have a story to tell about your Red Deer?

The MAG is preparing for a major exhibition about the people and events that have shaped Red Deer's history. It will become a showpiece - celebrating Red Deer's diverse history. The exhibition will open in 2013 to mark the centennial of the city.

Starting in January of 2011, the MAG will host a series of programs and events to bring the community together to talk about our history. Come and share stories about your Red Deer, as we explore together various themes and eras.

We invite you to put yourself in the picture - join us in the adventure as we explore the stories of Red Deer's past, present and future.

If you want to participate in this exciting project, email us at museum@reddeer.ca or call 403-309-8405 and we will make sure that you receive invitations to all of the events.

- Lorna Johnson, Executive Director

MAGnificent Toys

An exhibit from the collection of the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery

October 29, 2010 - January 9, 2011

Kids! Bring your grandparents and your parents too!

MAGnificent Toys features games, trains, dolls, sleds... and more! All donated by Red Deer and district residents. Come and discover the favourite toys and games of the past. Kids of all ages will remember and enjoy!

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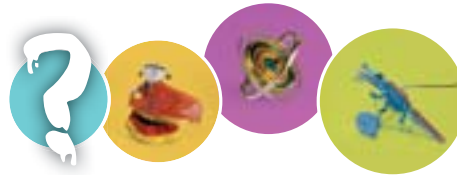


Photo: Dwight Arthur

Red Deer Advocate Doll

In 1951, Markerville-area resident, Helen Andersen, won a Red Deer Advocate subscription contest and, as a prize, received a lovely doll with moving eyes, pretty hair, and a beautiful dress. The subscription contest started in October 1929 and continued for 25 years. Every girl who was able to sign up or renew ten annual subscriptions to the Advocate (cost \$2.00 per year) won a doll.

For six decades the doll was Helen Andersen's treasured possession until last March when Helen, now in her late 80s, offered it for auction. Recognizing its historical importance, Fred Gorman, Publisher of the Red Deer Advocate, purchased the doll and generously donated her to the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery.

The auburn-haired doll, dressed in her original blue and yellow bonnet and dress, sits in a place of honour in MAGnificent Toys, an exhibit of toys from the MAG's collection, on view until January, 2011.

Bert Fors: Nya Backen – The New Land

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While many pioneers experienced the transformation of a raw frontier to an agricultural heartland, Carl Englebert (Bert) Fors was one of the few to provide an excellent visual record of that historic change.

A young Swedish immigrant who came to Central Alberta with his family in the early 1890's, Bert Fors had a talent for taking first class photos of his family, friends and the rapidly changing community around him.

Bert Fors' photos were printed from the original glass negatives donated to the Red Deer and District Archives by the Fors/Bergstrom family. The images provide wonderful portraits of the homes, farms and clothing styles, particularly of the Swedish immigrant communities of West Central Alberta in the early part of the last century.



Ada Fors Bergstrom, c. 1920, Courtesy of the Red Deer and District Archives Bert Fors fonds MG 308

Events

HALLOWEEN @ the MAG

The Curious Case of the Missing Toy

Sunday, October 31, 1:00 – 5:00 pm

*A special toy is missing from the museum collection!
Can you help us find it?*

Be crafty; collect clues; solve the Museum caper! Take part in gallery games, be creative and make art; plus... collect treats! Opening event for *TOP SECRET: mission toy* and *MAGnificent Toys*.

Free admission.



First Fridays:

October 1, November 5 and December 3

Along with other downtown galleries, the MAG invites you for a visit during our extended hours on the First Friday of the month. Free admission.

"The Cenotaph" with Michael Dawe, Curator of History

Thursday, November 4, 7:00 pm

With the new Veterans' Park surrounding the statue of the "Unknown Soldier" scheduled to open this fall, Michael Dawe will discuss the context of this storied (often controversial) and prominent feature of Ross Street.

Bert Fors: "Nya Backen – The New Land" with Michael Dawe, Curator of History

Sunday, November 28, 2:00 pm

Learn more about the history of the area and the man behind the photographs, Carl Englebert (Bert) Fors. Refreshments served.

Exploring Antique Toys & What's Hot in Collecting with Scott Cozens and Sheldon Smithens

Sunday, December 5; 1:30 pm

Scott Cozens is an avid antique toy collector and expert in the field; Sheldon Smithens is an expert in other areas of collecting. Scott will talk about his own collection and discuss some of the MAG's toys exhibited in *MAGnificent Toys*. Sheldon Smithens will discuss "What's Hot" in collecting. Both have appeared on the *Antiques Road Show*!

Upcoming Exhibitions

Inuit Art & Culture

January 7 - May 22, 2011

This exhibit features art and objects from the collection of the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery. It will provide insight into Inuit culture, practice, and art.

Photo: Dwight Arthur





Reel Movie Mondays:

A partnership with RDC Motion Picture Arts www.reelmoviemondays.ca. Screened at Cineplex Galaxy in Gasoline Alley.

* **I Am Love:** October 18, 7:00 pm

An Italian, Russian, English, production about a wealthy Italian family undergoing sweeping changes that lead to all kinds of intergenerational intrigue.

* **A Film Unfinished:** November 1, 7:00 pm

Based on long missing complete footage shot by the Nazi's in 1942 of the "Warsaw Ghetto", the film carefully documents how scenes were staged and fictionalized to falsely depict "the good life" enjoyed by Jewish urbanites.

* **Mao's Last Dancer:** November 15, 7:00 pm

Based on the autobiography of Li Cunxin, plucked from a poor Chinese village by Madame Mao's at the age of 11, he eventually managed to defect and went on to perform as principal dancer for the Houston Ballet and Australian Ballet.



MAGnificent Saturdays

Saturday afternoons, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Drop in from 2 - 4pm every Saturday for creative art making activities for families.

- **October 9**.....Turkey with a side of turkey!
- **October 16**Farm Frenzy
- **October 23**Simple Origami
- **October 30**Ghosts & Pumpkins & Cats! Oh my!
- **November 6**Masterpieces of Memory
- **November 13**Finding Fun in Photos
- **November 20**Toying Around
- **November 27**Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!
- **December 4**Painting with Secrets
- **December 11**Hilarious Hinged Thingamajigs
- **December 18**Fooling Around with Felt



mag sparks

Monday, Wednesday, Fridays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Inclusive, accessible visual art program for everyone.

Open Studio starting September 8 and running until November 26. There will be challenge activities every month available to try.

\$2.00 drop in; \$20.00 for membership until April, 2011. Available to persons with disabilities.

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We are MAGsparks!

An exhibit from MAGsparks participants.

On view in the Stewart Discovery Room from mid October to December 2010.

Exhibit Reception: Friday, November 26, 2:00 - 3:30 pm



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

Gallery Hours:

Monday to Saturday: 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
Sundays: noon - 4:30 pm
Holidays: *Closed*
First Fridays: 5:00 - 8:30 pm

Business Hours:

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

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.

