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# The Exhibitor

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## From Red Deer's Attics

An exhibition from the clothing collection  
of the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery

July 16 to October 12, 2010

Silk Walking Suit, 1916, gift of the Estate of Mrs. Annie Parsons  
Photo: Dwight Arthur



With over 16,000 artifacts, the clothing and textile collection of Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery is the fifth largest in Canada. Spanning a time period from pre-European settlement to contemporary, the collection is particularly strong in garments from the first half of the 20th century. Interestingly, it includes many garments dating from the period prior to settlement in the Red Deer area, reflecting settlers bringing their family heirlooms to Alberta.

Two years ago, Marijke Kerkhoven, one of Western Canada's leading experts in historical clothing and textiles, examined the textile collection. It is from her historical expertise that this exhibition was developed.

*From Red Deer's Attics* reveals items of women's, men's and children's garments that were treasured by families prior to offering them to the Museum.



Detail, embroidered silk shawl, 1840's  
Gift of the Estate of Mr. Herbert Spenceley

### Included in the show are:

- *heirloom garments from the 19th century*
- *rustic outdoor clothes worn by emigrants to Western Canada to cope with the 'bracing climate'*
- *glamorous party dresses from the 1920's*
- *mid-20th century business wear purchased from the stylish shops of Toronto and London*
- *sports clothing from the turn of the century which pioneered the fashionable look of the 20th century.*
- *frugally crafted handmade items from the 1930's*

Every garment in the show tells its own story; together they reflect a part of the multi-faceted story of life in Red Deer and area.

Guest Curator: Marijke Kerkhoven

Curator Talk: September 26, 2:00 pm





# Exhibitions & Events

## Events

### Alberta Wide 2010: "Looking Forward"

Opening Reception: Sunday, June 27, 2 - 4 pm

### Pat Matheson Talk & Studio Tour

Sunday, July 11, 1:30 - 5:30 pm

Join Pat Matheson, MFA, as he discusses his exhibition, 'Landmarks', then tour his Farm Studio located on the home quarter his family settled over a century ago. Tickets: Members \$45.00 Yet-to-be Members: \$50.00 (Tickets are limited)

### Landmarks

Exhibition Reception: Friday, July 2, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

### Glass 2009

Exhibition Reception: Friday, August 6, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

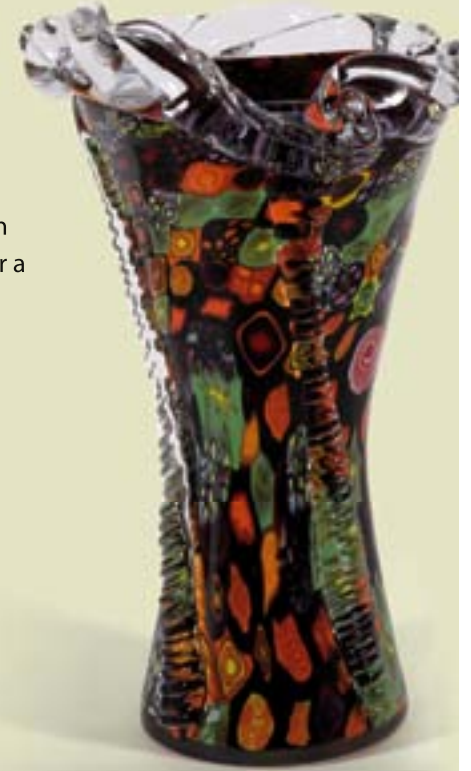
### Alberta Wide 2010: "Looking Forward"

Closing Critique: Sunday, September 5, 2:00 pm

### Highlights of the MAG Clothing Collection:

Presentation by Marijke Kerkhoven: Sunday, September 26, 2:00 pm

Join us to explore some of the treasures in your Museum's collection.



Jeff Holmwood,  
Electric Kool-aid Vase, 2008, blown glass

## Upcoming Exhibitions

### Farm Fragments: Installation by Jean Pederson

September 10 to November 14

Alberta artist, Jean Pederson, chronicles an inter-generational story through realism, impressionism and the abstract, capturing one family's journey over 100 years in Canada.

### Alberta Farm Women: Works by Dawn Saunders Dahl

September 17 to November 21

A series of portraits of farm women: paying homage to their contributions to the rich agricultural traditions and the legacies they leave to their families and communities.

### TOP SECRET: mission toy

October 23, 2010 to January 9, 2011

Kids around the world play with toys because it's fun! But toys also help children gain knowledge, social and motor skills. This exhibition invites children to use their playtime skills to explore and learn about intriguing toys from around the world. This colourful, engaging and interactive exhibit comes to Red Deer from the Canadian Museum of Civilization. Providing the local perspective will be a exhibit of toys from the MAG collection.



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## Summer Exhibitions

### Landmarks by Pat Matheson

From the permanent collection of the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery  
**June 30 to August 29**

Red Deer artist, Pat Matheson, reflects his family history in the Rainy Creek district of Central Alberta through sculpture and ceramics, hand coloured etchings, and descriptive text that illustrate the history of the area. He produced this exhibit as his Masters Thesis in 1994 and donated the work to the Museum in 2007.

The exhibit also features new works by Pat Matheson that look back at the 20 years since the original concept and work.

**Exhibition Reception: Friday, July 2, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**



Matheson, Red Deer River, 1994, hand coloured lithograph

### Glass 2009

An exhibition from the collection of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts

**July 9 to September 26, 2010**

Over the last four years the Alberta Foundation for the Arts has significantly increased its commitment to supporting the craft arts – particularly glass, ceramics and fibre. In 2007-2008, the AFA almost doubled its glass collection, eventually acquiring more than \$90,000 of glass. This exhibition includes pieces by some of Alberta's most established glass artists, pieces from some of the most exciting emerging artists, as well as some almost "historic" pieces.

**Exhibition Reception: Friday, August 6, 7-9 pm**



Darren Petersen, Fiesta  
2009, blown glass

#### Artists included in Glass 2009:

- Phillip Bandura
- Tim Belliveau
- Katrina Brodie
- Ryan Fairweather
- Mark Gibeau
- Robert Held
- Martha Henry
- Jeff Holmwood
- Ciara Hossack
- Bee Kingdom
- Darren Petersen
- Nathan Philips
- Julia Reimer
- Tyler Rock
- Leslie Rowe-Israelson
- Keith Walker

### Alberta Wide 2010: "Looking Forward"

Alberta Community Art Clubs Association

**June 24 to September 5**

The Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery is pleased to host the 31st Annual Alberta Wide exhibition. Three provincial zone shows provide the venues for artists in the surrounding regions to showcase their work. Pieces selected from these shows advance to Red Deer to be re-juried and selected for the Alberta Wide show. Awards winners are selected in several categories and additional paintings of merit are selected to complete the show.

Come out to see the 'best of the best' from across Alberta at the MAG this summer.

**Opening Reception: Sunday, June 27, 2 - 4 pm**

**Closing Critique: Sunday, September 5, 2:00 pm**

#### Extended evening hours:

*Every summer, Red Deer College hosts the very popular Summer School of the Arts. Artists, participants and the public are all welcome to mix, mingle, and meander through the summer art exhibitions at the MAG 5:00 - 7:00 PM, every Tuesday evening in July and the first Tuesday in August. The dates are: July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3.*

# Volunteer!

Become a part of history.

Learn new things & meet new people. Types of opportunities include: Special Events, Exhibit Openings, Artist Assistant, Fundraising & Casino and more! You can give back to your community, create lasting memories, and even work alongside history makers or established artists. For more information visit [www.reddeermuseum.com](http://www.reddeermuseum.com) or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 403-309-8441.



Thank you to Rekha & Elora! Two of our shining Artist Assistants!

## MAGnificent Saturdays

## mag sparks

### Saturday afternoons, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

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

- **July 3**..... Patriotic Postcards
- **July 10** ..... Whimsical Watercolour Wonders
- **July 17** ..... Clothing of the Past! Clothing of the Future!
- **July 24** ..... Papier Maché Perfection
- **July 31** ..... Built Like a Rock Sculptures
- **August 7** ..... Curiosities of the Collection!
- **August 14** ..... Ravishing Tempera Resists
- **August 21** ..... Mini Clay Landmarks
- **August 28** ..... Marvelous Moving Mobiles
- **September 4** ..... Designer Kid Cut Outs

Inclusive, accessible visual art program for everyone.

### Summer Schedule:

**June 7-25**..... Drawing..... \$5

**July 5-16** ..... Painting ..... \$5

**July 19-30**..... Mixed Media.....\$10

**August 9-27**..... Clay .....\$15

**Ongoing: Members Open Studio 'Lite' version – \$10.**

Classes run Mon. Wed. Fri, from 1-3 pm.

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### New Gallery Hours:

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

Sundays & Holidays: noon to 4:30 pm

First Fridays: 5:00 - 8:30 pm

### Business Hours:

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

