



Allied Arts Council

SPRUCE GROVE ART GALLERY

Report to Spruce Grove City Council
on our impact & activities

Presented June 2023

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Our Mission

Our mission is to provide, promote,
and further the visual arts and
cultural opportunities for the
enrichment of community life in
Spruce Grove and surrounding area



How we help bring art to the City of Spruce Grove:

Classes



Art Events

Allied Arts Council of Spruce Grove Presents:
Feature Artist: Melissa Baron
The Changing Light
July 25 - August 12th, 2022 Reception: July 30, 1-3pm



Winter Solstice 1



Winter's Morning



Winter Solstice 3

Art Shows

**We are a vibrant,
thriving organization
that serves as a
gathering place for
artists in Spruce Grove
and the surrounding
community. This year
we have 105 members
and growing**



Artwork by Gail Seemann

We believe that there is beauty in everyday life. We know that art helps to keep communities happy and healthy



Artwork by Allison Dakin



Artwork by Barry Kostiuik

2023 Goals:

To increase the variety of art styles shared at the Spruce Grove Art Gallery –This year we partnered with the Sculptors Association of Alberta to increase sculptural entries and styles.

To increase public awareness of the Spruce Grove Art Gallery and participation in programs. We recently were awarded the CSRF grant to assist with external marketing.

We will participate in the Arts & Culture Policy creation with the Recreation and Culture team.

We will work on the Operations plan for the Civic Center to plan for future needs and prepare to apply for 2024 grants to help mitigate costs.

2022 Achievements:

In 2022 we hosted a show which featured Alberta Indigenous Artists.

We hosted 8 feature artists all with varying styles and invited the community to celebrate them.

The High School Show returned in person and we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of hosting student art in the gallery. The two original jurors, the Mayor and some councilors joined us for a special ceremony.

We hosted events in September to celebrate Alberta Culture Days and have applied to do so this year as well.

We partnered with local businesses and had small shows outside of the gallery. The “Your Walls Our Art” program allows businesses to host up to 10 pieces of art for a predetermined period of time.



We were happy to collaborate on the 2023 Agrena Mural, connecting artists to the project. Congratulations to Alixandra Jade on being selected for the job. Thank you to Mayor Acker, City Councilors, Recreation and Culture team & Agricultural Society for being committed to public art.

Alixandra took on the theme, telling the history of agriculture in Spruce Grove from past to present. She tucked in so many elements for the community to find and interact with: Fruit Tree / Grain Elevator / Train / Wheat / Combine / Field / Cows / Bunny / Tractor / Hands Interlocked / Tomatoes / Flowerpot / Watering Can / Seed Package / Community Garden Box / Floral and Greenery / Bee/ Face Silhouette / Year the Spruce Grove Agricultural Society was formed



In 2022 We held 8 open and members shows with jurors and prizes. We also held feature artist shows which showcase the catalog of a local artist.



Artwork by Cindy James



Artwork by Seth Funk



Artwork by Francoise Noel

It feels so good to have the gallery open, the receptions filling and to see so many celebrating art!





What our participants are saying:

“I love the variety of classes offered at the AAC”

“Hanging my work at the Spruce Grove Art Gallery helped me define myself as an artist”

“The art club helps me connect to local artists and keeps me inspired”

The future of art in Spruce Grove is bright and we are looking forward to many new ways to participate in the community

At this time Rebecca New is available to answer any questions



Artwork by Bonnie Kozak

THANK YOU for your support!

We appreciate your contribution to our organization and the arts in Spruce Grove



Artwork by Sylvia Durocher



Artwork by Maria Sieben