

Bow Valley Arts Calendar

Gallery openings, avant garde exhibitions, experimental installations, and cultural tours abound in the Bow Valley region, which encompasses the vibrant communities of Canmore and Banff. Include some time to visit galleries, museums and the many offerings of The Banff Centre on your next visit to the Canadian Rockies.

SolaraLife presents this ongoing calendar of arts events, with a special focus on the visual arts.

Events and exhibits are shown below in the order of their end dates. To have your gallery or exhibit information added to this calendar, call SolaraLife editor Shari Bishop Bowes at 403.609.6801.

Through the Lens — Whyte Museum's Youth Photography Exhibit

April 1 to 19, 2005

Canmore Library Gallery

850 8th St., Canmore

Talented young photographers from the Bow Valley display their work at the Canmore Library Gallery.

Don Li-Leger Exhibit

Opening on April 16, 2005, 1-3 p.m.

Canada House Gallery, 201 Bear St., Banff

Immerse yourself in the lush, exotic world of artist Don Li-Leger. Canada House Gallery is proud to host its second solo exhibition, *Tranquility*, for this extremely talented artist. Don Li-Leger creates sensual images using vivid, rich colours as a backdrop for his delicately painted florals. Don Li-Leger will talk about this collection at 2 pm. All works available for sale prior to opening. See www.canadahouse.com for images.

2005 Alberta Biennial of Contemporary Art

February 26 to April 17, 2005

Walter Phillips Gallery, The Banff Centre

The 2005 Alberta Biennial of Contemporary Art is co-organized by The Edmonton Art Gallery and the Walter Phillips Gallery at The Banff Centre. The exhibition features 21 works in a wide range of media including photography, painting, installation, video and architecture. Studio spaces at The Banff Centre have become exhibition spaces, navigating viewers through the thoughts, materials, and the excitement of contemporary art. Join this celebration of Alberta artists in Alberta's centennial year. Admission is free.

Spencer Francey Photography Exhibit

Through April 30, 2005

Banff Public Library

101 Bear St., Banff

Banff photographer Spencer Francey displays his work in the Banff Public Library gallery through the month of April.

Richard Cole Exhibit

Opening on May 7, 2005, 1-3 p.m.

Canada House Gallery, 201 Bear St., Banff

Canada House Gallery welcomes painter Richard Cole for his debut exhibition, *Of Prairie, Sea and Sky*. This talented young artist captures the stillness of the forest, serene and moody seascapes, and the vastness of the open prairie. Richard Cole will discuss this body of work at 2 pm. See www.canadahouse.com for images from this exhibition as the paintings arrive in the gallery.

Lost in the Arctic: Small Figures in a Big Land

March 9 to May 15, 2005

The Banff Centre, Max Bell Foyer

Lost in the Arctic is an exhibit mounted by the Mountain Culture department at The Banff Centre, featuring photos from the High Arctic by Bow Valley writer, photographer and adventurer Jerry Kobalenko. Free admission.

Mark Fletcher Exhibit

Opening May 21, 2005 1-3 p.m.

Canada House Gallery, 201 Bear St., Banff

Come discover the paintings of Ontario artist Mark Fletcher, in his first solo exhibition, *Story Teller*, at Canada House Gallery. With remarkable attention to detail, this artist paints a quieter, simpler time with his paintings, evoking stories unique for each viewer. Mark Fletcher will talk about this collection at 2 p.m. Go to www.canadahouse.com to view the images for this exhibition as the paintings arrive in the gallery.

Lucie Bause Painting Exhibit

May 1 through 31, 2005

Banff Public Library

101 Bear St., Banff

Canmore artists Lucie Bause exhibits her bold acrylic paintings at the Banff Public Library gallery through the month of May. See www.luciebause.com.

Our River: Journey of the Bow

February 19, 2005 to June 5, 2005

Glenbow Museum

130 – 9th Avenue, Calgary

Journey down Alberta's lifeline in this first-ever exhibition on the Bow River. Beginning its legacy at the foot of Bow Glacier in the Rocky Mountains, the Bow River provides nourishment to Calgary and its surrounding regions. Explore the importance of water as a critical topic of the twenty-first century, one that is embedded in issues of responsibility, sustainability and the environment. (*Editor's note: We are including this Calgary event in our Bow Valley Arts Calendar due to its relevance to the region, and the inclusion of present-day and past Bow Valley artists in the exhibit.*)

artSPeak: Canmore's Arts Festival 2005

June 10 through 12, 2005

Various venues in Canmore

With the Canadian Rockies as a backdrop, artSPeak celebrates the talents and works of artists and performers. Enjoy music concerts, comedy and drama, a street performers' festival, book readings, numerous gallery showings, an artisans artFair, an artWalk and artBike to various working artists' studios, art workshops, and more. See

www.artspeakcanmore.com.

Canmore Quilt Festival

June 12 & 13, 2005

Creekside Hall, Canmore Seniors Drop-In Centre

600, 9th St., Canmore

The 85 talented members of Canmore's Mountain Cabin Quilters' Guild display a wide range of their work in this annual show. Buy a raffle ticket for the beautiful king-size quilt crafted by guild members.

Best of the Best at Canada House

June 25, 2005 1-3 p.m.

Canada House Gallery, 201 Bear St., Banff

Join six of Canada's most sought-after painters for this group exhibition and sale *Best of the Best*. This collection features the newest paintings by Rod Charlesworth, Grant Leier, Terry McCue, Page Ough, Neil Patterson, and Les Thomas. Visit www.canadahouse.com to view the images for this exhibition as the paintings arrive in the gallery.

Art on the Mountain 2005

October 5 through 16, 2005

Three Sisters Mountain Village showhomes, Canmore

"Celebrating 100 years in the Alberta Rockies" is the theme for this second annual event hosted by Three Sisters Mountain Village. This project, with exhibits in beautifully decorated showhomes, has been developed with the efforts of three Bow Valley arts groups: the Canmore Artists and Artisans Guild, the Lamphouse Centre for the Performing Arts, and the Mountain Arts Foundation. Awards will be offered in the following categories: landscape, portrait, nature (wildlife, flora & fauna), three dimensional and still life. Many of the art works are available for purchase.

Celebrating the Architecture & Heritage of the Banff Springs

Through December 2005

Banff Springs Hotel

Heritage Hall, above lobby

Large black and white photos on exhibit in *Celebrating the Architecture & Heritage of the Banff Springs* explore the influence the Canadian Pacific Railway and its hotel had on western Canadian tourism and the development of Banff Park.

The Lives and Legacy of Peter and Catharine Whyte: An Alberta Centennial Project

March 25, 2005 to January 9, 2006

The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies

111 Bear Street, Banff

In celebration of the centenary of the Province of Alberta and the 100th anniversary of the birth of Peter Whyte, the Whyte Museum presents this major two-part exhibition exploring the lives and legacy of the museum's founders, Peter and Catharine Whyte.

The Art of Peter & Catharine Whyte

March 25, 2005 to January 9, 2006

The dynamic couple played an integral role in shaping the art history of Alberta and Western Canada. *The Lives and Legacy of Peter and Catharine Whyte* art component will display an expansive selection of their landscape sketches and canvases, portraits studies, works painted during their world travels, as well as in and around Banff.

Paintings by the Whytes' major artistic influences: Aldro Hibbard, J.E.H. MacDonald, and Carl Rungius will also grace the gallery walls, as will a selection of works from the Whytes' personal collection.

The Heritage of Peter & Catharine Whyte

June 18, 2005 — Ongoing

From Boston to the banks of the Bow River, a life of romance, meaning and adventure flourished between a wealthy young debutante and a small town artist and outdoorsman. It is a story of significance, a story of vision, how two people followed their own passions while making a difference in the lives of others. This is the story of Peter and Catharine Whyte. Their very different childhoods, a secret courtship at art school, the building of a home, friendships, community and the Museum are just some of the stories that will grace the gallery walls.

Holy Dog: Karen Whyte

March 25, 2005 to January 9, 2006

The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies

Elizabeth Rummel Room

111 Bear Street, Banff

Holy Dog, is a rough English translation of the Lakota Sioux name for horses, "sunka wakan." Karen Whyte's large format acrylic paintings celebrate the movement and character of horses in vivid, sensual colour. Her works capture the mystical nature of the horse and depicts its strong physical presence. This will be the Alberta debut of Karen's dreamlike portrait studies of horses. Karen is the grandniece of Peter and Catharine Whyte.

Journeys in the Landscape: Brad White

March 25, 2005 to January 9, 2006

The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies

Swiss Guides Room

111 Bear Street, Banff

For over twenty years, Brad White has focused his camera on the extraordinary light and scenery that he has encountered during his travels. His commercial photographic work for companies such as Patagonia, Marmot, and Canadian Mountain Holidays Heli-skiing have allowed Brad a myriad of unique opportunities in out-of-the-way places. In addition, his work as a certified guide, mountain rescue specialist, and his own adventures as an avid hiker and climber have taken him into remote regions of Canada's mountain parks. His camera has become a vehicle for storytelling and has opened a window that allows others to appreciate and share his unique backcountry experiences. Brad is the grandnephew of Peter and Catharine Whyte.

Luxton Home Tour

Year Round by appointment. Call 762-2291 ext 312. Note: This tour is also included in the Historic Banff Walk and High Country Lifestyle Excursion tours.

Starts at Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies

30 minutes, \$7 per person

Visit the home of Norman and Georgina Luxton and their daughter Eleanor. This home reflects the family's ties with the Stoney Native people, their contribution to Banff's business and cultural activities, and their passion for collecting over a century of changing tastes.

Ongoing Events:

Art from the Heart is an ongoing exhibition of work in various media at the Canmore Hospital Gallery, 1100 Hospital Place, Canmore, with a portion of funds raised going to the hospital foundation. Artists' work is hung and displayed in hospital corridors.