

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.

2003 Banff Mountain Photography Competition

To March 1

Lake Louise Mountain Resort, Ten Peaks Lodge

The Banff Centre's Mountain Culture department exhibits winning photographs from the 2003 Banff Mountain Photography Competition. Free admission.

Quilters Artistic Visions: Mountain Cabin Quilters Guild Annual Quilt Show

February 18 to March 8, 2005

Canmore Library Gallery, 850 8th St.

The Mountain Cabin Quilters' Guild presents its annual show at the Canmore Library Gallery, 950 8th Ave., Canmore. View original fibre and quilt masterpieces in the form of hangings, wearable art and other unique items. The show opens February 18 with a reception at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more info, contact Nicoli at 403.678.2282.

Path of Promise: The Tibetan Nuns Project

To March 10, 2005

Max Bell Foyer, The Banff Centre

Path of Promise: The Tibetan Nuns Project is a photography exhibition showing Tibetan nuns who live in and around Dharamsala, India, the home of the Tibetan government-in-exile and the residence of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, by photographer Jeffrey Davis.

Neil Patterson Exhibit

Opening on March 12, 2005, 1-3 p.m.

Canada House Gallery, 201 Bear St., Banff

Join one of Canada's most acclaimed painters, Neil Patterson, for his solo exhibition and sale *New Venues*. This collection represents an artistic quest for undiscovered vistas to capture in oil paint on canvas. Neil Patterson will talk and give a painting demonstration at 2 pm. See www.canadahouse.com to view images for this exhibition as the paintings arrive in the gallery!

Folio Gallery: Re-visited

January 15 to March 20, 2005

Main Gallery, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Banff

Folio Gallery of Calgary was a commercial exhibition space that specialized in the exhibiting and promoting of fine art photography. Folio opened its doors in 1983 and after over 100 successful exhibitions closed its exhibit space in 1995. For those 12 years, Folio was a unique exhibition space in Western Canada featuring excellent Canadian and international photography. Folio Gallery cultivated an appreciation and awareness in the art of photography in the Province of Alberta and Western Canada. *Folio Gallery: Revisited* traces the significance of its exhibitions by photographers that exhibited there. It also highlights recent work by a selection of these photographers who have continued to pursue the art of photography.

Through the Lens: A Retrospective

January 15 to March 20, 2005

Main Gallery, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Banff

This exhibition has been selected from over 650 photographs in the Whyte Museum's "Through the Lens" permanent collection. For the past seven years, more than 200 students (grades 7-12), from four schools; Canmore's Lawrence Grassi Middle School, Banff Community High School, Canmore Collegiate High School, and Morley Community School, participated in this photographic outreach program. In partnership with the Canadian Rockies School Division No.12 of Banff and Canmore, and the Stoney School District of Morley, we are working together towards the mutual goals of learning and developing creativity and self esteem. This program encourages the students to experiment, to learn about themselves and their community, and to explore visual communication through the exciting medium of photography.

Sound and Light: Dianne Bos

January 15 to March 20, 2005

Elizabeth Rummel Room, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Banff

Dianne's work challenges the view of photography as a tool to capture an instant in time. By using pinhole cameras and long exposure times she records not an instant, but rather a passage of time at a site. The inclusion of recorded sound taken during these long exposures allows the viewer to experience that passage.

Temporal Traces: Myles Zarowny

January 15 to March 20, 2005

Swiss Guides Room, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Banff

Ambiguously preoccupied with the beauty of the Rocky mountains, Myles "stalks" Banff, his tourist home town, armed with a "Kodak Pocket Jr." folding bellows camera. It is not unsullied splendour he desires to capture, but humanity within nature and the ever-present intervention between them. Using extended exposures and paper negatives, an altered landscape is presented.

CAAG Juried Exhibition — Open Theme

March 11 to 29, 2005

Canmore Library Gallery, 850 8th St.

This juried exhibition displays the work of both member of the Canmore Artists and Artisans Guild, and other artists residing in the Bow Valley.

Wish You Were Here

Through March 2005

Heritage Gallery, The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies

Explore the experiences of one remarkable Philadelphia Quaker family, the Vauxes. Their adventures as tourists are a touchstone for Victorian travel in the Rockies. Their artifacts and images document the adventures of the enlightened tourist of a century ago, and will perhaps inspire you to pen your own postcard home and include the phrase "Having a wonderful time. . . wish you were here."

Through the Lens — Whyte Museum's Youth Photography Exhibit

April 1 to 19, 2005

Canmore Library Gallery, 850 8th St.

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.

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.

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!

Life in the Cold

March 9 to May 15, 2005

The Banff Centre, Max Bell Foyer

Life in the Cold 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!

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.

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.