

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.

Dominik J. Modlinski

September 25, 2004

Canada House Gallery, 201 Bear St., Banff

Join one of Canada's newest landscape artists, Dominik Modlinski, as he takes you on a visual tour with the opening of his solo exhibition and sale, *A Northern Journey*, on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. Through this artist's vivid paintings, you will visit some of his favourite places in Canada. Dominik Modlinski will talk about his paintings at 2 p.m. in the gallery. See www.canadahouse.com for more information and samples of the artist's work.

Art Auction, Exhibit & Sale

September 25, 2004

St. George's in the Pines Anglican Church, Banff

View a variety of work by notable Bow Valley artists, photographers and artisans at this exhibit and sale immediately following the Melissa's Road Race, from 1 to 6 p.m. Complimentary wine and cheese will be available. For more information, call 403.762.2128.

Poolside

Through Oct. 11, 2004

Walter Phillips Gallery, The Banff Centre, Banff

Free admission

This exhibit was organized to complement the recent renovations of the Sally Borden facilities. It features artworks by Canadian and international artists who work in a variety of media and explores ideas of leisure-time, local history, popular culture and subjectivity.

Out of the Wildfire

Through October 11, 2004

Main Gallery, The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies

Out of the Wildfire presents work that documents and reacts to the remarkable changes that took place in our landscape through the catalyst of fire, in a prescribed burn, in the

summer of 2003. These works, created by 23 artists from Cochrane to Victoria, were affected by last summer's fires. Some are pure artistic responses, some chart the destruction, some use fire as a tool or catalyst, and some serve as the artist's catharsis. Join us in exploring *Out of the Wildfire*.

The Lens of Time:

Mountain Landscape Rephotography with Bruno Engler and Cliff White

Through October 11, 2004

Elizabeth Rummel & Swiss Guides Room, The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies

The Lens of Time helps us see change in the landscape of the Canadian Rockies over the past 120 years. Generations of photographers tended to visit the same viewpoints, thereby documenting change in the mountains. Using this documentary heritage, photographers, Cliff White and the late Bruno Engler, have made great efforts to replicate their views of their earlier counterparts and allow us to see this landscape change in more contemporary views. Join us and experience the combined influence of man and nature on our great mountain landscapes through *The Lens of Time*.

A Fiction on the Run

Through October 15, 2004

Eric Harvie Theatre, west lobby, The Banff Centre

A Fiction on the Run is all about the road. Curated by Catherine Bourassa-Hebert and inspired by Jack Kerouac's 1957 novel *On the Road*, this exhibit reflects different views of the road, using artwork by Canadian and international artists.

Fine Art Photography Exhibit

September 17 to October 19, 2004

Canmore Library Gallery, 850 8th St.

This photography exhibit features work by members of the Canmore Artists & Artisans Guild in the theme: Portraits, People and Places. Join artists at the opening reception on Sept. 17, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Art on the Mountain 2004

October 9 to 23, 2004

Three Sisters Mountain Village, Canmore

Three Sisters Mountain Village presents over 100 original works of art from the region's most talented artists. View outstanding works in watercolours, acrylics, ceramics, photography and other media, all available for purchase. This is a must-see event for any art-lover.

K. Neil Swanson

October 23, 2004

Canada House Gallery, 201 Bear St., Banff

Wildly popular artist K. Neil Swanson returns to Canada House Gallery for a solo exhibition and sale of new work, entitled *Wild Mountain Times*, on Saturday, October 23, 2004. Meet the artist at the opening from 1 to 3 p.m. With a great following of collectors, these new paintings are sure to entice you! K. Neil Swanson will speak at 2 p.m. about this new collection. See www.canadahouse.com for more information and samples of the artist's work.

Bungalow Blitz

To October 31, 2004

Walter Phillips Gallery, The Banff Centre, Banff

Bungalow Blitz features the work of Paul Antick, Jim Grant and Andrew Kearney, and examines how and to what extent public knowledge and understanding of architecture is shaped by the ways in which it is represented through photography, exhibitions and drawing.

Great Expectations: Banff 1979 and 2004

August 28 through October 31, 2004

Jeanne and Peter Lougheed Building, The Banff Centre

Great Expectations 1979 and 2004 is a photography exhibit at The Banff Centre curated by Charlene McNichol. Winnipeg-based artist David McMillan produced a series of photographs of the town of Banff in 1979 while taking part in a creative residency at The Banff Centre. The series captured small, personal views of the town at that time — back alleys, front yards and private homes. In 2004 he was invited back to revisit the original series and produce another portrait of the town 25 years later. The exhibit features work from both 1979 and 2004, offering one artist's perspective on how Banff has changed and grown in the last 25 years.

Robert Genn

November 6, 2004

Canada House Gallery, 201 Bear St., Banff

Join in the welcome for renowned Canadian painter, Robert Genn, who will be in the gallery for the opening of his solo exhibition and sale titled "New Works" on Saturday, November 6, 2004 from 1 to 3 p.m. This newly created body of work will delight enthusiasts and collectors alike as Robert Genn discusses this collection at 2 p.m. See www.canadahouse.com for more information and samples of the artist's work.

Richard Berry Photography Exhibit

October 22 to November 9, 2004

Canmore Library Gallery, 850 8th St.

The Canmore Artists and Artisans Guild presents this photography exhibit featuring work by Richard Berry.

Page Ough

To November 27, 2004

Canada House Gallery, 201 Bear St., Banff

Canada House Gallery presents a solo exhibition titled *Treasured Footsteps* by beloved Alberta artist Page Ough. With a new artistic vision on her horizon, Page Ough explores the landscape surrounding her home in greater detail with images of the diverse wildlife that shares her space. Join the artist at the opening on Saturday, Nov. 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. See www.canadahouse.com for more information and samples of the artist's work.

Kids' Art Exhibit

November 12 to December 1, 2004

Canmore Library Gallery, 850 8th St.

The Canmore Recreation Centre is the sponsor of this exhibition of art by local children.

Fine Art Exhibition

November 26 to December 14, 2004

Canmore Library Gallery, 850 8th St.

This exhibition, coordinated by the Canmore Artists and Artisans Guild, features the work of Canmore artist Rayna Young.

"Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow"

December 17, 2004 to January 11, 2005

Canmore Library Gallery, 850 8th St.

The beauty of winter is the theme of this Group Fine Art Exhibition, coordinated by the Canmore Artists and Artisans Guild. Join the artists for an opening reception on Dec. 17, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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."

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.