



2017 AMNA Nomination

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Champion of the Arts Award

Nominee

Deanna Hunter

Artist Type

Non-Profit

Organization/Business

Creative Airdrie Society



Photo

Nomination

Deanna Hunter has been on the Board of Directors for the Creative Airdrie Society since 2013 and became the Board Chair in 2015. As this is Deanna's last year with CAS, we would like to recognize her contributions to our organization and her dedication to facilitating Arts & Culture in our community. A thankless position that often carries more stress than it does rewards, Deanna is a tireless volunteer and advocate for the arts. Under her guidance and direction the Creative Airdrie Society has become the hub for investment, promotion, engagement, development and education of the arts in Airdrie.

She recently chaired the committee for ARTember, an annual free family arts & culture festival. This event garnered our city the prestigious honour of being named 1 of the 5 designated Arts & Culture sites in all of Alberta by the provincial government. The festival is massive in scale and requires thousands of dollars and hundreds of volunteer hours to put on. This money is raised through grants, sponsorships and many fundraising efforts. It is by no means an easy task and Deanna has managed to handle it with both grace and innovation in a difficult economic environment.

In addition to ARTember she oversees several other programs like the Karin Simpson Scholarship, Art in Motion, the AIRdironack Project, 1st Ave Banners, & the the Airdrie Paint Park. In the future we can look forward to her spearheading the Canada 150 Mosaic project which she brought to the board and will be a legacy art installation for our city. Deanna is the key connection between artists and successful initiatives in our community. All of which requires innate skill in navigating our political waters, cultivating the right talent, knowing when to compromise or stand firm and always leading by example. Fun and positive, she is an amazing woman and we have all benefitted greatly from the generosity of her time and the fierceness of her determination.

Portfolio

http://airdrielifelife.com/local_life/artember-2-0/

http://airdrielifelife.com/local_life/cant-stop-the-feeling-airdrie/



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<http://creativeairdrie.ca/staff/deanne-hunter/>

<http://ridgegatehr.ca/team/deanna-hunter/>

<http://artember.ca/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ARTember-in-Airdrie-CAS-236876882997932/info>

Biography

In their own words...

The arts are important to me because they add interest and color to life. Listening to live music or seeing a play allows you to forget the world for a minute and to immerse yourself in what's happening in front of you. A sculpture in a park or street art in a back alley add color and personality to your surroundings. The arts are often at the centre of family and social gatherings for me. It might be singing or dancing or music – whatever it is I appreciate the fun experience that it creates for everyone. It brings people together and that's important for families and communities.