



2019 AMNA Nomination

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Champion of the Arts Award

Nominee **Elizabeth Hall**
Artist Type Visual Arts
Organization/Business Airdrie Regional ARTS Society



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Nomination(s)

Elizabeth Hall is a professional artist, local business owner and the current President of the Airdrie Arts Society. Aside from being an accomplished fine Artist, Illustrator, and Tattoo Artist, Hall has dedicated her time to helping Artist of all ages find their community voice and encourages them to step out into the public eye and share their artistic gifts. I have seen Elizabeth on many occasion connect artists with each other and take the time to find us the information we need. She really listens to you and always takes the time to help and is always open to suggestions and new ideas. She really encourages us to take our ideas go for it and is always looking for a way to involve the community of Airdrie. Elizabeth also volunteers time with local schools to help encourage youth to embrace art and even if art is not there thing she is able to show them that thinking creatively can help us all achieve great things.

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Questions

Start

How long have you been involved with arts & culture in your community and why do you feel it's important to support? Ex) Placemaking, economic diversity, cultural identity, etc.

Having Always been involved with the arts when I moved to Airdrie I start to look and see what kind of opportunities there were getting Involved with arts in the community, As well as decide how we would incorporate art and my profession here as well. Syllable a year after living in Airdrie I was entering local art Competition an artist called, as well as volunteering with the children stay and play program as the Art coordinator. For me Art is the way that can give anyone a means to express themselves. Does not matter our race for our gender or our religion can all find a way to express some part of ourselves that we find hard to bring out any other way. Most importantly art helps us to become creative thinkers. This is especially true With youth. When you teach children art



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Regardless if it's their thing or not they still take from it the creative process the looking at something thinking about in a different way or looking at it in detail. Creative thinking is the key to success, progression and invention.

Enhancement

How do you feel (or can you give examples) of how you've personally enhanced arts & culture in your community? Ex) Volunteering, mentoring, advocating, etc.

It's hard to talk about oneself and the things that you do to help out Your community when you're just doing something that you enjoy. I guess personally one of my favourite things is to work with different groups of youth. Whether it's teaching a class of children basic technique Or helping a budding artist find classes and supplies, I know many of us artists regardless of your artistic discipline if we just had someone to even steer us in the right direction you may have progressed with her artistic passions a lot sooner in life. As a tattoo Artist, I have the opportunity to help breast cancer survivors complete their journey by using body art technique to create dimensional areola tattoos, this is a free service that I'm grateful I am able to provide. Art can heal, enhance and change people's lives I also really enjoy working with the Airdrie Regional ARTS society. I've been part of the society for five years and I've enjoyed it from the beginning. First it was working with artists and gaining so much knowledge and then it was helping other artists. Airdrie has so much artistic talent and a lot of artists Don't know how to get their artwork out there or they're looking for people with the same interests that they can get together with and talk and learn technique and it will sell their artwork etc. I also enjoy our projects that involve the People of our city. It not only get everyone excited and involved but it also creates awareness of the arts and how much talent we have in the city. Public art projects really bring people Together, they create community connections to each other and help show the diversity in both arts and culture.

Sphere of Influence

Do you currently belong to any programs, groups or organizations that encourage the growth and development of arts & culture? Ex) Through mentoring, volunteering, critiquing, etc... If so please list them and give a brief description of what they do. Online links can be added in the next section.

Currently I am the president of the Airdrie regional arts Society or ARTS for short. The arts is a collective of artists from all different backgrounds and with many different artistic disciplines of visual fine arts. In short, ARTS works on two main focus points; first being for our members with providing Education, knowledge sharing and create opportunities whether they are beginners or established professional artists. Second is to help continue the growth of Arts and culture in Airdrie through public events, education, and mentorship both in adult and youth programs.

Aside from ARTS, I also like to volunteer with local schools to teach students basic art techniques such as my most recent class, learning about local plants and how to do Create watercolour studies of those plants. It's a lot of fun because they not only learn watercolour technique and colour theory. They also learn to see the detail of beauty in these plants And become very observant And appreciative of individual uniqueness. They also get to learn a little history of how things used to be documented and how important it was for us to be able to re-create our environment as we didn't always have things like cameras. It's really a lot of fun and children are always so curious and open to learn more.

Favourite Cause

If you could pick your favourite event, cause, group, ect... What would it be and why do you love it? Online links



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This one's really hard and I don't have one specifically. Ideally having a youth of the arts program here in Airdrie would be my dream. It's something that I've thought about for a while and had discussed it with many members of both ARTS opeople in the community of Airdrie. There seems to be a need for this in our city. Being able to mentor youth, Having programs for them which include a variety of Art styles like street art, digital and gaming art, Fine arts, sculpting etc. And to also help them with the business side of art as well. It all goes back to developing creative thinkers.

Additional Links

<http://www.airdrieartssociety.ca/>