



STRATHCONA COUNTY

CULTURE DAYS

CELEBRATION 2023 *guide*



Culture Days is an opportunity to discover, experience and celebrate arts and culture through local events and activities.

CULTURE DAYS CALENDAR

September 2023

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"A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people"
- Gandhi

Tuesday, September 5



Sherwood Park Festival Singers - Fall Startup

Festival Place, 100 Festival Way, Sherwood Park, AB, T8A 5T2

7:00 pm

Non-auditioned choir open to adults 18 and over.

Only requirement is to be able to hold a tune.

Try us out for up to 3 weeks before committing.

festival.singers08@gmail.com

www.festivalsingers.ca

@FestivalSingers.ca

Thursday, September 7, 14, 21 & 28

Salisbury Farmer's Market

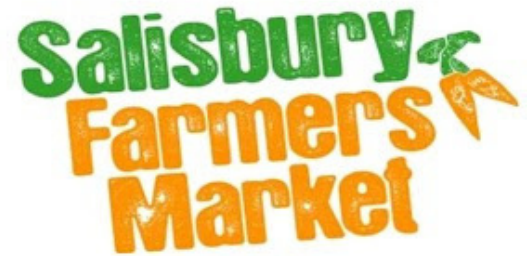
Salisbury Greenhouses Ltd., 52337 Rge. Rd. 232, Sherwood Park, AB

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Celebrate delicious local Alberta foods and quality crafts. Call for vendor details or table availability.

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

@salisburyfarmersmarket



Friday, September 8

Opening Exhibit Reception and Artist Talks

Gallery @501, 501 Festival Lane, Sherwood Park

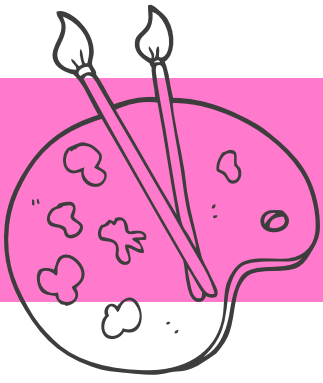
6:30 pm

Exhibit reception with artist talks at the Gallery for "Ni'kmaq - My Family" (Nelson White) and "Resilience" (Margaret Witschl and Delio Delgado).

<https://www.strathcona.ca/recreation-events/arts-and-culture/art-gallery-501/>

gallery@501





**"The beauty of the world lies in the diversity of its people."
- Maya Angelou**



Friday, September 8

George Canyon

Festival Place, 100 Festival Way, Sherwood Park, AB T8A 5T2

7:30 - 9:30 pm

George Canyon rose to become one of Canada's hottest Country Music stars in the early 2000s and has won countless accolades and awards, including Juno Awards, CCMA Awards, and ECMA Awards to name a few.

<https://festivalplace.ca/events/george-canyon/>

@festivalplacesp

Sunday, September 10

Savour Strathcona

Strathcona County Community Centre, 401 Festival Ln, Sherwood Park, AB, T8A 3W7

3:00 - 7:00 pm

Hosted by Strathcona County Economic Development & Tourism, Savour Strathcona is an annual celebration of local food and art. The event features Strathcona County independent restaurants and food trucks with sample sizes of their wares available for purchase. Visit the art market brought to you by Gallery@501 and purchase unique creations from local artists. A newer portion of the event is the participation of local liquor manufacturers. The Luke Jansen Soundstage features up-and-coming musical acts to enjoy, while also, the Strathcona County Museum and Archives also support the Kids Area with vintage, popular eats. Entertainment and activities are available throughout the entirety of the event.

<https://www.strathcona.ca/recreation-events/festivals-and-events/savour-strathcona-county/>



"A people without the knowledge of their past, origin and culture is like a tree with no roots."

-Marcus Garvey



Sunday, September 10

Special Sunday Opening

Gallery @501, 501 Festival Ln, Sherwood Park

3:00 - 7:00 pm

Gallery@501 will be open on Sunday, Sept. 10 in support of Savour Strathcona.

<https://www.strathcona.ca/recreation-events/arts-and-culture/art-gallery-501/>

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Saturdays and Sundays

Art Society of Strathcona County - Loft Art Gallery & Gift Gallery

The Ottewell Centre, 590 Broadmoor Blvd., Sherwood Park, AB

12:00 - 4:00 pm

Beautiful artwork by member artists, and artist-made gifts in the Gift Gallery... Ideal for gift-giving. Support your local artists with a visit to the Loft!

www.artstrathcona.com



Tuesday September 12, 19, 26

Sherwood Park Festival Singers

100 Festival Way, Sherwood Park, AB, T8A 5T2

7:00 - 9:30 pm

Festival Singers is a well-established, not-for-profit mixed community choir based in Sherwood Park, Alberta. You don't need to be an experienced singer or be able to read music to become a member. The most important thing is that you can hold a tune and love to sing. We strive to provide a non-auditioned performing choral experience based in Strathcona County. Through a positive learning environment, singers will deliver a mixed choral repertoire at an excellent performing standard.

www.festivalsingers.ca





**"Cultures grow on the vines of tradition."
- Jonah Goldberg**

Every week Tuesday - Saturday

Strathcona County Museum and Archives

913 Ash Street, Sherwood Park, AB, T8A 2G3

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Wonder what it was like to be a Strathcona County settler? From the General Store to the Schoolhouse, The Vignettes peer into the County's rural roots. Learn from members of our local First Nations and Métis communities through artwork, stories, and objects. Featuring Aaron Paquette's immersive mural, The Past Shows Us The Way and Shakihi: The Art of Connie Kulhavy. Find out why visitors flocked to the beaches of Cooking Lake as you wander through memories of the Lakeview dancehall and resort.

<https://www.strathma.ca/>



September 16 & 17

Artist Home Studio Tour

Self-guided tour, map on website

10:00 - 5:00 pm

A unique and creative visual experience for the public - see an artist's entire art collection, works in progress, and get insight into their inspiration & process! And, of course, you can buy a treasure of art (or two!)

<https://www.artstrathcona.com/Artist-Home-Studio-Tour-2023>



Sunday, September 17

Heartland Ukulele Lovers of Alberta (HULA) Society

Contact HULA Society for address - pregitz@shaw.ca

1:30 - 4:00 pm

Bi-weekly meeting of HULA ukulele players where we celebrate a theme by playing our ukuleles together and singing songs.

http://www.rouseconcerts.ca/index_files/HULAABOUTUS.htm



"Culture is the arts elevated to a set of beliefs."
- Thomas Wolfe



Wednesday, September 20

Poets in the Park - ONLINE

7:00 - 8:30 pm

All poets welcome - no membership required. Join other poets for this initial meeting of Poets in the Park. Open to all poets or anyone wishing to learn about this literary art or share their words.

<https://www.wfscsherwoodpark.com/event-details/poets-in-the-park-online-28>

Thursday, September 21

Alberta Culture Days: Art Resilience

Gallery @501, 501 Festival Lane, Sherwood Park

6:00 - 8:30 pm

Celebrate Culture Days with Gallery @501 and the Library this fall. An experienced art educator will lead you on a tour of Gallery @501's exhibition, focusing on the connections between art and mental health. We'll talk about the ways that art can be a tool for mindfulness, self-expression and healing. Then express yourself through a colourful abstract artwork of your own.

<https://www.strathcona.ca/recreation-events/arts-and-culture/art-gallery-501/>

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Nurturing Strathcona's Multicultural Ecosystem: Roots, Common Ground, New Growth

*Agora, Strathcona County Community Centre, 401 Festival Ln,
Sherwood Park, AB, T8A 3W7*

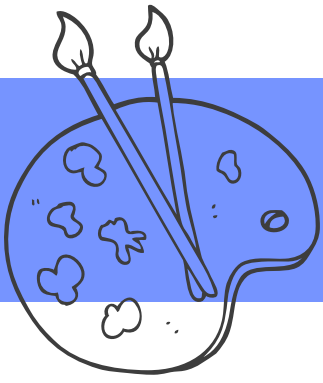
1:00 - 5:00 pm

Join us in growing your intercultural understanding through a free panel discussion and table conversations, over coffee, tea, and snacks.

Scan the QR Code to REGISTER or click the link below,

<https://www.accsc.ca/event-5397154>





**"Culture does not make people. People make culture."
- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**

Friday, September 22

Outdoor Family Movie Night

Ardrossan Elementary School, 53131 Range Road 222, Ardrossan T8E 2M8

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Looking forward to hosting our third family friendly movie night to help connect with the community and raise funds for the Ardrossan Elementary School!

*A paid concession will be run by the AEPSA on site for your snacking needs to help raise funds for the elementary school!

This will be outside at the elementary school so you can bring blankets and/or chairs to get comfy on the grass. Feel free to come early to claim a spot while the kids burn off extra energy at the playground!

Can't wait to see you there!

<https://fb.me/e/2VDpf1vap>



Saturday September 23 & Sunday, September 24

Strathcona County Culture Days Celebration 2023

Strathcona County Community Centre, 401 Festival Ln, Sherwood Park, AB, T8A 3W7

Join us to celebrate culture in Strathcona County. Enjoy family activities, community booths, stage performances, a dance competition, an art walk and food trucks!

www.accsc.ca/events

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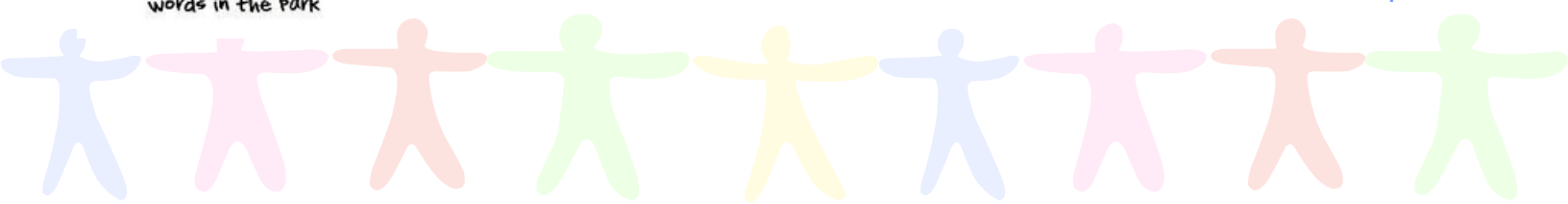
Words in the Park

Community Centre, 401 Festival Lane, Sherwood Park

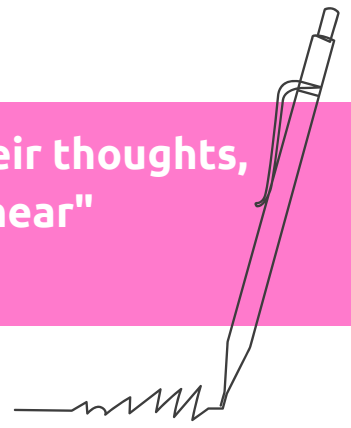
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

A book sale and fair for all literary lovers held in conjunction with Alberta Culture Days and ACCSC.

www.wfscsherwoodpark.com



"Culture is the name for what people are interested in, their thoughts, their models, the books they read and the speeches they hear"
- Walter Lippmann



Saturday, September 23



India Film Festival of Alberta - Children's Film

*Gallery@501, Strathcona County Community Centre,
501 Festival Ave #120, Sherwood Park, AB, T8A 3W7*

9:00 am

Mavka: the forest song (2023), Ukrainian

Mavka must choose between love and duty to protect the Heart of the Forest.

indiafilmfestival.ca/2023/

@IndiaFilmFestivalofAlberta

Harvest Autumn Festival

Salisbury Greenhouses Ltd., 52337 Rge. Rd. 232, Sherwood Park, AB

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Celebrate the magic of autumn with mini carnival games — including prizes to be won — along with pumpkin-themed activities, a cozy mini farmer's market, and scrumptious on-site bites. Join hands with us and support the Strathcona County Food Bank. Your generous food donations at our event can make a meaningful impact on our communities.

<https://salisburygreenhouse.com/harvest-festival-2023/>

@salisburygreenhouse



Pavlo in Concert "The Santorini Tour"

Festival Place, 100 Festival Way, Sherwood Park, AB T8A 5T2

7:30 - 9:30 pm

Pavlo has made a name for himself by offering a musical amalgam he simply calls "Mediterranean music".

<https://festivalplace.ca/events/pavlo-in-concert-the-santorini-tour/>





**"If we are to preserve culture we must continue to create it. "
- Johan Huizinga**

Saturday, September 23

India Film Festival of Alberta - Film 1

*Agora, Strathcona County Community Centre, 401 Festival Ln,
Sherwood Park, AB, T8A 3W7*

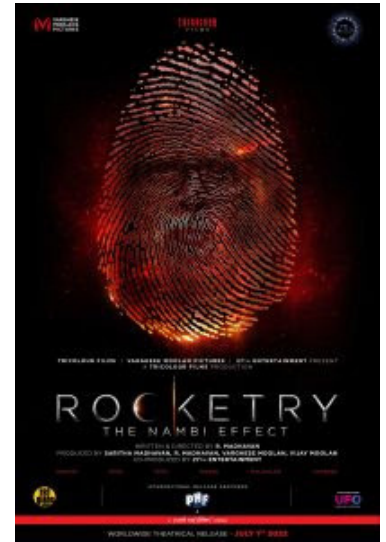
7:00 pm

Rocketry (2021) Hindi

Based on the life of Indian Space Research Organization scientist Nambi Narayanan, who was framed for being a spy and arrested in 1994. Though free, he continues to fight for justice against the officials who falsely implicated him.

indiafilmfestival.ca/2023/

@IndiaFilmFestivalofAlberta



Sunday, September 24

The Great Rural Race

Ardrossan Memorial Hall, 60 First Ave, Ardrossan, AB, T8E 2A2

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join ARAS & the Great Rural Race Committee for a 2.5K Walk/5K Run to raise money for the Strathcona Food Bank! Your ticket includes race entry, a meal, and a t-shirt*...

Choose between a 2.5km or a 5km route

Meal will be provided for every race entry (Extra Food will be available for spectators to purchase)

A T-Shirt will be included in the ticket price (if purchased before August 18th)

There will be a Kidzone as well as a Market on site.

<https://ardrossanrecagsociety.ca/events/the-great-rural-race-1>



"If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him."

- John F. Kennedy

Sunday, September 24



India Film Festival of Alberta - Film 2

*Agora, Strathcona County Community Centre, 401 Festival Ln,
Sherwood Park, AB, T8A 3W7*

7:00 pm

Vinnaihandi Varuvaya (2010), Tamil

An aspiring filmmaker goes through the ups and downs of romance when he falls for a Christian woman who says she only wants to be friends.

indiafilmfestival.ca/2023/

@IndiaFilmFestivalofAlberta

Youth Scrabble Club

*Strathcona County Library, 401 Festival Lane,
Sherwood Park, AB, T8A 58*

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

For grades 1 - 12.

Sundays from Sept 16 - December 2.

Learn new words and strategies to improve your game. A great way to boost your skills, meet new friends, and have a lot of fun! Scrabble boards are provided or bring your own. Beginners welcome.

Children under 12 must have a parent staying in the library for the duration of the program.

Drop-in, no registration required.

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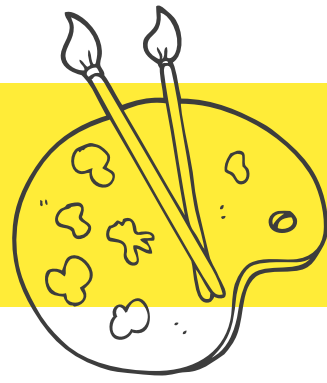


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sclibrary.ab.ca



"Maintaining one's culture, values and traditions is beyond price."

– Getano Lui, jnr



Travel Back in Time

Elk Island National Park

Sundays at Heritage Barn near the Wahkotowin Visitor Information Centre from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm:

Take a step back in time with a park interpreter at a mock archaeological dig site. Uncover the past through bison bones, tools from thousands of years ago, and even litter!

Free with valid park entry.

<https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/ab/elkiland/activ/decouverte-tours>

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sclibrary.ab.ca

Board Game Gathering

Strathcona County Library, 401 Festival Ln, Sherwood Park, AB, T8A 578

12:30 - 3:00 pm

Sundays, September 16 to December 17

Sunday afternoons are for gaming! Gather up your meeple and connect with other board game enthusiasts at this weekly adult meet up. Bring your own games or try one from our collection. All skill levels are welcome. Drop-in, no registration required.

<https://scl.bibliocommons.com/events/64bf24480225e3df10881f40>

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"Preserving the heritage - promoting the future."
- Unknown

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Bison Backstage

Elk Island National Park

Saturdays and Sundays at Heritage Barn near the Wahkotowin Visitor Information Centre from 12:30 pm, 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm

Bison Backstage is the exclusive, behind the scenes look at bison conservation at Elk Island. Visitors will be led through the Plains Bison Handling Facility and along the way will learn about the history of bison, how they affect the prairie landscape around them, and how parks staff continue the ongoing role in bison conservation efforts. This is a 1-hour walking tour that covers approximately 1 kilometer over uneven ground.

Free with valid park entry.

<https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/ab/elkisland/activ/decouverte-tours>

Monday, September 25

IFFA Film and TV Workshop

Agora, Strathcona County Community Centre, 401 Festival Ln,

Sherwood Park, AB, T8A 3W7

9:00 am

As part of the Strathcona County Culture Days Celebrations 2023, the Edmonton Movie Club proudly offers the IFFA Film and TV Workshops.

indiafilmfestival.ca/2023/

@IndiaFilmFestivalofAlberta



Craft Circle

Online on ZOOM

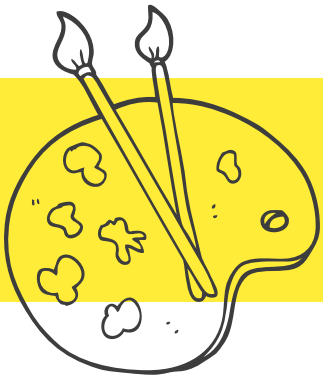
Mondays, September 16 to December 18 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Come craft with us! The library is hosting a weekly Zoom crafting circle where you can connect with fellow craftspeople as you work on your project. Registration Required. This event takes place over Zoom.

<https://scl.bibliocommons.com/events/64bf24480225e3df10881f40>

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**"Culture opens the sense of beauty."
– Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Tuesday, September 26

Music of the Night: Concert Tour

Festival Place, 100 Festival Way, Sherwood Park, AB T8A 5T2

7:30 - 9:30 pm

Presented by Sound the Alarm: Music/Theatre - Andrew Lloyd Webber's 75th Birthday, and his acclaim as the most successful musical theatre composer of all time, will be celebrated through his most iconic theatrical music including selections from Phantom of the Opera, Evita, Cats, Jesus Christ Superstar, Sunset Blvd, and more! With a fully professional cast, we are sure this concert parade of musical offerings will overwhelm the senses.

<https://tickets.festivalplace.ca/TheatreManager/1/online?performance=145>



Wednesday, September 27

Jimmy Rankin

Festival Place, 100 Festival Way, Sherwood Park, AB T8A 5T2

7:30 - 9:30 pm

Jimmy Rankin from Nashville to Nova Scotia with a new album, Moving East brings the party to the kitchen.

<https://festivalplace.ca/events/jimmy-rankin/>



Stories for Adults : Babes in the Woods

Strathcona County Library, 401 Festival Lane, Sherwood Park, AB, T8A 5T8

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Attend a gathering of enthusiastic oral storytellers as they share tales tall and true! Lend an ear or tell your own story among friends. No charge to attend this tellaround, hosted by Strathcona County Library, but please register in advance.

Register at sclibrary.ca/calendar

<https://sclibrary.ca/>

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"No culture can live if it attempts to be exclusive."

- Unknown

Friday, September 29

Public Art - New Mural Unveiling by artist Eugene Alexis

Sherwood Park Arena, 2015 Oak St, Sherwood Park, AB T8A 0W9

(south side of the building near the traffic turnout)

2:00 - 4:30 pm

Strathcona County is thrilled to announce the unveiling of "Dancing into the Future," a captivating addition to the Strathcona County Public Art Collection. Created by Indigenous artist Eugene Alexis of the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, this piece features vibrant dancing colours and celebrates Indigenous culture and peoples.

"Dancing into the Future" is a stunning visual representation of positive relationships and unity, symbolizing the collective journey towards reconciliation. Originally rendered as a large acrylic on canvas painting, this remarkable artwork has been digitally reproduced on a larger scale using vinyl. (Please note that Alexis may personally adorn this vinyl reproduction with hand-painted strokes, schedule permitting).

<https://www.strathcona.ca/recreation-events/arts-and-culture/public-art/>



Bison Tales Campfire

Elk Island National Park

7:30 - 8:30 pm

Fridays at Astotin Lake Recreation Area

Gather around the fire and listen to park interpreters share a collection of stories about the rise and fall of bison. Arrive early to save your spot!

Free with valid park entry.

<https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/ab/elkiland/activ/decouverte-tours>

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Saturday, September 30

Dan Morgan

Festival Place, 100 Festival Way, Sherwood Park, AB T8A 5T2

7:30 - 9:30 pm

Dan Morgan is a two-time JUNO award winning & two-time Polaris Music Prize listed musician and songwriter.

<https://festivalplace.ca/events/dan-morgan-2/>





**Thank you to the organizations that
helped make this possible!**



*Are you located in Strathcona County and holding an art, culture or
heritage event this month? If so, please let us know, and we can add it to
our calendar!*

scculturecalendar@gmail.com

