



At - a - Glance

1) Day Trekking

- **July** - Artists will be setting up spaces in our new gallery!
- **August** - Create hypertufa molds, embellish & paint
- **September** - Painting on barn wood

2) Night Trekking

- Simple brush strokes for flowers, lettering, and creating journals
- Launching our Star Chase game
- Painting rocks

Navigating our Journey:

Presentation is the Key to our new up-beat look!

Regular Meetings take place the first Wednesday of the month at the Art Gallery @ 1:30.

Vulcan Art Gallery
216 Centre Street
Box 513
Vulcan, AB. T0L 2B0

Yearly Fees:

\$25.00 plus a \$5.00 a month display fee, as well as volunteer 2 shifts in the gallery per month.

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Day Trekking: Future Learning

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We are back - promoting Themed 'Drop-in Mondays'; our schedule of events are listed below for the next three months.

During the month of *September... for Alberta Cultural Days*, we are planning a membership drive, by offering:

"Make and Take Away" (*Playdates*) for \$5.00.

We're asking members to sign-up and share a new technique or demonstrate any new art tools that you have purchased.

Suggested dates would be Monday afternoon, Wednesday evening.

Exciting news, we have been *approved for Alberta Cultural Days*

Grant. We are now looking for 4 members who want to teach a 3 hour class the weekend of September 27 or 28. Teachers will be paid for their efforts with a budget for supplies.

Classes will be free to participants.

July: Display Your Art

*Monday afternoons for members, set up your own personal displays

*Some common simple shelving is available or add your own unique display cabinet

*Display spaces were drawn out of a hat, however you may want to trade spaces, to suit your art.

August: Play with Hypertufa Molding Medium

Themed drop-in Monday activity- Aug 12 - Create a garden art display piece Try covering a pot, bottle, or fill a rubber glove. Paint and embellish the following Mondays.

September: Promote Cultural Days

Sign-up teach a : Make and Take Away" project.

Free Art Centre, Time to Teach e.g. September 9 - Paint quotes on old barn wood for your garden.

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Night Trekking: Reflective learning

In April – Many of us took exciting classes promoted through the High River United Church:

1. A Brush with Flowers taught by Annie Froese... We learned to use and appreciate the value of working with a flat brush. Keeping it simple with few brush strokes, and variegating colors by loading the brush then dipping the corners in different colors.

We practised this simple brush stroke technique then grounded our flowers with a splatter of contrasting color. During our practice we used a ½” flat brush, however just when we were getting comfortable; Annie gave us projects. Use a ¼” brush to make a gift card, a 1 inch wide flat brush for a very large poster and make your own wrapping paper.

2. Brush lettering with Tara Hayden- We started our learning with a pointed brush, learning to vary our brush pressure through the down stroke (press and release) then the up stroke with a (release) stroke and on the curves (thin to thick and thick to thin). Practice makes perfect...however life is short so we just do it whenever we can. We will worry about perfection much later.

3. Into the Soul of the Garden with Sally Towers-Syblis- What an exciting two days making our own copic bound journals with painted Tex-wove covers. The journals we filled with many wonderful watercolour papers and super art ideas. Her water color painting techniques and free-flowing calligraphy skills were all inspiring. Our journals are a work in progress and a treasure to work in. A great way to capture and save memorable moments; as our gardens grow and change.

In May

1. Some of our members painted a variety of space ships on the **STAR CHASE** game boards. Games were varnished and ready for sale during Spock Days.

Mo shared her technique; she painted the darker details then added a lighter wash to highlight, and rubbed some paint off the ends to create simple shading.

2. We also completed our **Parade Float** which took third place in the community entry category. Do you have any suggestions to “Kick-it-up a Knotch” for the Centennial Days Parade?

In June

Some of the members were involved with painting 24 rocks for Community in Bloom -garden awards. How lucky for us; Annie trained us well with the flat brush technique and we were able to adapt to painting on rocks. With Mo’s guidance, we sealed the painted rocks with clear acrylic enamel (Dupli-color) bought at the Napa store in town.

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Now that we are in our new location, many past understandings may have to be reviewed, adjusted and changed;

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