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Word of the month

Zephyr: noun (zeh-fur)

A light, gentle, or mild breeze. During the summer months, we may experience a gentle zephyr blowing in.



What's happening

KGCA News

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Hall Facilities Work is Under Way

We are busy here at the KGCA working to maintain our community hall! Trades are coming through to work on HVAC, electricals, and foundation repairs! We had Guttermedik on site recently helping us improve water drainage. A lot of proceeds from memberships, programs and fundraising go towards helping with these and other capital projects we have up coming. The KGCA appreciates your continued support!



Farm Stand Program

Wednesdays at the KGCA hall will be pretty exciting this summer! We have the Broxburn Vegetables Mobile Market here from 3:00-6:00 PM selling local Alberta grown produce in our parking lot. And NEW! Tiyo's Mexican Cravings food truck will be here from 4:00 - 8:00 PM selling their authentic Mexican street food! Come by and grab dinner on the way home!



Upcoming Events:

July 26 - 27 | Casino Fundraiser @ Pure Casino

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Ants Are the Most Amazing Critters

It's gardening season and I'm looking for my ant friends everywhere. They are so resourceful; you find them when you least expect them. We have a crabapple tree; I wouldn't recommend one if you're a new gardener; they are so messy in the spring that I pay the children in the alley to pick up the millions of shrivelling crabapples that litter the patio. But the surprises that I find while spring cleaning the garden; the ants use the fallen crabapples to close their anthills in the fall. They put the stem into their den to close it off for the upcoming winter.



They are truly construction engineers. They burrow under the brick floor which helps to aerate the soil, and improves water infiltration and root penetration for plants. Calgary is home to over 100 different species of ants! Most stay outdoors but I'm always surprised when I find one on my kitchen cabinet. The first thought is, how did you get into the house and then how did you manage to get on top of the cupboard? That feat would be greater than climbing Mount Kilimanjaro! I know how difficult that is, because I've done it!



I'm not the only one who is in awe of ants. They serve as a food source for many birds, mammals, and other insects, playing an essential role in the food web.

A few years ago, we were travelling in Panama on Pipeline Road, a famous hiking trail, when we ran into

leaf cutter ants and we were mesmerized. There was a line about half a kilometer long of the leaf cutters carrying yellow flowers on their heads on their way to their anthill. They are therefore also called Parasol Ants because that's what they look like. These loads are often 50 times their own body weight and they carry them into their underground anthills.

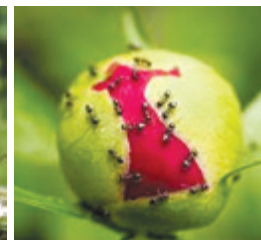
They are fungus farmers; they do not eat the leaves or flowers but chew them into a moist, nutrient rich pulp to cultivate fungus gardens. They, then, feed on this rich fungus.



As a gardener, I love peonies, I have one in my garden that is over 60 years old; they are a hardy perennial that can keep coming back for over 150 years and ants are attracted to the buds for their sugary sap filled glands. The ants act as bodyguards aggressively defending their food source by chasing away or eating harmful flower eating insects like thrips and aphids. Check your peonies for ants and don't shake them off as they are working to ensure the peony's longevity.

Ants are so valuable in so many ways: They are often used in scientific research to study social behaviour, communication, and environmental adaptations; and if that's not enough, their presence or absence can indicate the health of an ecosystem. They have significant value in maintaining ecological balance, supporting agriculture, and contributing to pest control.

In conclusion, ants are beneficial allies in the garden, contributing to soil health, pest management, and plant growth. Encouraging a healthy ant population can lead to a more vibrant and productive garden ecosystem. As E.O. Wilson, the illustrious ant expert, said, "When you see an ant in your kitchen, watch your step, they are very interesting animals."



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Kersten and The Pink Door Show

by Titash Choudhury

There is something interesting happening inside a house on the corner of 35 Street and 26 Avenue SW in Killarney. A bright pink door is outside the house, inviting visitors inside. Some arrive looking for art. Others come for the experience. By the time they leave, many have discovered a new artist, or appreciation for Calgary's creative community. The space is not a gallery. It is not exactly a business and not a traditional art collective either. It is something in between, a place where art becomes more accessible, approachable, and available to everyday people.



That is the vision behind The Pink Door Show, a Calgary-based volunteer-driven arts organization led by Kersten Hardy Fairleigh and her fellow founders. Kersten says that they want people to feel like they can walk in. A lot of art spaces can feel intimidating. People sometimes feel like they don't know enough about art or don't belong there. Their goal is to create a space where people can meet artists, experience their work, ask questions, and discover that art isn't reserved for galleries, collectors, or experts, it belongs to everyone.



For Kersten, being part of The Pink Door Show was not shaped overnight. It was shaped through years of creativity, exploration, and learning to trust herself. Having moved here at two years old, Calgary has always been home. From a young age, she was drawn to art, but being practical by nature, she chose to study marketing at the University of Calgary. Even while building a career in marketing and design, she never drifted far from creativity before opportunities took her to cities like Milan and London, where she experienced firsthand how art could become part of everyday life. Those experiences eventually led her into design, creative consulting, entrepreneurship, and visual art.



Over the years, Kersten built businesses, raised a family, and worked across a variety of creative fields. Along the way, she also learned more about herself. She speaks openly about overcoming childhood adversity and finding confidence in her own voice.

Kersten believes intuition carries our experiences, observations, and lessons. Trust in herself eventually led her to The Pink Door Show. Scouted in 2024, she soon became one



of its featured artists. Her portrait work resonated with people because it focused less on perfection and more on capturing the spirit and energy of a person. As an artist, Kersten believes a portrait should tell a story, not simply capture a likeness. The Pink Door Show itself has struck a similar chord with Calgarians. Attendance has doubled year after year, but more importantly, people are responding to the feeling of the space, one that is welcoming, approachable, and built around connection.

The vision behind The Pink Door Show is to bring people and art together in a way that feels welcoming, approachable, and human. Inspired by Calgary designer Jane Creighton's annual pop-up art show, the founders wanted to create a space where people could meet artists, hear their stories, and experience art outside the traditional gallery setting. What began as an annual art show has grown into something much bigger. Today, the organization is building The Pink Door Show foundation in Killarney, a space where artists and the public can gather, create, and connect.



For Kersten, Killarney feels like the right home for that vision. In a city as large as Calgary, making connections can be difficult. She believes strong communities are built when people choose to participate, creating something bigger than themselves. The organization is entirely volunteer run, with artists, supporters, and community members contributing thousands of hours to help working artists build sustainable careers. As Kersten puts it, "The people need art, and artists need people. Our community is deeply committed to being the doorway connecting the two."



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Summer in Alberta is truly something to celebrate.

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As usual, my family will be spending a lot of our time outdoors this summer, but we'll be staying a little closer to home. I hope to see some friends in Cold Lake, take in Open Farm Days on August 15 and 16, and stay in one of those amazing star-gazing domes at Metis Crossing.

And certainly, this July we won't have to go much further than Westbrook CTrain station to take in the greatest outdoor show on earth. After a lifetime spent in Calgary, the Stampede still blows me away. The community spirit, the volunteerism, the tourism, and celebration make it one of my favourite times of the year.

The Stampede is a perfect reminder of what we can accomplish together. We do it all under the waving Canadian flag, and I hope that it will be that sentiment that wins the day as we prepare to vote in the October referendum.

My staff and I wish you a safe and happy summer with friends and family. Take in something new and a little off the beaten path – I don't think you'll be disappointed.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to my office at calgary.currie@assembly.ab.ca any time with your ideas, issues, or concerns.

P.S. These summer months are the perfect time to get reconnected with the communities of Calgary-Currie. If you have an event that you'd like me to attend, I would love to be there.

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