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Save the Date

### 2016 Calendar of Events

November 5 Village Fest Dinner and Dance  
 November 19 De Winton Christmas Craft Fair

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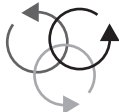
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#### When an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated:

- If you’re in the middle of an intersection when an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated, safely clear the intersection.
- On a one or two lane road, motorists should move to the right side of the road, slow down, and then stop. Remember to signal.
- On a road with three or more lanes, motorists should move to the nearest side of the road and stop. If driving in the centre lane, move to the right side of the road and stop. Remember to signal.
- Come to a complete stop and wait for the emergency vehicle to pass. Shoulder check for more emergency vehicles (there is often more than one!) before re-entering traffic flow. Remember to signal.
- Emergency vehicles might use *any* available road space to maneuver. This could include the shoulders or left hand turning lanes in order to pass other traffic.

#### When operating a vehicle:

- Drive attentively and defensively at all times. Be cognizant to sirens and be prepared to yield the right of way.
- It is Alberta law for motorists to slow down to at least 60 km/hour (unless a lower speed is posted) when driving past a stopped emergency vehicle. This includes EMS, police, fire, and tow trucks with their lights activated.
- Do not break the rules of the road in order to give right of way to an emergency vehicle. This could include proceeding through a red light or making an illegal turn. Actions such as these jeopardize all motorists in the area.
- Drivers must place their full attention on the roadway and toward the safe operation of their vehicle at all times. The fine for distracted driving in Alberta is \$287.00.
- Always leave plenty of space between your vehicle and an emergency vehicle should it be required to stop suddenly.



## NEWS & NOTES FROM THE DCA

#### Bridge

Tuesday evenings at 7:30p.m. They always welcome new members of all levels of bridge playing ability. I believe you will enjoy the company and laughter that goes with it. Contact Trudy Vangilst at 403-938-3436.

#### Fitness with Maya

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm  
Instructor: Maya Cerrutti maya.cerutti@gmail.com

#### De Winton Pre School

The DeWinton Community Preschool is currently taking registrations for the upcoming 2016/2017 school year! Please note that our A.M. programs are now full however we do still have openings in our 3 year and 4 year mixed program being offered on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons! Our school offers access to our community gymnasium as well as outdoor play at our playground and a large field for nature and exploration hikes when the weather permits! We also have our students participate in free play, letter recognition, crafting, weather recognition, singing and writing, as well as a focus on a variety of themes throughout the year. To register or if you have any questions, please contact the preschool by email at dewintoncommunitypreschool@gmail.com or visit our website at www.dewintoncommunitypreschool.com.

#### Quilting

Our dedicated Q Bee Quilting group is a wonderful group of ladies who welcome anyone joining them with whatever project you have on hand; valuable suggestions and help also available. They assemble every Wednesday at 9:30 am. Contact Ruth Olson at 403-938-2241

#### DCA Member Benefits

Members of the De Winton Community Association are eligible for special discounts of 20% off on Hall Rentals. If you or your company would like to host a party at the De Winton Community Hall please contact Facility Manager Greg Davenport at 403-938-2525.

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Mondays 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
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#### Book Club

The Third Thursday Book Club runs from September to June. We meet every third Thursday of the month at 11:00 at the DeWinton Community Hall for a lively discussion on the book of the month. Coffee and tea are served. New members or drop-ins are always welcome to attend.

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# How To Get Mom To Agree To A Pet Lizard!

I always wanted a pet reptile as a child, but like the myriad of other exotic pets I campaigned for, I was never successful in acquiring a snake or lizard. Now as a veterinarian and Mom of two boys I get to vicariously have all kinds of wonderful pets. "The boys wanted it"; this is the story my husband gets and I'm sticking to it. Fortunately with a little research and the help of a fellow lizard lover we became the proud owners of a Leopard Gecko called "Gecky".

Gecky, the Leopard Gecko, is a perfect pet in my eyes. He eats mealworms and crickets that are dipped in a calcium powder. He has a little container of a vitamin-mineral mixture he snacks on and a small water bowl. Room light is sufficient with a small heated pad stuck to the tank bottom providing additional heat he can move away or towards as he needs. Leopard Geckos can't even get out of the tank if the lid is left off by small children. Gecky did have a heat lamp (unnecessary) but that was eliminated when my six-year old tried to burn the house down. This sweet little creature will happily sit on your shirt through an evening of television. A dampened tissue is placed in the corner of the tank Gecky chose to use as his bathroom so cage cleaning is a breeze. This is a fabulous low-maintenance pet for young children with minimal supervision during handling periods. It is really gross when the tail falls off and twitches around for a while but they grow back.

Why did I say fortunately we picked a Gecko earlier? A neighbor asked us to babysit their Bearded Dragon, Steve. I have treated these wonderful attractive lizards but never kept one. Theory is easier than practice!

Steve arrived in his massive aquarium equipped with under tank heater, heat lamp, and two lights on a twelve hour cycle providing full spectrum lighting. There are multiple electronic thermometers to ensure the proper temperature gradients between 85 to 100 degrees F. Not the most attractive setup. Bearded Dragons are omnivores. So in the morning I cut Steve's veggies and fruit into pieces "smaller than the distance between his eyes". Then there was his daily quota of mealworms and crickets. Did I mention the cricket tank with over a hundred large live SINGING crickets?

Steve poops. He poops once a day and it needs to be removed immediately. I have treated thousands of animals of many, many species and I have worked in a pathology laboratory with animals in various stages of decomposition. I have to say the stench of Bearded Dragon poops elevate their owners to martyrs. Even after disposal it lingers in your nostrils and sinuses for hours. So Steve, I did like you, especially when you charged around your cage with your tail arched over your back gobbling up crickets. I liked to cuddle you Steve, but I was glad to see you go home.

If you are considering getting an exotic pet don't limit your research to learning about the care and needs of these creatures from books. Talk to people who actually own the exotic pet you're considering. Try to get a look at the set-up and even babysit as we did. Join TARAS, the Alberta Reptile and Amphibian Society. We won't be getting a Bearded Dragon but I hope the boys consider a cockatiel one day, I have always wanted one...

*Jennifer L. Scott, D.V.M.*

Celebrate Christmas in De Winton with our annual

# Christmas Craft Fair

**November 19, 2016**

De Winton Community Hall  
10 am to 3 pm

The De Winton Community Association would like to extend an invitation to one and all to attend the annual De Winton Christmas Craft Fair. Local vendors will display a wide variety of items, some seasonal in nature, and others ideal for holiday gift giving:

- Candy
- Quilting
- Body and Bath
- Artwork
- Gourmet Foods
- Plus much more.

The Craft Fair also will feature performances by the Bow Valley Fiddlers and School Children's Choirs.

Sponsor: The De Winton Community Association

When: Saturday, November 19, 10 am to 3 pm

Where: The De Winton Community Hall  
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**Nov. 28 – Dec. 21 It's A Wonderful Life: A Radio Play – Lunchbox Theatre:** It's A Wonderful Life is the classic tale of George Bailey, conceived as a live 1940's radio broadcast, a cast of 5 actors will bring this classic holiday story of love and redemption to life on stage! Everyday but Sundays, noon – 1 pm at Lunchbox Theatre. More info [www.lunchboxtheatre.com](http://www.lunchboxtheatre.com)

**Dec. 2 – 4 The International Christmas Market at Spruce Meadows:** Enjoy the warm atmosphere of this much-celebrated market which boasts 250 vendors with world-imported items, hand-crafted gifts and much more. Fire pits and lively entertainment are sure to keep you in the spirit – just in time for the holidays. For info [www.sprucemeadows.com/christmas\\_market](http://www.sprucemeadows.com/christmas_market)

**Nov. 19 – Dec. 18 Once Upon A Christmas – Heritage Park:** Take a step back into true holiday enchantment this Christmas with wagon rides, singing carols and even jolly old St. Nick himself. Experience the magic of Christmas past and activities like: gingerbread decorating, Santa's petting zoo, children's crafts and a vintage photo parlour. More info [www.heritagepark.ca](http://www.heritagepark.ca)

**Dec. 15, 8 pm A Rockin' Little Christmas – Jack Singer Concert Hall:** This upbeat concert will include a range of cheery, seasonal hits including Santa Baby, Jingle Bell Rock, White Christmas and many other favourites. Joining the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra for this concert is the Jeans 'N' Classics band and four vocalists. More info [www.calgaryphil.com](http://www.calgaryphil.com)

**Nov. 26 – Jan. 8 Lion's Festival of Lights:** The Festival of Lights is the largest free drive-by Christmas Lights showcase in Calgary. It's comprised of over 300,000 lights along 14th St NW. Designed by James Alafriz, Creative Intelligence Agency. More info [www.lionsfestivaloflights.ca](http://www.lionsfestivaloflights.ca)

**Dec. 2 - 4, 9 - 11, 16 – 18 Market Collective Cheer:** Enjoy a market that's perhaps a bit more eclectic this year at Market Collective's Cheer event. With fare like, clothing, chocolate and jewellery on offer, and more unusual vendors with woodworking, paper products and leather work for sale, there is surely something for everyone at this event. Located at The Chinese Cultural Centre. More info [www.marketcollective.ca](http://www.marketcollective.ca)

### DECEMBER 10 SLUMBER PARTY AT THE GLENBOW MUSEUM

Celebrating their 50th anniversary, The Glenbow is inviting kids aged 7 – 12 for a rare sleepover and behind the scenes tour of the museum's artefacts. More info [www.glenbow.org/programs](http://www.glenbow.org/programs)



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### DECEMBER 23 CHRISTMAS SKATE, NOON – 5 PM. OLYMPIC OVAL

A fun-filled afternoon at the Olympic oval is sure to cheer any Grinch. Complete with holiday music, you and yours can enjoy a skate together for \$2 and a food donation to The Calgary Food Bank.



DECEMBER DECEMBER DECEMBER

# Christmas in De Winton

Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> • 10 am to 3 pm

## Craft Fair

❄️ Candy

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❄️ Body and Bath

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#### HOME GARDENING WITH BARBARA



## A ROSE IS A ROSE

Barbara Shorrock

We don't have a number for how many gardeners in Calgary grow roses, but Lois Hole tells us that 4 out of 5 in England do, where the rose is the national flower. There is enormous variety in the **Rosa** genus, with many new varieties being developed every year across the world. Here in Calgary, we have our own particular challenges with altitude, short growing season, Chinooks, periods of drought and snow possible every month. Nevertheless, roses are hugely popular and many thrive in our gardens, just like their owners (or servants, if you choose to care for the more tender types). If you look on book store shelves, you will find volumes of books on how to choose, how to care for, how to master the art of rose growing. Beware the lovely picture-laden tomes written for other climates – pretty to look at but impossible here. For the purposes of this article, we will talk about only those roses that can be grown successfully in Calgary.

**Hardy roses** can survive our winter on their own without extra work by the gardener. They are tough. Size-wise, they vary from miniature and ground cover types only a few inches tall to great shrubs, climbers, hedges and every size in between. The flowers themselves can be single (12 petals or less), semi-double (13-20 petals) or double (20 or more petals). Colours vary from pure white through all the pinks and reds to peach and yellow. Some of them, like Morden Sunrise, have a range of colour in each bloom. They are most often grown on their own root-stock.

Most "Old Garden Roses" bloom only once per year, but within that three or four week period produce as many blooms as others who bloom for months. Even though labelled "hardy", it can be a good idea to mulch them in the fall as if they were tender.

"Parkland Roses" are bred specifically for Canadian prairie conditions at Morden, Manitoba. They are extremely hardy and most bloom all summer long. Anything with "Morden" in its name is a Parkland rose.

"Explorer Roses" were created by Agriculture Canada and are named for Canadian explorers, a particularly tough and hardy breed of men. These modern shrubs are crosses of *Rosa Rugosa* or *Rosa Kordeii*. *John Cabot*, for example, will grow up to 7 feet tall, and blooms until stopped by frost.

"Canadian Artists" is the newest series of hardy roses, developed in Canada and named in celebration of Canadian artists. They are bred to be exceptionally hardy, reliable, and disease resistant. Look for names like Emily Carr and Oscar Peterson.

**Tender roses** need more help from the Calgary gardener. Briefly, you must mulch them in the fall, and make an effort to cover them with snow if Mother Nature is stingy throughout the winter. This category includes Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, Grandifloras, English roses, Miniatures and most grafted roses. The serious rose grower may go so far as to dig them up and bury them in a trench in an empty bed for protection, but a good layer of peat moss and something to keep it in place, like black soil or old carpet should be effective. Styrofoam boxes and insulated tarps also work. If your roses are in pots, you can move them into an insulated heated garage, remembering to water them from time to time as they rest. Hybrid Teas are the darlings of rose society competitions, but don't always make a grand show in the garden. Floribundas give a bouquet on every branch. Grandifloras are the best of the Hybrid Tea and Floribunda, providing long-stemmed clusters that repeat and repeat.

There you have it – we are spoiled for choice. Calgary has an enthusiastic Rose Society, with knowledgeable members who would love to help you.

**Barbara Shorrock** is a retired realtor, gardener, writer, reader, and traveler. She can be found most first Wednesdays at the Queensland Garden Club in Queensland.

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Last 12 Months De Winton  
 MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
October 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
September 2016	\$387,000.00	\$373,000.00
August 2016	\$719,900.00	\$660,000.00
July 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
June 2016	\$699,900.00	\$675,000.00
May 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
April 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
March 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
February 2016	\$1,049,000.00	\$995,000.00
January 2016	\$679,900.00	\$636,000.00
December 2015	\$949,900.00	\$910,000.00
November 2015	\$0.00	\$0.00

Last 12 Months De Winton  
 MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
October 2016	1	0
September 2016	3	1
August 2016	1	1
July 2016	2	0
June 2016	2	1
May 2016	2	0
April 2016	3	0
March 2016	2	0
February 2016	2	1
January 2016	1	1
December 2015	0	1
November 2015	2	0

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**CALGARY WILDLIFE**

# The Red Crossbill

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The Red Crossbill is a stocky finch with a heavy head and a short, notched tail. Males are reddish-scarlet or reddish-yellow except for their dark wings and tail while females are olive-grey to greenish yellow with plain dark wings. This songbird is common in the mountain and foothills regions of Alberta year round and it is considered a global species. The Red Crossbill's range is hard to define and its population is hard to monitor because their movements are irregular and based on food availability.

### Fun Facts:

- The tips of its large bill are crossed; an adaptation for removing seeds from tight closed cones.
- The Red Crossbill's biting muscles are stronger than the muscles to open the bill so it places the tips of its slightly open bill under a cone scale and then bites down.
- You can spot this songbird by their undulating (wave-like) flight, which is even noticeable when they are flying at great heights
- Red Crossbills are considered irregular breeders because they can breed whenever and wherever they can find a large crop of cones, even during the winter
- Because of this irregular breeding, the timeframes for the Red Crossbill's lifecycle varies more than most North American songbirds. For example, juveniles hatched during the summer molt only once (between late summer and late autumn) whereas juveniles hatched from late winter to early spring molt twice (about three and a half months after hatching and again during the main summer molt period).
- Because of their dependence on food supply, Red Crossbills may occupy an area in huge numbers and then disappear for long periods of time (this behaviour can sometimes be called 'irruptive')
- These birds can often be heard but rarely do they make

themselves visible

- Red Crossbills will come to feeders to eat niger and small seeds but the best way to tempt this elusive bird is to allow them to take sunflower seeds directly from the sunflower heads.

If you find an injured or orphaned wild bird or animal in distress, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society hotline at 403-239-2488 for tips, instructions and advice, or visit our website at [www.calgarywildlife.org](http://www.calgarywildlife.org) for more information.

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# 3 Savings Tips You Can Follow Even During the Holidays

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