

ARTSPARK ARTIST STUDIO  
UNVEILING  
at Central Alberta Residence Society

On February 4<sup>th</sup> artists Angela Kuffner and Matt Novac, CARS Executive Director Pat Schropfer, the ArtSpark Visual Arts Coordinator Alexis Milinusic, the Supervisor of Self-Advocacy Debbie Murray, CARS Cougars members, support people, office staff and friends gathered to unveil the new art pieces in the lobby of the CARS office.

Angela's piece titled Person Cantered Planner – a self-portrait, and Matt's piece titled My Uncles House hung side by side as they cut the ribbons to celebrate the beginning of a creative partnership. When asked both Matt and Angela, who hadn't previously given it any thought, said they would consider selling their art if anyone was interested. Both artists are part of the ArtSparks Project Artist Studio, which happens Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Red Deer Museum from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

It began when The CARS Cougars, already with two members on the Advisory Committee and several members active in many aspects of ArtSparks programs, wondered how they could support the ArtSparks program more. The opening at the Harris Gallery inspired the request to the Executive Director, which was strongly supported.

CARS purchased a standard gallery frame from The Frame It Store in the Co-op Plaza. Jane Brock the owner generously discounted it by 25%. It looked so lonely on the wall CARS purchased a second.

Each month two names will be drawn from the artists involved in the Artist Studio and their art will replace the previous two pieces.

Everyone involved is very excited about the partnership and eager to see the art that is produced and displayed.

If you love the idea as much as they all do and want to get involved in the Artist Studio, have Art displayed in your office or place of work, or want more information contact Alexis Milinusic at 309-8443.

