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Art Exhibit: **FRIENDS AND MENTORS**

Exhibition Dates: **October 20 to November 10, 2003**
Venue: **RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY, RED DEER**
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Three prominent Alberta artists reveal personal and shared artistic expression through the print medium of lithography in **FRIENDS AND MENTORS**. It features the work of John Snow, Maxwell Bates and Barry Smylie.

The artworks selected for **FRIENDS AND MENTORS** display the individual styles of each artist, while at the same time showing some of the influences they had on each other. The title of this exhibition comes from their personal friendship and the way each one was either mentor or student for the other.

John Snow introduced lithography to Calgary in 1953, when he purchased two lithographic presses, lithographic stones and an ink roller to explore the potential of this new medium. Together with Maxwell Bates, Snow taught himself the complex process of lithography as a means of making art. Barry Smylie joined Snow in 1971 and the two worked side-by-side for fourteen years, discovering a fascination with the ability to achieve extraordinary richness of colours while further developing their artistic ideas and printing techniques.

FRIENDS AND MENTORS will be on display at the **Red Deer Public Library** in **Red Deer** from October 20 to November 7, 2003. We welcome your visit to this highly entertaining and informative exhibition.

FRIENDS AND MENTORS is a touring exhibition originally developed by the Muttart Public Art Gallery (now Art Gallery of Calgary) for the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition Program. It is currently circulated throughout the southwest/central parts of Alberta by the Alberta Society of Artists. The A.F.A. Travelling Exhibition Program is financially supported by the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.

The City of Calgary Civic Art Collection generously lends the artworks in this exhibition.

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