

Arts, Culture and Heritage Award

Linda Chapelisky

Raised to embrace volunteerism and give back to the community, Linda is now inspiring others to follow the same tradition and has been recognized with the 2021 Arts, Culture and Heritage Award.

After growing up in Myrnam, Alberta, Linda attended the University of Alberta before moving to Leduc in 1975. She volunteered for organizations such as the Leduc Kinette Club, the Alberta Zirka Ukrainian Performers and community sports while raising her three children. After they were grown, she turned her attention fully to her volunteer work.

A board member for six years with the Black Gold Health Foundation (BGHF), Linda worked tirelessly on a fundraising campaign to bring a CT scanner to the hospital. After the BGHF became the Leduc Community Hospital Foundation, Linda served again as a trustee from 2013 to 2022. Linda was always available to help with planning events, developing policies and procedures, bookkeeping and fundraising.

A fibre artist who is passionate about the arts community, Linda brought her considerable skills and volunteer experience to bear when she became a founding member of the Leduc Arts Foundry in 2017. Her leadership and dedication have been instrumental in progressing the Foundry from a concept to a social enterprise. Linda is a constant presence at the annual Leduc Art Walk, coordinating activities, liaising with artisans and showcasing her own work. Linda hopes that Leduc will someday have a permanent arts and cultural centre.

Since retiring, Linda also volunteers for the Black Gold Quilt Patch Guild, Edmonton Rug Hooking Guild and Focus on Fibre Art Association. Her hobbies also include beading, gardening and swimming, and she is always eager to try new things.