

## **Media release**

### **Art Gallery of St. Albert calls for story submissions** *Welcoming memories of the popular potter, Elke Blodgett*

**May 13, 2024, St. Albert, Alberta** – As the Art Gallery of St. Albert (part of the Arts and Heritage Foundation) prepares for a major exhibition to launch in July, the public is being asked to share memories of popular potter, **Elke Blodgett**.

***Fire in Her Hands***, will run in the gallery's main exhibition space from **July 11 to August 10**. The exhibition will be the first retrospective of Elke's visionary raku ceramics. A potter for more than 40 years, she unapologetically forged her own path until her passing in 2018. Blodgett was an artist, kiln builder, mother, teacher, community organizer, friend, passionate environmentalist and a force of nature. Born in Europe, but living in St. Albert for most of her life, she left an indelible mark in the community.

Plans for the upcoming exhibition include stories (written or video recordings) from anyone interested in sharing their memories of Blodgett. Anyone who knew her as a neighbour, general community member, fellow potter, environmental advocate or friend can submit until June 4.

People can share their stories online at <https://www.artsandheritage.ca/products/celebrating-elke-blodgett> or by direct contact with Curator Emily Baker, via email at [exhibitions@artsandheritage.ca](mailto:exhibitions@artsandheritage.ca).

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