



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

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President's Report

I bask in the change of the cool fall air and change in the colour of the leaves. It is a time to reflect on my year (Season) as President of the Southern Alberta Pioneers & Their Descendants.

No president goes it alone. First and foremost, I was blessed with working with an outstanding Board of Directors, who collaborated, strategized and worked together as a team. An elected, group of volunteers, who went above and beyond in serving our membership.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you, to several of our Past Presidents, who provided support, wisdom, and guidance throughout this past year. A sincere and heartfelt appreciation, to the many dedicated and committed conveners and volunteers. Your time, contributions and passion to this organization are invaluable. It is because of you that our Historical work and events continue to be such a success.

A special thank you, to our Pioneer Lady Iona Shaw and our Pioneer Gent Bill Jackson, your enthusiasm and friendliness enhanced all of our special events. True ambassadors!

Despite the unexpected challenges, we have made great strides this past year and have gained a clearer understanding

of what the membership wants. With the upcoming renovation project, fast approaching, we are in need of volunteers and donations. It is my hope that we will engage more members and volunteers with vast skills, talents and experience to help carry us forward. Therefore, making the Southern Alberta Pioneers & Their Descendants sustainable for another 100 years.

Please mark your calendar to attend our AGM on October 19th/2019, where we will provide a more in depth status update on the Renovation project and results from the 2019 membership survey. I look forward to visiting with you at our 99th annual Round up, historically held at the Palliser Hotel on November 2nd.

Sincerely
Sandy Pedlar
President 2018/2019



Pioneer Tea at Rotary House

The annual Southern Alberta Pioneers and their Descendant's Pioneer Tea at Rotary House was held on Tuesday, July 9th. Around 100 people made their way to the Stampede Grounds to join us for coffee, tea, homemade baked goods and sandwiches, and plenty of good conversation. We were honoured to host SAPD members and their guests, Calgary Stampede Royalty, as well as provincial and federal representatives. New connections were made, as well as visits with old friends. The Tea benefitted once again from the musical entertainment of our good friend Mary Ellen Goslin.

The success of the Pioneer Tea depends entirely on the efforts and commitment of our SAPD volunteers. We thank all of you for volunteering homemade baked goods, your sandwich making skills, and your serving expertise.

The Pioneer Tea during Stampede is a Southern Alberta Pioneers tradition that stretches back well over 100 years. We appreciate the dedication and efforts of our volunteers and the commitment of the attendees that allow the Southern Alberta Pioneers to continue this treasured legacy.

SAPD SPEAKER SERIES

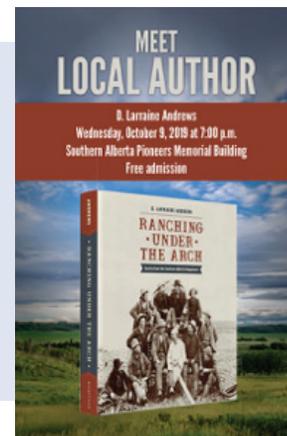
On March 11, 2019, the Historical Committee hosted a presentation by SAPD member Brenda McQueen, President of the McDougall Stoney Mission Society. Brenda talked about her McDougall ancestors, the McDougall Stoney Mission, and the McDougall Stoney Mission Society's work to rebuild the church building that was destroyed by fire in 2017. Brenda also talked about her efforts to rekindle relationships within the Stoney Nation so that the future church site can be a place of healing and reconciliation for all.

The McDougall Stoney Mission Society has had an active summer, hosting events and moving forward with the steps required to make the rebuilding of the church a reality. The restoration will begin the summer of 2020, and if all goes well should be complete by the September 2020 service at the site. Please check out their Facebook page and their website at www.mcdougallstoneymission.com for updates.

Mark your calendars for the Historical Committee's upcoming speaker at the Memorial Building on **Wednesday, October 9th at 7 p.m.** High River author D. Lorraine Andrews will share stories from her recent book "Ranching under the Arch – Stories from the Southern Alberta Rangelands."

In "Ranching under the Arch," Andrews follows seven pioneering cattle ranches; telling their stories of "hope and big ambitions, grand schemes and wild optimism," and ultimately "survival, perseverance, prosperity and triumph" on Southern Alberta's Rangeland.

Join us for an evening of fascinating tales celebrating Southern Alberta' Rangeland and the dedicated people who manage it.



Sharing Knowledge

My grandfather, Stanley B James, was an Englishman who came to Jumping Pound in 1893. Here in London, I am busy writing a book about his life and, because he, too, was a writer and penned two autobiographies, I have a lot of information about him. But, because he was rather vague about the facts of his adventurous life, I felt I needed to pin him down a bit more.

His four years in Alberta were particularly unclear, so in May 2019 I hopped on a plane and spent a couple of weeks researching his time as a cowboy in the region. I made some contacts before setting out so I could maximize my short time in Canada. Through Bev Copithorne of the Jumping Pound Community Hall, I was put in touch with the Southern Alberta Pioneers, who I came to visit within 10 hours of flying in. I drove bleary-eyed to their Monday morning get-together at the Memorial Building in Calgary and was warmly greeted.

Kathleen Rogers hosted me and couldn't have been more welcoming. Strictly speaking, the 23-year-old Stanley wasn't even a pioneer – for two reasons: he arrived after 1890 and he wasn't a settler as such but one of the many impoverished Brits – he definitely wasn't a remittance man – who escaped to these beautiful foothills, seeking

freedom and adventure. But it didn't seem to matter to the SAP Pioneers that he wasn't really a pioneer; they were just willing to help me out with some live research. They were also generous enough to make me a present of a beautiful book, *Our Foothills*, which now sits proudly on my research shelf in my study back in London.

Kathleen had arranged to take me to see John and Beryl Sibbald, who live off the Hermitage Road in Rockyview District. Having identified Stanley in three photos taken in Jumping Pound in 1893, it was clear that my grandfather had worked side by side with John Sibbald's grandfather in those early days. And, thanks to all those smart introductions – the Pioneers seemed to know instinctively who I needed to meet before I did – those connections happened time and again during my trip. None of it could have happened without the very special Western hospitality I received from the SAP Pioneers. It is something I shall never forget.

And now those gaps in my story have been well and truly filled. It puts meat on the ranching bone of my story and is all the better for that. Thank you to everyone – you really are 21st century Pioneers!



Robert Nurden, Kathleen Rogers

By Robert Nurden - 28 May 2019

2019 Stampede Parade

Stampede showers brought out the best in our pioneer descendants. None of our hardy, 'the show must go on' people let us down. They were there with the rain gear they thought they may need, a smile on their face, and a yahoo in their voice. After enjoying a lovely breakfast provided by Kerri Fipke and company, and pre-parade pictures, we made our way to our pick-up spot. Although there was a lot of water on the ground that petticoats could soak up like a sponge if they came in contact with it, the rain stopped for the actual parade.

The Honoured 2019 Family was the Edward Burke family, 1889, represented by Maureen and Jeff Hill, their daughter, Catherine Clynch, granddaughter Catie and grandson Connor. We were also delighted to have the 2019 Honoured Pioneer Lady Iona Shaw accompanied by her nephew, Steven Bibby. The Honoured Gentleman Bill Jackson and his lovely wife Edith added much spirit and grace to our entry. Our president, Sandy Pedlar, husband Rob, daughter Meagan, and son Ryan turned out in elaborately detailed period dress, which added elegance and authenticity to the entry.

I'm sure that I speak for all participants when I say how grateful I am for our dedicated and committed outriders and teamsters.

I thank everyone for their enthusiastic participation. Without this group effort we could not be represented.



Burke Family (Catie, Catherine & Connor Clynch, Maureen & Jeff Hill)



Edie Jackson, Iona Shaw, Bill Jackson



Robin Arthurs



Iona Shaw & Steven Bibby

99th Annual Roundup



Saturday, November 2nd, 2019
Alberta Ballroom, Palliser Hotel

Cocktails 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.

An evening to visit with family and friends and celebrate!

LIVE BAND, DANCE
Tickets - \$85.00 each

ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED & PAID FOR IN ADVANCE

Payment Options: Cash, cheque or event brite
Tables will be assigned as tickets are purchased
No tickets will be sold after October 29, 2019

The Palliser Hotel is offering SAP guests a special overnight rate for the Round Up

Contact Names for tickets (by mail or phone)
Rhonda Hutchings: 403-252-2428

If paying by cheque please make payable to:
Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants.

Mail cheque to:
Attention: R. Hutchings – 3625 4th Street SW Calgary, AB T2S 1Y3

Early Bird draw; tickets purchased by October 19th, 2019 (drawn at the AGM)

The Centennial Memorial Gate

Following the 1955 completion, of the Memorial Building celebrating the Provincial Jubilee, the Men's and Women's Pioneer Associations began to work toward amalgamation. The first combined meeting was held in October of 1964 and one of the first orders of business was to find a project to celebrate Canada's 100th birthday.

Mrs. A. C. Smith chaired the first meeting of the Centennial Committee in June of 1965. The committee drafted a questionnaire listing four proposals and sent it out to all members of the Society. A table was set up and manned by the committee at Fort Calgary House during Stampede week. The committee provided literature on the proposals, solicited support, pledges, and gained feedback from the members. In July of that year the committee reported that the survey had shown that over 50% favoured the proposal to build a gate to include a suitable memorial to the Old Timers, such as a bronze plaque on which would be listed the names of all original Pioneers or Pioneer families. In the early part of 1967, a letter was sent by Stuart Grayson, chair of the Centennial Committee, to members and Friends of the Pioneers requesting donations for the Centennial Gate Project. Surplus would be devoted to the beautification of the grounds.

The Memorial Gate was dedicated on Sunday, July 9, 1967, with the ceremonial rawhide ribbon being cut with scissors brought to Calgary by the Shaw family in 1883. The brass plaques were not yet ready, but Calgary Stamp and Pencil had provided a temporary list of names on heavy paper which was temporarily attached to the gate.

"The archway bears, on its outer (easterly) face, two plaques: one, a simple dedication to our pioneers, and the other a listing of the signatories of Treaty No. 7. The inner faces of the archway bear plaques perpetuating in bronze the names of one thousand and fifty heads of original Pioneer families settling in Southern Alberta before the end of 1890."

In 1988, a committee was appointed under Lucille Togs tad to gather and research further names for a brass plaque

on the north-west side of the gate. After three years of hard work, a dedication service was held in 1991 following the annual Memorial Service held the first Sunday of Stampede. Stephanie Ferguson piped the tunes "Amazing Grace."

The initial arch way of the gate was constructed of wood, with a painted sign "Southern Alberta Pioneers Old Timers Association." This archway fell victim to an over height delivery truck in the early 2000's. Bob Brewster was Building committee chair at the time, and saw the replacement project through to completion. His first thought was to have a wrought iron arch of a proper height built depicting western silhouettes. He phoned the City to find the correct height and talked to Mr. Wrought Iron about his ideas. He visited the Glenbow Museum and the Calgary Library to collect the right type of western pictures for the silhouettes. The final images chosen were a farmer and his dog, and a woman and child to be at the base of the arch; with images of a tipi, a dray wagon, a cowboy herding cattle, a Red River cart, and a NWMP depicted within the arch. Bob chose to have the Mountie wear a Stetson Cowboy Hat as this was the hat actually worn by members of the Force while on patrol despite not being officially adopted until 1901. (Originally, the NWMP wore the Foreign Service pith helmet, made of cork covered in cloth, and the pill box cap for undress, to suit their image as a paramedical force).

The images needed to be computerized and sized, and then Bob met with Helen Mackie at Mr. Wrought Iron to determine the placing of the images. Helen provided sketches of various configurations for the shape of the archway. The wrought-iron archway was finally installed in the fall of 2002 on the stone Centennial Memorial gate posts.

Ten years later the gate received further upgrading thanks to a generous donation by Bob Rintoul, which allowed the completion of the electric gate with the Buffalo Head we now have.

Next time you enter the grounds, look up to the silhouettes and locate your family name on the plaques.

submitted by Kathleen Rogers Past President 2012

(sourced from Our Pioneer Family pages 235-37, letter to the board from Ila Brewster 2012, Calgary Herald July 4, 1967 and sketch submitted by Helen Mackie).

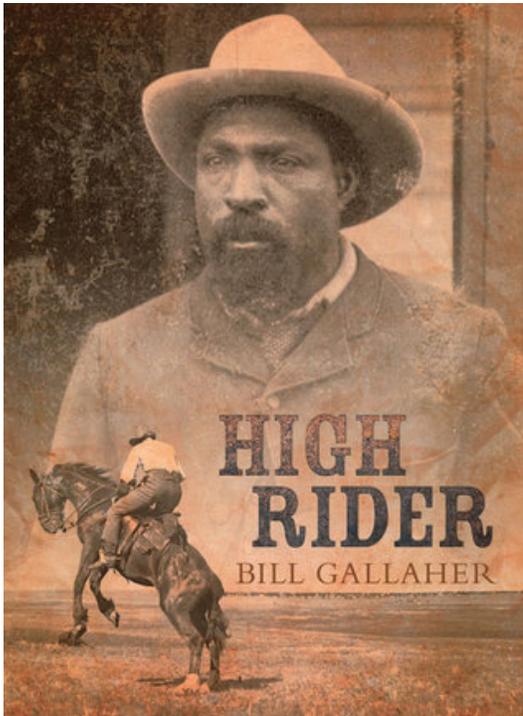


From Your SAPD Stacks:

Featured Read

High Rider

Bill Gallagher



Many of the stories about the discovery and settlement of our province – and the proud civilizations that existed here long before we did – are so rich that they need no embellishment. And indeed, the most incredible stories are often the ones that are true to the life. But with all of the historic events that our home has witnessed through the centuries, it has always rather surprised me that we don't have more historical fiction set in southern Alberta, with our local creative voices imagining and filling in the tantalizing gaps in the things that we "know." Writer Bill Gallagher has done just that and created a narrative around one of our most beloved historical figures.

As the end of the nineteenth century neared, southern Alberta and its fledgling communities were attracting immigrants from all over the world. What we often forget about is just how close to home some of those immigrants were, with many coming over the border from the United States. For example, veterans of the civil war, with both sides of that bloody and deadly conflict represented, are buried in Calgary's Union Cemetery.

John Ware's life had been formed and shaped by the events that had racked the country of his birth, but of course he had fought for neither side. He was born a slave on a plantation in southern Carolina, and it is here that Bill Gallagher introduces him to us. Gallagher makes you feel as though you are beside John Ware as he walks

Annual Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 07, 2019

at the
Memorial Building
Cocktails: 5:30 pm Dinner: 6:30 pm

Tickets: Adults: \$30
Children 6-12: \$15 Under 6: free

Option 1: Eventbrite.

The Christmas Dinner has been set up as a private event and will not come up in any searches on the website. A link to event brite will be provided to all members with email addresses.

Option 2: Purchase tickets through
Rhonda Hutchings: 403-252-2428

All cheques made payable to
Southern Alberta Pioneers and mailed to
Attention: R. Hutchings
3625-4 St. SW, Calgary, AB T2S 1Y3

Tickets must be purchased in advance. No refunds.
Convenors: Jeff and Maureen Hill 403-225-2397

the one thousand miles from southern Carolina to Texas, and as though you are witnessing heartwarming moments as he befriends good people and wins their respect and admiration. The humiliating events of prejudice and the wistful longing for love and family that seem destined to remain unfulfilled make you feel as though you are standing next to someone you want to encourage and speak out for – and how nice it is to root for a good guy, and to realize that this story happened in places that are familiar to you, too.

Let's suppose that we are offering a raffle at the Southern Alberta Pioneers Library and if you win, you get to meet John Ware at the coffee shop of your choosing for one hour and ask him any questions you want. What would you want to know? What parts of his story are the most fascinating to you? Would you want him to myth bust – was he ever really a miner? Do you want to get to know him as a person – what was his favourite breakfast? Or his favourite way to spend a Sunday afternoon? Or, do you want his tips and tricks for calving, or gentling a horse that's got the best of you at the moment? Read *High Rider* and then tweet at us with your #QuestionsForJohnWare!! We'll share the best ones in an upcoming newsletter.

Submitted by: Shelly McElroy.

Membership

Membership dues may now be paid using E-transfer, to
Membership@pioneersalberta.org

IN MEMORIUM

Alex Skene, James McKinnon, P. Douglas McArthur, Bud Vine &
Agnes Rouse

NEW GOLD CARD MEMBERS

Gail Singleton, Stephanie Chrumka, Fred Callaway, William Jackson,
Joyce Pallister Bronsch, Robert Quinton, Jo Wilson, Mary Jane Pogue,
Kathleen Smith & Roberta Dewolf

SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS & THEIR DESCENDANTS Annual General Meeting



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th, 2019 – AGM and Luncheon

12:00 to 3:00 PM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 1:00 PM

PRESIDENT SANDY PEDLAR PRESIDING

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held October 13TH, 2018
2. Business arising from the minutes
3. President's report – Sandy Pedlar
4. Treasurer's report – Brian Rogers
5. Membership report – Maureen Peckham
6. Committee reports
7. 2019 Membership Survey – Gene Blakley
8. Election of Board of Directors for 2019/2020
9. Introduction of the Incoming President
10. Incoming President's Remarks
11. Adjournment

**NEW BUSINESS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS 21 DAYS PRIOR TO THE AGM**

**Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants Foundation Meeting to
follow the AGM to appoint Directors to the Foundation Board.**

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Beverley Prier, Robert &
Claire MacDougall, descendants of
George Glasford, Calgary, 1888

Cole & Dean Vista, descendants of
Henry Casey, Lethbridge, 1889

Patricia Bedry, descendant of Richard
Copithorne, Jumping Pound, 1887

Brenda McQueen, descendant of
George McDougall, Morleyville, 1873

Dawson Long & Bethany Clark,
descendants of John Clark,
Crowfoot Creek, 1883

Herbert Neuberger, descendant of
Thomas Pope, Ft MacLeod, 1874

Debra Longstofer, descendant of
Guy Pallister, High River, 1888

Max McDonough, descendant of A.H.
Lynch-Staunton, Pincher Creek, 1877

Robbin Legg, descendant of Edward &
Ellen Burke, Davisburg, 1889

Colt Bibby, descendant of David Gilruth,
Pincher Creek, 1886

Janice Culp, descendant of
James McElroy, Calgary, 1890

Greg Sinclair, descendant of
David Sinclair, Calgary, 1884

Michelle, Troy, & Trenton Fawcett &
Debra Schulz, descendants of
Samuel McKay, Medicine Hat, 1882

Elizabeth Morgan-Maver, descendant of
Angus & Elizabeth Martin, Calgary, 1889

Sydney MacLeod Heathcott,
descendant of Col. James F. MacLeod,
Fort Whoop Up, 1874

WELCOME TO NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Cheryl Bibby & Amanda Bibby

**Thank for notifying of any changes
(eg. Address, phone #, e-mails)**

e-mail membership@pioneersalberta.org
Or Phone 403-271-5483

Maureen Peckham, Membership

Memorial Building Upgrade Report

The Memorial Building Capital Upgrade Project comprises of a complete makeover of the buildings electrical and mechanical systems (including air conditioning) and partial upgrade of the plumbing and fire protection systems.

This upgrade is urgently required for the following reasons:

1. The building infrastructure is inadequate to meet the demands for member, public and private functions.
2. The buildings Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical systems do not meet present City of Calgary building codes.
3. Electrical system is currently at full capacity due to new high technical gear such as computers and audio/visual equipment.
4. Plumbing does not meet commercial grades.
5. Building furnaces are too small and in constant repair.
6. Air circulation is inadequate plus there is no air conditioning.

The scope of work for the upgrade includes, but not limited to:

1. Two new Furnaces with Make-up air and Air Conditioning.
2. New 60 Gallon Hot Water Tank.
3. Replace all basement ductwork.
4. Replace Bathroom fixtures and plumbing to current commercial grades.
5. New electrical panels and complete rewiring of electrical circuits.
6. Replace all light fixtures with LED Lighting and rewire existing wagon wheel chandeliers to code.
7. Reconfigure basement kitchen to make room for expanded mechanical room.
8. Refurbishment of the main hall hardwood floor.
9. New fire alarm panel.
10. ENMAX power hook-up.

The only architectural changes made to the building are in the lower level where the furnace room requires expansion which means the downstairs kitchen will be a little smaller and the downstairs hall walls and ceiling will be replaced with drywall with wainscoting on the bottom portion of the walls. The upstairs architecture will not change.

The planning of this project has been ongoing now for about three years initiated by Joan Hampaul (former SAPD Building Committee Chair) with collaboration with the City of Calgary (our leaseholder), IBI Group (Architect's) and Project Manager, Jason Moroz from Three Peaks Group.

Construction was originally planned for January to March of 2019 but was deferred a year because only two bids were received (out of six solicited) with these bids being about \$100,000 apart. Delaying the project was a prudent thing as it provided more time to plan and to secure government funding.

On May 27, The City of Calgary re-engaged IBI Group (who are contracted to the City) to restart the project. The project went out to Tender to seven Contractor's on July 23, 2019 with a closing date of August 20, 2019. A mandatory site visit was conducted on July 30 and a follow-up visit on Aug 6. Six compliant bids were received.

The bids were analysed and at the time of this writing a Contractor has been short listed, the award of the contract is pending on the city's final approval to proceed expected to be received the week of Sep 22, 2019. Once the approval is received a Contract will be executed between Southern Alberta Pioneers Foundation (SAPF) and the selected Contractor.

Outside of the scope of the main contract is the upgraded power feed line (400 Amp) from the street to the building, this work is performed by ENMAX (we have no choice). ENMAX was engaged by SAPF on August 19 to commence this work.

NEXT STEPS

1. Award Main Construction Contract (first week of October).
2. Presentation of the Project during the AGM, Oct 19.
3. Remove all furniture, appliances books, artifacts, pictures, animal heads etc. from the building and move into storage. This can be a gradual process but must be completed before Contractor starts demolition.
4. Contractor to have a "soft" mobilization by Dec 2 to satisfy requirements of the Building Permit. From Dec 2 to Dec 22 (last rental) the building will be fully functional.
5. From Dec 22 to Dec 31, 2020 all remaining items in the building must be removed including the audio/visual equipment which will be removed by Big Guy Productions, the company that supplied the system.
6. Jan 1 to March 31 – Construction Period.

PROJECT BUDGET

This is the un-approved budget at the time of writing. GST is not included, as a non-profit charitable organization, GST payments will be rebated.

Incurring Costs (Spent)	\$12,235.00	Does not include IBI Costs (Covered by the City)
To Go:		
Project Management Fees	\$14,100.00	Three Peak Group
Main Construction Contract	\$463,260.00	Not yet implemented
ENMAX	\$49,000.00	Based on ENMAX verbal quote
Contingency	\$69,489.00	15% of construction
Total Cost to go	\$595,849.00	

FUNDING AND GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Government Grants for this type of work are available from both the Province of Alberta through their Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) and through the City of Calgary through their Capital Conservation Grant (CCG).

The following is the status of the Gov't Grants that we applied for:

CFEP 2018 Application	\$105,580.00	Approved March, 2019
CCG 2019 Application	\$300,000.00	Approved June, 2019
CFEP 2020 Application	\$125,000.00	Pending (Nov 2019)
Total of Approved Grants	\$405,580.00	
Total of Approved & Pending Grants	\$530,580.00	

Due to the Alberta Government budget cuts and austerity program the chance for the 2020 CFEP Grant to be approved is doubtful, we should know sometime in November.

Assuming it is not successful the SAPF will have to cover nearly \$200,000 of its own costs to complete the work.

Options to cover this cost are:

- Borrowing funds from the bank
- Draw from the Memorial Building Fund
- Raise money through donations and other fund-raising initiatives.
 - We received a generous donation from Barbara Depaoli for \$10,000
 - Another donation for \$10,000 was submitted on the condition it is used for the removal and storage of the artifacts by a qualified contractor.

At the AGM on October 19 a presentation will be made on the project followed by a Question and Answer period.

In the meantime please forward any questions to:

John Hutchings
e-mail: vicepresident@pioneersalberta.org
Phone: 403-613-9768

Stampede BBQ, July, 6, 2019

What a night! At about 4:00 it looked as though it was going to be clear sailing regarding the weather. The temperature got up to around 22 degrees so, it was perfect for a Stampede BBQ.

Everything was pretty much set up outdoors for the onslaught of members to begin festivities after going through the gates to be branded by the Stampede Promotion Committee. The fiddler was on hand to serenade as one entered and either went into the building to get their tickets from Rhonda Hutchings and her side kick Bev Prieur; or wander to the tent area to purchase beverage tickets from Roy, Gordon or Cindy Burke. Gwen Hanna who has looked after ticket sales for many years was generous in her wonderful guidance, insight and mentorship to Rhonda.

Black clouds were looming to the west and were looking pretty ominous. Conversation quickly centered around when the storm was going to begin, then pass over; to moving the caterer, Duncan Kesslering, with the help of his crew, into the basement for serving over 200 guests. It was decided to wait until 6:00 before a big move. Kathleen Rogers, Megan Ballard, Jeff Hill and some of Duncan's crew frantically held the tent poles at bay so they wouldn't depart overhead with the wind. A few volunteers quickly put up tables and chairs in the basement for those who may need or want them, if the storm was to continue.

In the meantime, people lined up at the tent for a beverage, spearheaded by Roy Clark and his family, Rhonda, her husband, Jim and their son Wyatt. Russell Moore, our entertainer and MC for many years, was setting up his sound system and trying to swoon his audience with song. Vern and Kathy Pointon could be seen doing the two-step in the grass with rain pouring onto them. It didn't matter. You cannot dampen the Stampede Spirit from this Southern Alberta Pioneer group.

It was a great southern Alberta storm with big wind, followed by rain. You could get a glimpse of clearing to the west so we figured it wouldn't last too long. The question was, how long. Some braved the weather inside the tents while others went into the safety of our Memorial Building. At one point you could see Kathy and Vern Pointon dancing in the rain, on the wet grass.

The Stampede Committee moved indoors to greet people as did our Pioneer Lady, Iona Shaw and Pioneer Gent, Bill Jackson. I went in to check it out. Here was Harry the Horse making his rounds and having his picture taken with those who wished. Others wandered around checking out our books for sale from our Library Group, manned by Carolyn Preston. Francie Hagedorn had her "Bag of Historical tricks" set up at a table and some of our merchandise with new insulated picnic baskets and t-shirts were being offered by Karen Blakely. Gene Blakley was rushing around trying to sell 50/50 tickets.

Dave and Betty Wake looked after the Stampede Royalty, and when they arrived, circulated in the building before coming outside to be introduced by our president, Sandy Pedlar. The Queen said a few words before they began the line to the BBQ. Don Fipke said grace and Russell Moore got us moving towards the food. Kathy Pointon and Karen Clark received tickets and handed out the plates.

As luck would have it, for us, the rain stopped and we could continue with all festivities outside. The Ferguson

group, including the Mackie's and others sat outside on the deck and were able to enjoy the sunshine. The meal was incredible with roast beef, baked potatoes, beans, salad and a crisp with ice cream and watermelon to finish it off. Seconds were offered for those who wanted more.

As people finished off their meal and continued to visit, Russell was able to move his microphone closer to the tent so people would be able to hear and interact better. The ticket for 50/50 winner was pulled. Gene introduced Jan Ball as the winner of \$460.00. That meant the other half will go to SAPD.

Sing songs ensued and one person in particular was very attentive to the music. Grandson to Karen and Roy Clark, son of Rhonda and Jim brought his scooter nice and close to Russell who encouraged and provided excellent music for all to enjoy. Russell brought his microphone close to Fraser at just the right moment for him to share his singing voice.

Cate Clynych (just turned 15) felt that a highlight of the evening for her was the weather. She was taken with how the conversation was engaging and that people were obviously enjoying themselves despite the pelting rain. Secondly, she was enamored with Stampede Royalty standing next to her and how "real" they were. Pretty impressive for a kid. Connor, her brother made an impression as well because one of the princesses said to him, after he had taken her picture. "See you later, Connor."

A great crew stayed behind to help with the clean up as there is always a lot to do! Many revelers hung around taking in the magnificent view while enjoying the fellowship of those around them. The evening was beautiful all way round; we simply didn't want it to end.

Thank you so much to those of you who offered your assistance, as of course, without you we simply could not do it. We require and appreciate your help!

Thank you's galore go out to Eileen Mc Elroy for printing the tickets, John and Rhonda Hutchings, Brian and Kathleen Rogers, Roy and Karen Clark, Rhonda, Jim and Wyatt, Gene and Karen Blakely, Vern and Kathy Pointon, Megan Ballard, Iona Shaw, Bill Jackson, Roy and Mary Burke, Gordon and Cindy Burke, Shawna and Marlo Lindsay, Alan Linus, Rory Wilson, Dave and Betty Wake, Dan Shaw, Jeff Hill, Rob and Sandy Pedlar, Carolyn Preston, Shelley McElroy and Francie Hagedorn.

A special thanks goes out to donations from Frank Hagedorn and Adam Gill for their timely work in the garden, removal of perennials for safe keeping, taking out old soil and replacing it with new in the east bed; as well as re-arranging and transplanting of existing plants in the south and west beds. The hanging baskets and pots on the deck made our event look wonderful from that perspective for our annual Stampede celebrations. Roy and Mary Burke donated flowers that were placed around the cairn including a border; installed by Roy. The morning of the set-up Alan Linus offered a sizeable donation of libations that were gratefully accepted. We would like to thank all of you for your contributions. I hope I have not left out any names; if so, it was not intentional.

Submitted by Maureen Hill

Stampede Breakfast

Once again Mother Nature gave us a perfect day for the Annual Stampede Pancake Breakfast.(referred to as ASPB for brevity). Sunny, a bit of breeze and mosquito free. Using the official Stampede Breakfast formula,(# of sausages served divided by 2.22) we had 218.71 guests in attendance. Many thanks to President Sandy Pedlar, Pioneer Lady Iona Shaw and Pioneer Gentleman Bill Jackson for meeting and greeting our members and their guests. Notable guests were Memorial Building neighbours, nieces and nephews of board members, and pancake enthusiasts from as far away as BC! Russell Moore entertained the attendees with his toe tapping renditions of true C & W music and Happy Birthday.

The ASPB is one of the many events the Social Committee organizes to showcase the SAPD and provide value to our members and their guests. As members, your participation increases the visibility of the SAPD and our mandate to the general public. The ASPCB is a breakeven proposition. Once again thanks to everyone's generous donations. However with no tent rentals during Stampede this year, the rental cost was split between the BBQ and the Breakfast.

Comments from attendees indicate that the blonde and brunette pancakes are almost as popular as the fruit. Thank you to Bill Jackson for the idea of adding fruit four years ago. There was a single request for redhead pancakes next year and it wasn't from Sandy Pedlar. So far cayenne, BBQ sauce and chili peppers are suggested ingredients. HOT cakes anyone??

The success of the ASPB would not be possible without our tireless, capable and dedicated volunteers. Jeff Hill, Dexter Nelson, Dan Shaw, Eugene Blakeley, Roy Burke, Rory Wilson, Gordon Burke, Dave Wake, John and Rhonda Hutchings, Bill Jackson, Edith Morelidge, Kathleen and Brian Rogers, and Cate Clynch. If I missed anyone who pitched in on the sly, I apologize and Thank You!

Anyone with the slightest inkling to join the incredible SAPD volunteer group please call Maureen Hill at 225-2397.

Steve Foote

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Newsletter

The newsletter is printed in January, May and September. Contributions of stories or articles, must be submitted one month in advance of publication.

Historical Committee Meeting

Regular weekly meetings are on Mondays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. On the rare occasion a meeting may be cancelled if the hall is booked for another function. Please call Dave Wake at 403-288-5545.

Cards & Remembering

Please notify Peggy Barr at 403-246-2843, of any illness or death in your family, or if anyone has need of a hospital visit.

Board Meetings Changes.

2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm (except July & August). All members are welcome unless it is a in-camera meeting.