



# SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS



April 2022 Issue

## President's Update

Hi All

I hope that April finds you all well as we transition between seasons. It is a continued time of excitement with the Southern Alberta Pioneers as we look forward to re-engaging with each of you with renewed vigor and hope that we will be able to convene soon. The pandemic has, as we have indicated previously, been a challenge for all of us and we hope that the corner is turning.

I wanted to reach out to you to let you know of some key events and dates that we do have coming up which will be highlighted further down this eNewsletter and in our next regular newsletter.



Coming up very soon, we will be having our **Spring cleaning** at the Memorial Building. It will take place on **April 30, 2022**, starting at 10am, weather permitting of course 😊. Please reach out to John Hutchings to confirm your attendance at [sap.office@pioneers.org](mailto:sap.office@pioneers.org)

We are also planning on going ahead with the following events in the near term for our members:

Function	Date	Location
Stampede BBQ	9-Jul-22	Memorial Building
Pioneers Tea & Sandwich Making	12-Jul-22	Memorial Building
Stampede Breakfast	16-Jul-22	Memorial Building

We would also like to announce our Round Up - **100-year Celebration date** to be held in the Crystal Ballroom at the Palliser Hotel for **November 5, 2022**. Please book this date in your calendar!!!

Further details for each of these events and others will be coming in this year's newsletters. We will be looking for volunteers to help us with each of these events if you are able. Please let any of the Board know if you are interested in helping out at any of these events.

Please stay safe and healthy and we look forward to hopefully seeing you soon. Feel free in our events to observe whatever precautions that make you feel most comfortable including distancing, and/or wearing masks. I ask that we all be patient, respectful and kind towards each other and also ourselves as we re-establish our routines and respect other's choices.

Regards  
Shawn Hendry  
President  
Southern Alberta Pioneers & their Descendants

# Events and Volunteer Opportunities

SAPD is hoping to increase our communication with our Membership by sending out briefer eNewsletters during the gap between regular newsletters. These eNewsletters are dedicated to announcing upcoming events and other significant, time-sensitive news, and to invite Members and others to keep our events robust by volunteering.

## Social Events

SAPD is so pleased to report that, this year, we will again be hosting social events for our Members, their family members, and the Friends of SAPD. For example, on the horizon is our July Stampede week breakfast and BBQ, with yummy food, entertainment and a long-overdue opportunity to greet one another.

Just as with all non-profit organizations, SAPD's social events rely on volunteers to organize the event, handle registrations and/or the sign-in book, serve guests, and cook and/or clean up after the event. Our history shows that the best volunteers are SAPD Members and their family members and friends. YES! Your friends! Your time will make an impact on events that we all care about.

## Perks for Volunteers

Volunteering can be a brilliant way to show your friends what SAPD means to you and why you are involved. It can also give you opportunities

- to learn about other historically relevant events in Southern Alberta,
- to spend unique time together,
- to socialize in a meaningful and productive way,
- to educate others about your own ancestors and their lives as Southern Alberta pioneers,
- to introduce them to other Members, and
- to launch or reinforce new and/or lasting friendships.

Volunteer work is also a great addition to job search résumés.

## Membership Volunteers Needed

When SAPD puts on displays in appropriate community fairs, we rely on volunteers who will

- talk to attendees who are interested in becoming a Friend Member,
- hand out application forms, and
- accept filled out forms and membership fees.

Membership volunteers at non-display events (e.g., Stampede BBQ) can accept membership fees.

## Shifts

- Ideally, volunteers will work 1 hour shifts at many of our events so everyone gets an opportunity to participate in the event.
- Larger and/or longer events may require 2-hour or 3-hour shifts based on the number of volunteers that sign up. An example is the Millarville Fair, August 20 & 21.

Comments or queries can be sent to:

Sharon Hoiland, Membership Secretary: [membership@pioneersalberta.org](mailto:membership@pioneersalberta.org)

## Specific Dates and Jobs for Volunteers

Function / Location	Date	Start-End Times	Contact Person(s) / Phone / Email
<b>Spring Cleanup</b> Memorial Building	April 30	10 am – 2 pm	<b>John Hutchings:</b> 403-613-9798 <b>Jeff Hill:</b> 403-225-2397 <a href="mailto:sap.office@pioneersalberta.org">sap.office@pioneersalberta.org</a>
<p><b>Note:</b> This event is weather dependant; it may need to be rescheduled if we have inclement weather.</p> <p><b>10-15 volunteers needed.</b> <i>BBQ hot dogs and refreshments will be served at the end of the day.</i></p> <p><u>Building Interior:</u> Dust mantel, lamps, and animal heads. Wipe down chairs upstairs and down, sofas and blinds. Clean kitchen cupboards – inside and out, oven tops, tables – upstairs and down, bar area, microwaves, windows, refrigerator, and handicap lift. Tighten screws in chairs and tables. Polish and oil wood furniture &amp; piano. Vacuum carpets. Wash logs.</p> <p><u>Outside Cleaning:</u> Clean windows, deck, railings, garbage bin enclosure, the little library, lift area, ashtrays, benches, shed walls, history plaques and eave trough. Clean and remove ashes from BBQ. Inspect and replace flags. Rake under trees.</p>			
<b>Closed Function</b> Memorial Building	June 5	9 – 11:30 am	<b>Bev Prieur:</b> 403-852-8104 <a href="mailto:bjprieur@outlook.com">bjprieur@outlook.com</a>
<p><b>1 or 2 volunteers</b> to serve tea, coffee and pastries, and to clean up.</p>			
<b>Stampede Display</b> Stampede Grounds	July 8 July 9-17	5 – 11 pm 11 am – 11 pm	<b>Alan Lynas</b> <a href="mailto:historian@pioneersalberta.org">historian@pioneersalberta.org</a>
<p><b>76+ volunteers.</b> July 9-17 will have 38 three-hour shifts. Display consists of pictures mounted for display, books, brochures and a guestbook to sign. There is no stagecoach this year. Generally, volunteers will talk with visitors about the display contents and SAPD and encourage people to sign the guest book. You will get a write up of the information to share with visitors. <b>SPECIAL PERK:</b> Volunteers are given a free pass to the Stampede grounds on the day you are working.</p>			
<b>Stampede BBQ</b> Memorial Building	July 9	10 am - Noon 4 pm – 5:30 pm	<b>John &amp; Rhonda Hutchings:</b> 403-613-9798 <a href="mailto:sap.office@pioneersalberta.org">sap.office@pioneersalberta.org</a>
<p><b>6 volunteers for morning set up: 4-6 volunteers for afternoon set up, take down.</b> The task is to set up and take down tables, set out buffet-style dishes and cutlery, welcome guests, serve guests who need assistance, replenish beverages, direct guests who need to access the washrooms, operate the main porch handicap lift, show guests around who want to visit the Memorial Building, and clean up at end of event.</p>			
<b>Pioneers Tea</b> Memorial Building	July 12	Prep at 9:30 am Tea at 2 – 4 pm	<b>Pamela Hilton:</b> 403-630-4050
<p><b>A few Volunteers</b> will be needed at 9:30 am to make sandwiches for the Tea, set up tables and chairs, and make up centre pieces for the tables. <b>Volunteers</b> will also be needed to set out plates and cutlery, serve the food and beverages, and clean up at end of event.</p>			
<b>Stampede Breakfast</b> Memorial Building	July 16	TBA	<b>Steve Foote &amp; Jeff Hill</b> <a href="mailto:sap.office@pioneersalberta.org">sap.office@pioneersalberta.org</a>
<p><b>Volunteers needed</b> to cook, set up and take down of tables, set out buffet-style dishes and cutlery, welcome guests, serve guests who need assistance, replenish beverages, direct guests who need to access the washrooms, operate the main porch lift, show guests around who want to visit the Memorial Building, clean up at end of event.</p>			

Coming up later this year: Western Showcase, Doors Open Calgary, AGM and 100 Anniversary Celebration, Christmas Decorating, Christmas Dinner.

Comments or changes can be forwarded to Val McKinney at [newsletter@pioneersalberta.org](mailto:newsletter@pioneersalberta.org)

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