



McNaught Homestead

McNaught Homestead Preservation Society

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Newsletter

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Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendar for Tuesday March 18th 2014 for the **Annual General Meeting** at 7:30 pm at the Anglican Hall. Reports and Updates will be presented. All are welcome.

Chair's Message by Peter Martin

Another year at the McNaught Homestead has come to an end. Although things seem to be moving slowly, we are making progress. The barn renovation is all but complete. A few small things need to be finished; new loft doors and some small repairs. We used the barn this year as part of another successful Ghost Walk at Halloween.

Yard clean-up continues all summer long with the help of a summer student and our new tenant Lori Spears. The grounds were kept in great shape despite all of the rain. The McNaught Festival was again a success in spite of some poor weather. The spring fundraising Gala went well and we are going try something a bit different this spring to boost the attendance (see list of events).

As I mentioned earlier the Ghost Walk was a great success and the numbers attending were up substantially to almost 100. A big thank you to Erin Dwernychuk, Kayla Martin and Arlene Martin and several others directors for all their work to prepare the props and bags of goodies to hand out to the kids and for helping the night of the Ghost Walk.

Our next big project is the board walk and observation blind along a portion of McNaught Lake. Design work and fund raising is on going now. I will let Don Nelson explain what is being

proposed (see Boardwalk note). Other building restorations have been identified and will be undertaken as funds become available.

After my year as president I would like to thank all the directors and members that give their time to organize the various events and projects. We are small in number, but big in heart. The preservation of the old homestead is a large ongoing project and families are neglected in the preparations of the events we host. Once again, thanks to all of you.



Re-roofed and restored barn

Unbridled Vision: Euphemia McNaught

The McNaught Society wishes to thank the families who provided artwork for the show 'Unbridled Vision: Euphemia McNaught's lifelong study of Horses' that was held at the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie from October 2013 to January 2014. We thank the following for lending their art work for the show: Sarah & Terry Freeman, Betty Gaudin, Haley & Mike Genovese, Peter & Eileen Martin, and Gary & Marilyn Snell.

Their support of the show is very much appreciated and contributes to the awareness of Euphemia's importance to visual art in the region. The show was a delightful tribute to the artist's love for horses; images of their usefulness in pioneer Life; images expressing their beauty, strength and sense of freedom; and her characteristic style & skill is obvious throughout.

Euphemia was not only very skilled as an artist, but she was the driving force behind much of the artistic instruction that we now enjoy in this region, and personally influenced many of our artists through teaching and mentoring.

Summer Festival & Strawberry Tea

The Schoolhouse Studio, once used as Euphemia's own studio, once again provided a venue which in past years had been a hub of entertaining and display of artwork when she and her sisters lived there.

Festival Artists doing demos on the Sunday afternoon did an excellent job of showing the public the intricacies of their art. Antler carving, weaving, raku pottery, jewellery making, drawing, painting, lace making and photography provided a mix of mediums for all to see.

The horse drawn wagon driven by Randy Nichol and daughter was a total hit and was kept busy all afternoon taking the public for a drive through the homestead fields and bluffs.



Wagon rides with Randy Nichol's Team

Website Update

Over the last three plus years Angie Patterson has continued to expand information about the history of the Homestead and provide new information about projects and events. The updating and organizing is a continual process that takes a lot of

time. The Homestead's web site is also linked to other interesting web sites so we are getting more and more viewings from all over North America. Please visit the site for information about events, memberships, newsletters and other organizations that are doing similar projects.

www.mcnaught-homestead-heritage.com

Please note that you can pay for memberships on the site using Pay Pal and hopefully by early April you will be able to by tickets on the web site for the April 12th Fundraising Dinner & Auction Event as well. If you have any news, questions or wish to contact the McNaught Homestead Preservation Society you are welcome to use the "Contact" form on the website

Boardwalk & Observation Blind Project Update

You have read and heard about this project for two years and progress is being made toward the necessary plans and fund raising.

The purpose of this project is to establish an observation platform on the edge of the lake with access to it from the McNaught Homestead site. This would provide public access to viewing the lake and wildlife throughout the year

Funding and Sponsorships are happening with support from Ducks Unlimited and Encana Corporation being major contributors. A fund raising campaign launched in December 2013 has brought in \$9300 from several groups and individuals. The fund raising campaign will continue to seek funds, in kind and/or materials from as many sources (sponsors) as possible. Charitable tax receipts will be issued for all donations.



Some of the art work displayed in the studio

On Site Report

The year 2013 was another very busy year for on site work. General site maintenance included mowing of trails and preparations for the Open House and Tea were major efforts by Lori Spears (on site) and a summer student (through Hire a Student Program). Also preparation of the old garden site continued and should be ready for next spring. Volunteers would be appreciated to help establish the garden this spring.

Donations are welcome and necessary for Homestead Preservation work!

As a Society we depend on fund raising and donations to be able to apply for matching grants to provide the money for various projects in the preservation of the Homestead. Large or small, we accept them all!! We must have a minimum of \$5,000 in donations for a given year in order to apply. We can provide a Charitable Tax receipt for your contribution. This is one of the ways to help us in our efforts. Donations can be sent to McNaught homestead Society, Box 879, Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0.

Events for 2014

► Tuesday March 18th AGM
Annual General Meeting. See front page for more information.

► Thursday March 20th
Slide Presentation by Laverna Emes and Chris Goulet; 'Climbing a volcano in Russia', 7:30 at the Anglican Hall; admission is a donation to the Food Bank.



Klyuchevskaya volcano, 4835m (15,863ft) high on the Kamchatka Peninsula, in Far East Russia.

► Saturday April 12th
OUR BIG FUND RAISER Dinner, Auction and "Comedy Night with Sean Lecomber"
Doors open at 5:30. Supper at 6:00 followed by the comedy Performance. Live and Silent auction to follow.

► Sunday July 25th
Summer Festival and Strawberry Tea at the Homestead. Look for posters and notices in June .



► Saturday October 25th
'Ghost Walk' from 6:30-9:30pm at the McNaught Homestead. For information in the fall or to offer to help prepare the event contact Erin 780-354-8836.

Membership Gifts

At only \$10, a one-year membership may be a welcome gift for one or more of your friends. Mail your request to the McNaught Homestead Preservation Society, Box 879, Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0 or go to the web site and pay using Pay Pal. See membership form on the last page!

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Boardwalk and Observation Blind Project

Funding Level Options for cash or in-kind donations are as follows:

- Trumpeter Swan \$20,000
- Blue Heron \$15,000
- Canada Goose \$10,000 Name
- Loon \$5,000
- Mallard \$1,000 Address
- Pintail \$500 Postal code
- Bufflehead \$100 Phone number
- Buy a Plank \$50 E-mail
- Other \$??
- In-kind donation types (list)

All donations will receive a charitable tax receipt

Return to: The McNaught Homestead Society
Box 879 Beaverlodge AB T0H 0C0

See our website at www.mcnaught-homestead-heritage.com

Membership Form 2014 (due in January) \$10 per year

- Renewal** **new** **gift**; donated by

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