

P & H ELEVATOR PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Summer 2018

Celebrating our Thirteenth Year

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P & H Elevator Activities

➤ Pancake

Breakfast: In May we held our annual Pancake Breakfast. We welcomed over 400 friends on a beautiful day. We thank everyone for coming and for the many volunteers that helped make the event a success.

➤ School Tours:

We always welcome students as we feel it is important that the next generation has some understanding and appreciation for the food farmers provide

➤ Summer Student:

We have been fortunate to have Keirsten Docherty, our summer student from last year, return to help us again this year. She has been busy with the many tasks we find for her to carry out. She will be with us

until the end of August when she returns to her studies at the University of Alberta. If you haven't toured the elevator lately you should come and take one of her excellent guided tours!

- **Feed Shed Addition:** Slow but steady progress is being made. The main projects we are working on are:

- Preparation of the basement floor for concrete
- Painting and installation of exterior siding

We hope to have the building open for viewing on August 25 at our Harvest Supper.



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➤ Donations

We were honored to be selected to receive several items this summer. **Bob Duchscher**, a well-known wood craftsman, donated a number of beautiful handcrafted items. They include a train set comprised of a steam locomotive, tender, and 7 cars. The train set measures over 15 feet in length.



Other items that Bob donated include models of a democrat, a cutter, stage coach, fire truck, dray wagon, and a vintage truck. A big thank you to Bob and Georgina Duchscher for this wonderful donation.



Don Wesner donated a fully restored 8-foot horse disc. Don restored this disc to new condition with careful consideration to detail. This disc is an early model as it has wood bushings. It is donated in memory of Don and Ruth's parents and grandparents, who were early homesteaders in the Botha and Byemore areas. This disc is a great addition to our vintage machinery collection. A big thank you to Don and Ruth Wesner for their great donation.



This spring, the Elevator was pleased to acquire a very unique and rare item, which was donated by **Don Bauman**. The item is a left-handed walking plow. Thank you very much to Don Bauman for this plow, which will be proudly displayed as an important and rare piece of Alberta's farming history.



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Ron McCullough from Edmonton generously donated 23 history books. Each book discusses the history of a town or area in Alberta, ranging from Magrath to Lacombe to Grande Prairie and many more places. These books are in excellent condition and are very interesting to read. Our volunteers built a sturdy shelf for this collection, which will be displayed in our main office. Anyone who is interested in taking a look at some of the collection can visit us and sign out a books. If you've been looking for an opportunity to learn about your hometown's history, we may have the perfect book for you to read! Or, if you have any local history books you'd like to donate we will gladly add them to this library. We send our thanks to Ron and Brenda McCullough for this wonderful donation.



We were very pleased when **Gary Rushton** donated a large, very detailed handmade birdhouse to the Elevator. Gary is very talented and built and painted this birdhouse himself. The birdhouse is modelled after Stettler's P&H Elevator and has sections representing the office, drive through, annex, and Elevator. A big thank you to

Gary Rushton for sharing his work with us so generously.



➤ **Snack Bar and Elevator Tours:**

The snack bar, under the direction of Mary Ann Bull and Susan Mitchell, operates each train day with help from the volunteer ladies. Stop in for a great snack - some days, fresh cinnamon buns are available!

Elevator tours are given by our excellent and very capable tour guides, Les Howlett and Keirsten Docherty.

In Memorial

The following name has been added to our memorial board.

Jake Nattestad

Donated by Stan and Gladys Nattestad

➤ **Quilt Raffle:**

This summer we are holding a raffle, and have been busy selling tickets. First prize will be a beautiful handmade quilt

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that was sewn and donated to us by Denise Sefton from Fort St. John, BC. This quilt is a work of art and is worth \$1200. Second prize will be two tickets for an Alberta Prairie Railway Excursion trip. Third prize will be a very nice handmade pillow that was donated to us by Kathleen Kossowan.

Please be sure to purchase your tickets for the quilt raffle on or before August 25th, as the draw will be made at the Harvest Supper. Tickets are \$2 each.

➤ Request:

If anyone has access to scaffolding that we could rent or borrow, it would certainly help with the installation and painting of the siding.

Also, we are still looking for a sea-can or suitable mouse-proof space to store our wheat bundles. Any help with finding these items would be greatly appreciated.

➤ Volunteers / Work Bees

Over the past few months, our volunteers have been busy helping out with various projects. With the construction project we are in serious need of more volunteers to help carry out the various tasks. We will match activities to your interests. We do not ask for any commitments but would appreciate even an hour or two on a day or two at your convenience. Work bees are usually here on Saturdays, as well as some other days. Stop by for a coffee and see what we are working on.

➤ Elevator History

At the peak of grain elevators in about 1932, 1755 grain elevators stood in Alberta. Today, less than 200 are

standing, and of those only several *dozen* are being maintained and restored.

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Coffee Stop

Wed and Thurs Morning 9:00 --- 11:00
Everyone Welcome

Anyone that would like to receive their Newsletter via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to:

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Memberships

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Membership 2018
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