

# P & H Elevator Preservation Society

Spring 2023

Celebrating our Eighteenth Year

Issue #41

Join us for the  
P & H ELEVATOR'S  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



**Saturday, June 3, 2023**

at the P&H Elevator in Stettler

**8:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Come enjoy  
pancakes, sausages, ham, eggs, coffee, and juice  
and see our

Threshing Demonstration, Antique Washing Machine Demo,  
Stone Ground Flour Demo, and Bread Baking in a  
Wood Burning Stove!

**- EVERYONE WELCOME - BY DONATION -**

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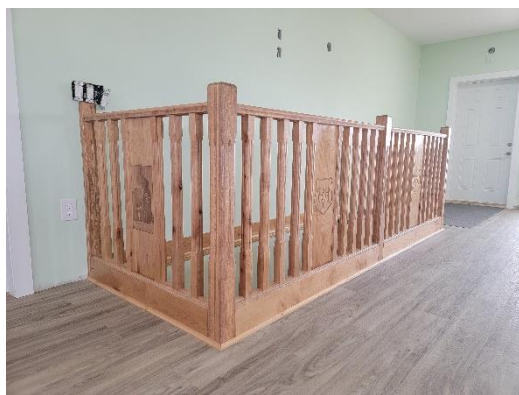
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## ➤ Winter Projects

Our main focus this winter was continuing to work on the Feed Shed Addition. It is finally nearing completion! Our dedicated volunteers have been hard at work installing beautiful flooring on the main floor and on the stairs. Ray Kneeland has been especially involved and we would like to thank him for everything he has done for us!



We also now have a very nice railing around the staircase. The P&H emblem and photos of the elevator are laser engraved into the panels of the railing. Thank you to Dave McCourt of Woodcraft by Dave!



Now, we are setting up the kitchen. We have a fridge, stove, and dishwasher and we are hoping to complete the kitchen soon! While the Feed Shed Addition is not quite fully finished yet, it is available for bookings. Consider using our facility for your next event or gathering!

## ➤ Christmas Party

The P&H Elevator held its annual Christmas Party at the HUB on January 14<sup>th</sup>. It was so nice to see all of our friends and catch up! A delicious meal was served and then we were entertained by cowboy poet BJ Smith. It was a wonderful evening. Thank you to everyone who attended!

## ➤ Spring Cleaning

As we prepare for our busy summer season, our volunteers will be busily working around the elevator to get the displays ready for the year. Some of the important jobs that need to be done include vacuuming the entire elevator complex, dusting off our displays, and making sure everything is in tip-top shape. If you are interested in helping with spring cleaning or other tasks, please contact us – we can always use more volunteers!

## ➤ Stettler Trade Show

The P&H Elevator had a large booth at the Stettler Trade Show this year! We were able to use the space to display a variety of our artifacts including an antique motor, our woodburning stove, a wooden lathe, and a scythe with informational signage. Our volunteers also demonstrated how wheat is turned into flour with our stone-grinding flour mill and we sold that flour to visitors!



The trade show was a huge success. We loved meeting so many people from the community and showing them what our organization is all about. We also had a draw for Alberta Prairie train tickets – congratulations to our winner, Lil Glasier!

## ➤ Cinnamon Bun Fundraiser

On April 22, we held our first spring fundraiser! Verna Rock's freshly baked cinnamon buns made this an event you didn't want to miss. We sold out of cinnamon buns and raised about \$1400!





Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out with our cinnamon bun event. We hope everyone who attended the fundraiser had a great time enjoying the delicious baked goods and chatting with neighbours.



### ➤ **Patsy Cline Tribute Show**

WOW! The Patsy Cline Tribute Show fundraiser that we have planned for May 27<sup>th</sup> is SOLD OUT! We appreciate the support and we know that this event will be exciting and memorable for everyone who attends. Frances Szelewicki will be bringing the music of Patsy Cline to life at the HUB. She is very talented and we can't wait for the show. We will also be serving snacks and refreshments.

### ➤ **Alberta Prairie Season Opener**

During the summers, many people tour the elevator while they are waiting for their train to depart across the tracks at Alberta Prairie! Their season opener is on May 20<sup>th</sup> and the train will be going to Big Valley. Alberta Prairie also has exciting news this year: steam locomotive No. 41 is up and running again! A mix of steam and diesel excursions will be offered throughout the season. The train runs on most Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and some other days. Pick up a schedule or look online if you're interested in joining them!

### ➤ **School Tours**

The P&H Elevator is open for school tours this spring! If you know a school group who might be interested in learning about the elevator, please contact us!

### ➤ **Pancake Breakfast**

Our Pancake Breakfast is on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>! Join us between 8 am and 12 pm for a delicious meal and entertainment. Pancakes, eggs, ham, and sausages will be served. We will also have a flour making demonstration, a gas-powered washing machine demonstration, a wood cutting demonstration, and fresh baked goods made on our antique wood burning stove. You can even see how threshing was done in 1887! The event is by donation and we hope to see you there.

### ➤ **Stettler Stampede Parade**

The P&H Elevator will be entering in the 2023 Stettler Stampede Parade again this year! The parade is planned for June 10<sup>th</sup>. Wave to us if you see us along the parade route!

### ➤ **John Deere**

In August, The P&H Elevator is partnering with the Stettler Town & Country Museum and the Stettler Antique Tractor Club to celebrate 120 years of John Deere. The event will feature over 100 John Deere tractors, over 100 pieces of John Deere equipment, and memorabilia from 50 to 120 years ago. There will also be a period fashion show, a threshing demonstration, a baling demonstration, an antique tractor pull, a concession, children's activities, and more throughout the weekend. Join us at the Stettler Museum on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>!

### ➤ **Summer Plans**

Our main project for 2023 will be continuing to work on the Feed Shed Addition. We are also going to be replacing the roof on the yellow office. Hopefully, we will also be able to do some work on Scotty's office (the old Wheat Pool office that we moved to our premises last year).

### ➤ **Summer Students**

We will be having 2 summer students again this year! Keirsten Docherty has been working on the Stettler History Book project with us for several years and she will be continuing on as one of our summer workers again.

At present, we are looking for a second summer student to work for the P&H Elevator. If you know of any interested individuals, please contact us!

## ➤ Memberships

Thank you to everyone who has bought a membership for 2023. If you haven't bought a membership yet, you can fill out the membership form on the right and send it to us with your dues. We would greatly appreciate your support this year!

## ➤ Coffee Spots

Our coffee spots continue to be popular. They are held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings. If you're in the area, stop by for a chat and some coffee!

## ➤ Are You Interested in Purchasing the Stettler & District History Book?

The Stettler History Book is finally nearing completion! We hope to have the book ready to go to the publisher by September and hopefully it will be available for purchase around Christmas. The book will likely be 3 volumes, with about 2000 pages of content total. As for pricing, we are hoping to keep the cost below \$175 for a set.

We are not quite ready to take pre-orders yet, but we would love to know if you are interested in purchasing the book when it's available. We are taking names and email addresses so we can contact you once we are ready to start selling the books. Please contact [historybookstettler@gmail.com](mailto:historybookstettler@gmail.com) if you would like us to add your name to the list!

## ➤ Volunteers/Work Bees

The P&H Elevator Preservation Society is in search of more volunteers! There are a variety of tasks that need to be completed - from restoration work to office tasks, general upkeep and cleaning, guiding tours, and more. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, we'd love to have you. We can match activities to your interests. Every hour makes a difference!

Our work bees are usually on Saturdays and some other days throughout the week. We greatly appreciate the difference volunteers make!

## ➤ Thank you!

The support of the community means so much to us. We are very grateful for the many generous donations we have received. If you have donated to us, we would like to send you a big **Thank you!**

## *In Memorium*

*The following names have been added to our memorial board.*

**Sue Mitchell**  
Donated by Oliver and Mary Ann Bull

## Annual Membership

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Box 1437, Stettler, AB T0C 2L0  
Membership 2023  
Annual - \$20, Lifetime - \$150

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