

P & H Elevator Preservation Society

Fall 2022

Celebrating our Seventeenth Year

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Everybody Welcome

By Donation

HARVEST BBQ

Saturday, October 1st
3-6 pm

Threshing, Flour Making
Wood Stove Baking
Old Time Laundry

Menu to Include
Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Dessert
Refreshments

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Check out our website, www.stettlergrainelevator.com, and follow us on Facebook!

➤ In Memory of Sue Mitchell

A long-time volunteer at the elevator sadly passed away on Aug 27, 2022. Sue McQuoid Mitchell was 75 years old and she was the daughter of Donald and Marnie McQuoid. She was born on Apr 1, 1947. Susan is survived by her daughter Marnie Mitchell, 3 younger siblings (Jim, Dorothy, and Marilyn), numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members and friends. She was predeceased by her loving husband John and her son Robb.



In her retirement, Susan was a dedicated volunteer in the Stettler community. She spent countless hours at the Stettler Legion and the P&H Elevator Preservation Society. Her late husband John was also an active volunteer and they both held positions on the P&H Elevator Society Executive.

Sue was always willing to help with activities at the elevator. She enjoyed working at our Snack Bar, serving and talking to the Alberta Prairie travellers. We appreciated Sue's quiet manner and her thoughtful ideas when discussions were held. She will certainly be missed by all who knew her and worked with her.

➤ No Fundraiser in August

This summer, we decided not to hold our annual Harvest Supper Event at the end of August. Usually we host a big turkey dinner with all of the fixings, but we have different plans for this year! The Harvest Supper has always been a huge hit. We always enjoy hosting the community at the elevator and showing them what we do around here. We hope that the community will enjoy our next event just as much!

➤ Fall Fundraiser: Harvest Barbecue

On October 1 from 3 to 6 pm, come gather with us at the elevator for our new event, a Harvest Barbecue! We will be barbecuing some delicious hamburgers and sausage dogs and there will also be potato salads, baked beans, and an assortment of refreshments. For dessert we will have ice cream drizzled with tasty strawberries.

The event will also feature a variety of demonstrations. You'll be able to watch our 1887 threshing machine in action and hear the uneven put-put-put of the elevator engine. We will have fresh baked goods made on the old wood burning stove, a flour making demonstration, an antique washing machine demonstration, a wood cutting demonstration, and more!

Everything will be by donation. The funds raised at this event will help us reach our goal of putting down floor coverings in the Feed Shed Addition. We hope to see you there!

➤ Pancake Breakfast



Fresh buns
baked in the
old wood stove



Antique
Washing
Machine

The P&H Elevator Preservation Society held our annual Pancake Breakfast earlier this summer on June 5! The fundraiser was a great success. Over 300 guests joined us for pancakes, eggs, ham, and

sausages. The money we raised went towards our Feed Shed Addition project. Thank you to everyone who attended the Pancake Breakfast. Your support means so much to us!

➤ **AGES Visit**

We hosted the Alberta Grain Elevator Society (AGES) at our elevator on July 16. AGES is made up of a group of people who are preserving grain elevators in Alberta as well as people who are interested in elevators. The group found our elevator complex interesting and impressive.

➤ **Coasters Visit**

The Canadian Coasters Car Club completed a coast-to-coast trip this summer, and Stettler was fortunate to be one of their 3 stops in Alberta! The antique car enthusiasts started in St. John's, Newfoundland on June 27th and they finished in Duncan, BC on September 5th. Nearly 60 antique cars participated in the trip.

While they were in Stettler on July 23rd, some of the Coasters members stopped by the P&H Elevator for a tour and lunch. Our volunteers enjoyed visiting with them, hearing their stories, and telling them about our grain elevator. We are so thankful that they stopped by and we hope some of the members will visit again in the future!



➤ **Summer Students**

Like last year, we had 2 summer students again this year! Our first summer student was Taylor Roth. Taylor had just graduated from the local high school and she was a huge help to us over the summer. She helped maintain the displays in the elevator, led some tours, helped catalogue our history book collection, and worked on various other projects. We really appreciated Taylor's hard work. Now she is off to Red Deer College to start her Bachelor of Science. Good luck Taylor and thank you for all of your help! You will be missed.

Our second summer student was Keirsten Docherty.

Keirsten has been working with us for 6 years and she primarily works for the Stettler History Book project now. You might not have seen her around the elevator as much this summer because in June she also started a new job working as a museum interpreter for the City of Edmonton! She was in the city most of the time working on the history book remotely. She will still be around the elevator helping out occasionally!

➤ **A Slow Summer**

Unfortunately, things were slow around the elevator this summer. With the aftermath of the pandemic and the high prices sweeping the province, it seems that tourism hasn't quite picked back up yet. We had very few tourists come by the elevator for tours this summer. The tours we did give were very welcome opportunities for our guides to share their passion for grain elevators!

We were also unable to operate the Snack Bar this summer. We hope that tourism will pick back up by next summer. We miss having a steady stream of guests at the elevator and sharing elevator history with visitors is one of the big reasons that preserving the elevator has been so important to us.

➤ **Summer Projects**

Our volunteers have been busily working around the elevator. Our summer projects included:

Sea Can Container

- Cleaning, Painting Interior, and Organizing Contents



Dave McCourt and Verna Rock painting the inside of the container

Feed Shed Addition

- Putting down the floor underlay
- Working on the bathrooms
- Exterior siding
- New steps and deck for south entrance



We thank S.C.O.RE Projects Inc. for providing the materials and building the wonderful metal steps and deck. We are in the process of preparing the steps for painting. Thank you to Foremost for supplying the paint!

After several years of work, the Feed Shed Addition is nearing completion! There is still a lot of work to be done, but the end is finally in sight.

➤ Thank you!

The P&H Elevator Preservation Society has been blessed with many dedicated volunteers and generous donations. The support of our local community and our more distant patrons means the world to us. You are what keeps the elevator going! We don't know where we would be without the volunteers, donations, and visitors that help each year. A big thank you to everyone who has supported us!

➤ Stettler History Book Progress

The Stettler History Book committee continues to use the Feed Shed Addition basement as their main office. The committee has made great strides over the past year and the book is finally nearing completion! The volunteers have been working hard to proofread, research, and finalize files. The committee is looking into publishing options and they hope to have it published by mid-2023. We have recently set up a website for the Stettler History Book: StettlerAndDistrictHistoryBook.com. Check it out to stay updated on our progress!

➤ Memberships

The P&H Elevator wants to thank everyone who has bought a membership for 2022. Considering the very slow summer we have had at the elevator, any additional memberships for 2022 and 2023 would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to purchase a membership, you can fill out the membership form on the right and send it to us with your dues. We would greatly appreciate your support!

In Memorium

The following names have been added to our memorial board.

Joe Baltimore
Donated by Dr. Lee Thomas

Clarence & Lydia Chapman
Donated by Dale & Donna Chapman

Annual Membership

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

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