



- **August 17 & 18 Priddis & Millarville Fair Historical Displays**
- **Sept. 4 AGM – Re-elected an incredible Board**
 - **Loretta Stabler – President**
 - **Eugene Blakley – Vice President**
 - **Cathie Scatterty – Secretary**
 - **Christine Lederer – Treasurer**
 - **Directors: Blaine Clark, Lorraine Clark, Norma Dawson, Marie Nylund, Barb Parker, Louise Patterson Bruns, Ev Prestie**
- **Sept.15 Hugh Macklin Ranch Tour**
- **Oct. 5 Members' Catered Dinner & Guest Speaker – Bruce Masterman**

A New Year's Message by Eugene Blakley - MHS Vice President

As the clock turns and a new year begins, we, the chroniclers of days gone by, find ourselves both eager and hesitant. The past, rich with lessons, stories, and the footprints of those who came before us, feels so certain, so tangible in its record. Yet, the future looms as an uncharted expanse, its promises and perils hidden beyond the veil of time.

As we greet this new year, let us remind ourselves that history, though a treasure chest of wisdom, was once an uncertain future. Every event we cherish, analyze, and revisit began as a leap into the unknown. The courage, creativity, and resilience of those who shaped the past are the same tools we now hold as we face forward.

To look forward is a challenge for those who dwell in the echoes of yesteryears. We are accustomed to drawing meaning from what has already been, where hindsight offers clarity and context illuminates every choice. The idea of stepping into the unknown feels as though we are leaving behind the safe harbor of understanding, trading it for the unpredictable winds of what-might-be.

So, as we stand at this crossroads, we will try, together, to embrace the uncertainties ahead. We will carry the stories of those who came before us—not as weights, but as wings. And though we may always find comfort in looking back, let us take heart in knowing that the future, too, will someday become history.

Here's to a year of creating moments worthy of remembrance. May 2025 be filled with stories to tell and reasons to hope.

117th Priddis and Millarville Fair Historical Highlights



Cathie Scatterty answering questions about historical artifacts and their uses.



Ev Prestie demonstrating how mugs were kept in initialed cloth bags next to the water cooler so that family members knew which was their cup.



Louise Patterson Bruns mentoring an interested sewer using Louise's hand cranked singer sewing machine.



Southern Alberta Pioneers & Descendant representatives and Millarville Historical Society Board members sharing history with almost 2000 guests in the two-day fair.

Sharing Local History with Grade One's



Students collaborating as they search for artifacts in a simulated archaeological dig.



Patti Thorne and Lorretta Stabler shared information about the artifacts (on loan to MHS by the Royal Alberta Museum) that former students discovered on the Millarville Community School playground. Students were very excited that these artifacts were found right in our own community and wondered about the families who lived here long ago in skid shacks. Questions and observations helped students make connections about how artifacts inform us about the past. Thank you to Mrs. Carsen who initiated this rich opportunity to share community history.



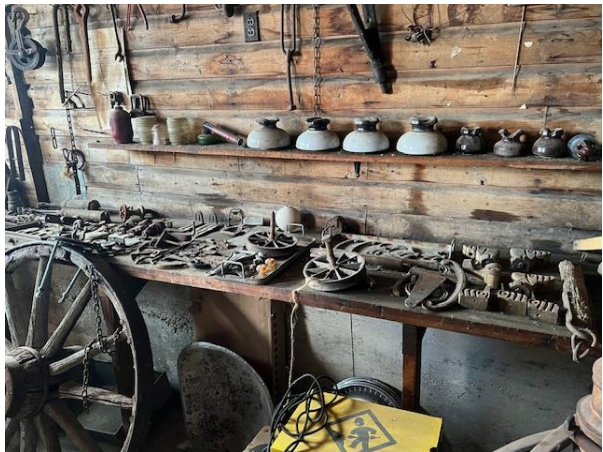
Hugh Macklin Ranch Tour



An interesting power point presentation by Louise Patterson Bruns provided the historical background for our ranch tour. Steve Dierkens and his family, the present owners of this intriguing property shared more recent history.



This Edwardian House had all modern conveniences built by Frederick Hova Wolley Dod in 1912.



Interesting artifacts uncovered in recent renovations by Steve.



A view from the cold room. Seems to be a reminder for all to look at all perspectives when studying history

More in-depth information about the Hugh Macklin Ranch can be found on our website, thanks to Louise Patterson Bruns' powerpoint presentation. www.millarvillehistoricalsociety.ca

MHS Members' Dinner



Bruce Masterman, author of Paradise Preserved, spoke about the Ann and Sandy Cross conservation project, the people involved, and what a wonderful gift it is for Albertans.



Ann & Sandy Cross, whose forethought and gift of 4,800 acres in our foothills helps preserve wildlife and fauna for present and future generations to enjoy!



Photos courtesy of Mike Sturk, Karen Masterman and Lorretta Stabler



“Hopefully, this unique piece of paradise will be preserved forever, its wild inhabitants kept secure while children laugh and learn.”

GUIDING PRINCIPLES
FOR THE
CROSS CONSERVATION AREA

In Order of Priority and Importance

- 1.) To Protect Habitat and Provide Space for Native Species of Wildlife.
- 2.) To Offer Conservation Education Programs, Particular for Young People, Without Jeopardizing Area Wildlife and Habitat.
- 3.) To Manage Human Use of the Area Through a System of Entry by Appointment Only.

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Sandy said, "I hope the guiding principles are still in effect here 100 years from now and 1000 years from now!"



Members enjoying Bruce's inspiring talk and afterwards a very tasty full buffet meal catered by Event Planners Plus.

MHS plans to host a Members' Dinner in 2025 and we'll keep you informed as to the date.

Check our website: Millarvillehistoricalsociety.ca and Facebook Group - Millarville Historical Society for more photos of events and local historical information

If you haven't renewed your 2024-25 membership, you can send an e-transfer to millarvillehistoricalsociety@gmail.com or send a cheque to Millarville Historical Society

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Single membership is \$20 or a family membership for \$30

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