



# Track Watch

November 2022



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## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 10AM-2PM  
November 3rd-6th & 10th-13th 9AM-4PM

## OUR VISION

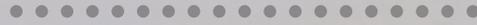
Millarville Racing and Agricultural Society is dedicated to building community spirit.

## OUR MISSION

Millarville Racing and Agricultural Society provides authentic family experiences and exceptional facilities which celebrate our agricultural heritage, inspiring a sense of belonging for the community.

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# PRESIDENT'S *Message*



Anna De Paoli  
MRAS President

Dear MRAS Members,

What an amazing October we have had! I have been taking the opportunity to get outside walking, running or riding each day to soak up the sunshine. I hope that you too, have taken the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather and fall colours.

Thanksgiving marked the culmination of our summer market and campground season. Huge thanks to Melonie, Shayla, Ava, Chris, & Ralph for a successful market season. Also, thanks to Mary and Don for hosting our campground; the feedback has been wonderful, and we hope to see you again in 2023.

On the final market day, I walked around and spoke to vendors and everyone seemed very happy with the weather, the crowds and their sales. Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the gate, for parking and maintenance, at the MRAS table and in the office to make this market season such a success. We welcomed over 2,000 people each Saturday this summer for a total of **36,824 guests**, a **16% increase from 2021**.

We are gearing up for the return of the Annual **Millarville Christmas Market**; tickets are selling well, so please reserve your time slot early. This is a pre-purchased ticket event. You can purchase your tickets here:

[www.millarvilleracetrack.com/christmas-market/#](http://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/christmas-market/#)

The Christmas market will take place from **November 3rd to 6th and 10th to 13th daily from 9am to 4pm**.

We still need more volunteers to help at the gate and at the MRAS table. Please contact Mel or Shayla to volunteer at: [office@mras-track.com](mailto:office@mras-track.com). The gate shift positions will be located inside heated kiosks this year, so we are not asking volunteers to stand out in the cold to scan tickets. Thanks to Ralph and the maintenance committee for making this a reality.

It is **membership renewal** time. 2023 rates are \$75 for families and \$60 for individuals. Members receive discounts on facility and campground rentals and event access. Membership is also required to vote on a MRAS committee or at our AGM.



# PRESIDENT'S *Message*

Mark your calendars for our **2022 Annual General Meeting on December 5th at 7pm** in the MRAS hall. This is your opportunity to meet the MRAS board and to hear an update on the operations and finances of your Society. We are also **looking for new board members** to join our team. Please contact me at **[mraspresident@gmail.com](mailto:mraspresident@gmail.com)** if you are interested.

On a personal note, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all who have helped make this season a huge success at MRAS. In particular, Brent Foster, Barb Parker and Nancy Seaman who have stood with me through thick and thin. As President, I get all the "best" phone calls from members and non-members to tell me exactly what they think of the board and staff. It is often extremely challenging to talk to people who often are ill informed, or simply plain rude. Without the support of a strong team, it is very lonely at the top. Thank you for being there with me every step of the way.

In 2022, I decided to have a bit of a reset after covid, I aimed to lose some weight and drink less wine. Over the past 10 months I've lost over 30 lbs, rediscovered golf (thanks Nancy), riding, running and yoga and have met some new friends along the way. The photo is of Mike and I celebrating our 13th wedding anniversary at The Ranche restaurant in Fish Creek Park, where we got married. It's amazing to think that we have lived in Foothills County for 12 years now and that much of my free time has been spent at MRAS. I am truly proud of what we have accomplished over that time, and more importantly blessed by the friendships we have made through volunteering in our community.

Yours Truly,

*Anna De Paoli*

MRAS President

## MILLARVILLE RACING & AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**Monday, December 5, 2022, at 7 pm at the MRAS Hall  
306097 192<sup>nd</sup> St West, Millarville:**

All welcome. Memberships for the 2022/23 year available to purchase at the AGM. Current membership is required to vote. Items for discussion include: Fiscal year end review, election of Directors & proposed bylaw changes.

For more details, please email us at [office@mras-track.com](mailto:office@mras-track.com) or 403-931-3411



# MRAS EVENTS

Mark your calendars for our  
2022 events!

CAMPGROUND  
NOW OPEN FOR  
BOOKINGS

CAMPGROUND OPEN  
- MAY 20, 2022

MILLARVILLE  
SPRING MARKET  
- APRIL 30, 2022

MRAS GOLF TOURNAMENT  
- JUNE 10, 2022

RUN TO THE MARKET  
HALF MARATHON  
- JUNE 18, 2022

SUMMER FARMERS' MARKET  
- EVERY SATURDAY  
FROM JUNE 18-OCTOBER 8 2022  
9 AM - 2 PM

MILLARVILLE RACES  
- JULY 1, 2022

PRIDDIS MILLARVILLE FAIR  
- AUGUST 20 + 21, 2022

CHUCKWAGONS, CHARIOTS,  
AND BULLS  
- SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2022

MILLARVILLE CHRISTMAS  
MARKET  
- NOVEMBER 3-6 + 10-13,  
2022

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## 2022 MRAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Anna De Paoli  
*President*

Barb Parker  
*Vice President*

Brent Foster  
*Treasurer*

Patt Peterson  
*Secretary*

Sylvia Checkley  
*Director*

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*Director*

Janice Tranberg  
*Director*

Nancy Seaman  
*Director*

Roy Mathis  
*Director*

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# November

9AM - 4 PM

## 3rd - 6th & 10th - 13th,

# 2022

*Over 300 Vendors*  
PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE IN ADVANCE



MILLARVILLE  
CHRISTMAS  
MARKET

Kids  
*Only*  
Shoppe  
SAT & SUN

[millarvilleracetrack.com](http://millarvilleracetrack.com)



# MILLARVILLE CHRISTMAS MARKET

*We are looking for 2022 Christmas  
Market Gate Volunteers!*

WHO: You or anyone you know who  
might be interested in volunteering

WHAT: Give warm greetings to customers as they arrive and  
scan tickets for entry into market. Help answer FAQ's.

WHERE: Millarville Racing & Agricultural Society

WHEN: November 3rd - 6th  
November 10th - 12th

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

WHY: A fun way to be involved in our  
biggest event of the year!

If you are interested in volunteering  
you can email Shayla Sorensen at  
[shayla@mras-track.com](mailto:shayla@mras-track.com).



# MRAS EQUINE NEWS

Questions about the MRAS Equine Facilities and memberships,  
please email: [mras.equine@gmail.com](mailto:mras.equine@gmail.com)



## MRAS Riding Memberships

**2022 / 2023 Memberships now available for purchase!**

Membership fees and information available on the MRAS website:

[www.millarvilleracetrack.com](http://www.millarvilleracetrack.com) under Get Involved Memberships Riding Memberships

New riding members will need to come into the office or make an appointment to complete their registration and receive their access FOB and information about booking riding times.

<b>2022/23 MRAS Riding Membership Rates</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>Each additional dependent</b>	<b>Individual</b>
Annual: November 2022 – October 2023	\$ 475.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 325.00
1/2 year (Nov - Apr OR May to Oct)	\$ 350.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 225.00
1/4 memberships (per quarter): (Nov - Jan; Feb - Apr; May - July; OR Aug - Oct)	\$ 200.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 125.00
Early Spring: Valid: February 1 through end of October	\$ 400.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 260.00

**2022 / 2023 Jr Rodeo Fun Series open for sign up!**

12-week series of gymkhana events held every second Friday through-out the winter.

Series rates:

- MRAS Riding Members \$120 + GST
- Non-Riding Members \$180 + GST

More information about the series available on the website at [www.millarvilleracetrack.com](http://www.millarvilleracetrack.com) under Facilities Equine Upcoming Events

# Festive Foothills

## ART SALE

Local. Handcrafted. Unique.

NOV 5 - DEC 21, 2022: IN PERSON

NOV 10 - DEC 21, 2022: ONLINE

# LEIGHTON ART CENTRE

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**BECOME A MEMBER TODAY** FOR A 10% DISCOUNT AT THE  
FESTIVE FOOTHILLS ART SALE! GO TO:

[LEIGHTONCENTRE.ORG](https://leightoncentre.org)

As a not-for-profit, Leighton Art Centre values your commitment to art, history, and nature. Proceeds raised at this event support children's programming, local artists, and environmental stewardship.





Mrs. Claus and her elves are jumping with excitement and ready for another busy season of helping children aged 5 – 12 find fabulous gifts for the special people on their gift lists.

We are located in the Picnic Shelter and open on Saturday and Sunday of each market weekend. The kids need a free ticket to enter through the main gate but you can stop by the KOS anytime during your market visit. Don't have kids with you? Stop by to greet Mrs Claus – she has lots of smiles and Christmas spirit to share.

The products sold in the KOS are made by local crafters. Funds raised for the KOS are used to purchase crafting and packaging materials. Profits over and above our costs are donated to 6 Foothills school lunch programs to spread the spirit of Christmas to as many children as possible. Purchase a unique and one-of-a-kind ornament for your yard and help the KOS.



Treasures waiting...



Are we ready yet?



# Rustic Trees

\$75



**Made from recycled wood with its unique flaws and imperfections**

**Proceeds from sales donated to the KOS**

**Custom orders: contact [kmoench041@gmail.com](mailto:kmoench041@gmail.com)**





Remembering  
**Chantal**

In loving memory of  
Ms. Chantal Marie Teasdale

APRIL 15, 1964 - OCTOBER 18, 2022

The Millarville Racing & Agricultural Society would like to extend its deepest condolences to Chantal Teasdale's family and friends.

The MRAS had a wonderful 11 year working relationship with Chantal of Rusty Spur Catering and her team for various events held here at the track. She was our go to for volunteer appreciation night, markets, and wedding referrals that were looking for an amazing food experience. Chantal was professional, had a great sense of humor, and a contagious laugh that lightened the stickiest of situations. She was a gifted mentor to the youth she employed, instilling strong work ethics and smart life choices.

Chantal will be dearly missed in our community.



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## 116th Priddis & Millarville Fair 19th & 20th August 2023

Get involved with providing more “Country Fun for Everyone” at the 2023 Fair!

The next opportunity/challenge for the Fair is designing programming for Fair Sunday that compliments the traditional fair favourites – bench exhibits, livestock shows, equine shows, activities & displays, the Agricultural Garden – and makes it a special day for fair visitors.

Yvonne Sterrenberg is leading a sub-committee charged with creating this concept. If you are interested in offering your creative assistance, please text Yvonne at 403-462-6254.



### **MILLARVILLE** *run* **TO THE FARMERS' MARKET**

Registrations have opened for the **10th Annual Millarville "Run To The Farmers' Market" Half Marathon** at [www.millarvillehalfmarathon.com](http://www.millarvillehalfmarathon.com).

We're looking forward to seeing everyone on Racetrack Road and at the 41st season opening day of the Millarville Farmers' Market on **Saturday, June 17, 2023.**

There's a **21.1 KM half marathon** for runners and walkers, a **two-person half marathon relay (legs of 9 KM and 12.1 KM)** and the delicious **COBS Cinnamon Bun Run 8-Miler with its "Runner" and "Bunner" divisions.**

If you're not a runner and want to share in the fun you can join us as a **volunteer** either on the organizing committee or helping out on race morning. Please contact Lai Chen, Committee Chair or Rick Charton, Race Director at [millarvillefarmershalf@gmail.com](mailto:millarvillefarmershalf@gmail.com) for more details about volunteering.

**Our mission with the event is to support local agricultural producers through raised awareness of our Farmers' Market as well as support volunteerism, and health & wellness in our rural community.** Prior events have attracted as many as 1,200 participants.

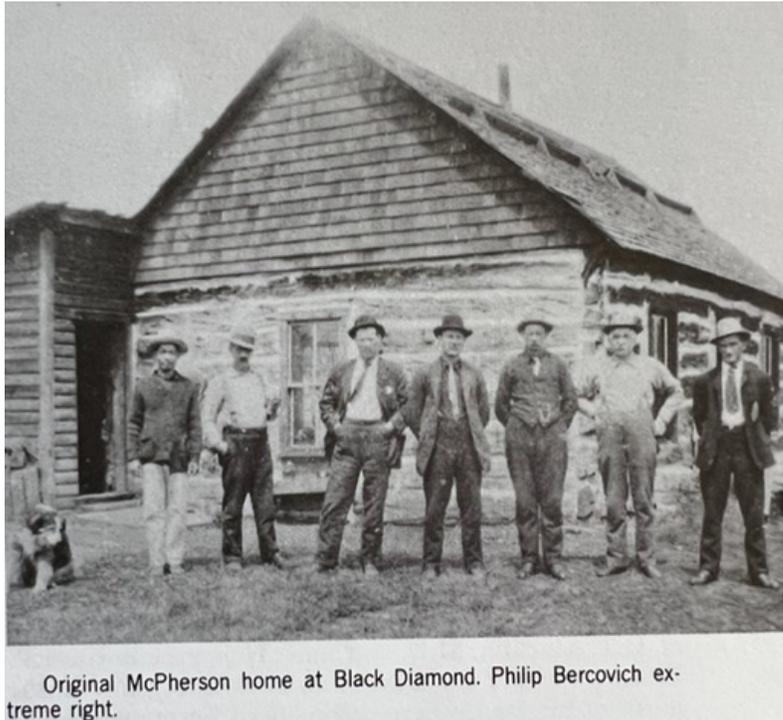
Full event details and registration link are at [www.millarvillehalfmarathon.com](http://www.millarvillehalfmarathon.com) or contact us at [millarvillefarmershalf@gmail.com](mailto:millarvillefarmershalf@gmail.com).

# ADDISON MCPHERSON

SUBMITTED BY GENE BLAKLEY-  
MILLARVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## MILLARVILLE *History*

Addison was of Scottish American decent and came up the Fort Benton trail as early as 1867 to Calgary. He established a trading post on Nose Creek in a coulee tributary which become known as "McPherson Coulee". He also freighted over the old trail to Edmonton and is generally recognized as the first settler in the area north of the Bow and had purchased NE1/4 14-24-1W5 in 1887.



Original McPherson home at Black Diamond. Philip Bercovich extreme right.

Addison and his wife Melaine McGillis lived there before going to the Black Diamond area in 1901. In 1899 Addison had purchased the NW1/4 8-20-2W5 and SW17-20-2-W5 from HBC and he opened a coal mine and employed three men above and three men below ground.

In 1874, Addison married Melaine in Edmonton. She was born in 1857 and died in 1917. Her family had come west from the Red River and located near Frog Lake in November 1872. Later they moved to Edmonton and then Calgary. Melaine spoke little English but could speak Saulteaux (Anishinaabe First Nation language) and Gaelic also. She cooked in the log house for as many as 12 mine workers at Black Diamond. Surrounding residents who came for a load of coal were always given a hot meal before starting their trip back home, and are quick to recall what a grand, kind old lady she was.

Addison died in 1927 and was living at the time in Calgary where he frequented the Noble Hotel, a popular resort of the old timers.

I personally have walked some of the Fort Benton trail and even today it is not hard to imagine coming north on that trail and it gives you a great respect for someone like Addison that saw the opportunities that this wild country would hold. We owe respect to these individuals that came and made this great country our home.

## SEE YOU AT RANCHERS' HALL

NOVEMBER 4TH 2022

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Ranchers' Hall (by  
Millarville Community  
School )

Millarville Historical  
Society Members: FREE

Non- Members \$5.00

Refreshments will be  
served.



Millarville Historical Society invites you to a great afternoon, with friends telling stories and reminiscing about events from two vintage Ranchers' Halls. The first Ranchers' Hall now resides at Heritage Park and the "newer" one guards the Playground at Millarville Community School.

# *Celebrating* **MIRAS**

Life Members & Presidents

*1907 ~ 2020*



**LEGACY BOOKS  
ARE BACK!**

For purchase in the office or at our booth at the Christmas Market, along with all of our other merchandise (hats, toques, and t-shirts)  
More details in next months issue!

# Country Lane Quilters Guild

Meets the first Saturday of the month (Sept-June) from 9:30 AM to 3 PM at Christ Church, Hwy 549 Millarville Ab. The business meeting is in the morning and then we work on projects after coffee break. We are a fun group working on our own quilts and make some for the local charities in the Foothills Division. New and experienced quilters are welcome. Contact [clqgmillarville@gmail.com](mailto:clqgmillarville@gmail.com) or stop by to see what we are up to.

## Millarville Horticultural Club

Meetings are held at Ranchers Hall in Millarville on the second Tuesday of the month, September to May, at 7:00 p.m. Please do not use Google to try and locate Ranchers' Hall as it will direct you to Heritage Park. Millarville only has one main street so you cannot miss it. It is located beside the school.

Our November meeting will be on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. It is our AGM. We will be electing for positions on our board. This is your chance to have a say.

If you are interested in attending any of our presentations, please contact Gail Dziuba at [millarvillehorticulturalclub@gmail.com](mailto:millarvillehorticulturalclub@gmail.com). Whether you are a novice or expert in landscaping or gardening, join our club; \$15/year for singles or \$20/year for a family.

We invite you to like us on our Facebook page.

# MILLARVILLE Community LIBRARY



We do live in an amazing place! This year the glory of the golden aspens against the blue, blue sky without beloved Rockies towering in the distance has brought a smile to our hearts and a bounce to our steps! And then there are the generous, caring people in our community. Thanks to your generosity through donations and our successful bottle drive we have replenished our coffers! I would like to reassure all our library patrons who might have been alarmed by our “ask’ for donations. A combination of a large increase in utilities and insurance coupled with a shortfall in funding from our traditional funders (lots of other important community projects needing funding) meant that we were struggling to provide the quality of service that this community expects. Your generosity means that we can purchase more new books and materials and provide the best possible service. We plan to have one more bottle drive after Christmas as well as offering some interesting Christmas gift ideas. Please keep us in mind for Christmas donations and on Giving Tuesday.

Look for new books from Brad Thor, Emily St. John Mandel, Who Would Win series, and new kids’ books plus a selection of new Christmas books coming in soon.

We are always looking for local artists who would like to display their work in the library. Suggestions for classes/workshops of if you have a skill you would like to share/teach are most welcome. Please call Natasha at 403-931-3919.



## **CHRISTMAS HOURS:**

Closed

December 24th - January 8th

Open

December 28th 12:00pm - 7:00pm

January 3rd 9:00am - 12:00pm

January 4th 12:00pm - 7:30pm



# Wet Felted Bowls

Hosted by: Lyn Pflueger

**Saturday, November 5th, 2022**

**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

“Wet felting” is an old way of making fabric out of Sheep’s wool. Hats, coats, and carpets are familiar forms, but we can also make bowls in this simple technique. And while felted bowls will not hold water, they are perfect for holding our treasures.

So, if you love to work with colour and shape, come join us in this 4-hour class... Whether you are experienced with textiles or not, whether young or older, you will make a beautiful and useful sculptural object!

**Registration Cost:** \$40 per bowl (all materials are included)

**Ages:** 6 and up

**Maximum:** 10 people

**Where:** Millarville Community Library

*Later this season:*

**November 10** 2.00 or 6.00 p.m, you decorate spectacular Christmas cookies with artist Sheila Woolner in her home in Priddis

**November 24** children and adults can decorate Christmas cupcakes with library manager and cupcake Queen Natasha Grusendorf

**December 1** children and adults can make glass fused magnets with Saskia Knol (just in time for Christmas gifts)

All of our workshop facilitators donate a portion of their fee to the library. We are so grateful to them.

For more information on these workshops check out our social media pages and to register call the library at 403-931-3919.

# Advertising Opportunities in the Track Watch!



**CONTACT MELONIE**  
at [melonie@mras-track.com](mailto:melonie@mras-track.com)

## The MRAS is looking for 1 New Volunteer Board of Director Member

Preference will be given to those that can fill some of the specialty gaps we currently have such as IT or financial expertise (CPA or equivalent).



If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact Anna De Paoli – MRAS President at [mraspresident@gmail.com](mailto:mraspresident@gmail.com)

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