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Tuesday - Saturday 9 AM - 2 PM

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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Director's



Dear MRAS Members,

What a busy summer it has been. All the chores that the season of growth brings, along with all the summertime activities, there never seems to be enough sunlight. This summer I tried to fit in an ambitious trip to Portugal for 2 weeks that did not help with the things one needs to do in the summer. So far everything looks to be going well and only the onset of winter will let me know if I managed my time appropriately.

During my trip I had two specific occurrences that highlighted how precious our time is. I found a young gentleman in Lisbon to cut my hair, who was working there from the Punjab district of India so that he could support his loved ones. He commented that he liked to work hard, and home did not provide those opportunities so he needed to work abroad. I told him if he liked to work hard, he would love where I was from with all the opportunities a hard worker can take advantage of. He corrected me, and let me know the only place he would love is home where his family and friends are. That resonated loud with me as I love my family and friends dearly.

The second occurrence was the sudden passing of a rather active member at MRAS. A member who I had seen days before I left the country. My last communication with this individual would have been similar to the start of this writing, with him managing the busyness that summer brings to many in our community.

Time is the most precious commodity, along with health, that we have. Our lives can sometimes get in the way of us enjoying precious time with loved ones, but it does not change the importance of that time. I will challenge myself coming into the fall to take advantage of some planned events to connect with loved ones, and share the good in this world with those that I meet. We can never know how many days we get to share, but we can share the days we do get by bringing joy and some laughter to our busyness so that each day has something special to reflect on.

There is still some camping season left, so come book a site (or two or three to bring some friends) at the Campground and soak in the soon to be fall colors. Book those camping days on the weekend and the Saturday Farmer's Market can provide some good eats (and more) to enjoy around a fire.

There are a few events being put on at the Racetrack in September to check out. Millarville Chucks Chariots and Bulls Under the Lights is running their event September 8th – 10th. There is also the Vintage Motorcycle Swap Meet September 17th to get your winter project ready to work on!

Once Fall Colors are in full display the Millarville Volunteer Appreciation event will take Place September 23rd. As always, if you are looking for opportunities to volunteer you can visit our website or contact the MRAS office. Feel free to contact myself or any of the Directors if you have questions or feedback around activities at the Racetrack.

With the Equine events slowing down over the summer, look on the webpage for upcoming fall events and make sure to sign up before they are full! The fall/winter season is looking to be a great one with all the planning the committee worked on over the summer.

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Building the MRAS Playground Legacy: One Brick at a Time

Our agriculturally themed playground is much loved by children and adults alike. Many stories have been shared about delighted children and their families enjoying our playground so much that the children don't want to leave! From the barn play structure to the tractor, farm animals and every other piece of equipment, our playground is a hit. It is a credit to all the volunteers who worked to make it a reality and to everyone who donated funds.

MRAS needs your support as we have additional playground costs to cover. For \$200 a brick, you can be part of continuing to build our Playground Legacy. Please consider buying a brick and having your choice of a name or names engraved as your individual or family legacy, or as a gift or memorial for people you care about.

The purchase forms are on the MRAS website under Facilities/Playground and also available at the office. For more information, please contact the MRAS office at 403-931-3411.

Thank you for your kind consideration of continuing to build our playground legacy one engraved brick at a time. Here is the link to buy a brick: https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/MRAS-Name-a-Brick-Donation/





EQUINE NEWS

Questions about the MRAS Equine Facilities and memberships email: mras.equine@gmail.com

The MRAS riding rules, and sign-up sheet have been developed to help our members to have a safe and enjoyable time riding while also maintaining our building in good condition.

The maintenance and riding committee volunteers are still facing regular issues with:

- Cleanup of manure both inside the arena and outside beside trailers, etc.,
- Dogs in the arena Dogs are NOT Allowed, and
- Booking sheet misuse i.e., booking and not cancelling if you are not going to use the time, booking more riders than are actually riding, booking more than two one-hour slots in a day.

Help us take pride in our arena and its use by following the rules that we have in place,





UPCOMING EQUINE ACTIVITIES:

Upcoming Activities

DRESSAGE LESSONS SERIES with KIMBERLY COX

Work on the fundamentals of Dressage:

- Fine tuning of aids
- Rhythm, balance through suppleness
- Connection and softness through transitions

Lessons are open to both Western and English riders. Participants will be divided into groups based on their riding ability and training needs.

Maximum 12 Riders Pre-registration required

Current MRAS Riding Members \$157.50 –
Priority registration until August 31st
Non-Members \$189.00
(All prices include GST)

Dates:

<u>Tuesday evenings:</u> September 19th, 26th and Oct 3rd.

<u>Three Thursday Mornings</u>: September 14th, 28th, Oct 5th, 2023

If you are interested in attending, contact mras.equine@gmail.com to register.

Additional details available on the MRAS website under Equine

LINDY BARRON - PROGRESSIVE LESSON SERIES

This series is designed for the intermediate to advanced horse and rider. Reining maneuvers, transitions, guide and speed control will be some of the elements in this program.

Dates:

<u>Friday Mornings:</u> September 22nd, 29th and Oct 13th.

If you are interested in attending, contact lynnbrunton@gmail.com to register.

Additional details available on the MRAS website under Equine

Pre-registration required

Current MRAS Riding Members \$200.00 –
Priority registration until August 31st
Non-Members \$230.00
(All prices include GST)

COWBOY CHALLENGE PRACTICE

Join us for a Cowboy Challenge Practice - a time to practice your skills with obstacles and have fun. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Dates:

Saturday September 30th 4:00 - 6:00 pm

If you are interested in attending, contact epi4animalhealth@gmail.com to register.

Additional details available on the MRAS website under Equine

Maximum 10-12 riders
Pre-registration required

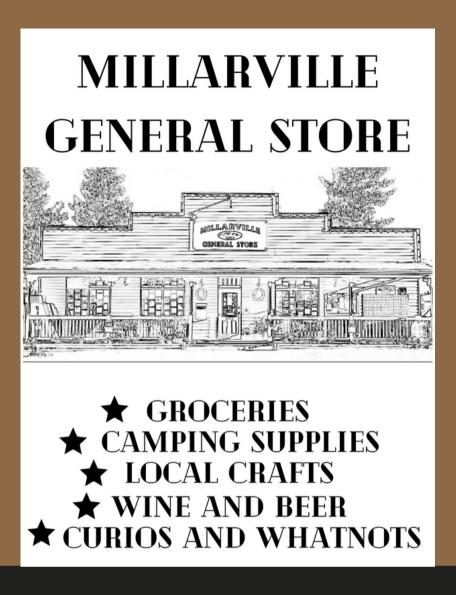
Current MRAS Riding Members \$20.00 Priority registration until Sept 4th
Non-Members \$30.00
(All prices include GST)

OTHER ACTIVITIES, CLINICS, EQUINE EVENTS

The MRAS Riding Committee is working on a variety of clinics to offer our riding membership and equine community. See below. Check the website regularly to see what is available at: www.millarvilleracetrack.com Facilities > Equine > Upcoming Events.

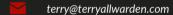
If you have ideas or suggestions for any clinics or activities that you would like us to explore, please send us the information to mras.equine@gmail.com. One of our goals is to incorporate activities that our members are interested in.











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Volunteers and Community Spirit

By Louise Patterson Bruns – Millarville Historical Society

This article was published in Going to the Fair in 2007. This is my update. The 2023 Fair has just concluded this past weekend, and though some details and venues have changed over the years, the volunteer spirit has not. This is still the vibrant community that it has been for well over 100 years, and in 2023 we celebrate it as much as ever. A million thanks once again to our army of volunteers. Your contributions are much appreciated, and we celebrate you, our lifeblood. I believe that Millarville exists because of volunteers. Volunteers by the scores and dozens and thousands have lent their talents, skills, and at times, back-breaking labour to make the Fair and the Racetrack into the hub of the community.

Picture in your mind the day or days before the Fair and the flurry of activity all over the community. Men and women setting up tables for the exhibits, covering them with white paper. Men and equipment on the track, working it up, smoothing it out for the horse show and the cattle classes. Building temporary pens. Families in kitchens preparing for the concessions, grinding onions, making hamburger patties with an ice cream scoop, a wooden mallet, and wax paper to separate them. Signs being painted for parking, notice boards hammered into the ground, name tags being carefully printed and beribboned for the directors and officials. Sweeping out the basement in the hall for the flower and vegetable displays. Endless lists being checked, meetings held and phone calls madly made.

Then on Fair Day the thousands of entries and exhibits being carefully, lovingly and hopefully brought to the Fair in cars, trucks, trailers, and on horseback in great excitement to meet the deadline. The Directors receiving them all graciously and placing them for the Judges to view and make their decisions. The Announcers at the grandstand reading the lists of winners in each class to the crowd. The public and the exhibitors themselves waiting not too patiently for 1:00 o'clock for the exhibits to open so they can see who made the best pie, quilted the best quilt, and so on.

Any old-timer from here will tell you many stories of the creation and upkeep of the hall, the track, the barns and concessions, and the many community events held throughout the year. Fair Day is the biggest, and then the Races. The Farmer's Market and Rodeo have become institutions not to be missed. Dances, weddings, funerals, birthdays, and anniversaries are celebrated in the hall, usually hosted by faithful volunteers.

To become involved in Millarville is to become a volunteer. The leadership of our ongoing army of volunteers has fostered a vigorous and friendly community second to none. Our thanks to all past and present volunteers whose efforts continue to create and sustain this place for future generations.

Millarville Historical Society has limited copies of Going to the Fair I and Going to the Fair II for sale. Contact us at millarvillehistorical society.com if you would like to purchase a copy or two.



Read more historical articles on Facebook - Millarville Historical Society or email us millarvillehistoricalsociety@gmail.com if you have photos, information, or questions.





A Tribute to the Millarville Racetrack
September 17, 2023 Millarville Racetrack Hall

12-1 BBQ lunch \$10.00/person

1:30 Special Program

2023-24 Millarville Historical Society Members have a chance for door prizes. Obtain your 2023/24 membership on our website: http://millarvillehistoricalsociety.weebly.com or on Sept. 17th.

Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE

MRAS is hosting a Strategic Planning Session on Saturday October 14th starting at 9:00 am. All members are invited to attend and encouraged to participate. Please plan on spending a couple of hours with us to share your vision for the future of this society.



NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

Have you ever thought of running for a position on the board? Are you looking to get more involved in the leadership of MRAS? Do you know a member who would be a great addition to the board?

The Board of Directors will be looking to fill several positions at this year's annual general meeting.

If you're curious about this role, would like to run for a position or just have questions, please reach out to an existing board member, or email the board directly at mras.feedback@gmail.com



OPERATIONS MANAGER UPDATE

As I was walking around at the grounds last weekend, I had several members ask me how I was enjoying my first fair? I honestly didn't know how to answer them. I knew all the hard work that had gone into planning it. I knew all the effort required to physically create that atmosphere, but I was completely blown away by the size and scope of the event as well as the level of participation of everyone involved. What an amazing weekend! This is not the first time I have been amazed at what happens here, so I thought I would share with everyone some of the highlights of my first few months as well as some of the things I have been working towards.

The first thing I must admit is that the learning curve here at MRAS is HUGE! I don't think there is a single career path that would properly prepare someone to instantly become effective in all the various demands of this role. Beyond just learning new programs and systems, I have leaned how to build playground equipment, become proficient at commercial kitchen appliance maintenance, learned more about indoor and outdoor riding facility footing than I ever thought possible, and just scratched the surface on fundraising and building relationships with corporate sponsors.

Some of my previous experience has proven to be very helpful here in the first few months. As many of you know, we have hired 3 students for the summer with assistance from the Canada Summer Jobs Program and we have an excellent Maintenance Manager who has returned to MRAS. I came from a position where writing policies and procedures were common, and I have got to participate in that role here as well. I have also spent some of my time participating in various committees such as the financial stability committee, bylaws, policy and procedure and maintenance. These committees are run by volunteers who have generously spent time with me to make certain I am up to speed and able to contribute quickly.

So, what's coming up next? Well, as we begin preparing for the Christmas Market season, I am also looking forward to the AGM. Every new event I attend teaches me something and provides me with a better understanding of where we are as a society and where we could go in the future. There are lots of projects that will require attention over the winter including phase 2 of the arena completion, increasing our list of corporate sponsors, working with a new partner (Alberta Counsel) to source out new grants and financial opportunities and aiding in the development of a new strategic plan. It's important to me to understand what the membership values and wants from this society now and in the future. We plan to engage with you in several different ways to hear your ideas and share your vision. One of these opportunities will be at the Strategic Planning session on Saturday October 14 at 9:00. Please try to come out to that and help direct MRAS in the future.

As always, if you have any questions, ideas, or comments, please feel free to call me, email me or just stop by the office.

Dan Heyde

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For Storytime with the Library Ladies

When?

Sept 23rd and 30th 11am-11:30am

Where?

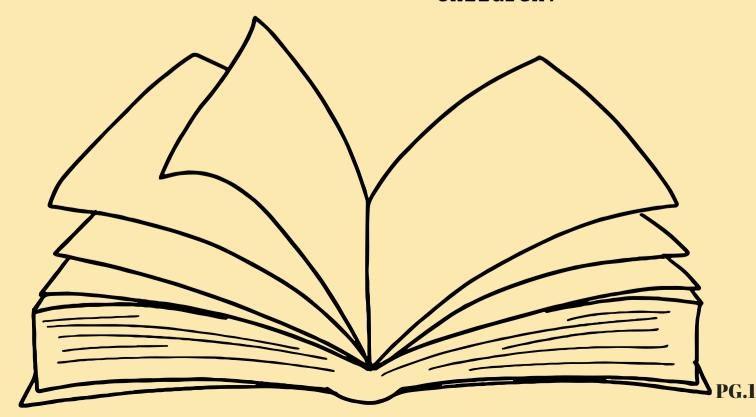
Millarville Racetrack near the playground

Who?

Preschool to Grade 3 kids

Note: An adult must stay with the child or children during storytime.

Drop-In. Preregistration not
required. Please bring
a blanket or lawn
chair to sit on if
possible. There will
be some bench seating
available for
children.





A TRIBUTE TO MALCOLM SILLS

The Millarville area lost a very valuable member of the community and the MRAS, Malcolm Sills, on August 12, 2023.

Malcolm's MRAS involvement as a board member, president and active volunteer brought valuable experience, leadership and mentorship to many who had the pleasure of knowing him. Malcolm was always willing to offer advice, share his experience and knowledge to anyone and genuinely wanted others to be successful. He had many friends and touched many lives.

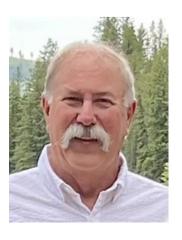
As an active volunteer for many years at the MRAS, Malcolm supported and participated in all of the MRAS events and activities. He was also very active in supporting the day-to-day operations and maintenance activities required for the ongoing success of the society. He took the lead on updating and maintaining the Foothills County approval of the MRAS Development Permit, including a move to Direct Control, which provided more flexibility and control over the MRAS events and activities. He provided supervision and operational support to keep the water plant running to meet the major event needs, working closely with the County. On a number of occasions, he donated his tractor and wagon and other equipment as needed.

In March 2018, the old arena collapsed and Malcolm stepped up in support of the MRAS. He became involved in the rebuild efforts, chaired the rebuild committee during the critical preconstruction discussions, and was an active committee member through construction to permanent occupancy. This involved a very significant time commitment.

Malcolm most recently chaired the Equine Committee, helping to maintain and improve the building and equine activities for the enjoyment of all members and user groups.

In 2020, Malcolm and his wife Suzanne were awarded the MRAS life memberships for their many years of dedication and commitment to the society.

Malcolm's commitment, his passion and hard work was always in the best interest of the MRAS, and he most certainly set a great example for others. Malcolm will be remembered for his incredible involvement, mentorship, and dedication to bettering the MRAS, and his presence and friendships he made along the way will be greatly missed by many in the community.



Millarville Horticultural Club

http://millarvillehortclub.com

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, September to May, at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are held at the Millarville Anglican church house.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 12, 2023. We will be having a potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share. Also bring your summer growing stories and how your entries did at the fair. A great learning event for everyone.

If you are interested in attending any of our presentations, please contact Gail Dziuba (587-578-3798) at millarvillehorticulturalclub@gmail.com. The presentation is free for members and \$15.00 for non-members. Whether you are a novice or expert in landscaping or gardening, join our club. \$15/year for singles or \$20/year for a family. Check us out on Facebook as well.

GARAGE Sale



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MRAS 2023 GARAGE SALE

If you are interested in having a table this year please send your name, phone number and number of tables to the email below. It will be \$15/table if you want more than 3 tables it's \$10/table

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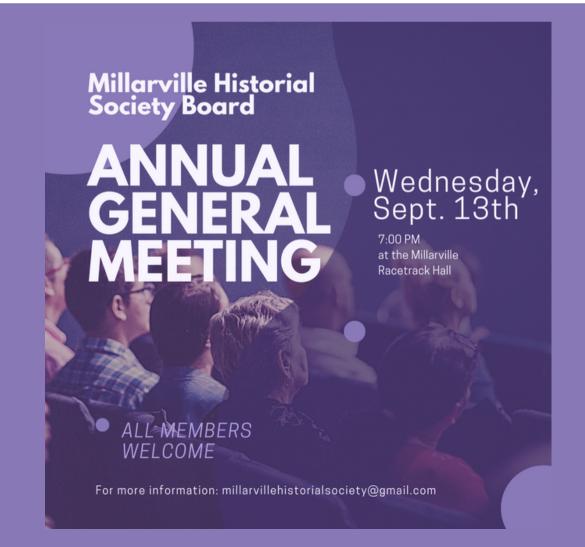


Quilt Show September 16, 2023

held at Christ Church Millarville Hwy 549 west at Range Rd.23A

Come and enjoy the quilt art of our many talented local artists. Visit with our Quilter of Distinction 2023 $Gillian \ Ross$

Door Prizes Vendors Refreshments
12 - 4 PM \$10.00 cash only





Memory Cafe



An opportunity for people with memory loss and their caregivers to meet for mutual support

Griffiths Center 122 Government Road, Black Diamond 1:00 - 2:30 pm Fourth Friday of the month starting June 23, 2023

> Contact Jennifer 403 969 6040



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7 ft x 16 ft Cargo with Ramp

PLATE TAMPERS

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