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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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# Market Manager's Message



**Melonie McKee**  
**Market Manager**

## Dear MRAS Members,

It seems like winter has turned the corner and we are looking forward to the April showers bringing May flowers to the Track just in time for the Millarville Spring Market on May 4th, 9am to 2pm.

The vendors have been selected for this one-day event and there will be lots of new vendor wares to choose from for Mother's Day gifts, or for you, just because! This year we will also have a document shredding truck and an electronic recycling truck onsite for the duration of the market if you would like to take part in that free of charge as well. Nothing like a good spring cleanup! We are looking for a few gate shift helpers for this one-day event too: <https://volunteersignup.org/PYH7K>

April is the time we start choosing the Millarville Summer Market vendors as well, and can you believe the vetting has already started? This process takes many hours and about 10 volunteers from the market committee to vet each application to ensure that they are falling under our regulations of an Alberta Approved Farmer's Market, that being 80% of the items are made by the vendor right here in Alberta. There are many new vendors applying this year and we are looking forward to showing you what they've got. The Summer Market will open June 15th until Oct 12th this year and the hours will remain 9am to 2pm each Saturday, we sure hope you join us!

We are also looking for a few more gate shift volunteers for the summer market if you are interested: <https://volunteersignup.org/J4FCB>

At the beginning of March, I had the huge honor of being invited to the Farmers' Market Pros Intents Conference as a speaker in San Diego, California. Those of you that know me know that I really do not like public speaking but thought this was one heck of an opportunity to get our amazing market onto the world stage! The presentation was "When life gives you lemons, juice!" and hosted with Anna De Paoli. It was the story of our Millarville family and all the bumps (arena collapse and rebuild in time for the Xmas market, pandemic hurdles, concession woes, etc.) in the road we have had to overcome the last few years and the success we achieved with positive (even if forced) changes that we made and keep the market going and growing. It was a wonderful experience, networked a ton, learnt a lot about other markets and their operations, came home with some ideas and I didn't die on stage, so I would probably public speak again. PS - the year-round markets in San Diego are amazing, I visited 6 markets during my time there.

Through this networking, I have now been participating in the World Farmers Market Coalition sessions, which is market managers from literally all over the world sharing their successes and flops collaboratively which has been interesting. Did you know that Zoom has voice to text language translation? I didn't until now either! The next meeting is a small group of us that will get together as part of the WorldFMC Academy "Co-Lab" and discuss vendor recruitment and working with new vendors. This is to create a reference document to share with other managers worldwide. Later in the month on April 24th is "Mapping Markets" getting your market name out into the world - literally! I am excited about this one!

I am looking forward to an awesome 2024 market season with all of you and I hope you all enjoy your Easter Weekend with family and loved ones, enjoying time together and hopefully outside. See you all in a month!



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# Building the MRAS Playground Legacy: Name A Brick

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.

Is there someone in your family that is hard to buy for? The MRAS may have the perfect solution for you! For \$200 a brick, you can not only give a long-lasting and meaningful gift but also help MRAS continue 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.

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.millarvilleracettrack.com/MRAS-Name-a-Brick-Donation/>



# SUMMER CAMP

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# MILLARVILLE

## Mutts and Mustangs



*By Cierra Hathaway, Club Reporter  
( 4-H Horse member at the Millarville Mutts & Mustangs )*

As this icy winter is hopefully approaching its end, the Millarville Mutts & Mustangs 4-H members challenged what is one of the most feared events- Public Speaking. February 10th was club level speech day and February 17th was the club level presentations, the member's arrived prepared with interesting and informed topics. The parents and volunteers did an amazing job creating an environment of support and community. A special thanks to the communications committee Nicole & Justin Baxter, Tammy & Haily Mazubert, Jenn and Syd Dunne. Sage Runge and Ella Hamilton performed their duties as emcees on speech day, with Joy Den Haan and Tait Ackermann emceeing on presentation day . Their introductions and jokes helped everything go by smoothly; creating an easier environment for our 4-H member's to showcase their talents. The judges provided helpful feedback and thoughtful comments to help the member's improve their skills for the future.

***Congratulations!*** To our speakers who will be moving on!

For juniors: Scout Dunn and Bianna Maull, (alternate -Josey Rawson)

For intermediates: Kenzie Blyth and Eva Driscoll, (alternate- Milly Moldenhauer)

For seniors: Isabella Styles and Hailey Mazubert, (alternate- Jack Styles).

***Congratulations!*** To our presenters who will be moving on!

For juniors: Addie Whaling

For intermediates: Anna-Marie and Russell Hodson, and Tori Ackermann  
(alternative Justin Penner)

For seniors: Cierra Hathaway/Lauren Kornelson & Bailee Smith (alternative Jeremy & Oliver Hartmann).

We are looking forward to the upcoming events including more speeches and presentations. The club is looking forward to the Little Britches Parade on May 18th and the 4-H on Parade on May 30th.

# Easter Egg Nests

These egg nests are so fun and easy to make with your kids. You can customize the grass or eggs depending on what you prefer. This is the perfect Easter dessert for kids.

Prep Time: 15 mins

Cook Time: 10 mins

Resting Time: 1 hr

Servings: 8

## INGREDIENTS

3 tbsp Butter

4 1/2 cups Rice Cereal

10 oz bag Marshmallows

3/4 cup Shredded Coconut

Green Food Dye I like the gel food coloring

Small Easter Egg Candy or Jelly Beans

Muffin tin



## INSTRUCTIONS

- Prepare your muffin tin with cooking spray. This insures the cereal doesn't stick.
- In a medium pan melt the butter. I like to wait until the butter becomes slightly brown (brown butter) for a caramelized flavor. This is totally optional, but just be sure to completely melt the butter.
- Turn the heat off. Add the marshmallows and stir until the marshmallows have melted down.
- Add the rice cereal 2 cups at a time to make sure it's all combined with the marshmallows. Add the additional rice cereal and stir.
- Use a plastic sandwich size bag with butter on the outside to help you spread the cereal mixture into the muffin tins. Press the mixture into the muffin tin and create an indent in the middle for the grass/eggs to lay.
- In a small bowl mix a small amount of green food dye with a small amount of water. Mix the coconut in the dye and spread out on a cookie sheet or aluminum foil so it can dry. This will be the grass for the nests. If you don't like coconut you could also use green frosting with a "grass" frosting tip.
- Wait at least an hour to ensure the cereal has set and cooled before assembling these.
- Once they have cooled sprinkle some grass in the middle of the nest. Top with your candy eggs and serve.



# EQUINE FACILITIES



Questions about the MRAS Equine Facilities and memberships,  
email: [office@mras-track.com](mailto:office@mras-track.com) or [grounds@mras-track.com](mailto:grounds@mras-track.com)

Hello Equine Members,

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.

Riding Rules: These have been created and agreed upon to ensure everyone using the facility remains safe and that our facility can be kept in great condition. Please continue to follow the rules and encourage your fellow riders to follow the rules. Click [HERE](#) for the rules or go to: <https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/equine/>

Booking Sheet: Please use the booking sheet when you plan to ride and honor your time. This practice is in place to ensure fair usage of the facility and helps the maintenance team and myself plan for when we can be in the arena for maintenance.

Manure: Please continue to clean up after your horses. I know the vast majority of you are excellent at this, but it continues to be a problem. Remove your horse's manure from the arena using the forks and wheelbarrows and transport it to the blue bins. Wheelbarrows should not be used for storage of manure; it belongs in the blue bins.

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

*Thank you!*

# UPCOMING EQUINE ACTIVITIES:



## KIDS RANCH RIDING

Fridays: April 5, May 3 & 24 - 4:30 to 6PM

Fun filled way for kids to work on and develop their equitation skills and ride a pattern at the end of the day. Good for any age and level providing they are riding independently, can stop their horse and the horse is good in a group of horses.

Cost per Ride:

2023/24 MRAS Riding Members \$15.00

Non-Members \$20.00

(All prices include GST)

Any questions or to register please contact Lynn Brunton [lynnbrunton@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbrunton@gmail.com) 403-651-4301. Once you have registered payment instructions will be sent to you. Payment then confirms your spot.

## RANCH RIDING EQUITATION AND PATTERNS

Sundays: April 7 & 21

MRAS Ranch Riding program is a great way to work on your equitation skills with the goal of riding a pattern at the end of the day. Skills will include riding transitions, walk, trot, lope, speed control as well as an exercise that will enhance you and your horse's performance in the pattern. The patterns sometimes include obstacles.

Maximum 10 Riders

Cost per Ride:

2023/24 MRAS Riding Members \$22

Non-Members \$32

(All prices include GST)

Any questions or to register please contact Lynn Brunton [lynnbrunton@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbrunton@gmail.com) 403-651-4301. Once you have registered payment instructions will be sent to you. Payment then confirms your spot.



## **KIDS RIDING LESSON SERIES WITH DANIELLE BARTLETT**

**Saturdays: April 13 & 20**

Danielle is a fabulous instructor that has a wonderful ability to communicate with youth and adults of all ages. From learning to ride youngsters to those that are refining their skills. In this three lesson package riders will have the opportunity to build on their learned skills at each ride developing better communication with their horse. This program is designed for any level of rider.

**Cost: 2023/24 MRAS Riding Members \$115.00**

**Non-Members \$135.00**

**(All prices include GST)**

To register or for more information contact Lynn Brunton [lynnbrunton@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbrunton@gmail.com).  
Once you have registered payment instructions will be sent to you.

## **PHYSIOTHERAPY APPROACH TO RIDING BIOMECHANICS**

**Saturday, May 4th**

This clinic is designed to assess and treat an individual's imbalances and asymmetries in the saddle, to work towards optimal performance. All riding levels and disciplines are welcome to participate.

**Cost: Current 2023/24 MRAS Riding Members \$ 100.00, priority registration until March 19th**

**Non-Members \$ 120.00**

**Audit Fee - must pre-register \$ 20.00**

**(All prices include GST)**

**HAS Receipts / Clinician Fee:** Clinic participants (not auditors) will receive a \$75.00 physiotherapy receipt after participation in the clinic, the clinician fee. The amount of the physiotherapy session.

**Note:** Receipts will be emailed directly from our clinician following MRAS administration i.e. payment of clinician fees. Receipts will not be available at the clinic

If you have questions or would like to register, please email [MRAS.equine@gmail.com](mailto:MRAS.equine@gmail.com)

## TRACEY SKINNER – GROUNDWORK LESSON SERIES

**Fridays: May 3, 10 & 17**

**11:00am to 12:30pm**



This series of groundwork sessions will work together as follows:

### Session 1 - Communication

Being able to communicate clearly with your horse is a key concept in groundwork.

### Session 2 - Connection

Having your horse connected to you is important if you are looking to work towards liberty. Having a connected horse makes for a safer and more responsive riding horse.

### Session 3 - Putting it all together.

### Review of sessions 1 & 2

Using the body movements and circles learned in the first two sessions to create more connected work with your horse.

Cost: 2023/24 MRAS Riding Members \$200.00

Non-Members \$230.00

Auditing \$10.00 per day – must pre-register, no drop-ins

(All prices include GST)

To register or for more information contact Lynn Brunton [lynnbrunton@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbrunton@gmail.com). Once you have registered payment instructions will be sent to you.

## CORES & EFFECTS PILATES – RACETRACK HALL

**Monday evenings 6 to 7:30PM**

**May 20, 27, June 3, 17 & 24**

This course will give you a varied and obtainable home practice, help you reduce stress in your body, manage aches and pains as well as improving postural imbalance. Through fascial release, stretch, connection exercises and integrating better movement into your life you will feel the improvement. Learn the basic principles as we add in the Pilates work into our Tool Kit for you.

Exercises to benefit your riding and everyday life.

Cost: 2023/24 MRAS Riding Members \$175.00

Non-Members \$225.00

(All prices include GST)

To register or for more information contact Lynn Brunton [lynnbrunton@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbrunton@gmail.com). Once you have registered payment instructions will be sent to you.

## SAVE THE DATE

### WORKING EQUITATION 2-DAY CLINIC WITH JILL BARRON

Wednesday, May 29th and Thursday,  
May 30th

Registration will open in April.  
Refer to the MRAS website and  
Equine page for more details.



## KIDS SUMMER 4-DAY HORSE CAMPS

Dates: July 2 - 5

August 6 - 9

This is a perfect place for that horse loving kid to spend summer days with their horse. Come and have some fun in the sun! There will be a riding lesson with Danielle Bartlett on three of the days plus other riding activities!

Crafts, games, grooming, ranch riding, patterns, showmanship and more!

Kids must have their own horse as there are no horses supplied. It is suggested that an adult stay while their child is riding. Best suited for ages 6 to 12.

Sign up for one or both weeks.

Per Week Cost: \$200.00 MRAS Riding Members

\$240.00 for Non-Members

(All prices include GST)

Any questions or to register please contact [jynnbrunton@gmail.com](mailto:jynnbrunton@gmail.com)

Additional details available about all of the above Activities and Lesson Series are available on the MRAS website: [www.millarvilleracetrack.com](http://www.millarvilleracetrack.com) on the Equine page.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES, CLINICS, EQUINE 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](mailto:MRAS.equine@gmail.com). One of our goals is to incorporate activities that our members are interested in.

*Just ONE call puts 40 years of experience and  
our "A-TEAM" on your side...*



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## WANTED

We have buyers for the following property:

1. A scenic 1/4 section in the SW of Calgary area as far south as Longview, with or without buildings.
2. 8-20 acres with newer house, prefer bungalow, hopefully a mix of grass and trees with easy closer in access. Millarville/Priddis area would be perfect.
3. 4-6 acres of raw land, close in SW area. Looking for a premium parcel with good water. Restrictive Covenants are ok.



# PRIDDIS MILLARVILLE FAIR 2024

The Fair Committee is hard at work.

The ideas for the fun continue to roll in. Doug Martin and Neil Bates have put together the Hayrack Backer Upper Contest. There are 2 classes in this competition: "Old Hayseed, 50 years & older" and "Green as Grass, any age". Word on the street has it that Suzanne Sills and Jill Dakers are in it for the red ribbon.

Paul Rishaug's new dog Tea has begun training for the stock dog demonstrations. She won't be the only dog on the field but she's going to be the craziest. Louanne Twa will have some of her dogs there too. Riley will be back. He was top dog last year. He's the class clown and loves everybody, including ducks. There will be demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday in front of the Grandstand. The times will be announced closer to Fair dates.

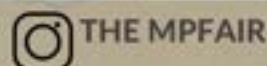
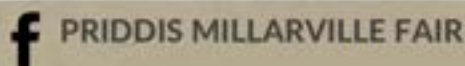
The Department Managers and Competition Managers have completed their class lists for the year. Some of the new bench competition classes include PHOTOGRAPHY Class 8024 - "Humour - Make the Viewers Laugh - Family Appropriate" and ENGLISH LIGHT HORSE - Jumping Class 827 - "Pairs - Equitation (2 feet) Over Fences". We are hoping to provide you with a sneak-a-peek at the entire class list in the May Track Watch publication.

Now is the time for the committee to confirm our judges and to make sure that we have all the 300-plus volunteers we need to put on this amazing event.

Follow us on Social Media to see Fair photos, videos and stay in touch with the Fair.



TEA in Training



# THE RUN TO THE MARKET 1/2 MARATHON IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We are in need people to help with the day of activities for  
the June 15, 2024!

Please go to this link to sign up: [RUN TO THE MARKET](#) or  
contact [millarvillefarmershalf@gmail.com](mailto:millarvillefarmershalf@gmail.com) for more details.

LOVE A GREAT MARKET?

VOLUNTEER

WITH US!

We are looking for gate greeters for  
our Spring Market Sat, May 4th!  
Please click [HERE](#) to sign up! For more  
info email: [office@mras-track.com](mailto:office@mras-track.com)



A white rabbit with blue eyes is the central focus, sitting in a field of green grass and white daisies. The rabbit is looking slightly to the left. The background is a soft-focus field of similar flowers. The text 'Happy' is written in a large, bold, blue font across the top of the image.

Happy

Easter!

# THE Kids Only Shoppe at the Millarville Christmas Market

The **Kids Only Shoppe** volunteers have been busy - 4 workbees completed, 2200 gifts inventoried and 5 more workbees for April and May are planned. See the April newsletter- Issue #4: <https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/KOS-Newsletter-Issue-4-compressed.pdf> for workbee details and photos of some of the creations that will be offered at the November Christmas Market.

We are celebrating our fabulous tribe of volunteers with a **Volunteer Appreciation Lunch** on Monday April 22 in the saloon at Square Butte Ranch. All the volunteers we have on record are invited but this is an open invitation to anyone who donated products anonymously to join us. Please RSVP to [kos@mras-track.com](mailto:kos@mras-track.com) by April 15 so we can plan space. This is a potluck.

As always, we have a wish list of stash to be put to good use in upcoming projects that can be dropped off at the MRAS Office:

- Frames with glass in good repair up to photo size 8x10
- natural fibre yarn, any colour
- birch wood slices, 1/4" thick, between 2 and 6" diameter
- clear plastic containers with screw on lids up to 6" in height, 3" diameter (I.e. instant coffee, Parmesan cheese containers )
- tea cups
- tiny plastic figures - birds, sports themed, farm animals, fish, dinosaurs etc

*New elves are always welcome. Thanks for your continued support of the Kids Only Shoppe!*



## **CRAFT, FIBRE & ART SUPPLIES STASH SALE**

**SATURDAY, May 4, 2024**

**9 A.M. TO 2 P.M**

**MILLARVILLE RACETRACK HALL**

In conjunction with the *Millarville Farmers' Market Spring Market*

Vendors will have tables set up inside the hall to sell any unwanted craft, art or fibre related stash including material, wool roving, commercial & homespun knitting yarn, quilting cotton, card making supplies, art supplies, jewelry making supplies as well as equipment and tools related to making these creations such as sewing machines or sergers, shuttles, looms, carders, quilt rulers, art canvases, scrapbooking paper, wood carving knives, paints, pencils and inks, ETC.!

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT A VENUE FOR SELLING FINISHED ITEMS.**

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# MILLARVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

International Women's Day Tribute to my Mother, Joan (Burby) Merryfield

Written by Marie Nyland



Joan was born on September 13, 1926. She was a third generation of pioneers Rev. W.H. and Eliza Muncaster who homesteaded in 1907 south of Bragg Creek on Fish Creek. Joan started school at the age of five as the required number of children for the recently opened Two Pine School was short by one student. She rode her own horse two miles (3.2 km) to and from school along with her older brother John and older sister Margaret. Joan became an excellent rider and loved her horses. Her mother, Mary Burby, taught her skills like knitting, sewing, baking and cooking. She also worked outdoors not only in the garden but helped with the haying and brush cutting .

Joan made many horseback trips to Bragg Creek to pick up the mail at Coates' Store (now the Trading Post). There were a few times that she and her sister rode to the Clem Gardner Ranch on Pirmez Creek to pick up te mail. This involved a long day ride over a distance of about 30 miles (48 kms) and a stop at Joe and Hester Robinson's ranch where they were always offered hospitality of a cup of tea and a meal.

During the war years, Joan's parents, Leo and Mary Burby often hosted members of the armed forces at their ranch. This is when Joan met her future husband. The Burby family was hosting members of the R.C.A.F and Flight Lieutenant Jack Merryfield was one of the guests. Jack was smitten with Joan. While training at #3 Wireless School at Shephard, Jack decided that he wanted to invite Joan to an up-coming dance at the Bragg Creek Round Hall. However, communication was a problem as the Burby's did not have a telephone and Jack was required to be training so he was not at liberty to drive out to the Burby ranch to invite her in person. So he solved the problem by flying a R.C.A.F. aircraft over the ranch, making a few passes over the ranch and dropping several hand-written notes out of the very pistol hole, scattering them over the pastures and bush of the Burby ranch. He lucked out as Joan's brother Bill while out riding found one of the notes...Joan accepted the invitation. Joan and Jack were married in the fall of 1946. They held their wedding dance at the Bragg Creek Round Hall and settled in the hamlet of Bragg Creek where they made their home for 51 years before moving to Redwood Meadows in 1997.

Joan and Jack had four children, George, Marie, Jim and Carol. For several years the family lived at Yoho Tinda, a log cabin motel owned by Bert Salene. Joan rented out a tourist cabins and did the laundry, cleaned the cabins and rode herd on her small children. At the time, Yoho Tinda was pretty much isolated from the hamlet with the Tsuut'ina boundary a short distance north of their home and no close neighbours so Joan had to be constantly vigilant for black bears and Clem Gardner's bulls which wandered in from time to time.

Laundry was done on a gas-powered washing machine with water hauled from the Elbow River and heated on the wood stove. The family survived the Measles, Mumps and Scarlet Fever in their younger years with Joan nursing them. In the early 1950s Jack had purchased a small surplus oilfield home from Turner Valley, Oakalta Oils. The house was moved from Whiskey Row to a one-acre lot at Bragg Creek on Balsam Avenue. The power was supplied by a Delco generator, kerosine lamps. Heating continued to be wood and coal until natural gas became available. Water was from shallow well. Hard work was no stranger to Joan as with many other hardy pioneer women.

As the family grew up, Joan took an interest in all of the activities her children were involved in and encouraged them to enjoy nature and wildlife. She made sure the family had an assortment of pets to care for and enjoy which she referred to as "the menagerie". Joan and Jack enjoyed young people and the house was often full of teenagers, mostly young people from the city whose families had cabins at Bragg Creek. It was a gathering place for many of them on weekends and summer holidays. Joan handed out the discipline when necessary to not only her own brood but anyone not behaving appropriately!



Joan was always ready to lend a hand with community projects and activities that her children were involved in. Joan was a strong supporter of the community of Bragg Creek. It was her idea that inspired the establishment of the Bragg Creek community grounds and community hall when she suggested that these lands might be acquired after the Bragg Creek School was permanently closed in the early 1960s.



Joan was an avid photographer and artist. She was an active member of the Bragg Creek Artisans, Bragg Creek Painters Group, founding member of the Bragg Creek Ladies Auxiliary, Bragg Creek Seniors and later the Redwood Meadows Seniors Group. For many years she wrote a weekly column in the Rockyview News. These columns were spiced with observations of wildlife, wildflowers and weather, community events, and humorous anecdotes.

Joan took an active interest in the history of Bragg Creek, Priddis and Millarville and helped with the collection of family histories for the Priddis, Millarville and Bragg Creek history book - Our Foothills. She was able to contribute a lot to the history of many of the people who had left the district and who had been family friends of her grandparents and her parents.

Joan also enjoyed excursions with Jack to their beloved Kananaskis County, camping, visiting family and friends and the annual Burby Family Reunion. She was proud to help celebrate her family's 102 years of ranching in the Bragg Creek area in 2009. Joan and Jack's Bragg Creek home still stands at 12 Balsam Avenue - appropriately called, "The Heart of Bragg Creek".

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## 2023/2024 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP RATES

Family \$75.00  
Individual \$60.00  
Senior \$45.00  
Student \$45.00

## 2023/2024 MRAS Riding Membership Rates

Annual: November 2023 - October 2024

Family \$475.00  
Each additional dependent \$70.00  
Individual \$325.00

1/4 memberships (per quarter): (Nov - Jan; Feb - Apr; May - July; OR Aug - Oct)

Family \$225.00  
Additional Dependent \$35.00  
Individual \$150.00

Click [HERE](#) for more Info and to purchase your Membership!

# 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 on **Tuesday April 9 , 2024 at 7 pm**. Merle Coombs from *Spruce it Up!* will be our featured speaker. He is a wealth of information on growing zone hardy plants and trees.

Louise Patterson Bruns will be bringing 6 packs of spring planted garlic to take home and plant in May . \$10

She will also be giving planting instructions for this great shortcut.



**If you are interested in attending any of our presentations, please contact Louise Patterson Bruns ( our new president ) at [louisepattersonbruns@gmail.com](mailto:louisepattersonbruns@gmail.com) or at [millarvillehorticulturalclub@gmail.com](mailto: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.**



## MILLARVILLE AND DISTRICT RECREATION BOARD

The Millarville and District Recreation Board is now accepting applications for funding for non-profit organizations for 2024. Each year the board receives a grant from Foothills County and disperses funds to successful applicants. In previous years, funding has been provided to local associations, including Millarville Community Library, Millarville Community School, MRAS events, and various 4-H groups.

If you would like to apply for a grant, please email your request to [chemguy1@mac.com](mailto:chemguy1@mac.com) Please include your group's 2024 proposed budget and a 2023 financial statement. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2024.



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The Millarville Community Library would like to start a free seed library. If you have extra seeds, you have collected and would like to share them, please label your seeds and drop them off at the library and we will make them available to the community. Stay tuned on our Facebook and Instagram pages for updates.

## Bouquets-

Stop by the library to see the beautiful quilts on display crafted by the quilters from *Country Lane Quilters*. Thank you to all who share their skills and time to make our library a learning hub in the community.

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