

# Track Watch

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## OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY - FRIDAY 9:00AM - 3:00PM

## 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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ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY







# 2024-25 MRAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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President



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# President's Message



Colina Clark,  
MRAS President

Dear Members,

Staff and a few volunteers attended the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies 2025 Convention in February. The theme was 'Legacy, Hopes and Dreams - To Infinity and Beyond'. Though a variety of topic sessions were offered, the general theme was people and community. Both keynotes speakers addressed issues such as burnout, mental health and yet how strong and capable communities are in bringing people together. MRAS is an excellent example of what community can do together, because of the people.

Further to that, I wonder how we can best serve our members and community. If you have some thoughts or ideas, please send me an email at [president@mras-track.com](mailto:president@mras-track.com) or [mras.feedback@mras-track.com](mailto:mras.feedback@mras-track.com). Or if I am on the property, we can have a chat. We will be offering a few member breakfasts during the market season though I know there is so much more we can do.

Have you heard the news about the five prestigious marketing awards (1st Place) that MRAS received for showcasing 'the dedication to creativity, innovation and community engagement.' More details can be found in the Track Watch page 7.

Congratulations and many thanks to everyone involved.

Yes, we can do things on our own however we are stronger together.

*Colina*



# WE ARE LOOKING FOR A BOARD MEMBER!

Join our Board of Directors to help  
make a difference in the community!



**PLEASE CONTACT THE MRAS PRESIDENT  
FOR MORE INFO  
[PRESIDENT@MRAS-TRACK.COM](mailto:PRESIDENT@MRAS-TRACK.COM)**





# ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES

## AAAS PROVINCIAL MARKETING AWARDS

Thank you so much to the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies for another great conference and for awarding us with these amazing achievements in marketing excellence!

We are thrilled to announce that the Millarville Agricultural Society has been recognized with five prestigious marketing awards, showcasing our dedication to creativity, innovation, and community engagement.

Check it out! We won:



First Place - Promotional Poster over 5000 (Christmas Market) - BrandBrighter



First Place - Promotional Poster Over 500, under 5000 (Fair) - BrandBrighter



First Place - Fair Book over 500, under 5000 (Fair Book) - BrandBrighter



First Place - Event Program over 5000 (Race Program) - BrandBrighter



Second Place - Newsletters over 500 (Track Watch) - In office



First Place - Website over 1K, less than 5K (Half Marathon)



Second Place - Website over 5K (MRAS) - Carmella Marketing



Second Place - Organization Video Promo (MRAS) - in office (in particular, Tylene Hay) Watch video HERE

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the entire Millarville Agricultural Society team for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to promoting agricultural heritage and community spirit. Your creativity and passion continue to inspire us all!



Left to right: Brett Warder (AAAS President & Region 2 Director), Yvonne Sterrenberg (Fair Lead), Chit Lutchman (MRAS Director), Natasha Phillipson (MRAS Director), Craig Howe (Maintenance Manager), Mel McKee (Farmers' Market Consultant), Colina Clark (MRAS President)



# 2025 MRAS STAFF

Dan Heyde  
*Operations Manager*

Melonie McKee  
*Farmers' Market Consultant*

Chad Thomas  
*Market Lead*

Craig Howe  
*Maintenance Manager*

Tylene Hay  
*Office Administrator*

Shannon Breeze  
*Bookkeeper*

Val Evenson  
*Janitorial/Cleaning*

Lance Piltingsrud  
*Maintenance*



# MRAS STAFF INSIGHTS AND ADVENTURES

Welcome to our new Track Watch feature! Each month, we'll share articles written by our MRAS staff to help you get to know us and stay updated on our adventures. We'll kick off with introductions and move on to department adventures. We're excited to share our stories, photos, and updates with you!

Hello MRAS Members, Volunteers, Supporters, and Friends!



My name is Dan Heyde, I have had the privilege of being involved with MRAS over the past 2 years in the role of Operations Manager. This space in the Track Watch is held for staff members to write a brief introduction to the readers and explain who they are, what they do at the track, as well as a few personal notes. It is an exceptionally innovative idea aimed at letting the members and volunteers of MRAS get to know a little about the staff. This month it is my turn to share a little about me, but that just does not feel right. As you may have heard, I have recently resigned from my position with MRAS, my last day will be March 5. So instead of sharing a little about me, I want to take this opportunity to share a little about the team at MRAS and express some gratitude.

When you come to the track for an event or market, you will likely see our Maintenance manager Craig Howe running around the grounds trying to keep things operating, clean and ready for the next function. Craig spends more time at MRAS than anyone else, and cares deeply about ensuring the grounds and buildings reflect the pride he takes in maintaining them. I have never had the privilege of working with anyone who demonstrates more dedication to their role. MRAS is an aging facility and requires a lot of effort just to keep the lights, heat, and water available. Craig puts in that effort every day and still manages to make steady improvements; we are lucky to have him. On a personal note, Craig has been a good friend, diligent worker, and a lot of fun to be around.

If you come into the office, you will probably meet Tylene. Ty is the one who puts Track Watch together every month and does an outstanding job with that massive task. Ty has been helping out at MRAS in a variety of ways for almost 2 years now. She started as a campground host with her husband Jason and is now our full-time Office Administrator. Ty is an Edmonton Oilers fan but also has many redeeming qualities. Ty is very quick to laugh, and I have never seen her angry. Ty genuinely cares about the people she works with and the community she serves. She seems to have an endless capacity to take on new tasks and do them extremely well. Working with her every day for the past year, it has become obvious that Tylene will continue to meet and exceed the needs of MRAS. Ty has been an absolute pleasure to work with!

When you attend your next Farmers Market, you will see the results of the hard work put in the "off season" by our Market Lead, Chad Thomas. We were truly fortunate to hire Chad in November to help with the markets. Chad has a long history of managing farmers markets and has built relationships with many of our regular market vendors. Chad is now absorbing as much knowledge as he can from Melonie and planning for another great market season. Chad has proven to be an excellent fit to our team and contributes a great sense of humor and wit. He pays attention to the people he works with and finds ways of supporting the team with thoughtful gestures. We are extremely lucky to have Chad here at MRAS, please make an effort to support him and ensure he always feels valued here.

If you have spent any time at MRAS in the past 13 years, then you already know Mel. Melonie has been the unofficial face of MRAS markets for a long time and has earned the respect of every farmers market in Alberta. Mel has taken advantage of an opportunity to share her vast knowledge with a greater audience by starting her own company and expanding her influence. I know she will be just as successful with that venture as she has been here at MRAS. When I started here 2 years ago, Mel was kind enough to put up with countless questions from me and was always patient and kind. Eventually the questions started to slow down, but Mel remained available to help me out. Mel is an amazing lady who seems to have fun doing just about everything. She has proven to be an excellent mentor and an even better friend.

Leaving a job that allows you to spend countless hours with these fine people is never an easy thing to do, but I know that MRAS is in the extremely capable hands of staff who care a great deal about this place and this community.

I would also like to thank the present and previous boards for their patience, guidance, and confidence in me, and for their passion for this community.

**DAN**





# MILLARVILLE SPRING MARKET

100+ VENDORS

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make it,  
bake it,  
grow it!

**May 10th**  
**2025**  
*Saturday*  
**9am - 2pm**

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# GARAGE SALE

**ARE YOU INTERESTED?**

We are considering holding a Garage Sale during our Spring Market in our Indoor Arena.

May 10th  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

8' Table fees:  
1 table \$15  
3 or more tables: \$10 each

If you are interested in selling your used items at our Garage Sale, please send an email to [office@mras-track.com](mailto:office@mras-track.com) by **March 10, 2025**







# MILLARVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## The Farmerettes of Sunny Slope Ranch

Written by J.E. Hunt in Our Foothills, Page 286-287

Submitted by Marie Nylund- Millarville Historical Society Board

Miss Peter Webber, an English woman, with her companion, Ms. Cullette (Weaver) Gopel, an American divorcee, bought the South half of Section 31 and the east half of Section 30 Twp 22 R2 W5 in early 1924. This land is located 1.6 kms east of the junction of Hwy #22 and Hwy 22X on the north side of the highway. They were the first women locally to run a farm and operate machinery along with the men so they were dubbed the Farmerettes.

Miss Webber was not her real name as she was the daughter of a well to do London, England member of Parliament. What was learned was she was an expert driver, a good shot, and extremely venturesome and that she had worked for the British Government in Turkey and India. During the war she is supposed to have driven an ambulance in Serbia. Also, as an author she wrote "The Gilt on the Gingerbread" while on the ranch. (I researched this book and found one book published anonymously in 1925 by Williams and Norgate, London, England. The forward to the book was written by W.L. George a British journalist who wrote several novels and short stories. The book presents an autobiographical "low life" narrative of a "girl wretched from birth" in England. I cannot help but assume that this book is in fact the one written by the mysterious Miss Webber.

The farmerettes put three hundred acres in crop and when they hit the first good crop Miss Webber went to Calgary and bought a new Fordson tractor and Sawyer-Massey grain separator. To bring it home she drove the outfit along 9th Avenue to 1st Street East and then west on 8th Avenue to John Irwin's Grocery where a large order (of groceries) was put in the blower. Joe Grisedale, an Englishman who worked briefly for Miss Webber, rode on the back of the outfit all the way. Tractors at the time all had steel wheels and lugs so they were forbidden on Calgary pavement but no one stopped them. This is probably the first and only time a tractor and separator moved along Calgary's 8th Avenue. They finished the trip in the dark by the headlights of a truck. Sometime later, Miss Webber abruptly left for England but returned again and was thought to have lived for a while on the Walker Ranch (West ½ Section 12, Twp 22 R2 W5), Pine Creek area.

Meanwhile, in the fall of 1926, Cullette Gopel married Major Bernard Francis (Bumpy) Rhodes, a wealthy Englishman who held a commission in the British Army in World War I. Bumpy owned the Minnehaha Ranch in Grand Valley near Cochrane. Bumpy and Cullette adopted a son, David. About 1930 they moved to Victoria and bought a mansion. Bumpy died at the young age of 47 on June 19th, 1935 at Victoria. Shortly after Bumpy died, Cullette and David left Victoria and moved back to the ranch at Cochrane. David attended Brentwood College on Vancouver Island but spent his vacations at the ranch.



In the late 1930s Cullette went to Tahiti on a vacation and while she was there, she bought a coconut plantation at Papeete, the capital of French Polynesia. Two of her companions Eric Hanner who she had married, and Count von Luckner, (Check out this link for an interesting story of Count von Luckner - <https://luckner-gesellschaft.de/en/felix-graf-von-luckner/biographie/> ). Both men were German citizens so the French government revoked Cullette's visa and she had to leave Tahiti. Undaunted, Cullette bought a 50-foot two-masted schooner, the Valkyrie, and she and David, with Eric Hanner as captain and two Tahitian sailors as crew, sailed for Honolulu.

At some point, Cullette met Margot DeCarie, who had been Amelia Earhart's secretary and an admirer of the famous aviator. Cullette, Eric, Margot and David cruised the Pacific Ocean stopping at many small islands in hopes of finding Amelia who had disappeared July 2nd, 1937 when she attempted to be the first woman pilot to circumnavigate the globe accompanied by her navigator Fred Noonan. (In 1971 Margot DeCarie donated over 60 photographs of Amelia Earhart to the International Women's Air and Space Museum). (More interesting information can be found on Margo DeCarie on this link - <https://earharttruth.wordpress.com/tag/margot-decarie/>).

When they reached Honolulu, Cullette had her marriage to Eric Hanner dissolved. She and her son David returned once again to the ranch at Cochrane. David Rhodes managed the Minnehaha Ranch for a while, and then joined the Lord Strathcona Horse. He later transferred to the U.S. Army and served in World War II. After David went off to war, Cullette assumed her old name and ran the ranch herself for a while. The ranch was sold in 1947 to Jack Bolton and Cullette moved to Santa Monica, California. The ranch is now called the Anchor X and is owned by Jim Burns.

Death records reveal Cullette's name as Ethel Zora Weaver Rhodes who was born in Oregon on April 6th, 1892, daughter of Hezekiah W. Weaver and Francis Elizabeth (McConnell) Weaver. She passed away on November 15th, 1952 at age 60 and is interred in Evansburg, Indiana. At the time of her death Cullette was survived by her son Lt. David A. Rhodes of the US Army.

Unfortunately, no further information could be found on Miss Peter Webber and so she remains anonymous.

Source: Our Foothills, Wikipedia, Find A Grave, Big Hill Country, Cochrane and Area, Page 407-408.



Miss Webber and Mrs. Goppel.

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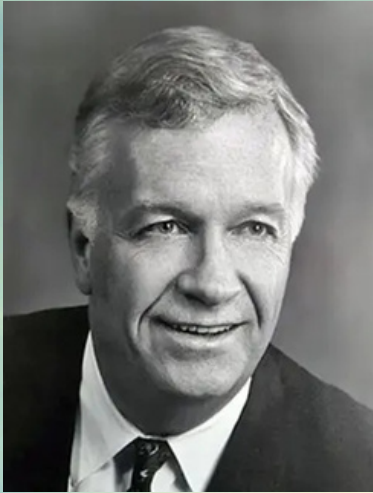
Do you have a passion for supporting local?  
Do you love chatting it up with people?  
Do you want to help grow our market community?  
Do you love to spend time outdoors (rain or shine!)?  
*You are exactly who we are looking for!*

**Millarville Farmers' Market** is recruiting a new addition to the team, a Farmers' Market Assistant. This team member is responsible for assisting with the operation of our Spring, Summer and Christmas markets. See the Full job description and info [HERE](#) or contact Chad Thomas [market@mrast-track.com](mailto:market@mrast-track.com).



# *In Memoriam*

## **Jack Steen 1943 - 2024**



It is with great sorrow that the family of Jack Steen announces his passing on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at the age of 81 years. Jack was a loving husband, amazing father, caring grandfather, and friend to anyone he met. He will be truly missed.

Jack was born in Montreal, QC, in 1943, and his family moved many times before settling in Calgary in 1954. Jack met Patsy Allan in 1967, and they married in 1968. Their daughter Laurie was born in 1970 and their son Tyler in 1972. Jack moved the family to Millarville in 1974 where they built a wonderful home and community, with loving friends and neighbors with a menagerie of horses, dogs and cats, and a herd of 40 red Angus cows.

As part of the community, Jack served as Director of the Millarville Racing and Agricultural Society (MRAS). He helped to start the Millarville Rodeo, gaining sponsors over his twelve years on the committee. Jack was very proud to be a lifetime member of the MRAS. Read the full obituary [HERE](#).

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## ***Celebration of Life for Duane Kelly***

**Saturday April 5, 2025 at 2 PM**

**Silver Springs Golf and Country Club**

**1600 Varsity Estates Drive NW, Calgary**

Duane Kelly was a life member of MRAS and served on the board of directors. See full obituary here:

<https://www.westernwheel.ca/obituaries/patrick-duane-kelly-9940262>. All who wish to come are welcome at this Celebration of Life.



The Priddis & Millarville Fair  
Volunteer Planning Committee is  
hard at work to create another  
fabulous event!



We have updated the logo!

You will see the new logo on our documents, on social media, and in any communication that we produce.

The Fair donation form is now ready [DONATION FORM](#). Many of you will receive a donation letter and form via email. It will also be available on the [Website](#). The Department Managers have updated the class lists for 2025 in case you wish to support a particular class: [2025 CLASS LISTS](#) We want to express our heartfelt appreciation for any contributions you provide! We cannot do this without your support!



Our 2025 Fair Book cover graphic is complete. The theme of the Fair will continue to be "Country Fun For Everyone". The Fair Books will be available in mid-May. The digital version will be available as soon as we complete our final proof of all the information that can be found in the Fair Book. We will tell you more about what we have planned in the coming months!

The Fair has committed to [Open Farm Days \(OFD\)](#) again this year: <https://albertaopenfarmdays.ca/>. The Fair Committee sees the benefits of aligning with this Alberta Agricultural Societies initiative, as it provides significant marketing exposure for the Fair and the Millarville Farmers' Market (taking place Saturday and Sunday this year). Each year Open Farm Days has a theme. This year it is water. We are incorporating this theme into our planning.

The following is a statement from the OFD website: "Alberta Open Farms Days is an incubator for agri-tourism and rural sustainability. We bring Albertans together through educational and experiential agricultural-based initiatives to learn about where your food comes from."

The 2024 Fair Book cover graphic and poster won first place in the marketing awards at the AAAS conference this year. This was another amazing collaboration between the Fair Volunteer Committee and our graphic designer, Sharon Dechaine, at [BrandBrighter](#).



Thank you to all our donors and volunteers, and to the MRAS Office for your support! It is the effort from everyone that creates this community celebration!







## Kids Only Shoppe

The recent warm sun is a reminder to all of us that the year is progressing quickly! We are ready to go with a series of work bees, ideas for home crafters and a list of stash needed for future projects. Take a look at our March newsletter [HERE](https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/KOS-Newsletter-issue-3-2025.pdf.pdf) (<https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/KOS-Newsletter-issue-3-2025.pdf.pdf>) to find out more about all of this. Stash can be dropped off at the MRAS office or email us at [kos@mras-track.com](mailto:kos@mras-track.com) if you need it picked up.

Did you know that one word used to describe a group of elves is mischief? If you want to join the mischief, let us know via email to [kos@mras-track.com](mailto:kos@mras-track.com).







# MRAS EQUINE FACILITIES

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

For memberships email: [office@mras-track.com](mailto:office@mras-track.com)

Hello Equine Members,

The MRAS riding rules, and sign-up sheet have been developed to help our members 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](https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/equine/) 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 plan when they can be in the arena for maintenance.

Manure: Please continue to clean up after your horses. We know the vast majority of you are excellent at this, but it continues to be a problem.

**\*\*LEAVE IT BETTER THAN HOW YOU FOUND IT\*\***

Please respect all riders and clean up after every ride. Sweep the mats, put things back where they belong, dispose of your horse's manure from the arena and parking lot using the forks and transport it to the **BLUE BINS** (not the garbage can).

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

*Thank you!*



# UPCOMING EQUINE ACTIVITIES:

The volunteer members of the MRAS Equine Committee are working hard to bring a variety of clinics and activities to the MRAS riding membership and equine community. Please check the website regularly to see what is available at: [www.millarvilleracetrack.com-Equine](http://www.millarvilleracetrack.com-Equine) tab under Upcoming Events.

**February weather and extreme temperatures postponed a number of equine events in February. Many have been rescheduled for March.**

## PROGRESSIVE 3-DAY ENGLISH RIDING/JUMPING LESSONS

with Stephanie Patterson  
Monday evenings: March 3, 10 & 17

Stephanie Patterson was a Hunter/Jumper for many years, working for competitive and successful barns as an assistant trainer in Calgary, Vancouver and Ireland. She loves being able to help horse and rider pairs in their jumping journey whether it's just starting or has been going for a long time.

Lesson Series Format:

Maximum group size – 4 riders

Lesson 1: Flatwork prep for jumping

Lesson 2: Gymnastics

Lesson 3: Course work

Minimum riding requirements:

Walk/trot/canter, ability to stand in stirrups

**Registration Full.**

Any questions about this series, please contact Caia Williamson directly at [caiawilliamson@hotmail.com](mailto:caiawilliamson@hotmail.com)

## RANCH RIDING at MRAS

Sunday: March 2nd & 16th (11 am to 1pm OR 1:30 to 3:30 pm)

This is a fantastic way to work on your equitation skills and have fun in a relaxed environment with other riders. The goal is to ride a pattern with ease at the end of the day. The patterns may include some Obstacles. It is best if the horse you are bringing has good guide at all gaits, can back up, stop on command, move off your leg, rider can lope with confidence (at minimum trot) and the horse is ok in a group of horses.

Cost per date: 2024/25 MRAS Riding Members \$22.00

Non-Members \$32.00

(All prices include GST)

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

This is a non-refundable program. Maximum 10 riders.



# MARCH KIDS & ADULT RIDING LESSON SERIES

With Danielle Bartlett 🐾

Saturday afternoons: March 1, 22 & 29

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. She is a certified Equestrian Canada Instructor with over 20 years of experience in the equine industry, which has led to the success of Danielle Bartlett Performance Horses. She is a graduate from Dalhousie University, earning a Bachelor of Science (Agriculture), majoring in Animal Science.

In this lesson package riders will have the opportunity to build on their learned skills at each ride developing better communication with their horse. Individual lessons may be purchased if space allows.

Cost: 2023/24 MRAS Riding Members \$175.00 (per lesson \$60)  
Non-Members \$202.00 (per lesson \$69)  
(All prices include GST)

For more information or to register contact [lynnbrunton@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbrunton@gmail.com)

# MARCH DRESSAGE LESSONS SERIES

with Kimberly Cox

Wednesdays evenings: March 12, 19 & 26

OR

Thursday mornings: March 13, 20 & 27

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 base on their riding ability and training needs.

Cost: 2023/24 MRAS Riding Members \$189.00

Non-Members \$219.00

(All prices include GST)

Contact [mras.equine@gmail.com](mailto:mras.equine@gmail.com) if interested in a spot.

**Registrations accepted to Friday, February 28th.**



# JUMPING PRACTICE / FUN NIGHT AT MRAS

Thursday, March 20th

Group I: 5 to 6PM – X-rail to 2'

Group II: 6 to 7PM – 2'3" to 2'6"

Group III: 7 to 8PM – 2'9"+

Full course practice (7 to 9 jumps).

Maximum 6 riders per group. Groups are based on jump height.

Prior jumping experience highly recommended. Ride at your own risk.

There will not be jumping instruction, this is NOT a lesson.

No first aid on site.

Registration Opens: February 14th

Cost: 2024/25 MRAS Riding Members \$189.00, priority registration until February 21st.

Non-Members \$219.00

(All prices include GST)

Contact [mras.equine@gmail.com](mailto:mras.equine@gmail.com) if interested in a spot.

Registrations accepted to Friday, March 14th.

**SAVE THE DATE**

## 4-DAY JILL BARRON CLINIC

June 3rd – 6th

Save the dates!

Details being finalized and will be posted on the MRAS website Equine page soon.

For more information, email: [mras.equine@gmail.com](mailto:mras.equine@gmail.com)

### Clinic and Lesson Series Cancellation Policy

MRAS cannot guarantee your spot will be filled in the event of cancellation however every attempt will be made to do so. Should your spot be filled, a refund will be issued less a 15% administration fee. If your spot cannot be filled the full amount will be forfeited.

Substitutions may be allowed; the Clinic Coordinator must be consulted and approve the substitution. MRAS will have no part in facilitating payments from a substitute.

For more information about the activities and lessons listed and to see what is available, check the website regularly at:

[www.millarvilleracetrack.com](http://www.millarvilleracetrack.com) Equine tab under Upcoming Events.





# EQUINE MEMBERSHIPS



## 2024 – 25 MEMBERSHIP PLANS

### ANNUAL\*

NOVEMBER – OCTOBER

**FAMILY \$475**

(ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT \$70)

**INDIVIDUAL \$325**

All year access to  
Indoor Riding  
Arena and  
Seasonal Outdoor  
Rings

**NEW!**

### SEASONAL\*

NOV – APR OR MAY – OCT

**FAMILY \$350**

(ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT \$50)

**INDIVIDUAL \$225**

For your  
Seasonal Riding  
needs.

### QUARTERLY\*

NOV – JAN; FEB – APR;  
MAY – JUL; AUG – OCT

**FAMILY \$225**

(ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT \$30)

**INDIVIDUAL \$150**

Try out our  
Riding facilities!

\*All Equine membership plans  
require a General MRAS membership

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[WWW.MILLARVILLE.RC](http://WWW.MILLARVILLE.RC)



# 2024-2025 MRAS GENERAL MEMBERSHIPS



***New Lower Rates !***

**FAMILY \$50**

**INDIVIDUAL \$40**

**SENIOR \$30**

**STUDENT \$30**

## **BENEFITS OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP:**

- Free Admission to *MRAS Hosted Events*
- Access to our indoor arena and seasonal outdoor riding facilities with the purchase of a riding membership
- Event committee participation
- Connection with neighbours, friends and our community



**Purchase/Renew your Membership HERE OR  
GO TO:**

**<https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/membership/>**

**\*\*MEMBERSHIP YEAR: NOV. 2024 - OCTOBER 2025**





GARDENING UNDER THE ARCH

<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 on Hwy 549.

Tuesday March 11, 2025 is the next meeting.

This meeting will feature **Patty Webb**. She will be speaking on the History of Flower Arranging. There is no one better to give this talk. She is a wealth of knowledge!

If you are interested in attending any of our presentations, please contact Louise Patterson Bruns (our new President) at [louispattersonbruns@gmail.com](mailto:louispattersonbruns@gmail.com) or 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. Check us out on [Facebook](#) as well .

## The Millarville Horticultural Club is offering a Creative Landscape Grant in 2025.

The grant is open to non-profit organizations operating in the Foothills county. Hard landscaping , permanent plant material and installation costs can be included . The maximum amount is \$1000. **The deadline is March 31, 2025.** If you are interested in applying for this grant please email Arlene Visser at [vissera@hotmail.com](mailto:vissera@hotmail.com) or call 403 933 2885.



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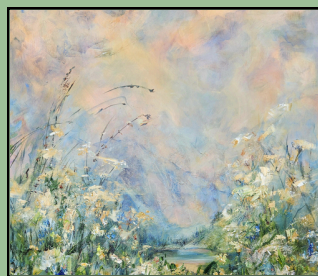


## Did You Know?

Our seed library is back! Bring in any leftover seeds you have and look through our selection to see if there is something that you would enjoy planting this Spring.

## Would you?

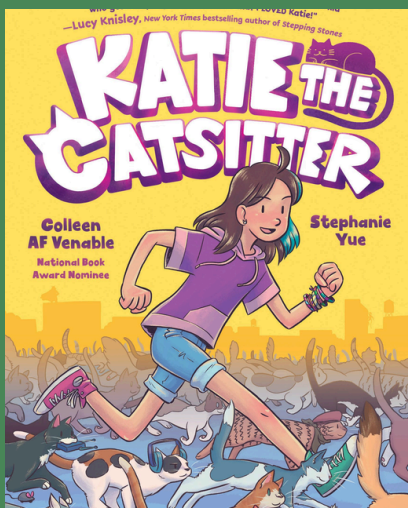
Stop by the library to check out the art display by Blanca Botero. We are honored to showcase the work of this acclaimed Foothills artist.



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"Nueva"



## Need a read?

"KATIE THE CATSITTER is a funny, adventurous book. It mixes together humor, excitement, animals and more. There is a lot of cats and Katie the main character gets the job of caring for them. Through a series of events Katie learns secrets, navigates friendship, cares for the cats and more. This book is very good, and I would recommend it to kids from grade 3 to 6, especially if they like cats!"  
Ella, Grade 6, Millarville







# Buy & Sell MarketPlace

## Family friendly gelding Quarter Horse Sought

We are looking for an all-round quarter horse for our family, ideally in the 15hh range and aged 7-10 years. We trail ride and do some Western pleasure. Must be child friendly, good to shoe, load and with no history of founder.

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# Campground Host(s) Wanted!

Are you ready to be the heart and soul of our serene Millarville campground? The Millarville Racing & Agricultural Society (MRAS) is on the lookout for four dedicated individuals or two dynamic couples to take on the role of Campground Host for the 2025 camping season.

 Availability:

- Aug. 1 – Oct. 13, 2025

What we offer:

- Stipend-paid position
- Electricity, water, sewage disposal and propane all included by MRAS (Need your own Travel trailer/motorhome)

Your Role: As our Campground Host, you'll be our on-site ambassador, greeting campers with a smile and ensuring everyone has a pleasant stay. Responsibilities include:

- Being a model camper and maintaining a tidy host site
- Knowing MRAS campground rules and local points of interest
- Managing all reservations via our online system (computer skills required)
- Performing light maintenance tasks independently

If you or someone you know is interested, send us your contact details and availability at [office@mras-track.com](mailto:office@mras-track.com) or call 403-931-3411 for any questions.

Learn more about MRAS and our beautiful campground at [MRAS Campground Website](https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/campground/).or; <https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/campground/>

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