



McNaught Homestead Preservation Society



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Annual General Meeting 2018

Mark your calendar for Wednesday March 21st at 7:00 pm at the Anglican Hall. Reports and updates will be presented. All are welcome.

Your Membership is Important!

Since 2014 the number of annual memberships has decreased. You may think that an annual \$10 membership for the McNaught Homestead Society is no big deal, BUT it really is and here is why. First, you will receive our annual newsletter with the dates of all upcoming events for the year, such as the Annual General Meeting, the Fund Raising Gala, the Summer Festival and the very popular Ghost Walk. For you to be a true supporter of the McNaught Homestead we do need your membership support. This is also necessary when applying for grants for assistance in funding the Homestead upkeep and new projects. Almost all grant applications require not only the number of members but also the location of these members, such as Beaverlodge, the County of Grande Prairie, or the province. With a good number of members the application is more credible to the granting agency. Please continue to support the Homestead by completing the form on the last page of this newsletter and submitting your membership fee. Thank you!

President's Message by Peter Martin

Greetings to all. Another busy year has come and gone. Each year seems shorter than the last.

Our Spring Gala and Summer Arts Festival are being planned for May and July respectively (see events list).

Spring will be another busy time for work on the property itself with lots of dead brush to remove and trails to maintain. Any help would be

appreciated. If you have a few hours to spare we will find something for you to do (780-354-2864). Any ideas or information to promote and enhance our work as a Society is welcomed and we invite new volunteers to come on board. Thanks again to all who do so much; it makes the job as President very easy.

On Site Report by Lori Spears

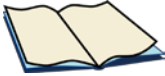
The McNaught Homestead was a busy place last year and so much work was done by so many willing helpers. The Ghost Walk was expanded to two evenings and was a huge success with an estimated 400 plus attending. Thanks to Kyla and Erin and Peter for spearheading the set up.

Public Use of the Homestead

The Schoolhouse/Studio is a facility that is available for retreats, meetings, classes, social events and can be reserved by contacting Lori (780-897-9973) for on-site information.



Donations are accepted for the use of the studio and the grounds. We are a Non-Profit Society and cannot charge a fee. We welcome inquiries from interested individuals and groups.

 A special thank you to **Arcand Accounting** for donating the photocopying of this Newsletter.

The Next Homestead Project

A long time goal of the Homestead has been to lift the house and place a foundation or basement under it. Now is the time for us to get started!

Starting in July of 2018 the McNaught Homestead will begin fund raising and obtaining firm estimates to lift and move the house so that a basement can be constructed. Grant applications will need to be prepared and submissions made to several funding sources. This restoration is required to keep the house in good repair as the current log foundation is deteriorating. A basement would also provide badly need storage space. We have a couple of tentative estimates which appear to be costly, around 70 to \$80,000. Before this project can go ahead a ground water study is needed because of the considerable seepage under the house the last 2 years. Engineering drawings, permits and other details will also be required. It is likely some bottom log restoration will be necessary before the house can be moved back onto the new foundation. Anyone interested in helping with this project should contact Peter Martin or a Board member.



Events for 2018

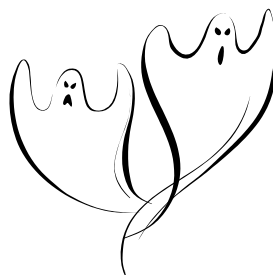
► **Annual General Meeting 2018** Wednesday March 21st, at 7:00 pm at the Anglican Hall. All are welcome.

► OUR BIG FUND RAISER GALA

Saturday May 12th, 2018. Dinner, Auction and Comedy Night at the Beaverlodge Community Centre. Doors open at 5:30. Supper at 6:30 with comedy performance and a Live and Silent auction to follow. The Society accepts donations of art work and items for the Silent and Live Auctions (see donation form on the last page). Tickets are available at Around the Block again and are \$55 each or a table 8/\$400. Contact Erin to donate items. 780-354-8836.

► **McNaught Homestead Open House and Arts Festival and I.O.D.E Tea 2018** Sunday July 22nd 1 to 5 pm.

► **Ghost Walk. 2018** Friday and Saturday October 26th & 27th from 6:30-9:30pm at the McNaught Homestead. For information in the fall or to offer help contact Erin 780-354-8836.



Artist Programs and Workshops

Other programs and workshops we hope to sponsor are: Photography, Painting in Acrylics, Watercolour Painting, Printmaking, Pottery, Birding & Nature Appreciation, Felting, Pottery, and Introduction to Weaving. If you or someone you know is interested in any of these please phone Marjorie Henn 780-228-3741 or Lori Dalglish 780-897-2746

Summer Festival & Strawberry Tea

The Summer Festival and Strawberry Tea again will be a major feature at the Homestead. Preparations require mowing lawns and trails, setting up tents and chairs. A special thank you to Lori Dalglish for organizing most of the festival arrangements and to everyone who helps out. Festival Artists will give demonstrations in the afternoon and are greatly enjoyed by the public. Their works are often for sale.

A horse drawn wagon will take visitors for rides through the Homestead fields and to the boardwalk and observation blind at the lake.

Donations are welcome and necessary for Homestead Preservation work

As a Society we depend on fundraising and in-kind donations to be able to apply for matching grants to fund various projects in the preservation of the Homestead. Large or small, we accept them all. Charitable tax receipts will be issued for all donations.

Various options for volunteering include the Summer Festival, Annual Gala, Ghost Walk and spring maintenance of trails and grounds.



Gala Live Auction

Boardwalk is Open to the Public

The boardwalk is open to the public by foot access. Park at the Homestead and follow the signs for the 20 minute walk to the boardwalk from the barn. During special events and the Summer Festival wagon rides are provided.



Website Information

The Homestead's website is continuing to develop and provide information on the Homestead and its activities. Also it is linked to other

interesting web sites in Alberta. Visit the website for information about events, memberships, newsletters and other organizations with similar projects.

www.mcnaught-homestead-heritage.com

Please note that you can pay for memberships on the website using Pay Pal. If you have any news, questions, or wish to contact the McNaught Homestead Preservation Society you are welcome to use the "Contact" form on the website.

Euphemia McNaught Rack Card

The McNaught Homestead Society, Beaverlodge Area Culture Centre and Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Assoc. teamed up to prepare a Rack Card about Betty McNaught.



Drawing by Tim Heimdahl

A few of the highlights from the Rack Card are: Euphemia, one of Alberta's most recognized visual artists, was a founding member of the Beaverlodge Cultural Centre, Grande Prairie Art Club, Beaverlodge Art Club, Art Gallery of Grande Prairie, Peace Watercolor Society and the designation of the McNaught Homestead as a Provincial Historic Site. These cards are available at the Cultural Centre and Visitor Information booths.

Visit the Euphemia McNaught Room

When you visit the Beaverlodge Area Culture Centre stop by the McNaught Room. The McNaught Homestead Society is in the process of re-organizing the room to display more of Euphemia's art. Euphemia was a founding member of the Beaverlodge Cultural Centre, Beaverlodge Art Club, Peace Watercolor Society and the designation of the McNaught Homestead as a Provincial Historic Site.



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Membership Gifts

At only \$10 a year, a membership may be a welcome gift for one or more of your friends. Mail to Box 879 Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0 or go to the website and pay using Pay Pal. (See page 5 as well).



Homestead circa 1945



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Memberships For 2018 \$10 per year

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Be sure to check out our new web site at
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GALA AUCTION DONATION FORM 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

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All donors to the auction will receive a tax receipt for the value of the item(s) donated.

Send to McNaught Homestead PO Box 879 Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0
Or contact Erin Dwernychuk 780-518-3901 markerin@telusplanet.net
Or contact one of the Board members

Thank you for your generosity!!