

THE IGNITER NEWSLETTER

January 2013

Upcoming Events

- **February 23, 2013**

Annual General Meeting

6:00 p.m. Potluck

7:00 p.m. AGM & Elections

- **April 18, 2013**

Volunteer Kick-Off

7:00 p.m. Dessert & Coffee

- **May 25, 2013**

Swap Meet & Tractor Pull

- **July 26, 2013**

Leduc County 50th Anniversary Celebration with Danny Hooper

- **July 27, 2013**

**7:00 p.m. Canadian
Country Legends Concert**

23rd Annual Exposition

Featuring International Harvester

- **September 14, 2013**

Fall Harvest & Tractor Pull

- **Date TBA**

Volunteer Appreciation Banquet



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On February 23, 2013 the members of the Leduc West Antique Society will elect representatives for the board. Directors serve a three year term and Executive positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected for one year terms. If you could serve in this capacity or know someone that would be a great addition to the board, they can be nominated by calling Howard Lengert at: 780-985-3384. Howard is the chair of the nominating committee for 2013 and is waiting to hear from you.

LWAS requires four director positions to be filled, and all of the executive positions.

February 23, 2013 AGM

President's Thoughts – Keith Evenson

Being President for the last two years has been challenging and rewarding. I will be letting my name stand for re-election for another term. I have had a fantastic Board of Directors to work with which makes this position easier.

I have been involved with Antique Society's since 1960 and every area is different, so it is a matter of finding out what interests the population in any given area. The 2013 programs are already being worked on, we are hoping for more old time activities such as: wire tie-baling, threshing, plowing, and other homestead type activities.

Hoping this summer of 2013 will be enjoyable along with our program activities. On February 23, 2013 I ask for your vote, and I will give it my best.

Living the Past for Future Generations

YOUR 2012 EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT:

KEITH EVENSON - 306-825-6871

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ROBERT MCKELL - 780-985-2557

SECRETARY:

PAM BAKKER - 780-986-4454

TREASURER:

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MARILYNN SARAMAGA- 780-470-0006

TERRY HANLON - 780-987-2440

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"It never ceases to amaze me what people throw away."

"DRESS-A-GIRL-AROUND THE WORLD" BY

MARIE KNIPELBERG

ON NOVEMBER 22, 2012 THE LWAS LADIES GATHERED TOGETHER AT THE TRAIN STATION BOARD ROOM FOR A PRESENTATION ON HOW TO "DRESS-A-GIRL-AROUND THE WORLD". THESE DRESSES ARE MADE FROM NEW/SLIGHTLY USED PILLOWCASES OR FROM ANY LIGHT WEIGHT COTTON OR POLY/COTTON FABRIC THAT YOU MAY HAVE IN YOUR POSSESSION. THESE PILLOWCASES ARE CUT ACCORDING TO THE SIZE OF DRESS YOU WISH TO MAKE FROM INFANTS, CHILDREN, YOUTH, TEENS AND UP TO ADULTS. THESE SIMPLY MADE DRESSES CAN THEN BE DECORATED AND TRIMMED WITH LACE, RIBBONS, BIAS TAPE, BUTTONS, ETC. THE DRESSES WILL THEN BE SHIPPED TO THE U.S.A. WHERE THEY WILL IN TURN BE HAND DELIVERED TO GIRLS IN THEIR WORLD COUNTRIES BY MINISTRIES AND HUMANITARIAN TEAMS. IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE EVERY LITTLE/BIG GIRL OWNED AT LEAST ONE DRESS! AND SHE WAS WEARING A DRESS YOU MADE FOR HER.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT, PLEASE CONTACT THE LWAS OFFICE AT: 780-986-5912 OR DROP AND EMAIL TO: LEDUGWESTANTIQUE@LIVE.CA I WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO GIVE THE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS SO YOU TOO CAN MAKE THESE DRESSES IN YOUR OWN HOME AND AT YOUR LEISURE...THEN YOU CAN USE YOUR IMAGINATION TO DECORATE OR PERSONALIZE EACH DRESS TO MAKE A SPECIAL GIRL VERY HAPPY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND TALENTS TO "DRESS-A-GIRL-AROUND THE WORLD."

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

THE CANADIAN COUNTRY LEGENDS

JULY 27, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE HOOPER BLDG.

Important Notice for All Lifetime Members of LWAS

Due to the rising costs associated with producing and mailing a hard paper copy of the Igniter; the Board of LWAS made a decision at the January 8, 2013 meeting to implement a \$10 charge per year for all lifetime members wishing to continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter to be mailed to them. If you can receive the newsletter electronically, view it online, or are a yearly paid member the \$10 per year charge will not apply to you. To avoid the charge you can forward your email address to: leducwestantique@live.ca before March 1, 2013.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO:

- JOYCE ARNHOLTZ FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE DRESS-A-GIRL-AROUND THE WORLD. The love that you put in every stitch of the dresses will be felt by the girls that are recipients of the garments.
- Thank you also to Ruth Felske and Carol-Ann McKell for your donation of materials which can be turned into dresses.

These ladies are wonderful Ambassadors for LWAS.

Tribute to Walter Burak

From the Edmonton Power Historical Foundation

We at EPHF are saddened by Wally's passing. Each of us had the good fortune to meet Wally after the opening of our museum on the Leduc West site. We found Wally to be a kind, caring, generous and dedicated man. When we opened our museum, Wally was President of the LWAS and along with his wife Marg helped us in many ways. He helped us to set up our Belliss and Morcom Steam engine. He was instrumental in procuring the space heaters for our museum building. Also he was instrumental in establishing a long-term lease for the building that houses our museum. Help with our casino fundraisers was also very much appreciated. Even though Wally was very busy with LWAS activities he took the time to lend us a hand, provide advice and engage in conversation. We will surely miss Wally, but when at the LWAS site his presence is evident in so many ways. You only have to look at the trees.

2013 Memberships Are Now Due!!

- Family Membership is\$25.00
- Adult Membership is\$20.00
- Membership Under 18 years of age\$10.00

Forward your renewal to: Leduc West Antique Society; Box 5035;
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Edmonton Power Historical Foundation

By: Ed Spezowka

Definitely it is winter this year with all of the snow. None the less our dedicated volunteers ventured out to the museum to work on projects at least once a week, as long as the temperature was half descent.

Work on #10 Rossdale turbine display is progressing nicely. The canopy over the HP turbine cutaway has been completed. A cover for the governor has been built and will be installed after it is painted. Work on the LP turbine cover continues. We still plan on building a structure to simulate a generator, which would double as a storage facility.

Last fall we received a GE Synchronous Converter and the lower half of the Mercury Arc Rectifier from the Edmonton Radial Railway Society. The mercury is being removed at Fort Edmonton Park and the bulbs should arrive at our museum site in the spring.

The Rossdale CCR control consoles have been moved to the museum and casters installed.

The strip of dirt between the turbine display pad and the building has been filled with gravel and sidewalk blocks placed on top. This will prevent weed growth and provide ease of access when viewing the display.

The EPHF Annual General Meeting was held at the Millwood's Golf Course on October 25, 2012. The first order of business was the election of directors, with Doug Harrish, Gary Millang, and Al Skoreyko being re-elected. Also, one new director, Keith Parry, was elected. The foundation would like to thank outgoing director, Ben Petrie for his contribution to the foundation. His knowledge and assistance at museum functions was greatly appreciated.

For more information on our museum, please visit our website: <http://ephf.ca/>

Promoting Leduc West Antique Society in a Positive Way

By: Marie Knipelberg

Leduc West Antique Society's motto is: "Living the Past for Future Generations"...but in order to carry on these traditions we also have to search for ways to bring the past back into the present. On November 15th, 2012 we in fact did just that. Pam Bakker, Secretary, Web Master & Editor of the LWAS "Igniter" newsletter, along with her husband Harvey and son Josh packed up two large tubs of artifacts from the various buildings at the Society site and toted them to the Devon Hospital Long Term Care facility. Once there, Wanda Walter and Marie Knipelberg began discussing and sharing each item with the ladies to attended this little social gathering. These elderly ladies were just thrilled with all the various items such as: butter churning equipment, a 1901 Eaton's catalogue, clothing wash board, various old tins, etc. This program was meant to facilitate conversation. It was a wonderful afternoon with lots of joy and laughter spent with these pioneer women of the area. Next time we do this, it is a must that we also get the gentlemen of the long term care facility involved so we can get more information of "Living the Past", so we can share with future generations. What a wonderful way LWAS can give back to our community who so generously supports us. Do we have any volunteers out there who would like to get involved with this "Museum in a Suitcase" program? Please contact the Society at: 780-986-5912, or email: leducwestantique@live.ca

Out of the Office Window by: Pam Bakker

It may be cold and snowy outside but the phone is still ringing at the LWAS office, emails are being answered, and inquiries on the website are being tended to. At the first snow fall I inquired of one of my fellow board members where I could find a snow shovel so that I could shovel a path to the office. He told me where to find one, and it turned out to be a metal grain shovel. We then proceeded to have a discussion of what a “snow shovel” is. I promptly went to the store and purchased a bright red, plastic “snow shovel” which I now use to shovel the sidewalk to the office. I still maintain that the bright red, plastic shovel is a “snow” shovel. I will let you – the reader guess which fellow board member I am referring to.

You might have noticed the new LWAS logo on the front page of the newsletter. This logo was created for use on our website and now will be carried through in the re branding process of LWAS. The Leduc Composite High School Grade 12 welding class under the direction of Mr. Greg Loose is working on creating a new front entrance sign which will be installed in the spring of 2013. The Alberta Heritage Exposition Park sign will be taken down and stored while a decision is made as to where the Alberta Heritage Exposition Park name should be incorporated. The board has discussed registering the Alberta Heritage Exposition Park name in another jurisdiction to gain access to other fundraising venues, namely casinos. It is a constant struggle to acquire enough workers for the large amount of bingos that LWAS does each year. The LWAS bingo workers did 28 bingos last year. The thought is if we are able to do more casinos the work load on the same people doing the bingos and casinos would be minimized.

On April 18, 2013 come out to the Hooper Building. In an effort to engage the volunteers at LWAS we will be having a Volunteer Kick-Off at 7:00 p.m. The general public will be invited and this will be an advertised event to try to attract and inform potential new and old volunteers the opportunities that exist to become involved at LWAS. This is a dessert and coffee evening.

On November 17, 2012 the band Tupelo Honey shot their music video which will accompany their new CD release at LWAS. This particular band has played with Bon Jovi, which played Rexall Place last summer and has a song at #4 on the iTunes playlist. Band leader, Dan Davidson found LWAS on the net and contacted us through the new LWAS website. The band flew in a director from Vancouver to oversee the project. They arrived at the site at 6:00 a.m. and shot throughout the day until 12 midnight. It was very exciting for my son Josh and me to be involved and meet this hardworking, courteous and polite group of men. LWAS will be receiving credit every time someone views the video. It is expected that the video will be viewed by 15,000 people within the first week of release.

The BOD is currently reviewing the bylaws of LWAS. Some areas which are being considered for updating are: limiting the length of term of the executive positions on the board, and updating the duties of the positions held. The limitation of the length of terms will facilitate new ideas and be inclusive of those ideas. LWAS is growing and the bylaws need to be reflective of those changes.

Thank you to all of the guest columnists that contributed to this edition of the newsletter.

It is very important that our upcoming AGM is well attended and you exercise your opportunity to elect your chosen representative to the BOD for 2013. See you at the AGM.

Did You Know?

- Leduc County cleans the parking lot and plows the roads at no charge to LWAS. We are fortunate to have a good friend in the Leduc County. Thank you.
- MCL Contractors which operates the Leduc Landfill donated three bins and the trucking to haul away the entire burn pile built up over the two decades that LWAS has been in operation. The total cost for this service is \$3,000, but the cost to LWAS – FREE. Thank you.
- LWAS has a blog. The blog is connected to the website and is updated by Pam Bakker on a regular basis.
- Our membership stands at 234 broken down as follows: 185 Lifetime and 49 Yearly as of the date of printing of this newsletter.

Highlights from the October 27, 2012 Volunteer Appreciation Night

"Hats off to our Volunteers"



His Worship Mayor Whaley brought greetings from Leduc County and the Council. The Leduc County 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held at LWAS on July 26th, 2013. The master of ceremonies for the event will be Danny Hooper.



Howard Lengert was master of ceremonies for the evening leading attendees in a moment of silence and giving tribute to member Walter Burak.



President, Keith Evenson thanked the volunteers for their efforts and hard work during the year and spoke about the future of LWAS.

"Hats off to our Volunteers"

Thank you for everything that you do, giving of your time and energy

Money Talk By: Ron Bodnar

The year 2012 at Leduc West Antique Society proved to be quite successful financially. Our basic operating costs that include power, gas, fuel, insurances, equipment and building repair and maintenance generally run about 15,000 to \$20,000 per year. Any improvements that we wish to do on the site are over and above this amount. We were able to put in the concrete floor in the new Club Service Building, though we have no fund for doing improvements inside. We require bathrooms and power, and will be working towards that in the future.

The July Expos, the Casino and the Bingo proceeds prove to be our main sources of income. The Leduc Lions Breakfast Club contributed a goodly sum from their Bingo revenue and we did get a Financial Contribution from the Bill Smith Estate.

Several major contributors to our July Show included: Leduc County, Ertman and Helen Miller, Danin and Ron Bodnar, and Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers. Several other donations of smaller amounts helped the bottom line. In recent years we have paid for the Tractor Pull Announcer(s) and wish to thank Nadine and Dennis Morawski for contributing their time to help with our Pulls throughout the year.

The Edmonton Power Historical Foundation and the Canadian Western Blacksmith Guild add to the success of our Expo.

Thanks to Pam Bakker and Howard Lengert, we have received a considerable amount of rent in 2012 for the use of LWAS for private functions; weddings, birthdays, picnics, etc. These events require a considerable amount of work but do contribute to our financial situation.

The Financial Statement will be available at the February 23, 2013 Annual General Meeting which reflects our very solid financial position.

As things go, I have been your Treasurer since 2000, and would like to give up the position. One of our Board Members is qualified to take on the position and that leaves me to seek the position of President. I have been involved with the inner workings of the LWAS since 2000 and have been asked by several members to be your next President.

LWAS has the potential of being a very prominent component of Leduc County and the greater Edmonton area. When you look at what we have to offer as a tourist site, a museum, a trailer park, I would like to lead LWAS in the future.



We would like to take this time to acknowledge the contributions that Walter Burak made to LWAS. We express our sincerest condolences to Marg and Jacquelynne during this very difficult time.

FEBRUARY 23, 2013

- **6:00 POTLUCK SUPPER**
- **7:00 ELECTIONS & MEETING**

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE FOR THE BOARD THAT WILL LEAD LWAS FOR 2013!!

Here is What Happened – Pam Bakker

October 9, 2012 – Executive Meeting Highlights

- A proposal to turn the LWAS campground into a year round campground, noting that the Lions Campground in Leduc is to capacity is discussed.
- The LWAS website receives 1973 visits to the website from September 1 – 31, 2012

November 13, 2012 – Executive Meeting Highlights

- Maplethorpe Contractors donates trucking and landfill fees at a cost of \$3,000 to remove the burn pile refuse.
- November 17, 2012 the band Tupelo Honey receives approval to shoot their new music video on site.
- Leduc Composite High School is contacted regarding a proposal to build a new LWAS entrance sign.
- November 15, 2012 the Museum in a Suitcase program makes its debut at the Devon Long Term Care Facility.
- November 22, 2012 the Dress-A-Girl-Around the World program holds its first meeting.
- Options to upgrade the concession facilities are discussed.

December 11, 2012 – Executive Meeting Highlights

- The Historical Equipment Construction Association thanked LWAS for their participation in the Leduc #1 celebration.
- Membership cards for LWAS are approved and printed. When yearly members pay they will now receive a membership card. When lifetime members submit the \$10 yearly fee, they will also receive the new membership card.
- The Canadian Country Legends are approved for entertainment at the July 27, 2013 concert.
- The Garden Railway Exhibit is approved for the July Exposition in 2013.

January 8, 2013 – Executive Meeting Highlights

- Hats are approved and ordered with the LWAS insignia on them. These will be for sale at all of our events.
- \$10 fee for Lifetime members wishing to continue to receive the newsletter by mail is approved.
- Donation of \$175 to LWAS received from contributors attending Burak memorial.
- LWAS will have a presence at the March 7, 2013 Spring Community Information & Registration Day at the LRC.

APRIL 18, 2013

- **VOLUNTEER KICK-OFF**
- **7:00 P.M. DESSERT AND COFFEE**

IF YOU ARE A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF LWAS, OR ARE A NEW MEMBER, COME OUT AND SEE THE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THAT LWAS HAS TO OFFER SHOWCASED.



July 27, 2013

**The Canadian
Country Legends**

7:00 p.m.

**In the Hooper
Building**