



Summer Membership Update – August 2019

Greetings to all our CRE members! Well BVJ has come and gone and while the weather for the event was great, the lead up to the event left us soggy and scrambling to get the site ready for doors opening for Big Valley Jamboree. The Operations team and Panhandle team did an amazing job with lots of late nights and stressful days but for any of you who attended, it was a great year for BVJ!

CRE celebrated our first Local Artist winner in July, Tim Hudec. He did a fabulous piece that really captures everything CRE and we are now selling the new CRE merchandise at the office. We also completed the new Banner's on the entranceway to CRE. Make sure you check them out next time you are coming to visit and let us know your thoughts.

In great news, our Agriculture Grant came in late July. We had the chance to meet with our new Alberta Agriculture Minister, Devin Dreesen, multiple times through July at various events and are pleased with his knowledge on the importance of Agriculture Societies and his support.

Unfortunately in July we lost a very important member of the CRE family in Wynn McLean's passing. We were honored to host his Celebration of Life at the CRE and have future plans to memorialize Wynn on the grounds which the board will be working on this fall.

With Big Valley Jamboree now complete we begin the task of finalizing the financials and auditing the event. We have begun to work on BVJ2020 with the team who have some great improvements planned.

Ken Hildebrandt has decided to step down from the Board of Directors effective September 2nd. We thank Ken for his amazing service to CRE through Volunteer positions with the Rodeo and the Board of Directors. The Membership Committee will be recruiting for a replacement in September.

The focus now returns to our fall event and venue schedule. We are planning our Christmas Décor Garage Sale @ CRE the last weekend in September so watch our social media pages for details on that. We are also in the process of reformatting Festival of Trees to fit into the wider Community celebration of Garlands & Gatherings. We are excited to bring these updates to life from November 22nd to November 24th.

We are planning to have a Member's only update session in September to share the Big Valley Jamboree 2019 financial results and future plans. The date of this session will be Friday, September 27th @ 7pm in Hirsch Hall. After the meeting, you will also have preview access to the CRE Garage Sale to buy your favorite new Christmas Décor.

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