



# Northern Alberta Pioneers and Descendants Association

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## Fall, 2011 Newsletter

### Greetings from the President

I hope all of you have had a great summer - rain or shine.

The progress on our cabin restoration is coming along on time. The exterior has been sanded and re-stained and the railing on the deck replaced and stained. Presently we are replacing some logs at the back and front of the cabin, We will be in good form for our **Annual Round-Up** on October 28th.

Thank you everyone for your patience in all this upgrading. Please come and enjoy our new look with us when you can.

Thank you to our student staff who did a great job keeping the lawn very well trimmed and the flower beds looked after all summer.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the **Christmas Luncheon and AGM** on December 11, 2011. The agenda for the AGM will be posted on the website. **If you have items for the AGM agenda, please contact me** at [president@northernalbertapioneers.com](mailto:president@northernalbertapioneers.com)

Margaret Kruse

President



## More changes to our governing body

As we let you know in our last newsletter, Alex Mucha had agreed to act as Vice President of the association. Unfortunately, Alex had to resign this summer so that position is again vacant. Although Vicky Bastide has kindly volunteered to take minutes for the Governing Body meetings, she is not our official secretary.

So... (you know what's coming next, don't you?)... please consider volunteering to be on the governing body. You can let Marge Kruse know of your interest. Her contact information is below.



President – Marge Kruse.

[president@northernalbertapioneers.com](mailto:president@northernalbertapioneers.com)

Vice-President - **Vacant**

Immediate Past President - Irene Moir

[imoir@shaw.ca](mailto:imoir@shaw.ca)

Secretary – **Vacant**

Treasurer – Teresa Engel

Member at Large/Historian – Marilyn Assheton-Smith -

[historian@northernalbertapioneers.com](mailto:historian@northernalbertapioneers.com)

Member at Large/Finance– Earl Anderson

[earlea@shaw.ca](mailto:earlea@shaw.ca)

Member at Large/ Casino – Alice Turlock

[Alicet1@telus.net](mailto:Alicet1@telus.net)

Member at large/ Building and Maintenance – Ken Carreau



## Programs Genealogy Course

- ◆ Thursday, October 20, 2011 –7-9PM
- ◆ Thursday, October 27, 2011- 7-9PM
- ◆ Thursday, November 10, 2011 - 7-9PM
- ◆ Thursday, November 24, 2011 (Military Genealogy) - 7-9PM

◆ Cost: four classes for \$60; individual classes \$20 each.

◆ **Contact President Marge Kruse to register:**

◆ [president@northernalbertapioneers.com](mailto:president@northernalbertapioneers.com)

## NAPDA Committees

The committee responsibilities are:

- Birthday Cards - Mary Fournier
- Building and Maintenance – Ken Carreau
- Caring Members - John and Laura Walter
- Casino – Alice Turlock
- Contract Liaison - Governing Body
- Entertainment – Olive Sydor, Chair
- Finance - Earl Anderson
- History – Marilyn Assheton-Smith, Chair
  - Edmonton Historical Board rep.—  
Marilyn Assheton-Smith
  - Edmonton Heritage Council rep.—  
Marion or Dwayne Jenkins
- Long Term Planning – - The Governing Body is overseeing this area of work, creating ad hoc committees for specific tasks
- Membership - **VACANT**
- Nominating Committee — Not a standing committee; members are determined by by-law 10, three months prior to the AGM
- Programs – Marge Kruse
- Website— Karen Rowswell

If members are interested in participating in any of the above committees or have suggestions for new committees, please contact either the chair or a member of the Governing Body

### You can help NAPDA....

- By providing some **baking** for the NAPDA table at the Christmas Craft sale on November 13, 2011. Contact President Marge Kruse at [president@northernalbertapioneers.com](mailto:president@northernalbertapioneers.com) If you would like to book a table yourself to sell your wares, the cost is \$25.00.
- By working at the Christmas **School Luncheon on December 7**. This luncheon is provided every year to a city school as part of our objectives. This year Beacon Heights will be joining us.
- By sharing your **stories and photos** for publication in this newsletter or on the website. Contact Marilyn Assheton-Smith at [historian@northernalbertapioneers.com](mailto:historian@northernalbertapioneers.com)

## Memorial Cabin at Northlands Exhibition

By Irene Moir

Our Cabin was opened this year during the Capital Ex. Considering the length of time it has been closed it was in good shape - very dusty and dirty but no major problems.

We did not find out that we would be allowed to use the Cabin until after our newsletter had been sent out so there was not time to notify the membership. Therefore we were not able to collect very many artifacts for "Show and Tell" Our president was able to borrow some large framed pictures of Edmonton in the early 1900's . They were very interesting for all ages, the young could not believe the changes and the oldsters could reminisce.

We had many visitors who were really interested in the pictures and the other artifacts on display but we also had some who just wanted to get in out of the rain.

We had 1098 people who signed the guest book but of course there were others who did not sign.

Some things had to change from the way they had been done in the past , the main one being, we could not serve tea in china cups as we had done for years, the Health Department has changed the rules. I do not think anyone enjoys tea from a Styrofoam cup but not much we could do about this. Also we could not serve home-made cookies - the Health Department again. We did have store bought cookies that we served.

We were fortunate that Marilyn Assheton-Smith invited her nephew Rod Olstad and his friend Sarah to play the fiddle on the verandah Friday and Saturday afternoons, we received a lot of positive feedback. Thanks Marilyn.

We collected \$610.45 in our donation bowl from our visitors.

Other donations were:

Lyle Kruse brought two beautiful large flower baskets to display on the front steps.

Andrea and Ken Carreau donated cups, napkins and bottled water.

Marion and Dwayne Jenkins donated bottled water.

Alex Mucha donated cash to buy cookies. We were very happy to have the following volunteer workers.

Marge & Lyle Kruse, Marion & Dwayne Jenkins, John & Lora Walter, Marion & Fred Stephenson,, Andrea & Ken Carreau, Earl & Marilyn Anderson, Olive Sydor, Mary Fournier, Elam Pawl, Enid Liddell, Alice Turlock, Walter Zucht, Dorene Pearse, Marilyn Assheton-Smith.

A big thank you goes to all the people who gave their time, their money and other donations to make this a success.



Photo courtesy of Irene Moir

## History Committee Report

As declared in our mission statement, “We preserve the past for future generations by gathering the history of the pioneers and their descendants.”

Our small but mighty History Committee, consisting of Marilyn Assheton-Smith (Chair) and Karen Rowsell, has been working for the past several months to meet this goal. We have been examining the library holdings and records of the association, organizing the history room (AKA the Small Meeting Room or Sandy’s Prep Room or...), and developing plans. We are particularly interested in digitizing to some degree and ensuring that the holdings are kept in a suitable environment. The latter goal may mean that our collections will need to be transferred to a proper archive, either at the City of Edmonton Archives or the Provincial Archives. We would like to possibly resurrect and catalogue our small library and make it available to the membership

Because of who we are - Marilyn is a retired professor and Karen a retired librarian and both are admitted internet/computer aficionados—we have taken an interest in other aspects of NAPDA. To wit, production of this newsletter, and the website.

We would also like to see Lois Thomas’ book about the history of NAPDA, published in 2009, distributed as widely as possible. If you have not yet purchased your copy, please contact us.

As always, **we welcome stories about your family history**. If you don’t want to write it down, we would be happy to record an interview with you.

If you would like to join the History Committee of NAPDA, we can be reached at:

Marilyn            [historian@northernalbertapioneers.com](mailto:historian@northernalbertapioneers.com)  
Karen              [website@northernalbertapioneers.com](mailto:website@northernalbertapioneers.com)

### Website Report

We are pleased to report that our **moderated mailing list** has now been set up.

To subscribe to the list, send an email to: [lists@northernalbertapioneers.com](mailto:lists@northernalbertapioneers.com) with the following command in the subject header: *subscribe napda@northernalbertapioneers.com* and no other text.

We will send this newsletter out via the mailing list to all who subscribe. This will reduce the costs, time and labour involved in mailing so we hope you will subscribe! Print copies will still be sent to those who do not wish to or are unable to subscribe to the mailing list.

We also have a **secure Members’ Area** on the website. Here you will find contact information about the Governing Body, minutes of meetings, and other items that are for members only.

### Grant Report

By Alice Turlock

Applying for grants over the past few years has been very lucrative. We seriously started applying for grants a few years back when The Community Spirit program was first introduced. The Government will match all funds donated. The first year we did not have a chartable number; however, a number of Council members donated anyway (\$2160.00) and the grant was matched dollar for dollar. Then we started applying for The Community Enhancement Program (CEFP) grants that too was a success— we got \$60,000.00. Last year your donations amounted to \$6,975.00. Again we applied for the Community Spirit Grant and received a grant of \$ 7177.50. We now have 2 more application pending. What we ask for is not always what we get but every bit counts.

If you are considering making a donation to the Association for a tax receipt, please do so before the end of our fiscal year, which is October 31, and we can apply for another Community Spirit Grant. These funds are used in different ways such as the log repairs that are being carried out now. Thanks for your donations and we will continue to try and wedge a dollar or two from the Government.

# Upcoming Events



Do encourage your friends, neighbours and families to attend these events and enjoy our fabulous facility and location.



**Annual Round-up Dinner**



**Friday, October 28**

**Dinner—6:30PM**



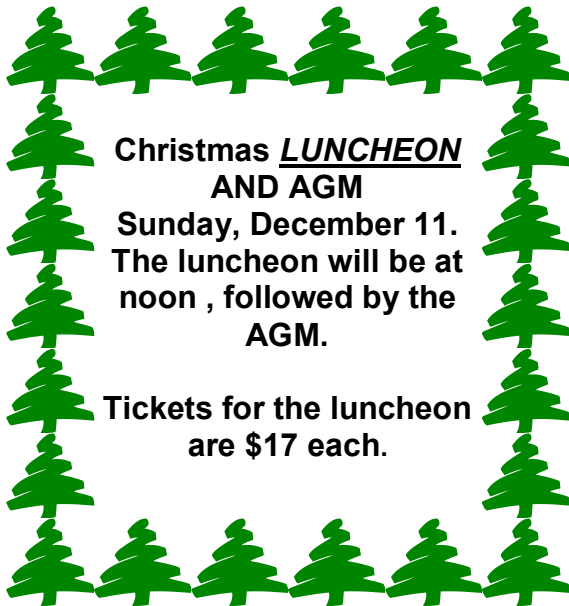
**Entertainment—9PM**



**Tickets— \$30 each**



**Guest Speaker: Hon. Donald S. Ethell,  
Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta**



**Christmas LUNCHEON  
AND AGM**

**Sunday, December 11.  
The luncheon will be at  
noon , followed by the  
AGM.**

**Tickets for the luncheon  
are \$17 each.**



**Christmas Craft Sale  
November 13 , 2011**

**10am—4pm**



**Tickets** for the Round up and Christmas Luncheon are available from:  
Marge Kruse, President at [president@northernalbertapioneers.com](mailto:president@northernalbertapioneers.com)

Throughout the year, all members of the public are welcome to attend our Tuesday afternoon card games that include lunch . These will resume on October 30, after the restoration of the cabin is complete.



# Meetings Schedule

## 2011 Governing Body Meetings

October **TBA** (the date may need to change depending on the renovation schedule)

November 15 at 7 pm

December 13 at 7pm

## 2011 General Meetings

General meetings, involving the participation of all members attending, take place on the first Tuesday of every month. However, it was decided at the April 5, 2011 general meeting, that general meetings will not take place in January, February, July, and August.

- October (no meeting in 2011 - cabin closed)
- November 1 at 7pm

The next **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2011. Rather than an evening dinner, we will be having a **lunch at noon**, followed by the AGM. Tickets for the lunch are \$17.



## 2012 Meeting Schedule

### Governing Body Meetings

- January 17, 2012
- February 21, 2012
- March 20, 2012
- April 17, 2012
- May 15, 2012
- June 12, 2012
- No meetings in July and August
- September 18, 2012
- October 16, 2012
- November 20, 2012
- December 18, 2012

### General Meetings

- No meetings in January and February
- March 6, 2012 at 7pm
- April 3, 2012 at 7pm
- May 1, 2012 at 7pm
- June 5, 2012 at 7pm
- No meetings in July and August
- September 4, 2012 at 7pm
- October 2, 2012 at 7 pm
- November, 6, 2012 at 7pm
- **AGM on Sunday, December 9, 2012 at 1:30pm preceded by Christmas Luncheon**

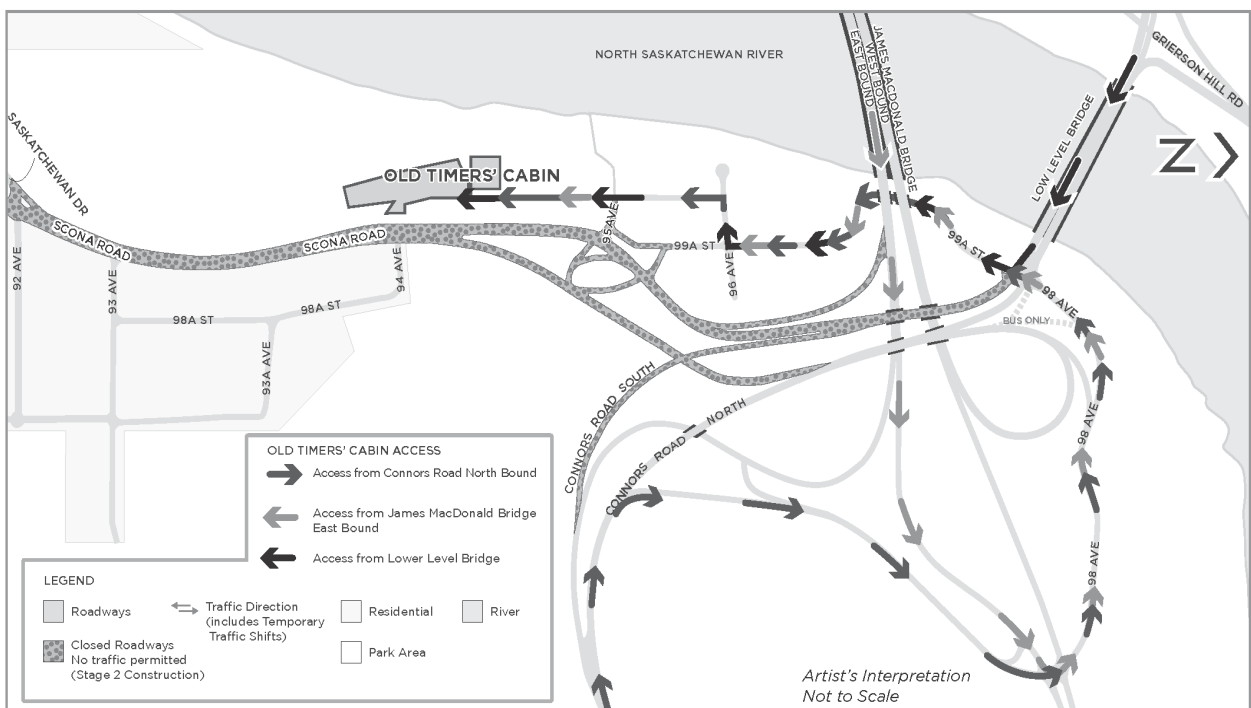


Road access to the cabin will be different for the next 6 weeks or so. The City of Edmonton is widening Scona Road that runs in front of the building and blocking the usual entrance to our parking lot. Below is a map showing the detour for entrance to the Cabin. You can find out more about the road widening project at [http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/roads\\_traffic/scona-road-widening-and-99-street-rehabilitation.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/roads_traffic/scona-road-widening-and-99-street-rehabilitation.aspx)

**The Cabin will also be closed from September 12 to October 14 for restoration.**

## Scona Road Rehabilitation/Widening Construction Stage 2 (May - November 2011)

### Access to the Old Timers' Cabin



# Northern Alberta Pioneers and Descendants Association

## Application for Membership

Persons eligible to become members of the Association are men and women who:

- Reside in the provinces of Manitoba; Saskatchewan; Alberta; British Columbia, Northwest Territories and Yukon.
- Are Canadian citizens and descendants of such persons upon reaching the age of majority.
- Also eligible at the age of majority for full membership are the spouse and children of a member who would not qualify on their own (e.g., a member's child not residing in the above jurisdictions)

Complete information requested below.

New member \_\_\_\_\_ or Membership renewal \_\_\_\_\_

First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Apartment \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town or City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I was born at \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

I am the spouse of \_\_\_\_\_

### Parents

My Father \_\_\_\_\_ was born at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

He came to town or community of \_\_\_\_\_ in [year] \_\_\_\_\_

My Mother \_\_\_\_\_ was born at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

She came to the town or community of \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**To The Best Of My Knowledge**

My paternal Grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ was born at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

He came to the town or community of \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

My paternal Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ was born at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

She came to the town or community of \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

My maternal Grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ was born at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

He came to the town or community of \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

My maternal Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ was born at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

She came to the town or community of \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to apply for membership in the Northern Alberta Pioneers & Descendants Assoc.  
and to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Association.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

It would help us to know you better if you could tell us something of the story of your parents and grandparents. Things like where they started from, why they came west, what challenges they faced and what they did when they arrived at their destination. The Association has been collecting historical sketches dating back to the 1800's. We would like to add the story of your family to our collection. Please attach them to your application.

Annual fee \$20.00- fees are set by the Governing Body I and are due at the beginning of each year.

The Alberta Government introduced a new act protecting the privacy of individuals. We would like your permission to add your name to our membership roster and your stories to our historical collection. In order to do that, we require your signature below indicating your permission to do so.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application and annual fee (\$20.00) to Membership Committee, Old Timers Cabin, 9430 Scona Road, Edmonton, AB. T6E 3W4.

# Old Timers' Cabin Donation

**The Northern Alberta Pioneer and Descendents Association (NAPDA)**, is a charitable non-profit organization that has worked hard to help preserve, enliven, and educate the public about, the pioneer legacy and spirit since 1883. The pioneers, through their foresight and perseverance, were instrumental in building the foundation of Alberta.

**The Old Timers' Cabin** is over 50 years old. It urgently needs renovation and maintenance. Some of the logs need to be replaced urgently.

**Please help** us make this project a reality by contributing to the campaign. All donations are eligible for a tax credit (income tax deductible) and we will register you as a donor. All contributions, small and large, are welcome.

**Make your donation** by completing and mailing the form below.

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## Reserve My Place in History TODAY.

Yes, I want to support the Old Timers' Cabin Log Fund Campaign.  
All contributions are tax deductible. Complete this form and post it to the address below today.  
Make your cheque payable to: The Log Cabin Fund - NAPDA.

Name of Contributor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to remain an anonymous donor. Check here: ( )

**Check one the boxes below and complete.**

Method of Payment (Circle one): **Visa** **Master Card** **Cheque** **Cash**

Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_.

Donation Frequency (Circle one): **One-time** **Twice (Today and again in March 2012)**

**Four Quarterly Payments (for 1 year)** **Monthly (for 6 months)** **Monthly (for 12 months)**

**Other (Please Specify):** \_\_\_\_.

If Payment by Credit Card - Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_.

Signature of cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

**NAPDA Charitable Number: 12475 0829 RR0001**

**Please return this completed form to:**

The Northern Alberta Pioneers and Descendants Association Log Fund Campaign  
9430 - 99th St. N.W. (Scona Road)  
Edmonton, Alberta T6E 3W4.