

Your source for to up-to-date information about your Chamber, Chamber members and the activities the Chamber undertakes on your behalf.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !

Welcome to all the new members of the Chamber. We hope to see all of you at our next General Meeting where you will have the opportunity to meet many of our other members and fellow business owners from the downtown core and beyond.

April was one of our busiest months, as it was the 25th Anniversary of the Didsbury Art, Travel and Trade Expo. Although the weekend was plagued with a snow storm, the Expo was very successful with nothing but positive feedback from both the exhibitors and the attendees. I would like to extend appreciation, on behalf of all of our members, to Greg Poirier, Expo Chairman, his sub committee chairmen, and to Deana Campbell (office manager) who have worked so hard over the past few months to make this such a successful event. Thank you as well to all of our sponsors,

without you the Expo would not be the success that it is.

This is the last TGIT for our year. Normally I would do a full year in review, but I am going to save that for the Annual General Meeting which will be held on May 12th at the Didsbury Train Station. Since this is the annual meeting we will not be having a dinner, but we will end the evening with coffee and dessert so we can have time to network and visit. Elections for the new officers will take place that night as well as a presentation of the financial review. As always we are looking for volunteers who are willing to take a spot on the Chamber Council. If you are interested, please don't be shy. The only prerequisite is that you are a member of the Didsbury Chamber, no other experience is required, and it can be a very rewarding way to volunteer. Please contact

myself at 403-556-5201 or meward25@telus.net or any other member of the Council as well Deana at the office 403-335-3265.

We will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Your membership renewal for 2010-2011 was mailed out in April. These are due ASAP.. Please get them in as soon as you can. The Chamber depends on it's members to offer the programs that we do. You may mail in your renewal or drop it off at the office between 9am and 1pm, Monday to Friday. If you wish to pay by credit card, you can just fax in your renewal to the office at 403-335-3265. If you have misplaced the form, just call the office and Deana can send you another one. Thank you to those that have already renewed!

See you on May 12th!

Chamber Office Hours
Monday—Friday
9:00 am—1:00 pm

ACC Group Insurance

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce members are eligible to enroll in the Alberta Chambers Group Insurance Program. The program itself is far to extensive to cover in a small medium like TGIT, however, if you are interested in obtaining more information about the ACC Group Insurance Program, please contact the Chamber office at 335.3265 OR call ACC directly at 1-800-984-2658

Thank you to Everyone Involved with the 25th ANNUAL DIDSBURY ART, TRAVEL & TRADE EXPO

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE EXPO COMMITTEE!

Greg Poirier	Chairperson
Diana Steer	Advertising/Marketing & Art Show & Sale
Ian Kennedy	Staffing
Rod Neufeld	Door Prizes
Teena Wilks	Fiddlers' Jamboree
Jamison Brown	Saturday Entertainment
Deana Campbell	Office Manager

Door Prize Donors

CIR Realty
 Golden River
 Corner Stone Beauty
 Crop Productions
 Gil's Truck & Auto Repair
 Curves for Women
 ATB Financial
 Dollar Store and More
 Cut n Loose
 Didsbury Aquatic Centre
 Fountain Tire
 Pharmasave
 Front Page Realty
 Mary Kay
 Royal LePage
 Home Hardware
 Debs Dazzlers
 For Trees
 Tanas Concrete
 Didsbury Value Drug Mart
 Didsbury Curves for Women
 Didsbury Pharmasave
 Mugs Coffee House
 A Gallery of Floors
 RBC

Cleanup / Housekeeping

Didsbury High School Bands - Junior/Senior 1 Gail Nowlan - Acting Mayor, Didsbury

Admissions

Didsbury High School Bands - Junior/Senior 1 Judy Dahl - Mayor, Olds

Security

Didsbury Lions Club

Judge #1

Gail Nowlan - Acting Mayor, Didsbury

Judge #2

Judy Dahl - Mayor, Olds

Judge #3

Ray Cairns - Councillor, Carstairs

2010 Sponsorships

Didsbury Value Drug Mart
 Household Goods & Thrift Store
 Didsbury Pharmasave
 Front Porch Realty
 Tanas Concrete

Grasse Lumber
 Didsbury AG Foods

CKLJ Radio
 Spectrum Design & Drafting
 Topnote Music
 Robert Jackson Violins
 Mountain View County
 Mountain View Publishing
 Dreamwood Homes
 Didsbury Pharmasave
 M. Lennox & Associates
 Shorthorn Art Studio
 Ulla-La Boutique
 Thunderbird Roofing
 Glen Collin
 Unique Stain Glass
 S&J Embroidery
 Mugs Coffee House
 GES
 Goodwin Soap & Candlework
 Mountain View County
 Spectrum Designs & Drafting Studio

First Aid Station
 Swim & Slide Saturday & Sunday
 Door Prize Entry
 Pancake Breakfast
 Entertainment stage
 Sound system
 Centre 4 Employment
 Taste of Didsbury
 Pancake Breakfast
 Special Events Stage
 Best Booth ribbons/plaque
 Fiddler's Lunch
 Fiddler's fees
 People's Choice award
 Advertising
 Wrap-Up ad
 Security
 Security
 Art Show & Sale Area
 Art Show & Sale Area
 Art Show & Sale Area
 Art Show & Sale Area
 Arts Show & Sale Area
 Art Show & Sale Area
 Exhibitor's set up coffee station
 Pillars, benches and tables
 Prize Sponsor
 Prize Sponsor
 Best Booth Sponsor

Grand Prize Sponsors

Otto's Electric
 Revibe Vibration Health & Fitness
 Jaxon Granite
 A Gallery of Floors
 Ulla-La Boutique
 Longhorn Painting Ltd.
 Good Mahoney Lawson
 Mt. View Liquor & Beer
 Mt. View Publishing
 Didsbury Home Hardware

A Huge Thank you to the Town of Didsbury Staff and GES for their efforts to keep the Didsbury Expo running smoothly !

Get Involved Volunteer Today!

Congratulations to all the Expo Winners!



**1st Place Best Booth
Ports of Pogoda**



**2nd Place Best Booth
Fellowship of the Mountain View Music Festival**

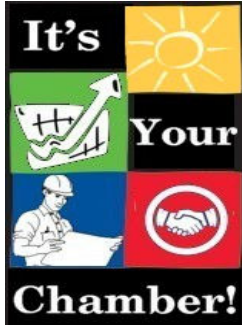


**3rd Place Best Booth
La Greenhouse**



**People's Choice
For Trees Company Ltd**

Mission Statement
The Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce is a community-based volunteer business organization, whose purpose is to support, promote, nurture, and educate for the improvement of our business community



Noteworthy Dates:

Didsbury Show & Shine	May 8th
Chamber of Commerce AGM Meeting	May 12th
Chamber of Commerce Council Meeting	May 25th
Chamber of Commerce Spring BBQ	June 9th

Upcoming Events

18th Annual Show & Shine

May 8th, 2010

Downtown Didsbury

All Day

Contact Grant 403-335-9488

Come out and enjoy the Day

Fun for the whole Family!

2010/2011 Membership Renewal

Please contact Deana at the Chamber Office to renew your membership at 403-335-3265 or office hours are Monday—Friday, 9:00 am—1:00 pm.

The Town of Didsbury is putting together a welcome and information package (that includes the Downtown Shopping Guide) for the registrants of the annual Show & Shine being held on Saturday May 8th. Two hundred and fifty plus car owners from all over Alberta will be visiting Didsbury with their families on that day, and I thought it would be a great opportunity to put together a promotional flyer from the merchants of Didsbury that can be included with the registration/welcome package. I have organized this for a few other events in the past and would like to continue to do it for all of the major events, tournament, conferences, etc that come to Didsbury.

If you are interested in participating in the promotional flyer, I will need a JPEG copy of your logo/ business card along with the promotion that you are offering emailed to me no later than Monday, May 3rd.

Thank you

Colleen Gustavson

Economic Development Coordinator

Town of Didsbury

Tel: 403.335.7362 | Fax: 403.335.9794

www.didsbury.ca

Didsbury Elks

12th Annual Mother's Day Breakfast

Sunday, May 9th, 2010

8:00 am—1:00 pm

Elks Hall

\$5.00/Person / 12 & under \$2.00

Mothers & Preschoolers Free

Flowers For Moms

Spring into Spring II

Fashion Show and Supper

May 8th ,2010

Elks Hall

Tickets \$ 30.00

Contact Joan Hannah 403-335-4511



ArtWalk
Wellspring Visual ArtNetwork Association
Business Application 2010

Businesses in Didsbury, Olds, Sundre and Innisfail are invited to showcase local artistic talent in their business from June 26th to September 7th, 2010

This is a wonderful opportunity to increase traffic through your door!

- April 30th, Deadline to enter as a potential venue phone Carroll Smith, 403-556-7111. A member of our ArtWalk Committee will drop in to collect your registration.
- May 12th (Wed), VIP reception with proposed artwork 7pm to 8pm Multi-Purpose Room, Memorial Complex, 1702 – 21 Ave. Didsbury.. Participating artists and businesses will be invited to the reception. Businesses in attendance will be given a confidential survey indicating their top three choices of artists to exhibit, and artist's work that they find unacceptable for their business.
- May 20th, Artists and Businesses notified of match.
- June 20. Maps and advertising prepared and distributed.
- June 22-25, Art hung or displays set up at participating Businesses. Inventory verified by the Artist, the Business and **WVANA**. Inventory lists to be prepared in triplicate by the artists and signed by both the artist and the business.
- September 7, last day for exhibition
- September 8, Artists collect their work from **ArtWalk** sites.

Participation Details

- Artists will be responsible for their own artwork insurance.
- A sign will be prepared and delivered to the participating business which will identify the business as an **ArtWalk** destination point.
- The Jury, representing **WVANA**, will match businesses and artists. All artists may not be accepted. The number of applicants, size and suitability of work will determine acceptance.
- All work exhibited will be for sale. All sales will be handled through the participating business with a 10% consignment fee on all sales to be paid by the artist to **WVANA** at the end of **ArtWalk**. The business will collect sales based on the price listed on the inventory list in the form of cash or cheque with appropriate identity requested from the purchaser if sale is made by cheque. **ArtWalk** sales can be kept separate from participating business sales. Sales information will be recorded in a receipt book and inventory record to be provided by **WVANA**. The consignment amounts collected from this project will be used to pay for associated costs for **ArtWalk** and will provide seed money for **WVANA** future projects.
- Artists who are GST registered will include the GST in the price of their work to alleviate confusion. (Some artists do and some do not have a GST number)

Participation Cost:

- **\$140.00** and includes:
- Business name, location and hours on a colour glossy map.
- Approximately 3,000 maps will be distributed at tourist locations and participating businesses.
- Large Sandwich Board sign to identify business as an ArtWalk Destination.
- Advertising in local papers and radio. As well as press releases and community services segments.

Business Name: _____

Contact Person/Owner: _____

Address/Location: _____

e-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Business Hours: _____

Approximate floor/wall/counter space that you could provide for an artist:

I have read and understand the application information and would like to participate. I have also included my registration fee:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ **2010**

For additional information contact:

Carroll Smith, ArtWalk Chair,

Ph. 403-556-7111 e-mail: smithc@telus.net