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### ***From the President's Desk***

The month of March has been a busy one as usual with most of the Chambers time being spent on organizing our biggest event of the year, the Didsbury Art, Travel and Trade Expo. Thank you so much to Greg Poirier and Bill Anthony, co-chairs of this major committee and their many sub-committees, for all of their hard work and dedication to guarantee that this show is a great success. Congratulations also to Joelle Fournier, our show manager, who has sold out the entire show early again this year!

We received official notice this month that the balance of our By-Law changes have been approved, many thanks to Ian Kennedy for chairing the By-Law Committee this year. A reminder to everyone that your Membership Renewals were mailed out in February and these

payments are due by April 30th. The success of your Chamber depends on the involvement of as many businesses as possible both financially and as volunteers. Thank you to those who have already renewed. If for whatever reason you do not have a renewal invoice, please contact Deana at the Chamber office and she will forward you a new one. Just a quick reminder that next month is our Annual General Meeting. Since this is election night for a new Chamber Council along with the presentation of the reviewed Annual Financial Statements there will not be a supper and the meeting will be held at the Chamber office at 7:00pm. The nominating committee will be out and about looking for volunteers to fill the places on the Council. Please consider this opportunity to serve your Chamber. It is a very rewarding position and a great way to meet and become involved with other Didsbury & District business owners.

### **Noteworthy Dates**

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Trade Show             | April 4th & 5th |
| Council Meeting        | April 21st      |
| Annual General Meeting | May 13th        |

**Chamber Office Hours:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Monday — Friday

Office Manager: Deana Campbell



### **NEW TO TRADE EXPO**

Saturday Cabaret

Featuring the Polyjesters

8 PM - Midnight

Advanced Tickets \$12.00 each or

\$15.00 at the door

# Trade Expo Acknowledges Sponsors

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The Chamber of Commerce could not possibly put on an exposition of this magnitude without the assistance of individuals and businesses who truly believe in the health and prosperity of the community of Didsbury.

These sponsors recognize that the Didsbury Expo offers an excellent venue to showcase their business, products or services, and provides a great opportunity for them to say “Thank you” to their customers.

With more and more people moving to Didsbury and the Calgary–Edmonton corridor, the exposure a business gets at the annual trade expo is immeasurable, and they always see a positive return on their sponsorship investment.

Who are some of these pro-active businessmen and women? **Some like Tanas Concrete, Didsbury AG Foods, Didsbury Value Drug Mart, and Spectrum Design Studios have been with the Trade Expo for years. Tanas Concrete** hosts the entertainment stage, **AG Foods** hosts the food court, **Value Drug Mart** sponsors the first aid station, and **Spectrum Design** sponsors the Best Decorated Booth award.

**Household Goods & Thrift Store** enjoy giving opportunity to the young people in our community, and have made it possible for children to use the Aquatic Centre for free, for a couple of hours each day. This year they will also be sponsoring the cleanup crew for the trade expo. **Front Porch Realty** is much

the same; they like to help the kids. This year, their sponsorship dollars will help the Zion Evangelical Youth Group as they raise funds by hosting the 24th annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning.

**Didsbury Pharmasave** provides the ballots people fill in for chances to win thousands of dollars in door prizes. They also sponsor the Lions Club who handle the security for the expo.

Several businesses took advantage of the exposure they received by supporting “**A Walk in the Park**” fashion shows, recognizing that with new events comes new sponsorship opportunities. This includes **96.5 CK-fm & Rock 104 Radio** who sponsors the stage and **GES Canada** and **For Trees Company** who will provide much of the décor associated with the fashion show. Other sponsors of the fashion show include **Wild Rose Event Consultants, M. Lennox and Associates, Windsor Graphics, Curves for Women, and Good Mahoney Lawson** Barristers & Solicitors.

Part of the business of a trade expo is simply doing business. Thanks to **Grasse Lumber**, businesses are able to post jobs and those looking for employment can find some golden opportunities at the Centre for Employment Job Board.

A lot of “behind the scenes” work is required to host an event of this magnitude. That includes providing security and admissions staff, coffee for the exhibitors on set-up day, sponsored by **Mugs Coffee House**,

the final wrap-up ad brought to you by **Dreamwood Homes**, and the **Wellspring Visual ArtNetwork Art Show** sponsored by **Shorthorn Art Studio** and **Longhorn Custom Painting**.

Then there’s the “fun” events like the People’s Choice Awards, an opportunity for kids and adults both to vote for their favorite booths, proudly sponsored by **Mountain View County**. One of the big draws for the trade expo is the Fiddlers’ Jamboree, not only sponsored, but also organized by **Top-note Music Studio**, and **Robert Jackson Violins**.

Come visit with many of these sponsors at the **Scouts Exhibitor’s Dinner** on Saturday night. It’s a great opportunity for you to acknowledge their participation in one of Didsbury’s largest annual events. We ask all our visitors and exhibitors to consider these businesses the next time they make their purchasing decisions. After the dinner join us at our newest addition to the trade expo, our Cabaret. This event is featuring the Polyjesters sponsored by **Gil’s Truck and Auto Repair, Gristle Boyz, Furniture Rejuvenations & Interior Design, Revibe Vibration Health & Fitness, and Ulla-La Boutique**. Advanced tickets \$12.00 each available at Mugs Coffee House or at the door for \$15.00.

Once again thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors!!!!!!!!!!



## Volunteers Make the World Go Round

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The Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce is fortunate to have a strong Trade Expo Committee. The Trade Expo Committee is fortunate to have a strong crew of volunteers who pull together to put on the best Trade Expo possible. The **Zion**

**Evangelical Church Youth Group** hosts Saturday morning's pancake breakfast, the **Didsbury Army Cadets** are in charge of cleanup in the MPR and the exhibit halls, the **West Didsbury 4-H Multi-Club** will greet you at the gate and handle the

admissions, the **1st Didsbury Scout Group** host Saturday night's Exhibitor's Dinner, and the **Didsbury Lions Club** provides security from Friday to Sunday night.

## Great Food and Good Cheer!

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Everybody knows that shopping makes you hungry, so you can rest assured that when you're ready to take a break from shopping at the Didsbury Trade Expo, there's great food waiting for you! Pop into the Didsbury AG Foods "A Taste of

**Didsbury"** food court in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Complex. Back by popular demand are some of our favorite Didsbury restauranteurs: **Golden River, Macy's, JD's Restaurant** and **Didsbury Catering & Delights**. "A Taste of Didsbury" opens

April 4th from 11:00 am to 5:30 pm. right after the Front Porch Realty Pancake Breakfast on Saturday. Come back on Sunday, April 5th from 12:00 - 4:30 pm for more great food while you take in the Fiddlers' Jamboree!

## Just Fiddlin' Around!

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Top quality free entertainment is ongoing throughout the entire weekend at the Trade Expo, as local talented individuals and groups are featured on the Tanas Concrete Stage. Back by popular demand, the Fiddler's Jamboree takes place on Sunday afternoon at 12:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.

If you're a fan of those great fiddle songs like "Orange Blossom Special", "Turkey in the Straw" or "Cottoneyed Joe", you'll definitely want to be there.

Brought in part to you by **Robert Jackson Violins**, the event is modeled a little bit after the old-

fashioned house parties when people got together after a long day of work for an evening of music, story-telling and fun. Fiddlers, keyboardists, and other musicians will be on hand, so come on out for some great toe-tapping music.

## A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS!

Joelle Fournier

Greg Poirier and Bill Anthony

Bill Anthony

Diana Steer

Amy Enns and Dolly Edwards

Catherine Wright

Teena Wilks

Rod Neufled

Ian Kennedy

Tara Windsor

Trade Show Manager

Co-Chairs

Art Show & Sale

Advertising/Marketing

Sponsorships

Saturday Entertainment

Fiddlers' Jamboree

Door Prizes

Staffing

Fashion Show Manager

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## 96.5 CK-fm & ROCK 104 Radio Local Talent Feature

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For five years running now, **96.5 CK-fm Radio** has been hosting the "Local Talent Feature" on the Tanas Stage, featuring new and upcoming artists in the country scene. New this year will be some talent from the

**ROCK 104** Rock Star Talent Search. Make sure you stop by the Memorial Complex and take in some of the talent while you have a bite to eat in the food court.

1:00 - 2:00 Western Sunsetters  
2:00 - 3:00 The Vos Family  
3:00 - 4:00 Josh Wilson  
4:00 - 5:00 Ashley Ray  
5:00 - 6:00 Dave Taylor

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## Looking for Employees?

Melissa Maschke, Centre for Employment

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The **Centre for Employment** team is excited to be part of the 24th Annual Didsbury Trade Expo through sponsorship by **Grasse Lumber Sales**. The Grasse Lumber Sales Centre for Employment booth will

feature resources and information for both employers and job seekers as well as special an on-site Job Board that will post full-time, part-time, casual and on-going employment opportunities. Postings by

Trade Expo exhibitors and sponsors only. Also please join them for their 6th Annual Job Fair, Wednesday, May 13th 12pm to 6pm at the Olds Sportsplex. Contact Melissa at 403-556-3808

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## Our thanks to this year's door prize donors!

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**A Gallery of Floors**  
**ATB Financial**  
**CIR Realtors**  
**Cornerstone Beauty Shoppe**  
**Country Road RV**  
**Curves for Women**  
**Cut 'n Loose**  
**Didsbury AG Foods**  
**Didsbury Aquatic Centre**

**Didsbury Dollar Store**  
**Didsbury Home Hardware**  
**Didsbury Pharmasave**  
**Didsbury Value Drug Mart**  
**Dreamwood Homes**  
**For Trees Co.**  
**Front Porch Realty**  
**Fountain Tire**  
**Golden River Restaurant**

**M. Lennox & Associates**  
**Mountain View Credit Union**  
**Mugs Coffee House**  
**Parkland Agri Services**  
**Re/Max Mountain Aire**  
**Royal Bank**  
**Royal LePage Wildrose**  
**Tanas Concrete**  
**Vanda Agencies**

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## Community Events

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**MERCHANT NIGHT**  
WEDNESDAY, April 22, 2009  
5:30 p.m.  
Didsbury ATB Financial  
Buffet Dinner—Refreshments— Prizes  
Merchant Services Presentation 6:00  
RSVP Shannon Harris  
403-335-7191  
By April 17,2009

Community Garage Sale  
April 25, 2009  
9:00 am—3:00 pm  
Curling Rink  
Cost \$15.00/Table  
Contact Maude  
Didsbury Neighborhood Place  
403-335-8719

Ducks Unlimited Canada  
8th Annual Banquet  
Saturday, April 11th  
Tickets either online, by fax,  
Telephone to 403-335-9445  
or in person  
[www.didsburyducks.ca](http://www.didsburyducks.ca)