

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**

The month of April hit the peak of activity with the great success of our annual Art, Travel, and Trade Show. Thank you again to Greg Poirier and Bill Anthony, co-chairs of this major committee, and Joelle Fournier, our show manager, for their many hours devoted to making this show the best one there is in central Alberta. Also a thank you to the many other volunteers, too many to mention here, that chaired sub-committees or who just came out to help. We could not put on this show without you.

Reminders for membership renewal were sent out last week and the web site will be changing to its new list of

members as of May 15<sup>th</sup> so please get your renewals in soon so that your business is not eliminated.

The success of your Chamber, and the programs we can offer, depends on the involvement of as many businesses as possible both financially and as volunteers. Thank you to those who have already renewed.

Next month will see the beginning of a new venture with the Didsbury Review. This will see the listing of the Chamber Members every month for the whole year. Don't be left out!!

May 13<sup>th</sup> is the date of our Annual General Meeting. This will take place at the

Train Station office at 7:00pm. The annual election of officers will be held. 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.

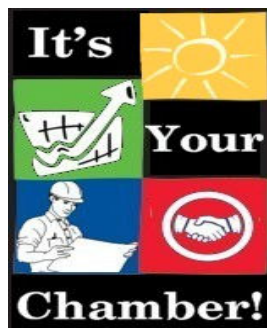
Our General Membership meeting in June is on June 10<sup>th</sup> and is our annual BBQ. This will be the last meeting before summer, so mark it on your calendar it is always a fun time!

**Noteworthy Dates:**

Didsbury Show & Shine	May 9th
Chamber of Commerce AGM	May 13th
Council Meeting	May 26th
Chamber Spring BBQ	June 10th

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

**Office Manager: Deana Campbell**



Get involved  
Volunteer  
Today!

***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*

## 2009 Trade Show a Great Success!!!!

Despite the economy being slow, there was little effect on the number of Didsburians attending the Didsbury Art, Travel & Trade Expo. The attendance was down from 2008 but many businesses were happy with their sales. Overall we had about 4,000 come through our gate this year- that's simply incredible!

The next communities in attendance were Olds, Carstairs, Sundre, Calgary, Crossfield/Airdrie, and Innisfail/Bowden.

It was a superb show attended by both new and existing exhibitors.

- 104 businesses, 128 booth exhibitors
- Didsbury businesses - 41
- 20+ businesses said they were new
- 35 booths have already pre-booked for 2010

This year's theme, 'Green', seemed to be a big hit. We emailed the exhibitors their packages. This decision saved over 1,500 pages of paper.

The first Didsbury Cabaret featuring the Polyjesters and show opener Heather Blush was a success! Funds raised will benefit the Didsbury Preschool, Didsbury & District Fire Department and Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce.

'A Walk in the Park' showcased local clothing businesses as well as exhibitors who gave us a glimpse of what is new in fashion this spring. Our businesses included, Optionelle, Ulla la Boutique, Port of Pogoda, At Ease Clothing and Vanilla & Lace. A special thanks to the DHS 2009 students for modeling and Kathleen Windsor who was our MC. Also a thanks to 96.5 CK-fm & Rock 104.5 for supporting this unique area.

'Wellspring Visual ArtNetwork Association' had a great response. Works of art ranged from oil painting, jewelry, pottery, wood work and so much more. This was a great way for the local artists to show their talent. Thank you to our sponsors Longhorn Painting & Shorthorn Art Studio.

Any ideas for 2010? Call the Chamber office at 335-3265.

The Chamber of Commerce could not possibly put on an exposition of this magnitude without the assistance of individuals and community groups who enjoy working together on such a great event. Our thanks are extended to the following:

- Co-Chairs- Greg Poirier, Didsbury AG Foods, and Bill Anthony, Unique Stain Glass Works
- Trade Show Manager—Joelle

Fournier

- Sponsorships-Amy Enns & Dolly Edwards, Gils Truck & Auto
- Advertising-Diana Steer, Shorthorn Art Studio
- "A Taste of Didsbury" - Greg Poirier, AG Foods
- Saturday Entertainment-Catherine Wright & CK-fm staff
- Fiddler's Jamboree—Teena Wilks, Top Note Music
- Door Prizes-Rod Neufeld, Front Porch Realty
- Staffing-Ian Kennedy, Kennjak Photography
- Security—Didsbury Lions Club
- Exhibitor's Dinner and Food Cart-Didsbury Scouts
- Cleanup- Didsbury Army Cadets
- Admissions—West Didsbury 4-H Club
- Pancake Breakfast—Zion Youth Group
- Fashion Show Manager—Tara Windsor

**THANK YOU EVERYONE!!**

## Congratulations to Trade Show Winners!

### People's Choice Award

CIR Realty

### Best Booth Award Winners

**1st:** A Rocha

**2nd:** Unique Stained Glass

**3rd:** For Trees Company

Our next

Trade Art, Travel &

Trade Expo

April 10 & 11, 2010



# Community Events

## **Didsbury Show n' Shine**

May 9, 2009

Downtown Didsbury

All Day

Contact Grant 403-335-9488

Come out and enjoy the Day

Fun for the whole family

## **Didsbury Elks**

11th Annual Mother's Day Breakfast

Sunday, May 10, 2009

8:00 AM—1:00 PM

Elks Hall

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

Mothers and Preschoolers Free

FLOWERS FOR MOMS

## **Didsbury Agricultural Society**

Hosts

Thunder on the Prairies

Fundraising Golf Tournament

June 12, 2009

Rain or Shine

9:00 a.m.

Team or Individual Entries

\$100 / Person includes

18 Holes, Dinner & Prizes

Non- Golfers Dinner \$20.00

Contact: Vaughn 1-403-896-1617

Glen 1-403-975-4841

AG Office 1-403-335-4494

Didsbury Golf Club 1-403-335-3635

## **Didsbury Firemen's Cabaret**

May 9, 2009

Multi Purpose Room

Contact Curtis 403-335-9402

## **Centre for Employment**

6th Annual Job Fair

May 13th, 2009

Olds Sportsplex (Main Ice)

5133-52 Avenue

Box 3940

Olds, Alberta

T4H 1P6

403-556-3808

[www.c4e.ca](http://www.c4e.ca)

### **ACC Group Insurance**

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce members are eligible to enroll in the Alberta Chambers Group Insurance Program. The program itself is far too 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

### **Wine Glass Rentals**

The Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce has 300 wine glasses available for rent. If you are hosting an event and need wine glasses, contact the Chamber Office at 335-3265 for rental details. Rental rates are very reasonable and it's a lot better than having to drive to the city.