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Great Events

by Sandra Burton, Chris Thomson, Kim Strasky



Bill Lawrence won the bid on the "Romantic Getaway Night for 2 at a B & B Cabin" (pictured above) donated by Emilie and Larry Mattson. Lorraine Lawrence won the generous door prize donated by the City of Dawson Creek: suite of tickets for 12 people at the upcoming Merle Haggard concert in Dawson Creek.

We have so many great events this season; we agreed to compile an extra mini newsletter to keep you posted.

First of all, the Forage Fundraiser Goods & Services Auction on February 20 was a great success! The meal was delicious with many locally raised contributions. "Dale, another Dale and the other Rick" provided the entertaining auctioneering and spotting this year, to the delight of the 70 people there. Forage folks were impressed by the incredible artwork and quilting talent in out midst. There was truly something in the live and silent auctions for every price range and for every age. The bidding in the silent auction was especially fierce among the teens over a "Bag of movies, games, snacks & fishing rod" donated by the Lazinchuk Family. Thank you to all our donators and buyers for your generous support!

We raised the most ever, over \$6300. These funds will go towards providing you with this newsletter and forage information. It also helps our association to put funds on the table when applying for matching grants for R & D projects. Please see the inside for a complete listing of donations.

Don't miss the back page of this mini newsletter for Chris' update on upcoming events. Several forage members have heard Jill Clapperton speak at grazing or forage seed conferences. She is a very dynamic speaker and has such incredible photographs of soil microorganisms; you can picture what is happening in our soils. We are excited to be able to bring this world-renowned speaker to the Peace Region.

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Successful Fundraiser PRFA of BC Dinner & Auction

Live entertainment by Dale Gross,
our auctioneer & Steve Strasky
(left)

Beautiful handmade quilt donated
by Pamela & Walter Fritsche (right)



When the bidding dust
settled, Don & Asenath
Herbison were the proud
owners of Rose Fuhr's
John Deere quilt.

Contributions Towards Evening of Fun	Donated By
Roast of Nimitz beef & Fritsche lamb	Joanne & Ernest Nimitz
Roast of Fritsche lamb	Pamela & Walter Fritsche
Roast of Bondaroff lamb	Kabzems family
Roast Colony ham & turkey	Julie Robinson
Peace grown baked potatoes	Melanie & Gilles Turcotte, Quad L Ranch
Auctioneering & spotting	Dale Gross, Dale Hansen, Rick Kabzems
Auction clerking	Chris Thomson & Sue Hansen
Dance music	Julie Robinson & Jenn Critcher
Live music & sound system	Dale Gross & Steve Strasky
Door prize for complimentary suite pass for 12 people for Merle Haggard	City of Dawson Creek

	Silent Auction	Donated By	Purchased By
61-8	Bag of movies (8 lots)	Arna Bennett	Asenath Herbison, Hanna Kabzems, Justin Vipond, Pat Strasky, Dale & Sharon Fredr.
69	Hat, calendar, magazines	Murray Clark, DU	Ben Hansen
70-4	greeting cards with local photos (5 lots)	John & Diane Kitt	Sybil Pilz, Julie Robinson, Tim Tucker, Keith Carroll, Pat Strasky
75	Jars of homemade jam	Barbra Sones	Lorraine Lawrence
76-9	DU pens, tape measure, knife (4 lots)	Murray Clark, DU	Asenath Herbison, Melanie Turcotte, Keith Carroll
80	Kids basket for a girl	Hanna & Sandy	Melanie Turcotte
81	Hot cold pack for neck	Pat Burton	Asenath Herbison
82	Surprise package of forage history	Forage Association	Dale Frederickson
83	Surprise donation, painting	Quad L Ranch	Sara Bennett
84-6	Toque, cap, thermos (3 lots)	Tim Van Den Heuvel	Gord Perry, Fred Schneider
87	Kids basket for a boy	Lazinchuks	Liam Strasky
88-9	Gift certificates (2 lots)	Keddies	Sandra Burton & Hanna Kabzems, Keith Carroll
90-5	Lawn size bags of clean fescue seed	Don & Asineth Herbison	Allen Pratt, Anne Haycock, Ben Hansen, Juanita Strasky
96	Spa basket	Brandi & Kevin Olmstead	Arna Bennett

Biannual Forage Association Auction February 21, 2010

#	Live Auction Donation	Donated By	Purchased By
1	Stock Doctor	Arnold Bennett	Keith Carroll
2	"Dead chicken" with bottle wine	Kantz family	Asenath Herbison
3	2 Tires (slightly used)	Forage Association	Gord Perry
4	Twine cutter tool	Barry Sones	Sandra Burton
5	Framed Picture Team Roping by EJ Brown	Lorne & Ruby McBeth	Larry Paxman
6	1 yr subscription to Society of Range Mgt	Keith Carroll	Julie Robinson
7	Garden bench with wagon wheels	Ben Hansen	Pamela Fritsche
8	Magic sweepings in a fancy bag (2 lots)	Gino & Pickseed	Ben Hansen
9	Drill bits of all sizes (2 lots)	Darcy McKinnon, Windsor Plywood	Don Herbison, Dale Fredrickson
10	Quilted sunflower wall hanging	Farmington Farmerettes	Gord Perry
10A	Bottle of Special Wine	John & Diane Kitt	Pat Strasky
11	Nepali or Thai Supper for 6	Kabzems Family	Sheena Pratt
12	Lawn size bags of clean fescue seed (5 lots)	Don & Asineth Herbison	Anne Haycock, Allen Pratt, Susan Hetenyi
13	Smaller pen & ink farm sketch burgundy frame	Nelda Bennett	Kim Strasky
14	Auger from warehouse sorting	Forage Association	Keith Carroll
15	Jean jacket	Brett Young, DC	Sandra Burton
16	Diamond willow creation	Dale & Sue Hansen	Tim Tucker
17	Bison burgers in a box (4 lots)	Tate Creek Ranch	Kim Strasky, Sandra Burton, Jarvis Taylor, Julie Robinson
18	1/2 day with "Father of Electric Fencing"	Horst David	Gord Perry
19	Cut lumber of choice by Sunrise Sawmills	Sunrise Stock Farms	Gord Perry
20	Danish Evening & Supper for 6	Ben & Wilma Hansen	Gord Perry
20A	50 fingerling trout	Van Han Fish Farm	Fred Schneider
21	Hand made John Deere quilt	Rose Fuhr	Asenath Herbison
22	Mini bulk bag of Mustang oats seed (30 bu)	Earl Cusack	John Kitt
23	Certificate for Dawson Coop	South Peace Seed Cleaning	Keith Carroll
24	Fly fishing rod kit	Rod & Kim Strasky	Trevor Hetenyi
25	Larger pen & ink sketch of farm scene	Nelda Bennett	Sandra Burton
26	1 pickup load of firewood, split, pine	Bill Wilson	Tim Tucker
26A	Gallon ice cream to bribe for stacking	Hanna Kabzems	Tim Tucker
27	Certified Sundre 4 row forage barley (40 bu)	Arthur & Laurel Hadland	Allen Pratt
28	1 day free rent manure spreader	Forage Association	Claudette Kilgour
29	Original artwork	Eva Kruse	Keith Carroll
30	Romantic getaway for 2 in B& B bunkhouse	Larry & Emily Mattson	Lorraine Lawrence
30A	Fabric fat quarters and pattern	Windy Willows Fabric	Hanna Kabzems
31	Acrylic painting of horse team & plough	Melanie Turcotte	Trevor Hetenyi
32	Duck coat XL	CCS, Tim VanDenHeuvel	Larry Paxman
33	Heated pet pad	Dawson Creek Coop	Chris Thomson
34	Makita angle grinder	CCS, Tim VanDenHeuvel	Don Kruse
35	Basket of home made jams, jellies, pickles	Nelda Bennett	Allison Tucker
36	Bag of hybrid alfalfa seed	Brett Young, Rycroft	Allen Pratt
37	Limited Ed Bronze Sculpture	Ducks Unlimited	Melanie Turcotte
38	1 tonne bulk bag of fertilizer (46-0-0)	Viterra, FSJ	Walter Fritsche Jr.
39	Original quilt creation, lap size	Pamela & Walter Fritsche	Walter Fritsche Jr.
40	Large (twin) quilt	Pamela & Walter Fritsche	Walter Fritsche Jr.

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The Peace River Forage Association

Presents:

World Renowned Soil Biologist and Speaker

Jill Clapperton, PhD.

Dr. Clapperton will speak on these topics:

- *How to establish healthy soil processes in northern soils*
- *Soil dynamics in grazing and composting systems*
- *Soil reclamation after oil and gas activities*
- *Some incredible photographs of micro-organisms*

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Tower Lake Hall

3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

\$30/person or \$50/couple, supper included

Agribusiness sponsorship tables available

This event is sponsored in part by the
Peace River Agriculture Development Fund (PRAD)

Please phone Chris @ 250-789-6885 for registration.

Please note that due to circumstances beyond our control the Temple Grandin event previously advertised for June 19, has been cancelled. She will be presenting workshops in Prince George and Vanderhoof.

Anyone desiring information about these workshops or vehicle pooling to travel to Prince George can contact Chris at 250-789-6885.