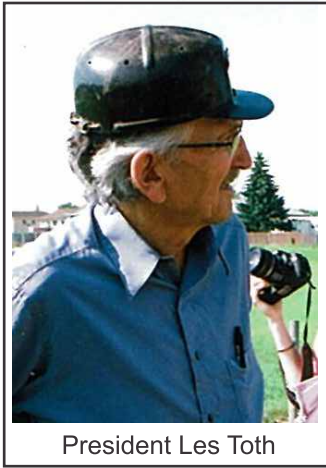


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GALT #8 MINE HISTORIC SITE SOCIETY

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Catch the Vision



President Les Toth

When was the last time you actually saw the Galt #8 Mine Site? What did it look like then?

If you have not seen it recently please glance at the picture of an oil painting showing the Galt #8 Mine Site included with this newsletter to refresh your memory.

Now - close your eyes. Try to picture the Site in your mind's eye. what can you see? A somewhat dilapidated tippie? Several old buildings needing repair?

Okay. Now try to imagine all these buildings completely restored, beautiful new landscaping all around, with lots of smiling-faced families lined up to tour the historic site on a mild and pleasant Spring day.

Can you get that picture in your thoughts? Because, if you have a vision for it, then we, working hard together can and will bring your vision to pass.

That vision has been the main goal of the Galt #8 Mine Historic Site Society since back in 1993 when the society was formed, and it remains our highest goal to this hour.

It is a New Year and right now, the Society is closer to achieving this goal than ever in the past 19 years.

A grant of \$3000.00 was awarded to the Society by the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southeastern Alberta last November. The grant will be used to fabricate a protective bonnet which will cover our scale model of the Galt #8 Mine Site for exhibition and trade show displays for enhanced security. We are hopeful that the protective bonnet can be completed in the Spring of 2012

The 1941 Miner's Bus is actually now beginning to look like a Bus again following the re-installing of the bus body upon the chassis. A Lethbridge firm has been assigned to re-install the metal sheeting which encloses the roof, body, and frame.

But, now don't get too jumpy, boys and girls - hold onto your hats. You cannot take the Bus on a fishing trip because we still need to complete the upholstery, window glass, flooring, seats and exterior painting.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society on November 23, 2011 held at the North side Save-On Foods Community Room, Lethbridge, the following officers and directors were elected:

President - Les C. Toth
Vice President - Jason P. Sailer
Treasurer - William Axtell
Secretary - Robert J. Henry
Past President - Frank Fudra
Director - David Cocks
Director - Geoff DeBoer
Director - Gary Klassen
Director - Vivian Malmo
Director - Albert Medve
Director - Ron Peta

The financial statements were presented and adopted.

Our newest Director Geoff DeBoer, has volunteered to conduct a Membership Drive during 2012. He will be seeking new members to join our Society. We think this is very timely as we have not had a membership drive for quite some time. If you know of anybody that might be interested, please contact Geoff at 403-328-3411

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Thanks go to Gary Klassen for his willingness to tow the Society's parade float both in the Coaldale Light Parade on Friday, November 25 and at the Fort Macleod Santa Claus Parade on Saturday November 26, 2011. Gratefully, Lanny and Wendy Aitkens donated Christmas lights to light up the entire float, thereby relieving us of having to expend for lights on Gary Klassen's red nose. Thanks to Ron Peta and Gary Klassen for skillfully hanging the lights. The lighting was very effective.

Mark your calendar to attend the Early Bird Swap Meet at the Lethbridge Exhibition Pavillion on Saturday, February 11, 2012, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

The Galt #8 Mine Historic Site Society will display the Myers Models, distribute brochures, and encourage new memberships through our usual display booth. Don't expect any bikini clad models - just a few eager beavers wearing miner's hats.

The 3rd Annual Miner's Memorial Banquet will be held at the Nord-Bridge Senior Centre at 1904 - 13 Avenue North, Lethbridge, on Saturday, April 28, 2012. The Galt #8 Mine Historic Site Society remains hopeful that it's members will support this event. Some of us are still digesting last year's overwhelming banquet. This year some of us plan to eat even more. Watch for details from Nord-Bridge Senior Centre.

We are grateful to Mrs. Irma Dogterom for her generous donation to our Galt #8 Mine Society for an oil painting by artist Cal Covell depicting the Mine site's tipple, water tower, and mine buildings. Please look for a photograph of this painting which appears elsewhere in this newsletter. Irma Dogterom is a Founding Member of our Society.

Please use this picture to help you "CATCH THE VISION" of a fully restored mine site, serving the Public to interpret the history of mining in this region. Together we can all make this vision come true. With God all things are possible!

Stay tuned . . .
Les Toth

Membership

Your continued support and loyal membership is appreciated and we seek to attract new members. Friends and family are encouraged to join. A membership form is attached for your convenience.

Next Board Meeting
Thursday, February 16th, 2012
St. Andrew's - 1818 5 Ave South



Photo of 1999 oil painting of Galt #8 Mine Site by Artist Cal Covell, Recently donated to Galt #8 Mine Historic Site Society by Irma Dogterom.



Nov 23/11 Jeff McLarty of McLarty Consulting at Society Annual General Meeting, speaking on plans for Fund Raising Campaign. Seated are Les and Bill Looking on attentively.



Rear photo of Miners Bus with Jeff Fujita at Kustom Auto Body Shop. Reassembled Bus Body freshly sandblasted. Dec 7/11



Galt #8 Float in Fort Macleod Santa Claus Parade. L to R: Ron, Les and Gary enjoying it all. November 26/11



Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Representatives presenting President Les Toth with a Grant and Plaque Award. Nov 15/11



Front photo of Miners Bus with Bus Body Frame reassembled on chassis & freshly painted. Dec 13/11