

# Honorary Life Memberships

## **Linda Grimard - Nominated by the Prince Albert Exhibition**

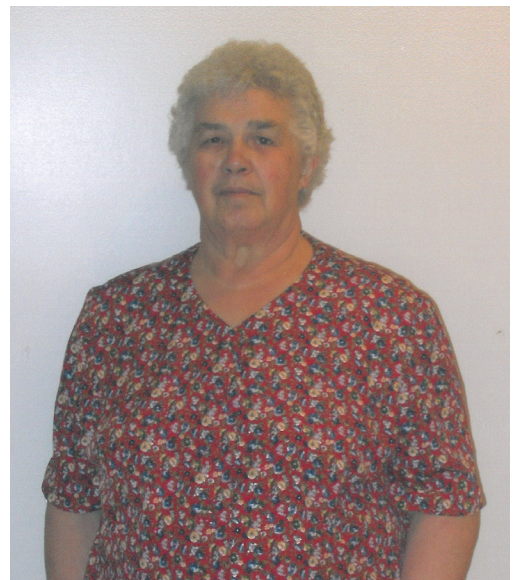
Linda Grimard has been nominated for a SAASE Honorary Life Membership by the Prince Albert Exhibition. She has been involved volunteering with the Prince Albert Exhibition for the past 39 years, working in various capacities. She spent 12 years as First Vice President and became the first female President of the Prince Albert Exhibition in its 133 year history in 2009. In addition to sitting on the board of directors, Linda has been very involved with various committees and shows for the Prince Albert Exhibition. She is the Director in charge of the Focus on Women Trade Show - which is celebrating its 30th anniversary in March. She started the very successful Focus on Christmas Trade Show 5 years ago. Linda has also been involved in numerous fund raisers for the Prince Albert Exhibition, as well as the Agricultural Education Program, Farm Fair, Winter Festival and RCMP Musical Ride. She is a Life Member of the Prince Albert Exhibition and has been nominated in Prince Albert for the Woman of Distinction Award.



In addition to being very involved in the Prince Albert Exhibition, Linda has also been very active in her community. She has been a 4 H Leader in Albertville for 10 years, President of the Paddockwood Figure Skating Club and volunteer teacher for the Albertville pre-school. She has also volunteered and help organize hockey and baseball tournaments in Albertville. She is married to Laurent, with 2 children - Rodney and Curtis and 3 Grand Children.

## **Gloria Peterson - Nominated by the Elstow Ag. Society**

The Elstow Agricultural Society has nominated Gloria Peterson for a SAASE Honorary Life Membership. Gloria has been volunteering with the Elstow Agricultural Society since 1968. Gloria was very involved with the events hosted by the Agricultural Society and community. She looked after the cooking and working at the Fall Suppers, banquets, luncheons and the RM suppers. She did most of the purchasing of the food and also helped with the catering for bridal showers and other local events like curling. Gloria has also volunteered extensively with the school. She would help out with getting students to tournaments at other schools. As well as volunteering with the school, she also was on the local school board from 1989-1994 acting as the Secretary Treasurer for most of that time. During her time there they worked towards an outdoor seating area, as well as playground equipment for the school. Gloria helped out with Elstow's local parks and recreation functions such as the Elstow Day BBQ and picnic. She also volunteered at the local rink - helping out the youth with skating,



hockey and curling, as well as working in the kitchen. She also acted as the Secretary Treasurer for a number of years.

In addition to all her volunteering, Gloria worked with both Provincial and Federal elections as a polling clerk and scrutineer. She is married to Alf and has 5 children - Karen, Ingrid, Sonja, Christan and Brigitte. Gloria is the kind of person who would help anyone in Elstow if they need it, as well as helping out where she could in the community.

## **Norman & Muriel Geck - Nominated by the Kelvington Ag. Society**

The Kelvington Agricultural Society has nominated Norman and Muriel for SAASE's Honorary Life Memberships. Between Norman and Muriel they have volunteered for the Kelvington Ag. Society for a total of 125 years. They began volunteering when they were married in 1948, with Norman volunteering until he passed away in 2003, and Muriel still volunteering today. They both served as directors on the Kelvington Agricultural Society for decades.



Norman was a breeder of registered Herefords so he was always involved with the organizing of the cattle show at the fair. In addition to arranging for judges, ring stewards and making sure the shows always ran well, Norman turned his talents to helping out with the heavy horse show and horse pulls.

Norman's love for the Hereford's naturally led him to become involved with 4 H when it was formed in Kelvington. Throughout the years he was both a leader and assistant leader and always dedicated many hours to 4 H and their shows. Both the Gecks were involved with 4 H beyond the local level helping out where they could always behind the scenes doing whatever had to be done.

Muriel in her 9th decade is an active member of 3 organizations besides the Agricultural Society. The Hospital Auxillary, for which she acted as secretary for 25 years, the Kelvindell Lodge Auxillary and the Evening Circle which supports the United Church. The main purpose for all these organizations is to fundraise. Think of the cakes stirred and cooked in Muriel's kitchen only to be carted to town in support of something.

The Honorary Life Membership application talks about awards and recognition for the nominee. This is what was submitted for Norman and Muriel - Humble people do not seek the lime light and are content to work at the base of the organization to which they belong. Such is true of Norman and Muriel Geck. Although they have some trophies, certificates and letters of appreciation hidden in their personal archives Muriel can no longer remember for what they were awarded and although she appreciates them, she places small significance in their attainment. The satisfaction for Norman and Muriel has always been in the doing, the helping, the supporting, rather than the stage.



## Achievements of the Year

### Mortlach Saskatoon Berry Festival Tourism Saskatchewan Community Event of the Year

The Saskatoon Berry Festival in Mortlach has been one of many success stories for the SAASE Venture Project Program. Since its inception the festival has shown great growth and is an excellent example of what a community can do when it rallies around a project. The Saskatoon Berry Festival was recognized as the Community Event of the Year by Tourism Saskatchewan on April 16th. Marcia Wiman, representing the Saskatoon Berry Festival accepted the award on behalf of the many volunteers who work to make the festival the great event it is. The Saskatoon Berry Festival is a one day event that attracts over 3,000 people to Mortlach. Below is the acceptance speech from Marcia as she accepted the award.



Thank you to all the volunteers who have worked diligently to plan, organize, and perform their shifts at the Saskatoon Berry Festivals. This award is for YOU... the Saskatoon Berry Festival has been a success because of your effort. Each year we have an opportunity to showcase our village - that Mortlach is a welcoming community and a great place to live, visit and own a business. "Meet Me in Mortlach" for the 8th Annual Saskatoon Berry Festival to be held Saturday, June 27 – 3000 people with purple teeth can't be wrong.

### Swift Current Ag & Ex Rodeo CCA Rodeo of the Year

The Swift Current Agriculture and Exhibition Frontier Days Rodeo was awarded the 2015 Rodeo of the Year by the Canadian Cowboys' Association (CCA). On February 6th, 2016 the Association's Annual General Meeting was held along with an awards ceremony during the Banquet. Along with many of the CCA Rodeo host communities, the Swift Current Ag & Ex Rodeo Committee was there to celebrate the Canadian best in 2015.

The 'Rodeo of the Year Award' was presented to the Frontier Days Rodeo Chairman, Uli Cartman by CCA President, Shylo Claypool. This designation and distinction with the CCA awards is considered the ultimate prize, as nominees and winners are voted on by fellow contestants and those associated with the sport of rodeo.

Uli indicated that this prestigious honor is highly regarded, and he was truly appreciative and pleased to receive the award. He mentioned that there are many fine CCA sanctioned rodeos, and extended congratulations to all for a successful year. Outstanding competitors, superior stock, knowledgeable announcers and all of the rodeo committees are to be commended. A huge vote of appreciation is particularly extended to the committed volunteers as they remain loyal to the sport of rodeo. Thank you to sponsors, the City of Swift Current and partners throughout the Southwest. Strong support from businesses, ranches and agricultural families all contribute to the success.

