

A TASTE OF AUTUMN, A TRULY MEMORABLE EVENING

The Friends and members of the Fish Creek community welcomed autumn and celebrated this amazing park at the fifth annual *A Taste of Autumn – Wine & Beer Tasting and Silent Auction Fundraiser* on Friday, September 28. We were very pleased to host this year's fundraiser at a new venue, the beautiful and picturesque Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club, which borders the central area of Fish Creek near Votier's Flats. Special thanks to Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club for their support and participation in this event.



Close to 100 community members came out and we raised over \$13,000 for Friends of Fish Creek community engagement programs and activities!

We had close to 70 auction items this year including gift certificates, gift baskets, special vouchers, books, clothing, household goods, paintings, and photographs. Graham Sucha MLA for Calgary-Shaw discussed the Friends' positive impact on the community and emphasized the importance of volunteers. Julia Millen Friends of Fish Creek Liaison and Acting Community & Partner Relations Team Lead discussed how the Friends and AEP work together. Friends volunteer Irma Goosen did a great job as Master of Ceremonies, keeping the evening's activities and presentations on schedule. Voluntary Keynote Speaker Harry Sanders, Calgary based Historian, Historical Consultant, Freelance Writer, and former Calgary Historian Laureate presented on the fascinating history of this city.

We sincerely appreciate the support of Green Gate Garden Centres for sponsoring *A Taste of Autumn*. Thank you to WestJet for once again providing the Gift of Flight Raffle prize, and congratulations to Eleanor

Harris for winning the raffle prize! Beer and wine tastings were provided by Six Corners, Field Stone, Village Brewery, Spirit Hills and Zero Issue. Friends volunteers Bob and Marie Bakker hosted a Photobooth and many of the attendees enjoyed having their

photo taken in front of the backdrop of the golf course and the Fish Creek valley. Local artist Keating was in attendance to discuss his works and his painted portraits.

Thank you to the following individuals and organizations for donating silent auction items: Avenida Pet Clinic, Steve Bulman, Calaway Park, Calgary Hitmen Hockey Club, Calgary Stampede, Canmore Nordic Centre, Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club, Capture Nature 2018 Participants - Tony LePrieur, Alexis Peters and Ward Sanderson, Chinook Arch Meadery, Fish Tales Fly Shop, Friends of Fish Creek Minibus Drivers and Birding Course Instructors, Charné and Irma Goosen, Michelle Hoare, Holistic Institute of Health and Fertility, Rob Hummel, Julie Marwood Interiors, Keating Painted Portraits, Mike Kelly, Jason Kenney MLA, Kensington Art Supply, Lori Mainland, Wayne Meikle, McKenzie Meadows Golf Club, Method Fitness, Bruce Mitchell, Bob Morrin, Larry and Helen Newel, Oxford Learning, Jim Pescott, Ken Pride, Sylvia Prochownik, Robin Read, Theresa Romansky, Soffritto, Pedalhead/Skiworks, Peter Spear, the Pumphouse Theatre, Royal Tyrrell Museum, Phil Smith, Strides Running Store, SunSational Day Spa, TELUS Spark, Tiber River Naturals, Under Armour, The Venturers Society of Calgary, Vex Performance, The Wild Bird Store, Wild Rose Brewery, and Zero Issue.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped in a variety of positions to ensure that *A Taste of Autumn* ran smoothly and to everyone who purchased tickets.

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