

HISTORY OF THE LONE PINE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Bench Fair

Fairs have been part of community activities in Alberta since the late 1800s. One part of a traditional agricultural fair is the Bench Show. Due to a lack of volunteers, our last Bench Show was held in 2014. At Lone Pine, our Bench Fair included classes in flowers, potted plants, fruits, canning and pickling, vegetables, baking, sewing, knitting, quilting, handicrafts, artwork, photography, and pioneer skills such as eggs, homemade salad dressing and molasses, and sheaf grains. We also had an arts and crafts section for Juniors and Teens, and Senior exhibitors.



Handicrafts and photography are always popular - and the quilts! Oh yes, the quilts are definite favourites. Our team of dedicated volunteers and judges worked long hours to put the Fair together. We are so appreciative to all those who entered their admirable work, and to the corporate and individual sponsors and donors who helped reward the entrants.

Our Bench Fair ran mid-August, with exhibits arriving on the Tuesday evening, judging on Wednesday throughout the day, then viewing on Wednesday evening. Refreshments were always served and it was a great way to visit with neighbours and see the talent in our region.

Following the 2014 Bench Fair, the Ag Society Board cancelled it due to there being no Coordinator.

Local Fair Champion Honoured Nationally

Susan Page of Didsbury, award recipient as a great volunteer. The Canadian Association of Fairs & Exhibitions (CAFE) has announced the winners of the 2014 Canadian Fair Champions Competition, and one of them is our own Susan Page! Nominated by the Lone Pine Agricultural Society for many years of volunteer work with the Lone Pine Hall Bench Fair, Susan is one of three Canadians to receive the "Unsung Hero" award. She exemplifies unselfish dedication to community, and has gone beyond and above the "call of duty" for her local fair or exhibition.

Susan received an expense paid trip to the CAFE Convention in Vancouver, BC and was honoured at the 2014 Convention in November.

This is a great honour, and was a complete surprise to Susan!

CAFE is a national non-profit organization which fosters excellence in leadership in the Canadian Fair Industry by providing programs, resources and leadership.

