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Newsletter of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce

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## MORDEN AREA FOUNDATION RECOGNIZED VOLUNTEERS

The Morden Area Foundation presented awards to Morden's special **Community Volunteers** from nominations received in all 8 Award categories.

The *Chamber of Commerce* joins the Foundation in congratulating: **Durwin Buchy**, Citizen of the Year; **Mykyla Moen**, Youth Volunteer; **Morden Community Thrift Shop**, Volunteer Group; **Morden Corn & Apple Festival**, Volunteer Event; **Allan Titchkosky**, Senior Volunteer; **Tom Wiebe**, Sports Volunteer; **BTHC Auxiliary**, **Morden Chapter**, Health & Education Volunteer; and **Pembina Thresherman's Museum**, Arts & Culture Volunteer; of the Year.

## TOURISM STAKEHOLDERS MEETING PLANNED

### Inspirational Tourism Speaker Coming to Morden

The Morden Tourism Marketing Committee has organized a special **Tourism Stakeholders Meeting** for **May 7<sup>th</sup>** at the **Minnewasta Golf & Country Club** at **7:00 p.m.** It will be a **FREE** evening for everyone who works in the tourism industry in Morden and area to come for an informative and fun event with refreshments, a speaker and a prize draw.

The speaker will be **Celes Davar** of **Earth Rhythms Inc.**, the recipient of the inaugural Travel Manitoba award for Distinction for Leadership in Tourism. Earth Rhythms is recognized as one of Canada's leaders in experiential tourism.

There will also be an opportunity to meet the new Marketing Committee members, provide feedback and ideas for future tourism marketing for Morden. The committee plans to hold two stakeholder meetings each year – one in spring, the other in fall.

Please **RSVP** to Carol Wilkinson at **822-2562** or email [cwilkinson@mordenmb.com](mailto:cwilkinson@mordenmb.com).

## FREE SEMINARS FROM HEARTLAND COMMUNITY FUTURES

**Heartland Community Futures Development Corp** offers free video conferencing business seminars in the Winkler Chamber Board Room. To register call **1-877-472-7122**. Each seminar is described on their website: [www.cfheartland.ca](http://www.cfheartland.ca):

**May 7** – Social Media Marketing; **May 14** – Survey Design for Customer Research; **May 20** – Tax Tips for Small Business; **May 27** – Recruitment & Selection; **May 28** – Starting a Business in Manitoba.

## MANITOBA HOMECOMING 2010 MANITOBA DAY VOTING DEADLINE 7 DAYS AWAY

**MORDEN** has been chosen as one of the five finalists competing to be the host community for the **Manitoba Day** celebration on **May 12, 2010**. We have been told that there are less than 100 votes separating 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place so we really have to work hard to get all our friends & family near and far to cast their votes for Morden by **May 8, 2009** on the Homecoming website: [www.manitobahomecoming2010.com](http://www.manitobahomecoming2010.com).

*Click on "Vote" then go to the bottom of the page and choose "Morden".*  
Vote today!

## MISS CORN & APPLE FESTIVAL PAGEANT CANCELLED

The Morden Corn & Apple Festival Queen Pageant has been permanently cancelled. After years of struggle to get the minimum number of young women to enter the Pageant, the Festival now found itself in a position where no one wanted to step forward to organize the event either.

The Festival Committee and Board of Directors recognize that there will be those who are not happy that the Pageant is disappearing as it provided our contestants the opportunity to develop the qualities of confidence, creativity, poise, leadership and intelligence. We treat our long history and the hard work of our Founders with great respect. This decision was not easy but we are now in a position to focus volunteer efforts on a Festival that is healthy in every other respect.

The Festival Board of Directors will begin work to re-design the Parade Float to become a colorful representation of Morden without contestants on board. Main stage performances to replace the pageant time slots will be arranged by the Entertainment Committee.

## COMING EVENTS

- May 1-3 Barnswallows Quilt Show – Community Centre
- 2 Pemb. Valley Humane Society Steak & Spud fundraiser – Morden Motor Inn
- 4 Blood Donor Clinic – Comm Centre
- 7 **Corn & Apple Festival Committee Meeting – Friendship Centre**
- 7 Tourism Speaker **Celes Davar** of "Earth Rhythms" - MGCC
- 7-9 Library Book Sale – Community Centre
- 11 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 12 **MANITOBA DAY Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting - MMI**
- 12 Ladies Night Out – St. Paul's United Church. Call 822-4508 for information
- 12 Age Friendly Manitoba Meeting – Friendship Centre
- 14 Ecole Morden Middle School Jazz Concert – Comm. Centre
- 14 **Farmers' Market Re-organization Meeting – Kin Room - Community Centre - 7:00 p.m**
- 21 Grade 5 Musical – Comm. Centre
- 22-23 Danceworks Recital – Community Centre
- 25 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre

## OF MEMBERS & MORE

Congratulations to the April **Corn & Apple Festival Lottery** winners drawn at the Friendship Centre Bingo: **\$1,000** shared by **Brittons & Lautenschlagers**; **\$100** to **Ken Hildebrand** and **\$100** to **Ed Roch**.

Congratulations to **Jessica Friesen**, winner of the **2009 Morden & District Chamber of Commerce LOREENA MCKENNITT AWARD** which was presented at the Morden Festival of the Arts Highlights Concert.

**St. Paul's United Church** is hosting a **Girls Night Out Fashion Show** on **Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are \$12 available by calling 822-4508.