



May 4, 2009

FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING!

New Board of VOCAL elected February 25, 2009

- ~ Bill Sears, Chairperson
- ~ Clayton Maurer, Vice-Chairperson
- ~ Jane Oracheski, Treasurer
- ~ Norma Williams, Secretary
- ~ Scott Stauffer
- ~ Jon Kauffman
- ~ Robert Janzen
- ~ Julie Ishida
- ~ Brian Schult
- ~ Lonnie Lauber

*Welcome to our new Board members:
Jane, Scott and Lonnie*



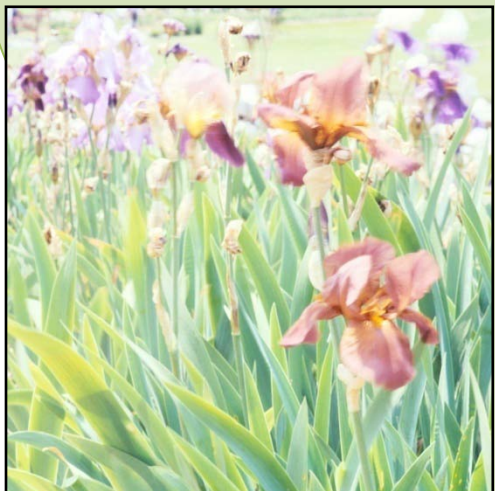
We had a great turnout to our Annual General Meeting held February 25, 2009. Following a short meeting were our guest speakers on alternative energy. Thanks to all who attended. The minutes are on our website. Memberships were rolled over from last year, so no additional fees were charged for those who bought a membership last year. New memberships and our "Say No to Sherritt" signs are always for sale – ask any board member.

TOFIELD CENTENNIAL JULY 1-5, 2009

We will have a booth in Memory Lane at the Tofield Centennial celebrations this summer. If anyone would like to include history information from their farm please call Julie at 780-662-3328.

MEETING WITH PREMIER ED STELMACH

We have been contacting Premier Stelmach's offices, both his constituency office and at the legislature, attempting to arrange another meeting with our MLA. We haven't been successful to date, but will keep trying and hopefully will report back in our next newsletter!



LAND STEWARD'S GATHERING ON May 30, 31st

There is a growing number of organizations, like ourselves, in Alberta who would like to ensure our land and water is well taken care of. To this end, several groups, including the Council of Canadians and the Sierra Club, are organizing a gathering to provide sharing of information & resources. Contact denise.ogonoski@gmail.com for details.



NEXT VOCAL BOARD MEETING JUNE 8TH

Our next board meeting will be in June 8th at the Round Hill Elks Rec Centre. Ben Ludwig from Sherritt promises to be in attendance. Please feel welcome to attend any of our meetings.

In case you didn't receive it, Sherritt recently sent out another newsletter. According to the newsletter, the Dodds-Round Hill project continues to be on hold as Sherritt re-evaluates its end products and focuses on research on "cleaning" coal. Sherritt has received funding from the Alberta Energy Research Institute and have a Clean Coal Research Centre in Fort Saskatchewan. Sherritt plans to proceed with the project when it is commercially viable for them to do so.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. CONTACT ANY OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS OR SEND US AN EMAIL WITH THE CORRECT INFO!

