



# Autumn News

November 2021



Bring your **coffee** and enjoy a **Zoom chat** on **Thursday November 18** at 10:00am.



At 10:30 **Gary Sawatzky**, ARTA's COO and Benefit Plan Expert, will join us to provide a short 20-minute presentation -

*ARTA's Benefit Plans Update*. Afterwards there will be an opportunity for questions and more chatting.

At 9:50 the following Zoom link will open

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461625720?pwd=NDhjam5ZVkjuV3hSV1d2MzJCWGPQT09>

Meeting ID: 844 6162 5720  
Passcode: 303778



## St Nicholas Luncheon Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

"The Fates", it seems, are allowing NWARTA to host this festive event at the

Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre (just south of the GP Mall).

We'll begin at 11:15am with confirmation of tickets and proof of vaccination, and at noon we will have a lovely feast of turkey and all the fixings. Members \$32;

community retirees \$35. (Membership applications will be available at the door.)

Of course, there will be **musical entertainment** provided by members of the Grande Prairie



Composite High School Orchestra as well as **theatrical entertainment** provided by the Grande Prairie Seniors Reading Theatre.



We will have fabulous door prizes and 50-50 tickets will be available in support of the GP Composite High School Orchestra and the GP Seniors Reading Theatre.

You will need to book your tickets by **Saturday, December 4** by emailing

[nwarta.president@gmail.com](mailto:nwarta.president@gmail.com)

You may then choose to pay by mailing your cheque to

NWARTA  
Box 1435  
Grande Prairie, AB T8V 4Z2

OR by sending an e-transfer to [nwarta.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:nwarta.treasurer@gmail.com)

(You will no longer require a security question or password.)



From the September Kleskun Hills Stroll

## REMEMBERING COLLEAGUES

NWARTA executive members, Maxine Maxwell and Gail Schau have been adding to the **Remembering Colleagues** section on NWARTA's website.

Check **Our Members** --

<https://artabranches.net/nwarta/remembering-colleagues/>

If you find that colleagues from the northwest region (NWARTA members and non-members) have been overlooked, Maxine and Gail invite you send them an email to let them know.

[nwarta.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:nwarta.treasurer@gmail.com)

however, seemed to be just a little too much in the foul weather. Nonetheless, vehicle visits and chatting in the shelter of stage area was great fun.



## Spring 2021 NWARTA'S Annual General Meeting

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, NWARTA's Annual General Meeting was once again a virtual event.

We remain thankful to **Jeanette Forrest**, **Karen Patten**, **Linda Schofield**, and **Russ Snoble** for their time and service to fellow retirees. As members of NWARTA'S Executive, each of these incredible individuals have made positive contributions to the growth of our Branch. Thank you.

The **Executive for 2021-2022** are: Jeannette Borstad (secretary), Joan Godbout (president), Maxine Maxwell (treasurer), Lorna McIlroy (past president), Cliff Mitchell (director), Yvonne Mury (director), and Gail Schau (director).

Following the meeting, despite the rain and wind, a few members met at Muskoseepi Park for a coffee visit. The scheduled walk,

## Back-to-School Breakfast

At the Grande Prairie Golf and Country Club on August 31 there was just as much excitement in the air as in any school on the first day of classes. It was great to see friends that we hadn't been in touch with during COVID-times.

This year we once again owe our thanks to Barry Edgar for the email communications and organizing the event. As the saying goes, "Fun was had by all".





You may wish to view more Breakfast pictures on  
NWARTA's Photo Gallery

<https://artabranches.net/nwarta/photo-gallery/>

## Autumn Nature Walk and Museum Tour

September 15 certainly wasn't one of the best autumn days, but the Kleskun Hill Nature Walk went as scheduled. Layered clothing to protect against the cold wind made all the difference.



Despite the weather, it was a great stroll with Peace Area

Naturalist, Margot Hervieux. As we wandered, Margot spoke of the diverse microclimates found in this small area and pointed out vegetation including small desert cacti. She also included information about Bentonite and its importance in creating a strong mortar in the construction of the early residents' log cabins.

Back at the main buildings, Josephine was excited to speak of the summer's archeological dig and explained the season's dinosaur bone findings. After our bag lunch, we spent time touring the museum village and listening to stories of the early settlers in the Bezanson area.

This was a great day and we're thrilled that Margot has agreed to join us on another stroll in the spring ... perhaps at Saskatoon Mountain or even a repeat of the Kleskun Hill area.

You may wish to view more Kleskun Hill pictures on NWARTA's Photo Gallery

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## Orange T-Shirt



NWARTA members were invited to show their support for *Every Child Matters* by writing a supportive message or providing a picture to post

on the NWARTA Facebook page.

The recipient of an *Every Child Matters* t-shirt was Cate Sazwan.

## Remembrance Day, 2021

NWARTA once again participated in the Grande Prairie Royal Canadian Legion 54 Remembrance Day Ceremonies. The in-person event was held at the Bonnetts Energy Centre. However, to limit movement, wreaths were pre-laid.

On behalf of members, Treasurer Maxine and President Joan went to the Legion to purchase the wreath in remembrance of "Canada's Fallen".



## Membership Renewals

In the past while you may have received an email from NWARTA Secretary, Jeannette Borstad. She explained that while membership fees had been waived last year, fees are due for 2021-2022.

If your membership is not renewed by November 30<sup>th</sup>, it will be assumed you no longer wish to be member and your name will be removed from the database.

If, however, you wish to **renew by mail** please print and complete the membership form found at

<https://artabranches.net/nwarta/membership/membership-application/>

and mail both your form and cheque to:

**NWARTA Treasurer**

**PO Box 1435**

**Grande Prairie, AB T8V 4Z2**

*Membership fee is \$10/year.*

*You have the option to pay year by year or to pre-pay up to 5 years.*

To **renew electronically and pay by e-transfer**, complete the electronic version of the membership form and follow the instructions for an e-transfer:

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### Want to invite a friend?

NWARTA welcomes all community retirees to become members.

Events and activities are planned to "promote a healthy, active and enhanced quality of life for retired persons".

Community retirees are welcome.

