

WILD ROSE NEWS

AGM 2013

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Join us for our 2013 Annual General Meeting



It seems like only yesterday we were gathered for the Wild Rose Agricultural Producers' 2012 AGM, yet here we are gearing up for 2013. Our 17th Annual General Meeting and Convention, *Sharing the Vision in Agriculture*, is scheduled to take place around the same time of year as usual – January 15 and 16, 2013. However, the venue will be far from usual, as we are heading to the mountains and the Banff Park Lodge for an event we're sure you won't want to miss.

Our expert guest speakers will include Wendy Holm, award-winning agrologist, economist, author and journalist, on why food security and food sovereignty are essential to a sustainable future for Canada, and what policy respect for our farmers and communities really looks like. Aj Thakker from the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan and Guy Ash of WeatherFarm will enthrall you with tales of the good, the bad, and the ugly when it comes to keeping tabs on Mother Nature.

You'll also have an opportunity to participate in some key governance decisions facing our organization. Resolutions that will set our direction in 2013 are currently being developed at regional meetings taking place in communities across Alberta. If you are able, you should plan to attend the meeting in your area.

It's important that you book your accommodations for the AGM by November 30, 2012 to guarantee the fantastic low rate of \$105 per night (plus taxes). And if you want to turn your trip to Banff into a mini-vacation after a hectic Christmas holiday season, we've negotiated the same great room rate for two nights before and two nights after the AGM.

We're also introducing a unique feature this year. If you don't want to worry about driving, you have the option to book a seat on a chartered motor coach that will be departing January 14 from three locations in Alberta – Camrose, Lacombe, and Rocky View – and returning on January 16 (departure times will be announced closer to the AGM). Sit back, relax and enjoy the ride with comfortable seats, large scenic-view windows, and a restroom while someone else does the driving! Seating is limited, so book early.

Our banquet will be taking place at Brewster's MountView Barbecue. Inside the Brewster "donut" shaped facility, you'll enjoy a hearty, buffet-style meal of famous Brewster BBQ hip of beef around a central bonfire that provides warmth and atmosphere. A live band will provide western entertainment and if your toes start tapping and just won't stop, you'll be able to dance the night away.

We hope you're able to join us in *Sharing the Vision in Agriculture* to partake of what promises to be great discussions, great speakers, and great entertainment. Please take a minute to complete and return the enclosed registration form today.

I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arjun Jacobson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

President