



ARGRAculture

March 2009 Edition

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Event Photos from the last 3
ARGRA events... enjoy



SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2009

**COME OUT & BE PART OF OUR
AMAZING MEMBERSHIP,
IT DOES HAVE ITS PRIVILEGES!**

ARGRA MEMBERSHIP WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE DANCE,
CHECK OUT WWW.ARGRA.ORG FOR ALL THE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS.

Wet your Whistle with great Lower drink prices! Late Night Buffet!

Where: Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Hall, 1320 5th Ave. N.W., Calgary, Alberta



SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2009

BARN DANCE

**IT WAS SO MUCH FUN LAST TIME,
Let's Do It Again!**

**Show Proof Of Membership for
Non-Profit Organization and Admission
Is \$6 ARGRA Members Price.
Non Members \$10. Doors Open at 8PM.**



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Sponsors, Retailers and Advertisers!

**The 16th Annual Bud
Light Canadian
Rockies International
Rodeo is fast
approaching. Get
exposed at ARGRA**

Contact:

sponsorship@argra.org

DECEMBER



AN INTIMATE HOLIDAY Dinner & Comedy Show

presented by: 

Entertainment by: **December 6, 2008**
Joanna - International Comic Impressionist

cocktails 6:00 PM
 inner 7:30 PM. Show to follow
 Holiday Roast Beef Dinner
 members \$20.00, Non-Members \$25.00
 tickets Available at The Calgary Eagle,
 the Backlot, and Online with PAYPAL
 at: www.ARGRA.org
 last day to purchase your
 ticket is December 1st, 2008

EVENT LOCATION:
 The Alexandra Centre 922 9 Ave SE (Inglewood)



President's Corner

In the traditional voice of Mini Pearl...*Howdy!*



Well, there's nothing like rodeo, there is nothing like the Alberta Rockies Gay Rodeo Association. And we are off to a jewel of a rodeo venue, expansive camping area, fantastic retailer and vendor space. A silent auction that will be a hub of activity and will display some of the biggest

and best in Art and items; rodeo all day, fun all night, and all under one roof. What more can I say plan to take the weekend of the 26-28 off from work shine up those boots and lets come together and party!

Strathmore you say, what is there? Everything, Strathmore is a bustling community live with all the necessities from Tim Horton's through to Wall-Mart and tones of old town style in between. The town knows "we" are coming and are excited about the opportunities to build business related relationships together. They love the pink dollar and can not wait for us to spend it. Please visit www.strathmore.ca for more information, maps and local excitement information.

So with all that being said let get together, play together and hang on for an exciting fresh new "Greatest out door Gay show on earth"!

Giddy Up!
Heather Murray - ARGRA President 2006-09

Come & Play With Us!!!

We're just over 3 months away from CRIR 2009 and the pieces are all falling into place!!!

This year's Rodeo Committee is working harder than ever to put on another great event. With the move to Strathmore this year we're looking at re-vamping our thinking and putting together a weekend to remember full of **Wild West Fun** and games.

Our silent auction has grown over the past number of years and is now the Outlooks Art/Silent Auction. We have over 50 items up for bid already with an approximate retail value of \$30,000. This year there are artists being showcased from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

As mentioned in an earlier message, camping is now available for booking on-line at www.argra.org and responses have been great to-date. If you haven't already booked your spot in the campground it's time to start thinking about it!! The cost for the entire weekend is only \$45.00 per site.

Again this year, weekend packages will be available through our website and we're proud to say that our prices have remained the same! We have also confirmed our entertainment for this year and are pleased to announce that Gord Bamford will be our headliner act for the Friday night cabaret. Gord is a local Albertan who has been moving up quickly on the country music charts across North America. He released a fun song earlier this year that

I'm sure many of us can relate to; "I went for one but I stayed till two". As an added bonus this year we are also featuring live entertainment commencing immediately after the awards ceremony on Sunday evening. For this we have secured local recording artist Steve Arsenault. Steve and his band play everything from Michael Jackson to Johnny Cash and are sure to be a big hit with everyone

Another new addition to our rodeo this year will feature the introduction of the Gay Calgary Community Carnival. ARGRA would like to invite other non-profit organizations to host carnival/mid-way games to raise money for their groups.



There will be no cost for a non-profit organization to set up a carnival type game but we are requesting that your games are reasonably priced, i.e. a loonie or a twoonie. Some ideas that have already been presented are; a dunk-tank; a ring-toss; dart throwing at balloons, etc. ARGRA has sourced out local companies that rent carnival type games and are willing to help organizations with the tools to get them started. Space may be limited so if you would like to participate or if you need more information please contact sponsorship@argra.org.

If you are interested in getting more involved with ARGRA or the Rodeo Committee please feel free to drop me a line at rodeodirector@argra.org. The more involved you become the more fun you will have, and that's a promise!

Happy Trails,
Janie



FEBRUARY SLEIGH RIDE



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CARNIVAL

June 26-28, 2009

The Alberta Rockies Gay Rodeo Association would like to invite other non-profit organizations to participate in our upcoming rodeo. The **Canadian Rockies International Rodeo** is the largest GLBT event in Alberta and one of the largest in Canada!

We are inviting a limited number of groups to host carnival/mid-way games to raise money for your groups while supporting our great event. We will not charge anything for your organization to participate we simply request your games are priced at a loonie or toonie and that your people pay to enter the grounds as any other guest. We know that everyone will feel the value with carnival games, great food, beer gardens, daily entertainment on the "Bud-Light Stage" and retail tent.

Our art show and silent/art auction ... and thats all before you even get to the rodeo itself!

Space may be limited so contact us today!

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