

Did you know that 2009 marks the 71st birthday of the Baldur Memorial Hall? In 1988 the Baldur Foresters handed the hall over to the R.M. of Argyle for \$1.00. Operation and Maintenance of the building was to be done through interested community citizens. And sure enough, the citizens of Baldur and area stepped to the plate for over 20 years. From the first volunteer committee made off Margaret Sigvaldason, Bill Warrener, Linda Gordon, Lucile DeBaets and Florence Trinder, to the present day Baldur Community Development Association, the hall has continued to serve the needs of the community.

Close your eyes and imagine all the events you have attended at the hall. Weddings...Funerals... Graduations... Fowl Suppers... School Dances...Christmas Concerts...! The list goes on and on. Who can forget those New Year's Dances? Or Greenway, Jasmin, 3 Penny Opera, Grease Pit 5?

Over the years, the volunteer committees have worked hard to maintain and improve the operation of the hall. Just think of the new chairs and tables that have added for our use and the new shingles installed in 2001. Saying that, it is time for a major investment in this valued community centre. Several projects have been prioritized by a facility consultant from Manitoba Culture Heritage & Tourism. From insulation, to low flush toilets, fire protection, and new siding – if we want to keep this hall for another 71 years, the time to act is now.

BCDA has started a campaign to make community members aware of the needs of the Baldur Memorial Hall. We are working on a 3 year plan that will state the required and desired renovations and determine the amount of income that will be required to achieve our goals. We have received funding from community members, the Endowment Fund and from people connected to the community with fond memories. Recently, we were pleased to find out that this year's "Argyle Lodge Association's Christmas Card Campaign" will benefit the hall. The Community Auction slated for April 3rd 2010 will be a major fundraiser for the Community Hall Project, so get your tickets now and while you are at it, make a pledge to donate an auction item for this exciting community gathering. Several other community projects will benefit from the Community Auction. We are also accessing external funding through Community Places and the Manitoba Community Services Council. Baldur Community Development Association is the drive behind the project and over the next few months we will be creating a formal hall committee to once again manage and operate the facility.

We will reach the goals with your assistance. A dedication ceremony will take place during the August 2012 Homecoming. So, mark August 3,4,5th, 2012 on your calendar and plan on being there.