

## *Sib and Don Peden - Our Volunteer Couple of the Year*

Sib and Don are amazing people.

Sib is a person who needs to be busy and productive and Don backs her all the way. He realizes how important it is for Sib to contribute to various things. And he gives her a strong hand and contributes to the job at hand, and is patient until she feels the job is done and is ready to go home.

The family have in the past been contributors of 4H, Gymkhana, sports, aerial skiing, fairs and horse shows. The property where Don and Sib live now was the last place that was homesteaded in the Magnolia area. Sib's family was raised in the Magnolia area. Her grandparents homestead is across from Trestle Creek, a huge golf course that is still being built. Her parents also lived in the Magnolia area.

Sib has led the Magnolia Joy of Gardening Club and is in her second current year of contributing on the Magnolia Hall board. I'm sure she has done even more in the past that the current board does not even know about.

This couple is usually in the background, but is an incredible help to the community. As for volunteering, Sib basically sees a need and then fills it in whatever way she can. Members on the board regularly get a call from Sib because she is communicating something that has been taken care of and we are relieved that that particular item has been completed and we don't have to be concerned about it.

One of Sib's strong points is decorating creatively, sometimes with not much to go on

- she decorates our showcase in the lobby every month or so, with a different theme each time.
- she has featured many different pioneer families in this showcase, helping to honour the help to the hall in the past
- she lends beautiful props for the decorating of the hall in different seasons

She continually comes up with ideas for making things better and more efficient

- she assists in keeping the hall VERY clean
- she gives helpful input to the board
- she helps reorganize things

At social events or board meetings, Sib brings delicious treats and beverages to be served, all with tasteful containers and presentations. She is often available to help before and after our Jamborees.

Sib and Don have helped to refurbish tables, donated a fire pit surround and installed it, set up tables and chairs for special events, and even donated and build a decorative pergola for the front of the hall with the Anderson family. I'm sure we're leaving out dozens of contributions they have made.

In short, Sib and Don have done a lot to honour the past, enjoy what they are doing in the present, and contribute strongly to the future, especially for the people and the hall at Magnolia, Alberta.

**Sib and Don - We thank you very much for your giving attitudes and generous contributions of time and effort.**