

Cattlemen's Martin Riedemann Society – Raising funds for bursaries!

The Cattlemen's Martin Riedemann Society held its second on-line auction of items donated for the benefit of supporting the Bursary Program. While we are all missing the action of an entertaining live auction, we were pleased to receive seven items for auction, and the results will help us continue with the awarding the bursaries again next year. Seven items were listed for seven days and \$2,240 was raised for the fund. Many thanks to BC Livestock Producers for hosting this auction, and enabling us to continue the fundraising effort.



The 2021 buckle donated by the Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen's Association was again the sought-after prize. BCCA Vice-president, Brian Thomas was the lucky finally bidder adding \$1,000 to the pot. Donation of a beautiful horseshoe lamp from the Kamloops Stockmen's Association goes home to Harold and Pat Starr and the Quesnel Cattlemen's Association sent a lovely leather bracelet which now belongs to Karen McKean. The wreath of honour was made it back to the auction block - Hallie MacDonald is the next name to be added to that fund-raising treasure. Peace River Regional Cattlemen's Association donated a beautiful knife made by Jesse Lambert, and Larry Warren made and donated an amazing sheath to go with it. Always after the best knives, BCCA President Renee Ardill had the winning bid!

Dr. Morton Doron who practiced in Williams Lake for many years contacted the office a year or so ago wishing to donate paintings by Frances Stocks which we gratefully received and added them to our auction this year. What a pleasure to learn that the successful bidder, Joanna Krynen had been excited and anxious to buy these paintings and to donate to the Martin Riedemann fund as her father Hank Krynen had been great friends with Martin and of Raybone Johnson (featured in one of the paintings). Even more fun to find out, Hank's wife Julie was a nursing colleague of Dr. Morton! Sometimes the auction raises sentimental stories as well as funds!



All funds raised, along with those donated for specific awards grants a total of \$23,000 annually to 15 BC students to assist with the costs of their education. The Cattlemen's Martin Riedemann Society administers the charity which raises funds to support the bursary program – you can make a donation by cheque to the society OR through www.canadahelps.org. In 2015 the charity was started with a

generous gift from Martin Riedemann's sisters and has continued to grow through auction receipts and additional gifts. At the end of 2020, the fund was over \$640,000!

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