

Partnership with Nature

Dr. Henry Marshall

Henry Marshall (1916-1994) was a professional gardener and a horticulturalist. Regarded by some of his colleagues as the most brilliant plant scientist in Manitoba, he bred and developed over 40 different plant varieties. He is best known for the development of the hardy Parkland series of roses including the "Cuthbert Grant," "Adelaide Hoodless," "Morden Cardinette" and "Morden Centennial."

Self-taught and a man of many talents, Dr. Marshall shared his learning in many scientific articles. He conducted an extensive survey of the flora in this region and published the results in *Pembina Hills Flora*. He served as President of the Morden and District Museum and was active in the Morden United Church.

Dr. Marshall was the recipient of numerous awards for his contribution to horticulture. He received the Centennial Medal in 1967 and an Honorary Doctorate of Science from the University of Brandon in 1974. Posthumously, he was inducted into the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame.



A.P. Stevenson

Alexander P. Stevenson (1854-1922) was a pioneer fruit grower who immigrated to Canada from Scotland at the age of 20. He began Canadian life in Toronto, followed by a move to Winnipeg, and finally settled on a farm near Nelson. There he experimented with growing numerous fruits including cherries, strawberries, plums and perhaps most significantly, apples. He worked as a tree planting inspector with the Dominion Forestry Branch for 20 years.

Mr. Stevenson was generous in sharing his knowledge and expertise. He often spoke at public meetings and made himself available as an advisor regarding shelterbelts, landscaping, fruits and various aspects of farming.

Over the years, Mr. Stevenson received numerous accolades including the posthumous presentation of the Carter Gold Medal in recognition for his advancement of horticulture in Canada, and induction into the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Mr. Stevenson's successful experimentation undoubtedly influenced the Department of Agriculture's decision to establish the Dominion Experimental Farm in Morden in 1916. Known as the "Apple King", Stevenson became an invaluable agricultural resource, not only locally, but across the country.

Walter Bollenbach

Walter Bollenbach (1926-2002) was born on his family's homestead near Thornhill. Walter knew a full day's work, which often extended beyond the farm to volunteering countless hours in Morden with the Elks and Curling Clubs, church and school boards, Morden Golf Course, Colert Beach and the Recreation Centre.

While he preferred to wear his blue hard hat, Walter was a man of many hats. He touched many lives as a great carpenter, welder, butcher, planner, builder and master chef.

In 1978, as Morden's Citizen of the Year, he was described as the 'spark plug' that ignited the Building Committee of the Morden Recreation Centre. He donated much of the gravel fill and worked all winter, designing and welding hand rails for the stairs and bleachers. Walter organized the Elks BBQ at events like the July 1st Sports Day, Corn & Apple and the International Golf Tournament. He fixed barbeques, sharpened knives, made sure meat was wrapped and utensils clean, even built new barbeques when needed. Don Sager would say: "I liked to get there early... a little later than Walt."

Big Walt's booming laugh heralded a man who could play as hard as he worked, and with good humour he took on any challenge. He is remembered as a man who got involved, took charge, and got the job done right!



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