



Happy end of May, Purcell friends! Spring is now in full swing, and the Purcell Lodge family are busier than ever. 'Tis the season, as once the warm weather hits all the planning for summer started happening. This past month we celebrated our Collective Mother. We are grateful for Mother Earth who sustains life on this planet for us all. Our ability to survive and thrive on this earth depends on how we treat her. Thank you Mother Earth for giving us the gifts of life. The earth is a beautiful, dynamic and vibrant place to be living in. Once a year, countries around the world celebrate Mother's Day. This year, May 8<sup>th</sup> was dedicated to all mothers, the world can express respect and acknowledge the roles of mothers in our society. Hope all the amazing moms out there had a special day.



*"Some call me nature, others call me Mother Nature. When I thrive, you thrive. When I falter, you falter. I am nature. I will go on. I am prepared to evolve are you?"*



#### **Get Outside & Happy Adventuring Everyone**

May in the backcountry continued to be a time of transition. Winter activities ceased and many summer ones had yet to start. Mountain biking, hiking and sightseeing at lower valley elevation were enjoyed this month. Springtime weather was unpredictable and we saw snowstorms to warm temperatures and everything in between.

By mid month, the sun was shining and the snow finally stopped falling. Most campgrounds in British Columbia opened over the May long weekend. To view the provincial and national park sites please go to <http://www.hellobc.com>.

For Camping in Golden BC go to:  
<https://goldenmunicipalcampground.com/index.html>



Hope everyone starts getting outside for a daily dose of nature and vitamin D. Consider exploring the many BC camping options available.

#### **July Catered & Self Guided Tours - Take Advance of Our Last Minute Deals**

Friday July 5 to Monday July 8 - 3 Night Stay in the Main Lodge **\$1100 per person plus tax**  
Friday July 19 to Monday July 23 4 Night Stay in the Chalet **\$1300 per person plus tax**

Book by June 15<sup>th</sup>  
Privately Guided add \$400 per person plus tax based on minimum two guests

Thirty years of Perfect Memories. Thirty Years Blessed.

### Purcell Mountain Lodge Celebrating Thirty Years 1989 - 2019



Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Purcell Mountain Lodge. The Purcell Mountain Lodge family are honoured and humbled to celebrate 30 years of backcountry bliss. Purcell Lodge is a magical “Island in the Sky” and those who have visited us echo the same feelings. Canmore based writer Jordan Small, with the Rocky Mountain Outlook had the opportunity to meet and interview Sunny Sun, one of the owners of Purcell Mountain Lodge. Purcell Mountain Lodge changed ownership 10 years ago and the business has grown steadily thru hard work, customer care and attention to detail. The Purcell Mountain Lodge family have enjoyed the progression of building a solid foundation over the last ten years. Our family have leaned on each other thru the hurdles of growing a new venture, our team remains solidified and standing tall. We are all still smiling and sharing laughs together 10 years in. And that’s something we are extremely proud of.



*It’s backcountry for everybody,” said Sun. “This is a place I love and this is its 30th year anniversary. We created a world-class backcountry lodge and we have a world-class team waiting for all the guests from all over the world.”*

Rocky Mountain  
**Outlook**

An interview with owner Sunny Sun  
Video Production by Aida Murias Alcaide  
Sedulous One Media

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tk7Be5ftX7I>



Thank you to Jordan Small for the write up “Backcountry Life for Everyone”  
The story in the Rocky Mountain Outlook can be found at the link  
<https://www.rmoutlook.com/article/backcountry-life-for-everyone-20190509>



Purcell Mountain Lodge is a backcountry haven for all ages. Each season we host milestone birthdays, celebrations, anniversaries, family reunions and retreats.

If you have a special occasion coming up email [info@purcellmountainlodge.com](mailto:info@purcellmountainlodge.com) or call 1 888 767 8989 to collaborate on your event.



**Backcountry Lodges of BC Association Annual General Meeting  
June 5 & 6 Kamloops BC**

The BLBCA consists of remote lodges accessible by helicopter in the winter. Several of lodges in the association are accessible by hiking in the summertime. Each year our collaborative group of professional mechanized operators look forward to seeing each other at the BLBCA Annual General Meeting. It is a dedicated group focused on determination, collaboration and embracing change to drive results. Together we act as allies exploring new and innovative ways to achieve our goals. It is a pleasure to be a part of such a strategic group of Lodge owners who operate with integrity and strict safety guidelines.

**All activities in the winter or summer are self propel The BLBCA family is committed to leave as small a footprint as possible. Leading our passion is Executive Director Brad Harrison. Brad has been instrumental in staying on top of BC Government impact on our operations.**



Geologist Thomas Kubli

Geoscientist Susan Eaton

	<p><b>Canada Day Week Opening Tour</b></p> <p>Join Geologist-in-Residence Thomas Kubli Geotourism Writer Susan R. Eaton Monday July 1 to Friday July 5 Half &amp; Full Day Privately Guided Tours</p> <p>Call 1 888 767 8989 for Last Minutes Deals <b>Seat Sale till June 15 \$1588 per person</b></p>
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“Alberta-based Susan R. Eaton is a geoscientist, journalist and polar explorer. Susan began her media career as an on-camera reporter with CBC-TV. Today as a freelance writer, she reports on science and technology, business, energy, the environment, space, geotourism and adventure travel.”

<p><b>Shuttle Services</b> <b>Calgary YYC Airport to Golden BC</b></p> <p><a href="http://xploregoldentours.com">xploregoldentours.com</a> 250 939 8419</p> <p><b>Proprietor: David Perez</b></p>	
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### August Special Events



Life is a challenge, meet it!

Life is a dream, realize it!

Life is a game, play it!

Life is love, enjoy it!

-Sri Sathya Sai Baba



### Meet Meg Osada Former Special Olympian Athlete and Artist with Down Syndrome

At age 25 years young, Meg Osada, Canmore Alberta is already an accomplished figure skater, rhythmic gymnast, dancer and model. Purcell Mountain Lodge is pleased to feature Meg as one of the 2019 summer Artist in Residence. Meg is a full time student at Indefinite Art Centre, Calgary, AB. Her work has been featured internationally in various exhibits. We are thrilled to welcome Meg as our featured Artist in Residence this summer.

We hope you will join us August 12-16.

### Purcell Mountain Lodge Helping Hands in the Community

Avalanche Canada  
MS Bike Team Rehab  
Karma Concerts  
Canadian Liver Foundation  
Canadian Transplant Association  
Crohns & Colitis  
Woods Home Never Give Up Gala  
Win4Skin  
CHAS Annual Golf Charity Auction  
Knights of Columbus



The Big Ball – Prostate Cancer  
Mustard Seed - Edmonton  
Bonnyville Health Foundation  
Holy Name School  
Knights of Columbus  
UPC Bow Valley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Trail Ride  
PSAC Stars and Spurs Gala  
Trout's Unlimited Edmonton & Calgary  
Parkland Institute



### August Tours Guided & Catered

July 29 - August 2 (2 private rooms)  
August 9 -12 (3 private rooms)  
August 12 -16 (6 private rooms)  
August 16 -19 ( 5 private rooms)  
August 19 - 23 ( 8 private rooms)  
August 26 - 30



### September Tours Guided & Catered

September 2-6



## December Tour Dates



- December 13 - December 16 - Season Opener Tour
- December 16 - December 20 - Escape to the Purcells Holiday Weekday Tour
- December 20 - December 23 - Ho Ho Holiday Retreat Weekend Tour
- December 23 - December 27 - Christmas in the Purcells Tour (Sold Out)
- December 27 - December 30 - Get Ready for 2020 Pre New Year Tour
- December 30 - January 3 - Annual New Year's Extravaganza Tour

Winter 2019/2020 offers guided or self guided and catered or self catered options. Bookings are now being accepted. Opening tour will commence December 13, 2019 and run thru to early April 2020. We are proud to be a backcountry lodge for everyone and love welcoming beginner to advanced ski touring enthusiasts and snowshoers.



**Get Ready for Winter Ski Touring Season**

Back for the third year  
Yamnuska Mountain Adventures Presents  
**Introduction to Beginner Backcountry**  
December 13-16 or January 17-20

**Recreational AST 2**  
December 16-20 or January 13-17  
Go to <https://www.yamnuska.com> to book your spots  
Call 1 866 678 4164

## Avalanche! New E-Book Released by Shadow Light Productions



It is the Guide's own reference to safer travel in the mountains. The e-book is compatible with laptop or desktop computers and is available for purchase starting May 2019.

**Visit [www.shadowlightproductions.ca/e-books/](http://www.shadowlightproductions.ca/e-books/) to learn more or purchase a copy.**

Doug Latimer has more than 20 years of mountain experience and has guided for over 20 years at many operations. He has guided for helicopter, snowcat and ski touring operations. He had also worked as an avalanche forecaster, taught mountain winter safety with Yamnuska Mountain Adventures, the University of Calgary and the Alpine Club of Canada.

Doug Latimer and wife Rachel Gaulk created an e-book called "Avalanche! Avalanche! is an essential resources for anyone venturing into the backcountry. Doug's extensive experience teaching avalanche courses and their own production company Shadow Light Productions meshed perfectly for this project. We are so happy to share the news about the e-book success of our Purcell Lodge family member. Doug Latimer is the former Manager and Lead Guide at Purcell Mountain Lodge. Congratulations!



**What our Purcell Lodge family have been up to?**



Left: Derm was in Paris, France looking fashionable wearing his Purcell Mountain Lodge jacket



Above -Peter & Brenna just got engaged! The two plan to tie the knot next fall. Congratulations to the happy couple!

Middle: Hosts/ Caretakers Hugh & Cheryl are sporting their Purcell "swag" at the lake



300 students in the graduating class of Emily Carr presented their work for the year end show. Chef Grace was one of thirty-eight students recognized for their exceptional work. She was awarded the Van Gogh Design Furniture + Wood Design Graduation Award for her piece, Garbage Chair.



Chef Julie and partner Kyle completed the West Coast Trail in May. Way to go!



Host/Caretaker Lara is enjoying some rest and relaxation in her comfortable hammock



Right: Susanne & Derm enjoyed three weeks of travelling in Europe. The best part of the trip was spent with their kids Thomas and Odessa and sweet granddaughter Isabel



Left: Host/Caretaker Doug has been helping with the school Outdoor Education program