November 25, 2026

Dear Bertha,

The Red Deer Ramblers send you our heartiest CONGRATULATIONS on the great honour of being the ***first*** recipient of the **Lifetime Achievement Award** from the Stewards of Alberta's Protected Area Association (SAPAA)! Well-deserved!

Your long commitment and dedication to our beautiful Mountain Bluebirds is well-known to many of the Ramblers who have accompanied you over the years as you trekked out to Kootenay Plains to check on the bluebird boxes and their inhabitants. I know that I always say "Hello!" and point out Bertha's Bluebird Boxes when we travel past that area on the way to hikes in the Rockies.

You hold a special place in the hearts of the Red Deer Ramblers as one of our Three B's founders, long-time member and respected hiking leader, winner of the Owl Award and fierce protector of our wild places, flora and fauna, and especially the Mountain Bluebirds.

On behalf of the Red Deer Ramblers, we send a rousing Hip Hip Hooray and big hugs!

Maureen McCall and the rest of the Ramblers

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