

FARMED partners with “Wonders & Light Photography”

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This past year, the volunteers with FARMED have been focused on implementing the Opportunities 2022 & Beyond Project that is multi-faceted and complex. Grants have been written with funding secured, the AgriConnect Site launched, Tours held, Workshops being facilitated, Videos being created, and many partnerships developed. One of our most recent partnerships came to fruition earlier this fall when our volunteers were discussing the upgrade and design of our Highway Billboard Signage along Highway 97 north and south of Quesnel. With funding support from the Quesnel Community Foundation, FARMED is able to refresh this signage that is weathered and faded from 10 years of exposure to the elements. One thing we realised was the need for updated images! Through our connections, FARMED reached out to local photographer



Janet Clark of Wonders & Light Photography to discuss the project and see if she was interested in getting involved. Janet, a long time resident of the North Cariboo, understood our need and without hesitation, joined us as a partner. Janet was able to visualise what would work well in terms of images for this project. After a brief conversation talking about types of photographs needed - e.g. views of farms, chickens, vegetables, horses, cattle, forage, etc she hit the road, trails and fields with her camera and ran with it.

Janet was born and raised in Quesnel and other than spending 2 years in Prince George while studying Forestry, she has lived in Quesnel her whole life. Following a 2 year Forest Technologist Program Janet completed a Nursing Program at the UNBC Campus - North Cariboo and today when not out taking photos, she works in health care in Gerontology. Janet was introduced to photography in 2014 when she took a course. During the course, she was recognised as “Student of the Year” and during a Photography Art Show, one of her photos was voted as Peoples Choice. Janet’s favourite things to photograph are cemeteries, as they tell a story, old buildings, wildlife, and landscapes. Recently, she supported the Quesnel Auto Racers Association by capturing many driving images on film. From Janet’s perspective, “everything is an adventure” and she loves to “photograph what folks may not see - for example the small mushroom”. Capturing “the wonders of the unknown” leads to her business name “Wonders & Light”. Other past times, Janet enjoys are cooking, using her smoker, trying new recipes, quilting, rock hounding, camping, backroad adventures, fishing and hunting with her partner. She also enjoys spending time with her 7 dogs - of which 5 are Jack Russells! While Janet grew up in the city, she spent much time on her grandmother’s 2 quarter sections past Woodpecker (north of Hixon) alongside sheep, cattle, pigs, goats, geese and pigeons! It is clear that she has farming and rural life in her blood! Recently, Janet began making mugs and tumblers using her photographs. She enjoys seeing the final product.



FARMED really appreciates the time and effort Janet took to gain the photographs for our project. They are all beautiful and we are excited to be able to use them on the Highway Billboard Signage, on www.farmed.ca and on some gift cards.

To connect with Janet, please go to Wonders & Light Photography on [facebook](#).



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