



" I just want to sing"

Pearl Hodges

Pearl Hodges exemplifies the meaning the Spirit of 26. She has sung barbershop music for nearly 50 years. Nine of those years were with prospective choruses in Swift Current and Moose Jaw. Pearl joined Prairie Gold in 1983 and hasn't looked back.

During that time she has sung in four registered quartets (the longest being A Touch of Gold for 30 years) and many pick up and kooky quartets in the chorus. She is currently a dual member with Magic City. Most of you will remember Pearl as the yodeler with the chorus and quartet. You will often see her at International Convention.

During the past 40 years, Pearl knew if she "just wanted to sing" it took being involved in the administrative side of the chorus. She has been president and treasurer and has been on many committees including costume, choreo, membership and, of course, quartet promotion. Many of the costumes Prairie Gold wore were sewn by Pearl. The chorus has spent many functions at the Hodges household, including kooky quartet nights, chorus wind up parties and pot luck dinners.

Pearl has many other loves in her life, including her husband of 63 years, Gerry and her three boys and many grand and great grandchildren. Pearl loves to travel and twice travelled with her quartet on cruises where they ended up performing on the ship.

She has been a clown since 1992 and was part of the Queen City Caring Clowns. Pearl doesn't only sing, she dances! She is proud of her Romanian heritage and has performed before the Queen with the Emenescu Dances.

Prairie Gold is pleased to recognize Pearl Hodges as their 2023 Carol Poole Spirit of 26 Honouree.

Prairie Gold Chorus

