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Something Different for the 100th Father's Day!

Bon Accord, AB May 31, 2010. Father's Day will be 100 years old this June! Prairie Gardens & Adventure Farm is doing something different by getting back to true intent of the celebration - to honor and spend time with Dads on this special date with a Father's Day Summer Picnic on Saturday, June 19th from 11 am to 5 pm! Join us at the farm as we celebrate with families, food, friends, and of course, Dad!

Father's Day should be about families and the love, tenderness and gratefulness within them, which is what a Spokane, Washington woman, Mrs. Sonora Smart Dodd, originally intended. She is often referred to as the "Mother of Father's Day", and is credited as the founder of the annual celebration with the first Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

Prairie Gardens & Adventure Farms is honoring Father's Day with a traditional "getting back to our roots" on the farm family event - a Summer Picnic and Country Hoe-down! This is a full day of family fun with Dad in mind, including Wagon Rides, a Bale-Maze, Petting Farm, a Giant Checker match, Sack Races and Egg and Spoon competitions. Advance tickets include a hearty summer picnic buffet. They are \$20 for adults, or \$10 for children aged 12 and under. Babies to toddlers age 2 are free. Guests are invited to kick back and with live music from the Keith Remple Country Band as they enjoy a day and a country feast honoring Dad.

Today Father's Day is celebrated from Antigua to Zimbabwe in over 50 countries around the world. The holiday has to an extent lost some of its original meaning with many focusing on commercial elements such as mass produced presents and cards. Prairie Gardens has created a special date for Dad much like what founder Mrs. Sonora Smart Dodd originally had in mind.

Sonora was 16 years old when her mother died in 1898, leaving her father, William Jackson Smart, to raise Sonora and her five younger brothers on a farm. Mother's Day had been officially approved as a national holiday in 1909 and when Sonora heard a Mother's Day sermon at a local church, she was inspired to propose that fathers receive a special day of recognition, too.