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**CELEBRATING
WDM VOLUNTEERS!**



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June 17	Ride for Dad

WDM Yorkton

Through Apr. 16	<i>A Taste of Science</i> exhibit from Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
May 7	Mommy & Me – Cookies and Tea
May 21	Discovery Box Family Programming
May 31 - Oct.	<i>Insects, Flowers & Food</i> exhibit from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
June 4	Movies at the Museum
June 11	Daddy & I – Coffee and Pie
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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



VICKERS VEDETTE DEDICATION CEREMONY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017

Celebrating Volunteers

This February, I was honoured to be able to attend the dedication ceremony for the Vickers Vedette replica flying boat that was built by the Vintage Aircraft Restorers at the WDM Moose Jaw. This dedicated group of volunteers contributed more than 23,300 hours over a 10-year period building the Vickers Vedette which is now proudly on display in Moose Jaw. This dedication was bittersweet as this airplane represents the last project for the Vintage Aircraft Restorers. Since 1980, this group of volunteers have built, repaired and restored nine aircraft as well as the Oxford cockpit and Chevy Supreme truck. This is just one example of the amazing contributions volunteers make to the WDM.

April 23–29 is National Volunteer Week in Canada and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our WDM volunteers. We are fortunate to have over 1,400 volunteers working at all WDM locations throughout the province. Without their time, skills and dedication, many of the programs and activities offered by the WDM would not be possible.

Volunteers do so much at each WDM location whether it is assisting with school programs, restoring vehicles, demonstrating traditional skills, helping in the library or sharing stories with visitors, the contributions our volunteers make is astounding. In 2015 alone, volunteers contributed over 56,560 hours at the WDM.

Not only has the WDM benefited from the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, but so have all who visit the Museum and get to experience our shared history.

I am truly grateful for the contributions made by each and every one of our volunteers. To all our volunteers, thank you for sharing your passion for Saskatchewan's history with us. Thank you for your work, your dedication and for being such an important part of the Western Development Museum.

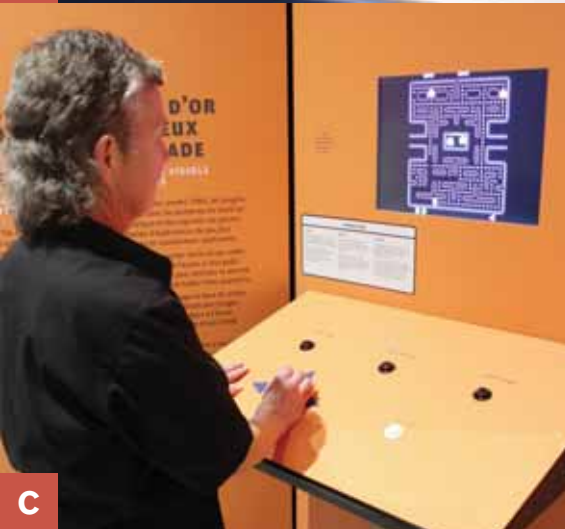
Joan Kanigan, CEO

IN THE GALLERIES

A WDM Moose Jaw – *The Dream of the 80s*
WDM Travelling Showcase Exhibit



B WDM North Battleford – *Big Bert*
from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
Through April 30



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from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
May 31 – October

WDM MOOSE JAW



VOLUNTEERS SHARE THEIR ENTHUSIASM WITH STUDENTS AT MUSEUM LEARNING DAY

Easter Fun

APRIL 15

Celebrate Easter at the WDM with activities for the whole family! From 1:00 - 4:00 pm, there will be games and crafts, a bunny hunt, as well as an Easter egg scavenger hunt.

Mother's Day

MAY 14

You're invited to take a journey back in time with Mom as we explore the history of the pioneering ladies of the prairies and women's contributions to the the Second World War through films and other activities. There will also be a craft or two for the little ones to take part in!

New Spring Items Arriving

In addition to the wonderful "Saskatchewan Inspired" products currently featured in our Gift Shop, we will have new and exciting items arriving for spring over the coming weeks! We invite you to come and check them out.

WDM MOOSE JAW

FATHER'S DAY

Mark June 18 on your calendar to celebrate Dad with a special car tour, family scavenger hunt and crafts.

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APRIL - MAY HOURS

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Daily
Museum Closed: Good Friday



WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



VOLUNTEERS DEMONSTRATE THRESHING AT THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Blues & Brews

APRIL 22

Apollo Cruz will bring their fiery blues-rock sound to the WDM for this year's show. Doors open at 8:30 pm with the music starting at 9:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 each or \$140 for a table of eight. Thanks to Rainbow Toyota who will provide free rides home to residences in North Battleford and Battleford.

Summer Kids' Camp

JULY 17-21

Summer will soon be here which means it's time for the WDM's Saskatchewan-inspired camps. At the WDM North Battleford, campers will learn about pioneer life in Saskatchewan through crafts, demonstrations and hands-on activities. Call us to register.

Exhibits from the RSM

Over the years the WDM has been fortunate to welcome exhibits from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum in Regina. The WDM North Battleford is playing host to two fascinating exhibits this spring. *Big Bert*, an ancient crocodile skeleton discovered along the Carrot River, has taken up residence at the WDM until April 30. On display until May 21, *Insects, Flowers & Food* which highlights the history of insects and flowering plants working together and shows how dependent we are on these insect pollinators for our food. Don't miss your chance to see these fantastic exhibits.

WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

GREAT ESCAPES VACATION RAFFLE 2017

\$100 / ticket

One vacation package given away every month in 2017! For tickets visit wdm.ca/nb/greatescapes.htm

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Museum Closed: Good Friday



WDM SASKATOON



VOLUNTEERS SHARE THEIR SMILES WITH STUDENTS AT MUSEUM DAYS

Saskatchewan Science Centre at the WDM

MARCH 24-25, APRIL 21-22 & APRIL 28-29

The WDM Saskatoon will be welcoming staff from the Saskatchewan Science Centre to deliver fun, interactive science programs in conjunction with *QUANTUM: The Exhibition*. Science Centre staff will be on hand on selected Fridays from 1:00 – 5:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Pioneer Threshermen's Club Flea Market

APRIL 8

You never know what hidden treasure you might find at the Pioneer Threshermen's Flea Market and Craft Sale. The Flea Market is a fundraiser by WDM volunteers in support of the WDM Saskatoon and runs from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm with free admission.

Easter Break Fun

APRIL 17-21

Looking for some fun that doesn't depend on the weather? The WDM Saskatoon will be offering activities, programs and demonstrations in the Museum from 1:00 - 3:00 pm daily during the Easter school break.

WDM SASKATOON

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VOLUNTEERS BRING THEIR SKILLS TO EVENTS LIKE MUSEUM DAY

Mommy & Me – Cookies and Tea

MAY 7

Plan a special day out with Mom! Explore our galleries, share stories about your family history, have a family photo taken and create a special frame together to proudly display your photo. This event runs from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Movies at the Museum

JUNE 4, JUNE 25, JULY 2 & JULY 16

Established in 1947, the Yorkton Short Film Festival is North America's longest running film festival. The WDM proudly partners with YSFF to share films from the festival starting at 2:00 pm on various Sundays throughout the summer.

Daddy & I – Coffee and Pie

JUNE 11

Spend a relaxing afternoon at the Museum with Dad as you tour our galleries, pose for a family photo and enjoy refreshments and pie. Join us from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

WDM YORKTON

DISCOVERY BOX PROGRAM

May 21, July 9, July 23, August 20
at 2:00 pm

Get hands-on with history with artifacts and photos from our Discovery Boxes.

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APRIL – MAY HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday–Friday
12:00 – 5:00 pm Weekends & Victoria Day
Museum Closed: Good Friday

ABOUT US



Canada 150 Saskatchewan

LOCAL HISTORY IN THE GEORGE SHEPHERD LIBRARY

This summer, Saskatchewan towns and cities will be abuzz with Canada 150 celebrations. From Rabbit Lake to Rocanville and Regina to Radville, communities across the province will commemorate Saskatchewan's place in Canada. While 2017 will be a time of gathering, homecoming and celebrating, it is also a time to reflect on your community's history. The George Shepherd Library, the WDM's special reference library located at the Curatorial Centre in Saskatoon, is a great place to start your community's research for Canada 150. Alongside the dozens of local history books in our collection, we also have historical town photographs like the one pictured here of Maple Creek. Whether your community is in the north, like Meadow Lake, or the more southerly parts of the province like Ponteix, to the east like Carievale or westward like Macklin, we may have holdings that can help tell your community's story. We would be delighted to assist you with your Canada 150 research inquiries or donations of library material like local history books and town photos. Please get in touch with us at library@wdm.ca or visit our online searchable catalogue at: wdm.ca/library.

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1910 BOOMTOWN, WDM SASKATOON

Sparking Memories, Sharing Stories

We are storytellers. The artifacts entrusted to the WDM are the starting point, then through careful research, conservation and exhibit design, those artifacts help tell the stories of this province. Thank you for taking the time to read Lisa Gastel's story:

Post-Second World War Germany was a difficult place to find work. Chuck Gastel, a young mechanic, set off for Canada in 1952, telling his fiancée, Lisa, that he would go work for six months and see what it was like. Lisa stayed in their hometown near Cologne. In Saskatoon, Chuck found not only a job, but a new life. Lisa joined him the next year, they were married and they spent the next 45 years together until Chuck's death in 1998. Chuck and Lisa would have celebrated their 64th anniversary this year.

Lisa is a long-time donor to the WDM. She says that the shops in Boomtown remind her of the shops where she grew up in Germany. "I sit by that train and watch those immigrants arriving and I think, 'Yep, that looks familiar.'" She says, "Whenever I'm blue and I want some quiet time, I go to the Museum for a walk around, and I feel better."

What better compliment can a museum receive than to be able to bring comfort and spark fond memories?

WHAT IS YOUR STORY?

Will you share your story with us? We would love to hear it. Please call Jen Pederson, CFRE, Director of Development at 306-934-1400.



WDM SASKATOON THROUGH JUNE 11

QUANTUM: The Exhibition

Quantum information technologies are emerging from research labs around the world and we are already seeing the tremendous possibilities. These technologies are more precise, powerful and efficient than today's classical technologies. But how do they work? What does it mean to be quantum? Why is quantum so different?

QUANTUM: The Exhibition shares the world of quantum technologies and answers these questions. This first-ever exhibition on quantum information science and technology examines how quantum mechanics and information technology are merging to create technologies that will revolutionize and define the 21st century. Using thoughtful, creative stories and engaging multi-level interactives, this exhibition breaks down the barriers of this science for all ages and backgrounds.

Created by the Institute for Quantum Computing at the University of Waterloo, the exhibition celebrates Canada's innovative past and transformative future as part of CANADA 150 celebrations. Thanks to the Department of Canadian Heritage, *QUANTUM* is a key partner in the INNOVATION 150 program.

2017 is a pivotal milestone in Canada's history and its future. *QUANTUM: The Exhibition* shares the wonders of the quantum world and gives us one more reason to be proud to call Canada home.

Thanks to INNOVATION 150, Perimeter Institute, Actua, University of Waterloo, Association of Canadian Science Centres, Canada Science and Technology Corporation, Saskatchewan Science Centre, CANADA 150 and the Government of Canada for bringing this exhibit to the WDM.

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