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SENDING A TELEGRAM AT THE WDM MOOSE JAW

CEO'S REPORT

Thanks to our supporters

UPCOMING EVENTS

What's happening at your WDMs

HOORAY FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Celebrating all they do

UPCOMING EVENTS



WDM Moose Jaw

April 14	Historical Fiction Workshop (pre-registration required)
April 15	Paint Nite Fundraiser for the 101 Campaign
April 23-28	Atamiskākēwak Gathering 2018
May 12	Mother's Day Plant Nite Fundraiser for the 101 Campaign
June 9	Made in Canada Fashion Show and Strawberry Social
June 17	Father's Day
July 1	Canada Day

WDM North Battleford

Through April 15	Crokiecurl (weather dependent)
Through April 15	<i>Model T Fords</i> , WDM exhibit
Through June 17	<i>Our Collective Threads</i> , WDM exhibit
April 21	Blues & Brews

WDM Saskatoon

Through May 22	<i>Insects, Flowers and Food</i> exhibit from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
April 2-6	School Break Programming
April 14	Pioneer Threshermen's Club Flea Market
June 16	TELUS Ride for Dad – The Prostate Cancer Fight Foundation

WDM Yorkton

Through April 9	<i>Adrian Paton</i> exhibit from the Saskatchewan History & Folklore Society
April 28-July 8	<i>Canola</i> exhibit from the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
May 6	Mommy & Me – Cookies and Tea
May 20	Discovery Box Family Programming
June 3	Movies at the Museum
June 10	Daddy & I – Coffee and Pie
June 24	Movies at the Museum
July 1	Canada Day Picnic

Events and dates listed here are subject to change.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Thanks For Your Support

This April, National Volunteer week is April 15 - 21. I am amazed and grateful for all the work WDM volunteers do and would like to take this opportunity to thank them. There are over 1,300 volunteers working throughout the WDM system and what they accomplished is amazing. The restoration of the Waterous Road Roller, now on display in Moose Jaw. Making the Grade Four Harvest Demonstration in Saskatoon an experience that school children will never forget. Despite last minute date changes due to weather. Cataloging clothing for the extension collection. Without the time, skills and dedication of our volunteers, there is so much the WDM wouldn't be able to do. Volunteers are what makes many of our programs and activities possible.

In 2016 alone, volunteers contributed over 55,725 hours at the WDM. As an organization, the WDM has benefited from the hard work and dedication of our volunteers. But more importantly, so have all who visit the Museum and experienced 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.

May is LEAVE A LEGACY™ month. During May, the Canadian Association of Gift Planners encourages people to leave a gift through their will to a charity or cause that is meaningful to them. The WDM has benefited from legacy gifts given by former members, staff and volunteers. These gifts have helped develop educational programs, restore artifacts and build the WDM's endowment. We are grateful to those whose belief in the WDM has been so strong that they have chosen to remember us in their wills. For anyone who has left a gift to the WDM in their will, we encourage you to let us know so we can thank you now.

Happy Spring Everyone!

Joan Kanigan, CEO

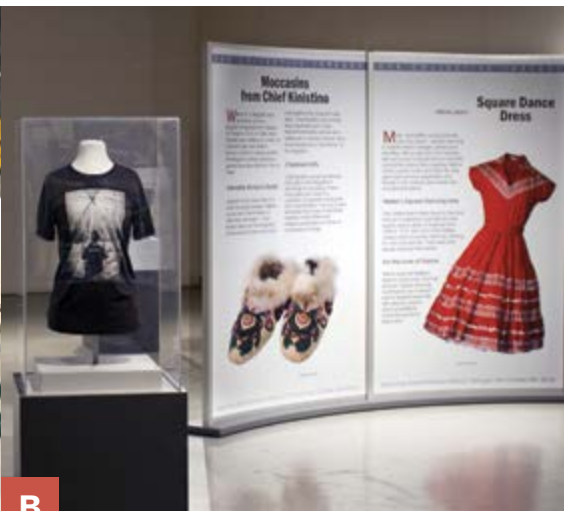
IN THE GALLERIES

A WDM Moose Jaw – *Waterous Road Roller*
WDM Permanent Exhibit



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B WDM North Battleford – *Our Collective Threads*
WDM Exhibit
Through June 17



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PHOTO COURTESY ROYAL SASKATCHEWAN MUSEUM

C WDM Saskatoon – *Insects, Flowers and Food*
from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
Through May 22



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from the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
Through July 8

ABOUT US

Hooray for Volunteers!

April 15 - 21 is National Volunteer Week. This is a time to celebrate and thank Canada's 13.3 million volunteers for all their wonderful contributions. We want to thank and celebrate our many volunteers who are vital part of the WDM's mission as keeper of Saskatchewan's collective heritage.

Whether you're front and centre driving the locomotive, helping hands-on with crafts and demonstrations, or working behind the scenes, we extend our warm gratitude to you, our much-valued volunteers, for all that you do. Your commitment is truly appreciated!

- **WDM Moose Jaw**

We are fortunate to have so many talented volunteers who share their skills, knowledge and time. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to the WDM. We appreciate everything you do!

- **WDM North Battleford**

Thank You!

We would like to extend a wholehearted thank you to all of our amazing, dedicated volunteers. From the Yorkton Threshermen's Club and the York Colony Quilter's Guild, to each individual volunteer, you are an integral part of what we do at the Museum. Thank you so much for all you do!

- **WDM Yorkton**

Heartfelt thanks to the valuable members of the Women's Auxiliary, Pioneer Threshermen's Club, Boomtown Volunteer Association, Saskatchewan Pleasure Driving Association, WDM Singers, Blacksmith Guild, Morse Telegraphers, Saskatoon Railroad Modellers, and the many cherished individual volunteers. You are essential to living out the WDM's mission.

- **WDM Saskatoon**

Because of the skills, passion, and generosity of our volunteers, we can better preserve and tell Saskatchewan stories. Volunteer support makes countless projects possible, from artifact care and cataloguing, to data entry, to restorations and program development. Thank you for everything you do!

- **WDM Curatorial Centre**

WDM MOOSE JAW

MADE IN CANADA FASHION SHOW AT THE WDM SASKATOON, 2017



Historical Fiction Workshop

APRIL 14

In partnership with the Saskatchewan Festival of Words, join local author, David Richards, as he leads an informative session about writing historical fiction. The workshop will also include a guided tour of the WDM galleries for inspiration! The workshop runs from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. \$35 pre-registration required. Please register via the event link at wdm.ca.

Mother's Day Plant Nite Fundraiser for the 101

MAY 12

Celebrate Mother's Day by creating a unique gift for Mom (or yourself!) and support the efforts to get the Short Line 101 back on track. Join us at 2:00 pm as we raise glasses and funds for this worthy cause! This event is for ages 12 and up. Ages 12 - 18 are welcome to attend with an adult (each participant must have an individual ticket).

Made In Canada Fashion Show & Strawberry Social

JUNE 9

Save the date! Join us for vintage fashions and fabulous styles from days gone by at this special showcase of Canadian clothing. Refreshments and strawberry shortcakes will be served. The fashion show starts at 1:00 pm.

WDM MOOSE JAW

ATAMISKĀKĒWAK GATHERING 2018

April 23–28

Visit the WDM during this national event promoting reconciliation and understanding.

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APRIL–MAY HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily



WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



WORK BY LOCAL ARTISANS AVAILABLE AT THE WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

Blues & Brews

APRIL 21

Saskatoon singer-songwriter, B.C. Read, brings his unique style of roots and blues to the WDM for this year's event. Doors open at 8:00 pm with the music starting at 9:00 pm. Tickets are \$30 each or \$200 for a table of eight. Thanks to event sponsor Do-All Holdings Ltd. and to Rainbow Toyota who will provide free rides home to residences in North Battleford and Battleford.

Our Collective Threads

THROUGH JUNE 17

This exhibit explores the diverse history of the Saskatchewan people through artifacts from the WDM textile collection. The clothes we have worn tell many stories about everyday life in Saskatchewan and our place in Canada. The exhibit showcases 12 garments and accessories, each with a story to tell.

Local Artisans Featured

In The Loft Gift Shop you'll find works by Battleford-area artisans, Les Hurlburt and Kamila Badura. Les has a strong commitment to Indigenous culture, in part due to family connections, and the use of birchbark as a medium reflects this interest. Kamila, who was raised in Poland, works in various art mediums. You'll find birchbark art by Les and tile art by Kamila in The Loft Gift Shop at the WDM North Battleford.

WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

SUMMER KIDS' CAMP

July 16-20

Calling all 7-10 year olds! Come join us for crafts, demos and hands-on activities. Call to pre-register.

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APRIL-MAY HOURS

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Daily



WDM SASKATOON

VISIT WITH OUR FRIENDLY VOLUNTEERS DURING THE APRIL SCHOOL BREAK



Parking Lot Project & Pion-Era

The summer of 2018 will mean long-awaited repairs and revitalization of the WDM Saskatoon parking lot. Because of safety and logistical concerns during construction, the Museum will not offer our annual Pion-Era event in July. We look forward to the new and improved gateway to Saskatchewan's heritage, set for completion in the fall of 2018.

April School Break Fun

APRIL 2-6

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

Living History Young Pioneer Camps

JULY-AUGUST

Children ages 7 – 10 can journey back in time to experience the work and play of early settlers by doing daily chores, games, stories and crafts. They will learn to milk a cow, grind wheat into flour, bake bread, churn butter and participate in other pioneer activities. Visit wdm.ca for camp dates and cost.

WDM SASKATOON

PIONEER THRESHERMEN'S FLEA MARKET

April 14, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Check out the treasures at this volunteer-run fundraiser for WDM projects.

BOOMTOWN PURSUIT

Search Boomtown looking for a mischievous thief using this exciting digital scavenger adventure. Ask for details at the gift shop.

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APRIL-MAY HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily





GET READY FOR COOKIES & TEA AT THE WDM YORKTON

Canola: A Story of Innovation Exhibit Opens

APRIL 24 – JULY 8

From the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum comes an exploration of the development, cultivation and future of canola, a truly Canadian crop! Using all five senses, learn more about canola.

Mommy & Me – Cookies and Tea

MAY 6

Plan a special outing with Mom! Tour the galleries, make a craft together, take a family photograph and enjoy cookies and tea. This event runs from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Discovery Box Family Programming

MAY 20

Hands-on fun for the whole family! Visitors get a chance to engage with one of our Discovery Boxes, filled with artifacts and items to transport you back in time. Appropriate for all ages! Join us at 2:00 pm.

Daddy & I – Coffee and Pie

JUNE 10

Celebrate Dad while taking a look at our farm machinery display and galleries, make a craft together, take a family photograph and enjoy coffee and pie. Join us from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

WDM YORKTON

MOVIES AT THE MUSEUM

June 3 & 24, 2:00 pm

Check out entries from the Yorkton Film Festival.

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APRIL-MAY HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday–Friday

12:00 – 5:00 pm Weekends & Victoria Day

A Gift In Your Will to the WDM

As a history museum, legacy is at the heart of everything we do. It makes sense that people who care about the WDM, care about legacy. For Leave a Legacy™ month, we are featuring the story of one donor who has made plans to leave a gift in her will to the WDM.

Legacy means a lot to me. I studied history at university and want to know my own story and teach it to my kids. I see so much of my family's story at the WDM. The various paths my ancestors took to Saskatchewan are so typical of mid-19th and early 20th century immigration, it's like they were taken from a history textbook. Scots who arrived in Ontario in the 1830s and 1840s, and the Irish, who'd first come in the 1850s to Massachusetts – those branches intermarried and came to Saskatchewan around 1910. Swedes and Danes, also intermarried, came here from Iowa before 1914. Norwegians came before and during the First World War; and my English Grandma was a war bride and brought her baby, my dad, in 1946. I see stories like those all through the WDM.

I also see that the stories of many of my friends are not told here. My friends whose families arrived at different times, from different parts of the world. My friends whose families have always been here. My LBGTO2 friends. I love the WDM – I remember visiting as a child. I worked here, I will volunteer here, and I want part of my legacy to be helping it to tell more stories.

Leaving a gift in my will to the WDM was easy to do. Once my kids are looked after, I want to make sure that the charities I care about are looked after, too. Saskatchewan has grown and changed so much in the last 100 years and I am excited to see how it will continue to grow and change, enriched by the interweaving of so many communities and cultures. It makes me happy to think that after I'm gone, my legacy can be to help tell those stories.

FEATURE

Who's Right to Vote?



EXHIBITS MANAGER, DIANA SAVAGE, WORKS ON THE EXHIBIT LAYOUT FEATURING THE WAKABAYASHI KIMONO (WDM-2009-S-641)

The beautiful furisode-style kimono above was part of Kimi Wakabayashi's trousseau when she immigrated to Canada from Shiga prefecture, Japan in 1931, joining her husband Tokujiro (Tom). Made from silk, lined with red, and covered in symbols that represent joy, good fortune, and long life, Kimi had worn the kimono in Japan for special occasions in the years before her marriage.

See Kimi's kimono in an upcoming showcase exhibit, *Who's Right to Vote?* The exhibit reflects on examples of inclusion and exclusion along Canada's long road towards universal suffrage. From granting the first women the right to vote in 1917 (only those in active military service or close relatives of those who were), to taking the vote away from pacifists and so-called "enemy aliens" (including Japanese Canadians) during war years. From effectively excluding northerners by not sending ballots or boxes, to holding back full enfranchisement for Indigenous people until 1960.

Though *Who's Right to Vote?* takes us back over 100 years, debates about voting rights and access continue today as part of a healthy democracy. Did you know, the latest group to get the right to vote was prisoners? Those serving more than a two-year sentence could not vote until 2004.

The exhibit starts its circuit through our four Museums in May at the WDM Saskatoon.

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