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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## WDM Moose Jaw

<b>November 15– January 29, 2018</b>	<i>Women's Hands Building a Nation</i> exhibit presented by the Chinook Guild of Fibre Arts
<b>November 15– March 2, 2018</b>	<i>Our Collective Threads: Saskatchewan People in Canada</i> , WDM exhibit
<b>November 23</b>	Members-Only Kids' Secret Shopping
<b>November 25</b>	Kids' Secret Shopping/Shortwave To Santa
<b>December 16</b>	A Christmas Long Ago public program, <i>Pre-registration required</i>

## WDM North Battleford

<b>Through April 15, 2018</b>	<i>Model T Ford</i> , WDM exhibit
<b>November 18</b>	Joy of Christmas
<b>November 18</b>	Sparkly Christmas Spider Beading Workshop, <i>Pre-registration required</i>
<b>December 8–9</b>	Medieval Feasts, <i>Advance tickets required</i>

## WDM Saskatoon

<b>Through May 2018</b>	<i>Insects, Flowers and Food</i> exhibit from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
<b>November 1– January 7, 2018</b>	<i>Eaton's Once Upon a Christmas</i> , WDM exhibit
<b>November 1–December 8</b>	<i>Canadian Jewish Experience — A Tribute to Canada 150</i> exhibit by the Canadian Jewish Experience 2017
<b>November 1–December 17</b>	Shaw Toy Tree
<b>November 16</b>	Members' Night
<b>November 17–19</b>	Museum Store Sale
<b>November 18</b>	Children's Shopping Day
<b>November 24– December 2</b>	Festival of Trees presented by Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation
<b>November 24 – December 2, December 3, 9, 10, 17</b>	<i>Seed Survivor</i> exhibit by Agrium Inc. and Agriculture In The Classroom
<b>December 17</b>	Carolling Sunday
<b>January 16– May 1, 2018</b>	Memoir Writing Class every second Tuesday afternoon <i>Pre-registration required</i>

## WDM Yorkton

<b>December 28–29</b>	School's Out! Day Camp: Christmas Edition <i>Pre-registration required</i>
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



### Call To Action

In 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada tabled its final report after six years of collecting testimony from survivors and extensively researching the history of the residential school system in Canada. The Commission was tasked with both revealing the truth of the residential school experience and forging a path towards reconciliation.

As the provincially-mandated human history museum of Saskatchewan, the WDM has a responsibility to contribute to truth and reconciliation efforts by providing ways for people to connect with all our histories, including those stories that are difficult to tell.

Having a role in reconciliation is a journey that we must take in partnership with Indigenous communities throughout Saskatchewan. As our first step in this journey, the Board of Directors has adopted the following statement of intent;

The Western Development Museum affirms the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for reconciliation. We commit to engaging in reconciliation by responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action in our Strategic Plan. In partnership with Saskatchewan's Indigenous communities, we aim to develop more inclusive operations, programming and exhibits for the Museum.

*(Adopted September 15, 2017)*

The Board has also amended the WDM's 2016 – 2021 Strategic Plan to include responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action as an important strategy for our organization.

Reconciliation is important and key to creating safe, welcoming communities throughout the province and nationally. Over the coming months, we will be reaching out to community partners and identifying how the WDM can begin working towards reconciliation in Saskatchewan.

Sincerely,

Joan Kanigan, CEO

# IN THE GALLERIES

**A** WDM Moose Jaw – *Our Collective Threads*  
WDM Exhibit  
Through March 2, 2018



**B** WDM North Battleford – *Model T Ford*  
WDM Exhibit  
Through April 15, 2018



**C** WDM Saskatoon – *Eaton's Once Upon A Christmas*  
WDM Holiday Exhibit  
Through January 7, 2018

**D** WDM Yorkton – *In A Prairie Attic: Bladon Family Toys*  
WDM Permanent Exhibit

# WDM MOOSE JAW



KIDS' SECRET SHOPPING

## Kids' Secret Shopping for WDM Members Only

NOVEMBER 23

Kids can skip the line at one of our most popular events and come early to shop for Christmas gifts for the whole family! Join us from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at this WDM Members only event. Please call 306-693-5989 to book your time slot.

## Get in the Christmas Spirit

NOVEMBER 25

Start the day off with Breakfast with Mrs. Claus from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Tickets are \$5 per person (children 3 and under are free) and are available at the WDM Moose Jaw or from the Moose Jaw Girl Guides. Don't forget to check out the Girl Guides Christmas Bake Sale too!

From 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, children 10 and under can do their Christmas shopping with help from our friendly elves.

No parents allowed! Children walk out with their gifts wrapped and ready for Christmas morning. All gifts are \$15 or less (cash only please — no ATM on-site). The Moose Jaw Amateur Radio Club will also be on hand to help you speak to Santa at the North Pole via shortwave radio!

## A Christmas Long Ago

DECEMBER 16

Young visitors will learn about the festive season through a story about a pioneer Christmas. See what types of gifts were given, decorate the tree with homemade ornaments and make an old-fashioned craft. Sessions run at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required.

## WDM MOOSE JAW

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### NOVEMBER-DECEMBER HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily

Museum Closed: Remembrance Day,  
Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day  
Closed at 3:00 pm: Christmas Eve, New  
Year's Eve

Reminder: We are closed Mondays  
January 1 – March 31, 2018



# WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



LOG HAULER IN THE *WINNING THE PRAIRIE GAMBLE* EXHIBIT, WDM-1973-NB-60.2.A.B

## Joy of Christmas

NOVEMBER 18

Get a start on your Christmas shopping at this annual gift shop sale. Sample delicious new foods and check out the deals on a variety of unique gifts. The Joy of Christmas sale runs from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

## Sparkly Christmas Spiders Workshop

NOVEMBER 18

Looking for something a little different to hang on your Christmas tree this year? Why not try your hand at beadwork in this fun workshop! For ages 12 and up, participants will need good hand-eye coordination as they make their own sparkly Christmas spider using colourful beads. The workshop takes place from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. The cost is \$47/person for WDM members and \$55/person for non-members. Pre-registration is required.

## Great Escapes Lottery

Thanks to everyone who has supported the WDM North Battleford through the purchase of tickets in the Great Escapes Lottery. Each year, proceeds from the lottery go toward projects around the WDM. Money raised in the 2018 lottery will go to the **Save the 1158** project. Fundraising began this past summer so that we can restore the 1158 steam locomotive which sits in the Museum village. Get your lottery ticket at [wdm.ca/nb/greatescapes](http://wdm.ca/nb/greatescapes).

2018 Lottery License # RR15-0313.

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# WDM SASKATOON



## Store Sale & Member Night

NOVEMBER 16

The sale will be open to the public from November 17 – 19, but a special Members Only night will be held on November 16, beginning with a Member Supper (two sittings, 4:30 and 6:30 pm). Supper tickets are \$14 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Just in time for Christmas shopping, WDM members will have exclusive access to sale items. Note: Membership cards must be presented at the door.

## Children's Shopping Day

NOVEMBER 18

From 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, children under 12 can shop for Christmas gifts for their loved ones and even have them wrapped. Our friendly gift shop staff and volunteers will be on hand to help young shoppers.

## Carolling Sunday

DECEMBER 18

Join the WDM Singers from 1:00 – 3:00 pm for a sing-along of traditional Christmas favourites on the decorated Boomtown Street! While at the WDM, please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy to place under the Shaw Toy Tree. Donated toys will help brighten the holidays for less fortunate children in Saskatoon.

## WDM SASKATOON

### MEMOIR WRITING CLASS

Every 2nd Tuesday from January 16 – May 1, 2018, 1:30 - 3:30 pm  
Learn to write and share your story.  
Pre-registration is required.

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BOOK FROM THE IN A PRAIRIE ATTIC, BLADON FAMILY TOYS EXHIBIT, WDM-1995-S-2351

## School's Out! Day Camp: Christmas Edition

DECEMBER 28-29

Join us for some holiday fun as we hold day camps during the Christmas school break. Half day sessions take place each day from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 – 4:00 pm at a cost of \$15/session. After program care is available from 4:00 – 5:00 pm for an additional fee. Children from ages 5 – 13 can enjoy games, crafts and activities both inside and outside. Campers are welcome to bring a lunch and stay for both sessions. Space is limited so contact us soon to register.

## Hold Your Event at the WDM Yorkton

"The WDM in Yorkton is the perfect 'classroom' setting with the added benefit of 120 years of history. I have been thrilled with the staff and facility every time I come to Yorkton."

Greg Johnson, The Tornado Hunter

Thanks to Greg Johnson for this wonderful endorsement for the WDM Yorkton's rental facilities. Check us out the next time you are planning a meeting, workshop or small family gathering. Get more information at [wdm.ca/yk/rentals](http://wdm.ca/yk/rentals).

## WDM YORKTON

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### NOVEMBER-DECEMBER HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday-Friday  
12:00 – 5:00 pm Weekends

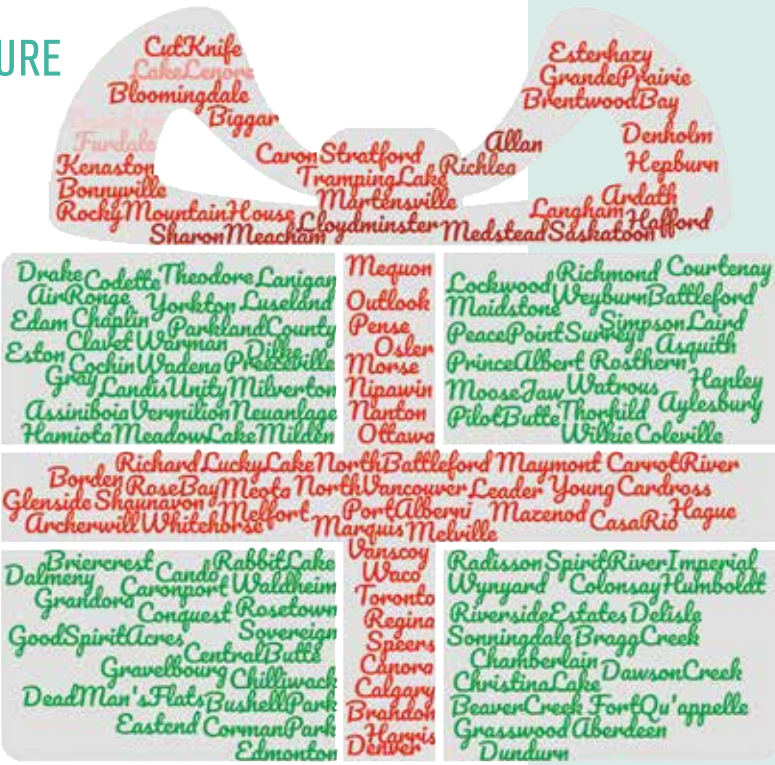
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# FEATURE



THESE ARE SOME OF THE PLACES THAT DONATIONS TO THE WDM HAVE COME FROM.

There are times when the generosity of the WDM's supporters brings tears to my eyes. The stories we have the privilege to hear of why people give weave through generations, love stories and dearly-held passions. The gifts these donors entrust to the WDM make telling more stories possible.

For these gifts and this trust, we are so thankful.

The thoughtful addition of a donation that comes with a membership renewal; or a gift in memory of a beloved and respected friend or family member; or a response to a request from the WDM — all of these not only improve the bottom line, they support the WDM's mandate to stimulate interest in the history of the economic and cultural development of Saskatchewan. There are so many stories yet to be told and the WDM is grateful for a strong base of supporters who will help enrich the breadth and depth of how we see and how we talk about the history of our province.

As this year draws to a close, we thank each and every one of the people who support the WDM with their memberships and their donations and look forward to crossing paths in the new year.

Jen Pederson  
CFRE Director of Development

“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it”

William Arthur Ward

## WDM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Nancy Martin, Chair – Regina
- Diana Ireland – Moose Jaw
- Susan Lamb – Saskatoon
- Sharon Mohagen – North Battleford
- Dennis Naphin – Yorkton
- Raymond Sadler – Biggar

## FEATURE

# An Intern's Story

## WDM mentors new museum professionals

by Raene Poisson

I'm a Fleming College student in the Cultural Heritage Conservation and Management course, completing the requirements for my diploma by interning in the conservation lab at the WDM Curatorial Centre.

I completed my Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the University of Saskatchewan in 2014, but I didn't see myself taking the path of a curator or designer. What I didn't know existed was being a conservator—an individual responsible for the care and preservation of cultural items such as artwork, buildings and artifacts.

By volunteering at the WDM conservation lab in 2016, I confirmed that this was the path I wanted to take. Now I'm back as an intern and working on a range of projects! My main one being a western style saddle made prior to 1905 that needs cleaning and rehousing. I'm honing my skills in leather handling and experimenting with treatment options.

Through this internship I could learn more about my home province, and I feel more confident entering the workforce due to the number of projects and workshops I've been able to participate in during my stay here.



# ABOUT US



## New to the WDM Collection

The Saskatchewan Transportation Company (STC) was created as a crown corporation in 1946. It operated as Saskatchewan's province-wide public transportation company until May 2017. During its heyday, the bus line served 275 communities around the province with its buses travelling more than five million kilometres every year. To recognize the role that STC played in our province's transportation history, the WDM sought to collect items that represented the bus line's 71 years. Now in our collection are pins,

badges and clothing that tell the story of STC, its employees and customers. Items from protests around the closing of STC were also collected in the form of a protest sign and buttons. The largest piece collected was an STC bus. The bus was used by STC to commemorate its 40th anniversary in 1986. This 1951 Western Flyer Coach is similar to those used in STC's early days. It was restored and travelled the province sharing STC's story.

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### WDM Curatorial Centre Business Hours

8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday to Friday

Closed statutory holidays

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