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UPCOMING EVENTS



WDM Moose Jaw

Through October 4	<i>Insects, Flowers and Food</i> exhibit from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
Through November 7	<i>A Taste of Science</i> exhibit produced by the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
October 29	Halloween Fun

WDM North Battleford

September 16	Barn Dance
September 23 – April 30, 2017	<i>Big Bert</i> exhibit from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
October 7	Bottles and Barrels
October 13 – May 21, 2017	<i>Insects, Flowers and Food</i> exhibit from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
October 27–28	Fright Nights
October 29	Great Pumpkin Masquerade & Family Dance

WDM Saskatoon

Through September 30	<i>Building the Road to Victory: Canadian Railway Troops, Forgotten Heroes</i> exhibit from Exporail
October 8–9	<i>Seed Survivor</i> exhibit by Agrium
October 14–15	Christmas Craft Fair
October 22–23	<i>Seed Survivor</i> exhibit by Agrium
October 28	Boo Town

WDM Yorkton

Through September 21	<i>100 Years Ago: Remembering WWI</i> , WDM Exhibit
September 11	Grandparents' Day

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



A Message from the CEO

I am thrilled to be joining the WDM team and to come back to my home province. The WDM is an amazing organization thanks to the staff, volunteers, board members and partners who contribute so much every year. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Museum and the people of Saskatchewan.

I believe museums have a responsibility to serve their communities. Museums have the ability to make a difference in people's lives and bring communities together. Having the Moose Jaw, North Battleford, Saskatoon and Yorkton locations allows us to serve Saskatchewan residents in many different ways throughout the province.

We live in a turbulent and rapidly evolving world and museums are facing pressures from many directions. In Canada, museums are expected to meet the needs of increasingly diverse communities, deliver more relevant and meaningful programs, diversify their revenue, and be less reliant on government for support.

Responding to this means that we must be a socially responsible organization. We need to be listening to our constituents and actively seeking their input. There is great uncertainty in today's world, but the changes we are seeing represent real opportunities for the WDM. Diverse audiences bring new perspectives and insights and there are more ways to share our collective heritage with more people.

Communities become strong when people are able to engage with each other in shared learning and knowledge creation. Strong communities are more tolerant, understanding and caring. The WDM is uniquely positioned to bring Saskatchewan communities together by instilling a shared appreciation of our province's cultural heritage. This is the difference the WDM makes.

I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and being a part of the WDM. If you have any questions or thoughts about what the WDM is or could be doing, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Joan Kanigan, CEO

IN THE GALLERIES

A WDM Moose Jaw – *A Taste of Science* produced by the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum Through November 7



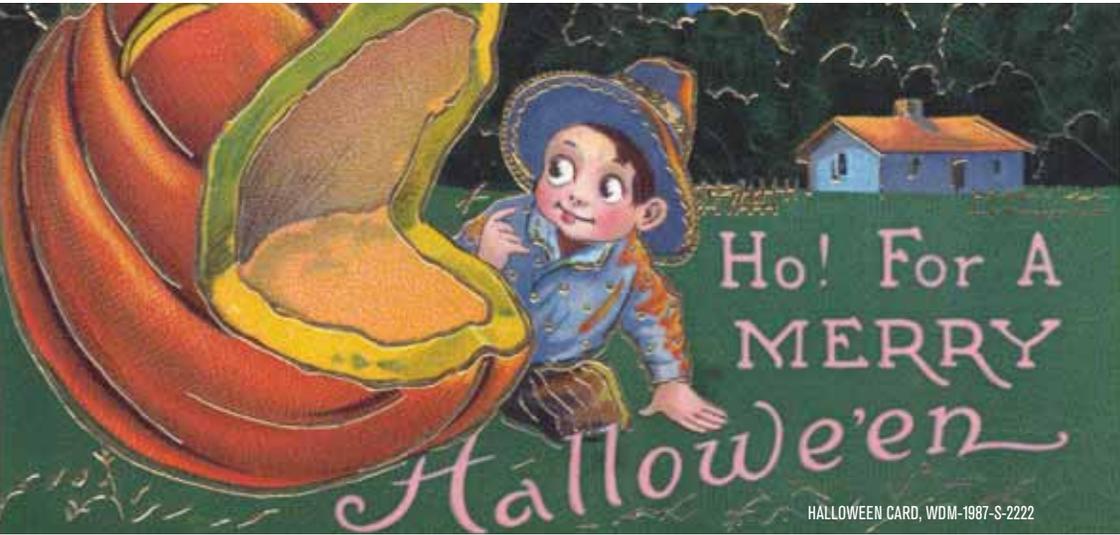
B WDM North Battleford – School House WDM Seasonal Exhibit Village Open Through October 9



C WDM Saskatoon – *Building the Road to Victory: Canadian Railway Troops, Forgotten Heroes* from Exporail, the Canadian Railway Museum Through September 30

D WDM Yorkton – *100 Years Ago: Remembering WWI* WDM Exhibit Through September 21

WDM MOOSE JAW



Halloween Fun

OCTOBER 29

Can't wait for Halloween? Want to wear your costume again and again? Dress up early for an afternoon of indoor Halloween games and crafts on October 29. From 1:00 – 4:00 pm the Museum will be full of fun activities for the young and young at heart.

Ecofriendly Shopping at the WDM

From S'well® and citruszinger reusable water bottles to ecofriendly cleaners like Jude's Miracle Cloth and euroscrubby products, the WDM Moose Jaw Gift Shop should be your first stop for environmentally conscious products. For back-to-school shoppers, we've got reusable lunch and snack bags, plus tote bags and pencil cases made from 95% recycled material. Visit our Gift Shop to take advantage of your 10% member discount on these or other fantastic products.

WDM MOOSE JAW

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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm daily
Museum Closed: Thanksgiving Day



WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



GREAT PUMPKIN MASQUERADE & FAMILY DANCE

Barn Dance

SEPTEMBER 16

Whether you're a toe tapper, a knee slapper or a ballroom master, this dance is for you. There's low key lessons for the left-footed, contests for the competitive and games for the kids. Bring the whole family and share a special dance with someone you love.

Fright Nights

OCTOBER 27-28

These adult events (19+) are only for the brave. Explore the Museum at night, have a creepy cocktail, hear about local ghost stories and fret your way through our haunted house.

Great Pumpkin Masquerade & Family Dance

OCTOBER 29

Do you have the best family costume idea? Dress to impress to win great prizes in the family or kids' costume contests. Make sure you've got room to move so you can dance the evening away, play ghoulish games and make creepy take-home crafts.

WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

BOTTLES & BARRELS

October 7, 7:00 – 11:00 pm

Featuring Saskatchewan microbrewers, distillers and wineries.

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Christmas Craft Fair

OCTOBER 14-15

Our ever-popular Christmas Craft Fair returns bigger than ever this year, featuring more than 100 artists and crafters. Find that perfect gift October 14 from 4:00 – 10:00 pm or October 15 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Seed Survivor

OCTOBER 8-9, 22-23

Sponsored by Agrium and Agriculture in the Classroom Saskatchewan, Seed Survivor uses games and hands-on activities to demonstrate where food comes from and how to grow healthy plants. Come play, learn and plant your own sunflower on October 8-9 and 23-24.

Boo Town

OCTOBER 28

Come in costume for a warm and safe Halloween at Boo Town on Friday, October 28 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. The family fun includes spooky games, terrifying tales, live entertainment, a Boomtown mystery to solve and more!

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WDM YORKTON



GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandparents' Day

SEPTEMBER 11

Have you ever wondered what life was like when your grandparents were young? What were their toys like? Did they like school? On Grandparents' Day bring the whole family for a stroll through the galleries while sharing stories about days gone-by. Pick up the "Tell Me About the Good Old Days" reminiscence book to fill out together. The book offers guiding questions that will spark memories and discussion about life when Grandma and Grandpa were young.

Saskatchewan-Made Gift Ideas

Are you looking for a unique gift that reflects our province? You'll find a wide selection of Saskatchewan inspired products in the Gift Shop. From hand-blown glass and painted eggs to berry preserves and chocolates, there are many items perfectly suited as a souvenir for someone or a keepsake for yourself.

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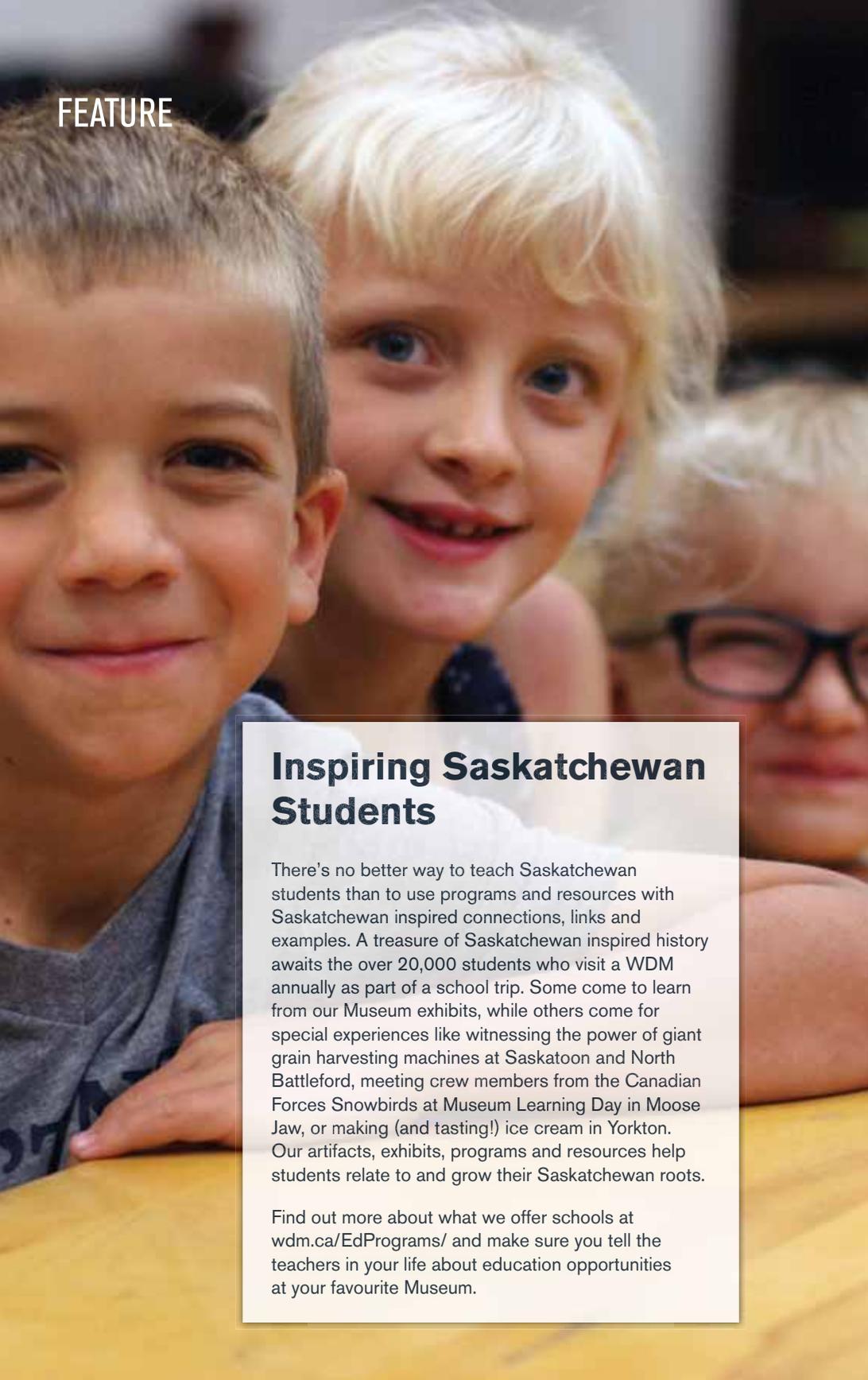
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday–Friday
12:00 – 5:00 pm Weekends
Museum Closed: Thanksgiving Day

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FEATURE

Inspiring Saskatchewan Students

There's no better way to teach Saskatchewan students than to use programs and resources with Saskatchewan inspired connections, links and examples. A treasure of Saskatchewan inspired history awaits the over 20,000 students who visit a WDM annually as part of a school trip. Some come to learn from our Museum exhibits, while others come for special experiences like witnessing the power of giant grain harvesting machines at Saskatoon and North Battleford, meeting crew members from the Canadian Forces Snowbirds at Museum Learning Day in Moose Jaw, or making (and tasting!) ice cream in Yorkton. Our artifacts, exhibits, programs and resources help students relate to and grow their Saskatchewan roots.

Find out more about what we offer schools at wdm.ca/EdPrograms/ and make sure you tell the teachers in your life about education opportunities at your favourite Museum.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



ABOVE: JEN PEDERSON, WDM; JANE BUTTON AND JOANNE FISHER, SCOTIABANK.

Scotiabank

The WDM is pleased to renew Scotiabank's sponsorship for another five years.

Conventional wisdom says that corporate sponsorships are all about marketing and brand position – but that doesn't account for companies that aren't afraid to be creative when they have an opportunity for a meaningful partnership.

Scotiabank has been a major supporter of the WDM, including donating a painting that hangs in the WDM Saskatoon outside Butler Byers Century Hall, sponsoring timeline exhibits in our Museums in Moose Jaw, North Battleford and Yorkton, and naming the bank on Boomtown in Saskatoon. That is where creativity came in.

Most companies are not able to move away from their brand as part of a sponsorship. But Scotiabank understood the unique opportunity to honour their own roots while respecting the look and feel of the Museum exhibit and chose to use "Bank of Nova Scotia" on the building.

"Scotiabank is very pleased to provide our support to the WDM and continue to see the profile of Bank of Nova Scotia and its heritage proudly displayed," said Jane Button, then District Banking Manager for Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Scotiabank's recent investment has supported new lighting on Boomtown. Regular visitors will notice the change immediately, with much improved ambient light as well as additional washes on the buildings and highlights on street artifacts. The low wattage LED lights represent a significant step in our ongoing commitment to efficiency and sustainability.

ABOUT US

Teaching Heritage Skills

Trades of the past are trades of the present at the WDM. At one time, every horse-drawn wagon drove on wooden wheels. Keeping the wheels repaired was the job of the wheelwright. This October, learn to use spoke dogs, tire pullers and travellers at our Introduction to Wheelwrighting course. Every step of the process traces the ways of the old trade.

For more information, visit wdm.ca/trainingcourses.htm or contact the WDM Curatorial Centre at 306-934-1400.



Violet McNaughton – Saskatchewan Suffragist

As a schoolgirl in England Violet McNaughton, née Jackson, led a minor revolt – she wanted to see her teacher’s reaction if she and her classmates came late to school. That adventurous spirit led her to Saskatchewan where she took the helm of the Women’s Grain Growers’ Association (WGGA).

In 1914, the WGGA and other organizations petitioned the Saskatchewan government for women’s right to vote. On March 14 of that year, they succeeded. It was a day to celebrate, but not a total victory – the right to cast a ballot was given only to British subjects, leaving out many including First Nations.

See dresses worn by McNaughton and Canadian suffragist Nellie McClung in the *Votes for Women* exhibit now at the WDM Saskatoon.

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WORLD RECORD SET!

A WDM Case was one of 139 successful threshing machines at Manitoba Agriculture Museum's Harvesting for Hope world record setting harvesting bee in July 2016.



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