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NEWSLETTER OF THE WESTERN DEVELOPMENT MUSEUM



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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## WDM Moose Jaw

<b>Through October 15</b>	<i>Sisters United</i> exhibit from the Diefenbaker Canada Centre
<b>October 5</b>	Membership Drive
<b>October 6</b>	Seniors' Week Come & Go Tea
<b>October 14</b>	The Last Best Car 67-X Presentation
<b>October 21</b>	Paint Nite for the 101
<b>October 28</b>	Ghostly Games
<b>November 4</b>	In Remembrance Program

## WDM North Battleford

<b>September 15</b>	Harvest Supper and Barn Dance
<b>October 14</b>	Bottles and Barrels
<b>October 26–27</b>	Fright Nights
<b>October 28</b>	Great Pumpkin Masquerade & Family Dance

## WDM Saskatoon

<b>Through October 22</b>	<i>Our Collective Threads: Saskatchewan People in Canada</i> , WDM exhibit
<b>Through October 29</b>	<i>Women's Hands Building A Nation</i> exhibit from the Chinook Guild of Fiber Arts
<b>October 13, 2017– May 2018</b>	<i>Insects, Flowers and Food</i> exhibit from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
<b>October 13–14</b>	Christmas Craft Fair
<b>October 21</b>	Pioneer Threshermen's Club Flea Market
<b>October 21</b>	<i>Seed Survivor</i> exhibit by Agrium Inc.
<b>October 30</b>	Boo Town
<b>November 16</b>	Members' Night

## WDM Yorkton

<b>Through September 30</b>	<i>Insects, Flowers and Food</i> exhibit from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
<b>September 10</b>	Grandparents' Day

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



### Preserving Our Heritage

It's been a busy summer at the WDM. Not only have we been busy with events, we've launched two major fundraising campaigns – \$101K for the 101 and Save the 1158. Both of our fundraising campaigns are focused on preserving and sharing our locomotive heritage in Saskatchewan.

We launched the \$101K for the 101 in the last issue of Sparks and you will learn more about the Save the 1158! Campaign in this issue.

**\$101K for the 101** ([101for101.wdm.ca](http://101for101.wdm.ca)) will ensure the Vulcan locomotive in Moose Jaw will have a safe track on which to operate. Being able to give visitors to the WDM Moose Jaw the opportunity to experience what it's like to ride on a steam locomotive is a powerful way to bring our railway history alive.

**Save the 1158!** ([save1158.wdm.ca](http://save1158.wdm.ca)) at the WDM North Battleford is the largest restoration project we've undertaken recently and will ensure the 1158 is looking its best for years to come.

Please consider becoming a part of these worthy projects by making a donation today. I would also like to thank all the volunteers and staff who helped make our summer shows such a huge success again this year. Hosting big events like Pion-Era in Saskatoon, Those Were The Days in North Battleford and the Threshermen's Show & Seniors' Festival in Yorkton take a tremendous amount of planning. The effort that goes into making history come alive for our communities is really appreciated. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work.

Sincerely,

Joan Kanigan, CEO

# IN THE GALLERIES

**A** WDM Moose Jaw – *Sisters United: Women's Suffrage in Saskatchewan*. A travelling exhibit produced by the Diefenbaker Canada Centre Through October 15



**B** WDM North Battleford – *Model T Ford* exhibit  
WDM Travelling Exhibit  
Through February 28, 2018



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**C** WDM Saskatoon – *Our Collective Threads*  
WDM Exhibit  
Through October 22

**D** WDM Yorkton – *Insects, Flowers and Food*  
from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum  
Through September 30

# WDM MOOSE JAW



BRITISH COMMONWEALTH AIR TRAINING PLAN EXHIBIT

## Membership Drive

OCTOBER 5

We're inviting new and existing members to learn about the benefits of WDM membership plus enter to win a prize! You'll get a sneak peek at new fall gift shop merchandise, enjoy refreshments and have a brief guided tour of the galleries.

## The Last Best Car 67-X

OCTOBER 14

Enjoy a presentation about a unique Canadian car, the 67-X, by Dale Johnson, author of a new book on the subject. Dale will speak about the rare vehicle's Saskatchewan connections.

## Ghostly Games

OCTOBER 28

Take part in Halloween fun for children 7 and under including games, crafts, photo booth and a goody bag for little visitors. Be sure to come in costume!

## In Remembrance

NOVEMBER 4

Join us for short films from the NFB about Canada at war, guided tours of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan exhibit as well as a presentation by the Regina Chapter of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society. There will also be a Remembrance Day story time and poppy craft for younger visitors.

## WDM MOOSE JAW

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### SENIORS' WEEK COME & GO TEA

October 6

Reminisce with a short program featuring hands-on artifacts while enjoying light refreshments.

### PAINT NITE FOR THE 101

October 21

Painting fun with an update on the \$101K for the 101 Short Line track repair project.

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### SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER HOURS

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Daily  
Museum closed Thanksgiving Day



# WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



HALLOWEEN CARD, WDM-1987-S-2222

## Harvest Supper and Barn Dance

SEPTEMBER 15

Join us for an old-fashioned country dance featuring Leon Ochs & Friends. Doors open at 5:00 pm. There will also be contests, games and a bake sale table. Contact the WDM for tickets.

## Bottles and Barrels

OCTOBER 14

From 7:00 pm – 12:00 am, join us for a showcase from Saskatchewan microbreweries, distilleries and wineries. Your \$10 ticket includes music by the Stone Frigate Band, games and a silent auction.

## Fright Nights

OCTOBER 26-27

Are you brave enough to enter the haunted hotel? Ages 19 and up are invited to wander through the rooms and look for guests who never left. If you're lucky enough to make it out, stay for a beverage and watch the live video of others while they make their way through.

## Great Pumpkin Masquerade & Family Dance

OCTOBER 28

Halloween family fun from 5:00 - 9:00 pm with ghoulish games, crafts and a concession. Enter the costume parade for a chance to win the best costume contest. Bring a carved pumpkin to decorate the Museum galleries and receive \$2 in WDM bucks.

## WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

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### SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily  
Museum closed Thanksgiving Day  
Outdoor village closes for the season  
on October 8



# WDM SASKATOON



HALLOWEEN IN BOOMTOWN

## Christmas Craft Fair

OCTOBER 13-14

This annual event returns, now bigger than ever! This year's fair features more than 100 booths offering handmade gift ideas in time for the holiday season. Join us and find that perfect gift on Friday, October 13 from 4:00 – 10:00 pm or Saturday, October 14 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

## Pioneer Threshermen's Club

### Flea Market

OCTOBER 21

There are deals to be found at the Pioneer Threshermen's Flea Market and Craft Sale. This bi-annual event is a fundraiser by WDM volunteers in support of the WDM Saskatoon and runs from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm with free admission.

## Boo Town

OCTOBER 30

Celebrate Halloween with us at Boo Town from 5:30 – 8:30 pm! Enjoy live entertainment with Off the Cuff Improv, play a few Halloween games, listen to spooky stories, dare to go on a wagon ride through the dark and eerie Museum grounds and try to solve Boo Town's Halloween Mystery! Costumes are encouraged for this fun family event.

## WDM SASKATOON

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### SEED SURVIVOR

October 21

Presented by Agrium Inc., this hands-on display demonstrates where food comes from. Open from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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### SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily

Museum closed Thanksgiving Day





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## Grandparents' Day

SEPTEMBER 10

Since 1995, the second Sunday in September has been recognized as National Grandparents' Day. Celebrate the importance of grandparents in our lives with a special day at the WDM Yorkton. From 2:00 – 4:00 pm, join us for a hands-on artifacts game and craft. Families can pick up a reminiscence book to record stories and memories while touring the Museum galleries.

## Become a Volunteer

Thanks to our many volunteers, the 62nd Threshermen's Show & Seniors' Festival was a great success. Visitors took in the sights and sounds of the past. Soon volunteers with the Yorkton Threshermen's Club will be preparing the field for next year's event. Contact the WDM Yorkton if you would like to join this vibrant group in keeping the past alive.

## Saskatchewan-Made Gift Ideas

Featuring Saskatchewan-made products, tourists and locals alike will find beautiful gifts, tasty treats and unique items in the gift shop. From handblown glass to berry preserves, there are many items perfectly suited as a souvenir, keepsake or gift. Of course, we have a kids' section as well! Featuring nostalgic toys and games, our gift shop has items perfectly suited to your child, or the child in you!

## WDM YORKTON

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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



## Save the 1158!

*“My great-grandparents stepped off ships in New York City during the First World War. My war bride Grandma and my Dad, just a year and a half old, came to Pier 21 in Halifax in 1946. It was steam locomotives that brought them 2,000 miles west to build their new lives.”*

Steam locomotives. They brought so many people to Saskatchewan and were a lifeline for new and swiftly growing communities.

Locomotive 1158 stands at the WDM North Battleford Heritage Farm and Village as a larger than life reminder of the past. The railway, powered by steam locomotives, reduced the massive geography of Canada, bringing millions of people to new homes. The locomotive was truly the vehicle of immigration.

60 years of rain, sun and wind have been hard on the 1158 locomotive. It's a huge job. At \$200,000, it's the biggest artifact restoration the WDM has undertaken in many years. You can save the 1158 with your gift today to the Save the 1158! campaign at the Western Development Museum. We already have 60% of the funds we need. You can help us get the remaining \$80,000.

Your donation will go towards removing decades of grime and rust, painting the entire locomotive and tender, painting and polishing all the pieces – the lights, the whistle, the bell – and bringing it back to what it might have looked like pulling up to an elevator or a passenger platform. Donate today at [save1158.wdm.ca](http://save1158.wdm.ca) or at any WDM location or by calling 1-800-363-6345. Thank you!

### ***Our Collective Threads: Saskatchewan People in Canada***



As part of the year-long Canada 150 celebrations, the WDM has produced an exciting travelling exhibit. *Our Collective Threads* explores the diverse history of Saskatchewan people through artifacts from its exceptional textile collection. The clothes we have worn tell many stories about everyday life in Saskatchewan and our place in Canada.

One artifact featured is this pair of 1940s children's farm overalls. Little is known about who wore them. The patches on the knees and the back suggest hard times and making do. The faded-out signature GWG brand red stripe is reminiscent of a childhood spent in the hot prairie sun.

Advertised as "Just Like His Dad's," GWG's durable and affordable farm overalls for boys were a staple piece of clothing on the farm in the lean years of the 1930s and wartime 1940s. For young immigrants new to Saskatchewan, owning a pair meant fitting in. Boys wore their overalls all four seasons – over flannel shirts and with wool socks in winter and bare-chested with no shirt in summer.

We invite you to discover these and other artifacts in *Our Collective Threads* on display at WDM locations now through 2018. Please check *Sparks* and [wdm.ca](http://wdm.ca) for dates and locations.

## FEATURE



WATEROUS ROAD ROLLER, WDM-1973-S-1080



## Ready to Roll

In November 2016, the WDM began to restore the Waterous road roller that was on display outside the WDM Moose Jaw. Over the past few months, staff and volunteers have worked to return it to its former glory.

The city of Saskatoon bought this 11,000 kg roller second-hand in Winnipeg in 1926 for \$2,950, the equivalent of about \$42,000 in 2017. It was used until 1933. Plans are underway for the roller to go back on display in Moose Jaw this year.

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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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Did you know that the Saskatoon-based Saskatchewan Storm played in the World Basketball League from 1990 to 1992?



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