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SUMMER AT THE WDM

CEO'S REPORT

Summer is here!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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CANADA 150

#SaskInspired Artifact Connections

UPCOMING EVENTS



WDM Moose Jaw

Through September	<i>Sisters United</i> exhibit from Diefenbaker Canada Centre
July 12–13	Discovery Box Family Programming
July 22–23	Discovery Box Family Programming
July 29–30	Brickspo
August 5–6	Discovery Box Family Programming
August 7	Saskatchewan Day
August 12–13	Discovery Box Family Programming
August 19	Blow Off Some Steam

WDM North Battleford

July 17–21	Heritage Farm and Village Kids Camps <i>Pre-registration required</i>
July 19	Save the 1158 Campaign Launch
August 12–13	Those Were The Days

WDM Saskatoon

Through September	<i>A Taste of Science</i> exhibit from Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
July 13 – August 25	Summer Programming Thursdays through Sundays
July 24–28	Pioneer Kids' Camps <i>Pre-registration required</i>
July 31–August 4	Pioneer Kids' Camps <i>Pre-registration required</i>

WDM Yorkton

Through September	<i>Insects, Flowers and Food</i> exhibit from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
July 12	Museum Day
July 16	Movies at the Museum produced by the Yorkton Film Festival
July 23	Discovery Box Family Programming
August 5–6	62nd Annual Threshermen's Show & Seniors' Festival
August 15–17	Children's Pioneer Days <i>Pre-registration required</i>

Events and dates listed here are subject to change.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



WDM CALLIOPE ON PARADE IN DALMENY JUNE 3, 2017. PHOTO COURTESY RUTH BITNER.

Summer is here!

The Calliope has already started its summer parade tour and the finishing touches are being put in place for Pion-Era (Saskatoon), Those Were the Days (North Battleford), and the Threshermen's Show and Seniors' Festival (Yorkton).

Throughout the summer, there will be an amazing array of events, programs and activities for everyone to enjoy at all our WDM locations. You can check out the *Sisters United: Women's Suffrage in Saskatchewan* travelling exhibit in Moose Jaw. Explore the village in North Battleford. Get a taste of science in Saskatoon. Or participate in a discovery box program with your family in Yorkton.

Coming for a visit to any one of our WDM locations is a great way to reconnect with family and friends as you share Saskatchewan's history with those around you. We hope a visit to one of the WDM locations will be a part of your family's summer memories this year.

Have a safe and happy summer everyone!

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



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B WDM North Battleford – *Outdoor Village*
WDM Permanent Exhibit
Through October 8



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IMAGE COURTESY ROYAL SASKATCHEWAN MUSEUM

C WDM Saskatoon – *A Taste of Science* produced by the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
Through September

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

WDM MOOSE JAW



Discovery Box Family Program

JULY 12-13, 22-23

AUGUST 5-6, 12-13

Explore our Discovery Boxes with WDM staff! You'll learn about Saskatchewan's history through photos and artifacts, and crafts. Pre-registration is required and programming is included with regular Museum admission. Check out the WDM website for age recommendations and themes. Children must be accompanied by an adult while in the program.

Brickspo

JULY 29-30

See amazing creations by award-winning adult builders from SLUG (Saskatchewan LEGO Users Group) and from across Western Canada. Workshops throughout the day by Bricks 4 Kidz. New this year – special features in honour of Canada's 150th birthday! On-site concession 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Saskatchewan Day

AUGUST 7

Family fun and programming throughout the day!

WDM MOOSE JAW

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JULY - AUGUST HOURS

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Daily

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WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



Where is the 1158?

Work is underway on one of our largest artifacts, coordinated by Conservation Manager Tim Pomeroy with help from WDM North Battleford staff and community partners. To learn more about this massive project and how you can help, join us at the WDM North Battleford on July 19, come out to Those Were The Days, visit our website and check out the next issue of *Sparks*.

Summer Day Camps

JULY 17-21

There are a few spots left for our Heritage Farm and Village Day Camps. Camps are for ages 7-10 and run from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Lunch and snacks are provided. Come for one day or all week! Pre-registration is required.

Agriculture 150

Agriculture and agri-food is a significant contributor to Canada's economy, food supply, environment and culture. Visit our Winning the Prairie Gamble Theatre this summer for videos showcasing the past, present and future of this sector by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

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JULY - AUGUST HOURS

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Daily





LIVING HISTORY YOUNG PIONEER KIDS' CAMP, 2016

Living History Young Pioneer Kids' Camp

We still have room in our summer camps! Young campers step back in time and experience pioneer life through old-fashioned games and crafts, a horse and wagon ride and lots of pioneer demonstrations. Camp sessions are for campers ages 7–10 and run half days July 24–28 and full days July 31–August 4. Pre-registration is required.

WDM Comes Alive this Summer

JULY 13–AUGUST 27

Get a glimpse of what life in Saskatchewan was like 100 years ago. Join staff and volunteers as they bring the Museum to life through activities, demonstrations and stories each Thursday through Sunday afternoon. Check our website for details!

WDM in the Community

Join us for pioneer crafts and activities:

- Saskatoon Farmers' Market – July 12 and August 9, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Pike Lake Provincial Park – August 16 and 23, from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

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JULY – AUGUST HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily

WDM YORKTON



CLAY OVEN BAKING AT THRESHERMEN'S SHOW & SENIORS' FESTIVAL, 2016

Museum Day

JULY 12

A fun way to spend a summer afternoon! Come-and-go activity stations throughout the galleries featuring crafts, games, and a scavenger hunt. Scheduled demonstrations of butter and ice cream making, plus cookies and juice to end a great day at the WDM.

Discovery Box Family Program

JULY 23, 2:00 PM

Enjoy a hands-on Museum experience! Partake in our educational Discovery Boxes, featuring artifacts, stories and history from First Nations and pioneer cultures.

Children's Pioneer Days

AUGUST 15-17

Mini-camp for children aged 9-12 featuring handicrafts, cooking and baking activities, wagon rides, and pioneer demonstrations. Plus, a family picnic on Thursday! Pre-registration is required.

WDM YORKTON

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JULY - AUGUST HOURS

Until August 13:
9:00 am - 5:00 pm Daily

August 13 - December:
9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday-Friday
12:00 - 5:00 pm Weekends

Movies at the Museum

JULY 16, 2:00 PM

See the best of the Yorkton Short Film Festival at the WDM this July.



Those Were the Days

AUGUST 12 & 13, WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

Hear the whistles scream as enormous steam traction engines roll down the village street. Savour the sweet smell of threshed oats in the field as the threshers go about their work or the warm fragrance of bread baking in a wood oven in the farmhouse. Meet local and exotic critters at the petting zoo. Feel the heat from the forge in the Blacksmith Shop. Enjoy the view from the back of a 1928 fire truck.

Indoors, devour delicious flapjacks made by the North Battleford Lions Club, sing along with local entertainers, or hunt for treasures at the Volunteer Association Garage Sale and the Saskatchewan Made Trade Show.

For those with a competitive streak, roll up your sleeves for our pioneer competitions. Race the clock (and each other) at nail pounding, burr running and log sawing. At the end of each day, we'll crown those with the fastest times our Pioneer Champions. There are men's, women's and children's categories for each event.

Also returning this year are our official KCBS professional Battle of the BBQs competition and epic amateur Chili Cook-off. Registration for competitors and judges is open.

Don't miss out – join us at the WDM North Battleford for Those Were The Days 2017!



FEATURE



Threshermen's Show & Seniors' Festival

AUGUST 5 & 6, WDM YORKTON

An annual tradition since 1955, the Threshermen's Show and Seniors' Festival has treated generations of visitors to a glimpse of Saskatchewan's agricultural heritage. Watch demonstrations of threshing, sawmilling, blacksmithing, grain grinding, and rolled oats milling, along with ice cream churning, quilting, and bread baking in our outdoor clay oven.

If it's the spirit of competition that attracts you, be sure to participate in the stooking competition, or for the antique collector, the antique car and tractor competitions. Special highlights include the Story of Harvest, plowing demonstrations, and the Hobby & Handicraft Sale.

Enjoy non-stop entertainment on the outdoor bandstand, including a Sunday Morning Hymn Sing. Fun for the kids are the old-fashioned games, horse drawn rides, and a pedal tractor pull. Concessions are on the grounds and feature a pancake breakfast on Sunday.

The event runs from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm each day. See you there!

Canada 150 #SaskInspired Artifacts

DID YOU KNOW THE SASKATCHEWAN CONNECTION TO THESE COMMON ITEMS?



ATM

A plastic card connecting people immediately and directly to their bank accounts was unheard of in Canada in 1970. By the end of the decade, that had changed - and the change began in Saskatchewan! In 1976, Sherwood Credit Union in Regina tested Canada's first Automated Teller Machine or ATM.

Girl Guide Cookies

In 1927, a Regina Girl Guide leader baked cookies to raise money for her Company's camping trip. The idea caught on quickly and by 1929 Girl Guides across Canada were selling cookies. Cookie sales went on to become a Canadian tradition and the main fundraiser for the Guides.



Canola

Saskatchewan and Manitoba researchers, most notably Dr. Keith Downey and Dr. Baldur Stefansson, were key players in the development of canola.

The first varieties were released in the 1970s. Today, canola is a multi-billion dollar crop used in cooking oil, biodiesel, and more.

CANOLA IN BLOOM,
COURTESY RUTH BITNER



Visit any of the four WDMs this summer and pick up a #SaskInspired Canada 150 Guide to explore more examples of how Saskatchewan has contributed to, and inspired, our country - and the world!

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