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UPCOMING EVENTS



WDM Moose Jaw

Through February 16	<i>Adrian Paton Collection</i> exhibit from the Saskatchewan History & Folklore Society
January 21	Volunteer Blitz
February 1	Vickers Vedette Dedication Ceremony
February 11	Heritage Day
February 15	Paint Nite Fundraiser for the Short Line Track
March 25-26	Thunder Creek Model Train Show
April 1	Museum Nonsense – an April Fool's Celebration
April 15	Easter Fun

WDM North Battleford

Through April 30	<i>Big Bert</i> exhibit from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
Through May 21	<i>Insects, Flowers and Food</i> exhibit from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
February 11	Medieval Feast
April 22	Blues & Brews

WDM Saskatoon

January 7, 14, 21, 28	<i>Explore Ag/Seed Survivor</i> by Agrium Inc.
February 4, 5, 11, 18, 25	<i>Explore Ag/Seed Survivor</i> by Agrium Inc.
February 5	Heritage Festival of Saskatoon
February 7 – April 30	<i>Game Changers</i> exhibit from the Canada Science and Technology Museum
February 21-24	February School Break Programming
February 25-26	All Aboard! Model Train Show

WDM Yorkton

January 21 – April 16	<i>A Taste of Science</i> exhibit from the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
February 19	Heritage Day

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Looking Forward

The beginning of a new year is a natural time for reflecting about the past and planning for the future. This year is no exception as the WDM experienced several changes this past year. A significant area of change included welcoming six new staff. Tim Pomeroy (Conservation Manager), Liz Scott (Director of Research), Karla Pratt (Education/Public Programs Coordinator, Moose Jaw), Sherralyn Tanasychuk (Food Services Sales Coordinator, Saskatoon), Tori Grenier (Administrative Assistant) and I all joined the WDM in the last four months. Our thanks to those who left for new opportunities during the last year; we appreciate your contributions to the WDM.

New people bring new ideas and different perspectives. It has been wonderful to share in the enthusiasm of our new staff. It has been equally wonderful to see how welcoming and open all the staff and volunteers are. Everyone, no matter how long they have been involved with the WDM, is passionate about what they do. They also believe that the WDM can have a positive impact on the lives of Saskatchewan residents.

Thinking about our future has initiated many conversations about the role of museums today and how the WDM can best serve the needs of people in our communities. These discussions range from ways to deliver outreach programs to questions about what makes a museum successful. We also want to look at how we are meeting your needs and what we can do to ensure your membership continues to be a valuable part of your experience with us. Knowing what makes the WDM important to you and your family is important and will help shape the programs and services we offer. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly. I can be reached by email at jkkanigan@wdm.ca or by phone at 306-934-1409 ext:223.

Thank you for being a WDM member. Your involvement and support is really appreciated.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and all the best in 2017.

Joan Kanigan, CEO

IN THE GALLERIES

A WDM Moose Jaw – *Adrian Paton Collection*
from the Saskatchewan History & Folklore Society
Through February 16



IMAGE COURTESY SASKATCHEWAN HISTORY & FOLKLORE SOCIETY

B WDM North Battleford – *Insects, Flowers and Food*
from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
Through May 21



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C WDM Saskatoon – *Explore Ag/Seed Survivor*
by Agrium Inc. and Agriculture in the Classroom
Selected dates through February 28



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produced by the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
January 21 – April 16

WDM MOOSE JAW



SHORT LINE 101 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE, WDM-1973-S-3146.6A-F

Volunteer Blitz

JANUARY 21

As programming grows, so does the need for volunteers. Find out about a variety of interesting and fun opportunities at the WDM Moose Jaw. This afternoon program is perfect for new and existing volunteers who want to learn about the role they can play at the WDM. Join us at 2:00 pm and be inspired to donate your time.

Paint Nite Fundraiser

FEBRUARY 15

Join the fun and create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece while raising money to help repair the Short Line 101 track! With step-by-step instruction, attendees will follow along and compose their own transportation-themed painting. The evening gets underway at 7:00 pm; drinks and light refreshments will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$45.

Museum Nonsense

APRIL 1

Can you decipher which artifacts are displayed with facts and which ones are interpreted with sheer balderdash? From 1:00 – 4:00 pm, the April Fool's Day celebration will include this true or false game and the Load of Nonsense program. Visitors are encouraged to come dressed in silly attire or show off a crazy hairstyle!

WDM MOOSE JAW

THUNDER CREEK MODEL TRAIN SHOW

March 25–26

Check out one of the best model train shows in Saskatchewan

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JANUARY–MARCH HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Tuesday–Sunday

Museum Closed: Mondays and February 20



WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



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Great Escapes Lottery

The WDM is fortunate to have members who support us in so many ways such as purchasing tickets for the Great Escapes Vacation Lottery. Proceeds from the lottery support facility upgrades at the WDM North Battleford. Purchase your 2017 lottery ticket for a chance to win a great vacation package each month. Tickets are \$100 each and only 500 tickets will be sold.

2017 Lottery License #RR16-0325

Medieval Feast

FEBRUARY 11

Let it be known through the land, a gathering in the kingdom is hereby announced. Join us for an evening of food and frivolity guaranteed to brighten the dark days of winter at the Medieval Feast. Festivities begin at 6:00 pm. Enjoy a medieval dining experience along with musicians and entertainment. Get into the spirit by dressing in period costume. Tickets are \$45 each.

Blues & Brews

APRIL 22

Saskatoon's Apollo Cruz will be bringing their fiery blues-rock sound to the WDM for this year's Blues & Brews. This is the perfect event for WDM supporters who love the blues. Doors open at 8:30 pm with music starting at 9:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 each or purchase a table of eight for \$140. Thanks to Rainbow Toyota who will provide free rides home to residences in North Battleford and Battleford.

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WDM SASKATOON



2016 HERITAGE FESTIVAL OF SASKATOON

Memoir Writing Class

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY,
JANUARY 19 – APRIL 27

There's still a little bit of time to get registered in the WDM's Memoir Writing Class. Taking place every second Thursday, instructor Glorie Tebbutt will help guide students as they take their stories from table to page. The cost is \$171 for WDM members; \$190 for non-members.

Heritage Festival of Saskatoon FEBRUARY 5

The WDM joins in celebrating Saskatoon's diverse heritage as host to the 2017 Heritage Festival of Saskatoon. The Festival features entertainment, displays and presentations around this year's theme, "From Moosewoods to Metropolis." Admission is free from 12:00 – 5:00 pm. For more information, visit heritagefestivalofsaskatoon.com.

School Break Programming

FEBRUARY 21-24 AND APRIL 18-21

Looking for some indoor fun during the school breaks? The WDM Saskatoon will offer daily special programs and activities from 1:00 – 3:00 pm during the February and Spring breaks. Watch for updated information at wdm.ca.

WDM SASKATOON

PIONEER THRESHERMEN'S FLEA MARKET

Find deals and treasures from
9:00 am – 3:30 pm on April 22

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WDM YORKTON



A TASTE OF SCIENCE EXHIBIT

Heritage Day

FEBRUARY 19

Each year the National Trust for Canada designates a week in February to celebrate our heritage. The theme this year, “My Canada,” marks Canada’s 150th birthday and inspires Canadians to embrace, explore and enjoy heritage places and spaces across the country. In partnership with the City of Yorkton Archives, the WDM Yorkton will be celebrating our heritage. Join us from 2:00 - 5:00 pm to learn more about our province and our country.

A Taste of Science

JANUARY 21 - APRIL 16

A Taste of Science highlights the role science plays in delaying food decay and keeping food nutritious and safe for us to eat. In this engaging exhibit, immerse yourself in an oversized “pantry” and discover what makes food spoil, and different food preservation techniques. You’ll find lots to feed your mind and imagination on the menu. Produced by the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum, this quirky exhibit will get you thinking about food use and preservation.

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JANUARY-MARCH HOURS

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12:00 – 5:00 pm Weekends
Museum Closed: Mondays and February 20



ABOUT US



CAMDEN SHEPHERD AND WDM DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, JEN PEDERSON

Kids Care About the WDM

The goal of 100 Kids Who Care YXE is to bring together 100 plus children who care about making a difference in Saskatoon. The children meet and vote to support a charity chosen by them. Each kid-member donates \$10 and 100% of their donation is given to the charity who receives the most votes from the kids.

On November 20 the WDM was honoured to be nominated as a charity of choice. Our nominator, five year old Camden Shepherd, did an absolutely wonderful job presenting to more than 100 kids about four things he loves about the WDM Saskatoon (jail, train, fun house and the fly). He told the group that if the kids voted for the WDM that 1,000 school kids would be able to visit the WDM because their buses would get paid for. In a close vote, the kids chose another of the wonderful organizations, but we are so proud of Camden and appreciative of his family's help in his presentation. Thank you Camden!

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FEATURE



(ABOVE) THE VICKERS VEDETTE REPLICA BUILT BY THE VINTAGE AIRCRAFT RESTORERS

(RIGHT) A VICKERS VEDETTE IN WASKESIU, 1933. IMAGE COURTESY OF THE PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF SASKATCHEWAN, S-B405



Aviation History Remembered

The construction of a Vickers Vedette flying boat is the latest in a series of airplane reconstructions by the Vintage Aircraft Restorers (VAR), a volunteer group at the WDM Moose Jaw. In 2003 the WDM acquired the remains of a wooden hull Vickers Vedette flying boat. The WDM created a small exhibit to tell the Vedette story in northern Saskatchewan. The exhibit has now been expanded to include a replica.

The first Vedette was built for the Royal Canadian Air Force by Montreal's Canadian Vickers in 1924. During the late 1920s and into the 1930s, Vedettes were used in Saskatchewan for aerial mapping and forest

fire patrols in the north. No Vickers Vedette has survived intact anywhere in Canada. The first Vedette replica was built by Winnipeg's Western Canadian Aviation Museum who contributed the plans for the WDM project.

In 2014, the project won a Ninety-Nines Canadian Award in Aviation for promoting and preserving aviation and aeronautics in Canada. The WDM wishes to acknowledge VAR for their dedication and incredible 23,328 hours contributed to this project.

Join the WDM for a dedication ceremony for the Vickers Vedette replica at the WDM Moose Jaw on February 1 at 7:00 pm.

Get your game on!

Don't miss the *Game Changers* exhibit opening party in early February. To make sure you get your invitation, send your email address to tcalloway@wdm.ca.



Game Changers

Discover how innovation has shaped the video game industry. Opening February 7 at the WDM Saskatoon, *Game Changers* takes you on a fascinating journey, exploring the past and uncovering the future of gaming.

Live the video game evolution, from Pong to the immersive games of today. Try your hand at operating a supersized Nintendo controller and play Tetris on a giant Game Boy. Discover original storyboards and scripts from the most influential games and listen to industry experts explain how they develop games. Test your skills with 16 games that have significantly changed the gaming experience.

Game Changers was developed and produced by the Canada Science and Technology Museum in Ottawa, with assistance from the Government of Canada. The WDM Saskatoon is the first stop of this exciting new exhibit on its cross-country tour. The tour is managed by Science North in Sudbury, ON.

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