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UPCOMING EVENTS



WDM Moose Jaw

Through Aug. 28	<i>A Taste of Science</i> exhibit produced by the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
Through Oct. 4	<i>Insects, Flowers and Food</i> exhibit from Royal Saskatchewan Museum
July 12-15	Summer Day Camps, <i>Pre-Registration Required</i>
July 16	Canadian Vintage Motorcycle Group (CVMG) Show and Shine
July 23-24	Brickspo
Aug. 9-12	Summer Day Camps, <i>Pre-Registration Required</i>
Aug. 11-27	<i>Pulses: Ideas in Every Way</i> produced by the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum

WDM North Battleford

July 18-22	Heritage Farm and Village Kids' Camps, <i>Pre-Registration Required</i>
July 19-24	<i>From Vimy to Juno</i> exhibit from the Juno Beach Centre
Aug. 6-7	Those Were the Days

WDM Saskatoon

July 1-17	<i>From Vimy to Juno</i> exhibit from the Juno Beach Centre
Through Sept. 30	<i>Building the Road to Victory: Canadian Railway Troops, Forgotten Heroes</i> exhibit from Exporail
July 9-10	Pion-Era
July 14-Aug. 26	Summer Programming – Thursdays–Sundays
July 18-22	Living History Pioneer Camp Session 1, <i>Pre-Registration Required</i>
July 25-29	Living History Pioneer Camp Session 2, <i>Pre-Registration Required</i>
Aug. 8-12	Living History Pioneer Camp Session 3, <i>Pre-Registration Required</i>

WDM Yorkton

Through Sept. 20	<i>100 Years Ago: Remembering WWI</i> – WDM Exhibit
July 13	Museum Day
July 17	Movies at the Museum
July 22-Aug. 7	<i>Pulses: Ideas in Every Way</i> produced by the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
July 24	Discovery Box Family Programming
July 30-31	Threshermen's Show and Seniors' Festival
Aug. 9-11	Children's Pioneer Days, <i>Pre-Registration Required</i>
Aug. 14	Discovery Box Family Programming

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Fond Farewell

As you read this, I will have already served my last day as Chief Executive Officer of the Western Development Museum. After five years (to the day) in this position, I submitted my resignation to the WDM's Board of Directors, effective June 30.

In my final message as CEO, I want to say that I have the greatest confidence in the future of the Museum. I believe Museum attendance will continue to increase thanks to retired Boomers like myself—grandchildren in tow; to young people looking for real experiences away from the Internet; and to minority populations coming to visit as the WDM reaches out to them.

The Museum strives daily to inspire, and to be inspired in return. New immigrants learn about their new home, families have fun together, school children gain knowledge, seniors share their skills and tourists have meaningful experiences—all through contact with authentic artifacts and awe-inspiring stories at the WDM. The resulting appreciation of our shared heritage is indeed "Saskatchewan Inspired."

Thank you to Honourable Mark Docherty, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport and his staff, and to the WDM Board of Directors, for their ongoing work to sustain the Museum as the trusted custodian of Saskatchewan's collective heritage. Finally, thanks to the WDM's employees and volunteers for the hard work they do to boost the Museum's performance in all areas—from exhibit production to earned revenue. It has been my great privilege to work with this dedicated and talented group of people. To everyone, I offer my sincere appreciation for helping to ensure that a visit to the Western Development Museum is an inspiring experience for all.

Joan Champ, CEO

IN THE GALLERIES

A WDM Moose Jaw – *Insects, Flowers and Food* from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
Through October 4



IMAGE COURTESY ROYAL SASKATCHEWAN MUSEUM

B WDM North Battleford – *From Vimy to Juno* from the Juno Beach Centre
July 19–24



IMAGE COURTESY JUNO BEACH CENTRE



IMAGE COURTESY EXPORAIL



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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 – *Pulses: Ideas In Every Way* produced by Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
July 22–August 7

WDM MOOSE JAW



CF-SAM AIR AMBULANCE, WDM-1975-MJ-3

Summer Day Camps

Summertime is a great time to be a kid in Saskatchewan. There is so much to see and do including summer camps. There are four fun day camps at the WDM Moose Jaw. Register for one or for all four.

- Pirate Camp - July 12 or August 9
- Space Camp - July 13 or August 10
- Creepy, Crawly Camp - July 14 or August 11
- Spy Camp - July 15 or August 12

Pre-registration is required. Contact the WDM Moose Jaw for more information.

Saskatchewan Inspired

CF-SAM, part of the collection in the WDM Moose Jaw, represents a milestone in Canada's aviation history. It belonged to the fledgling Saskatchewan Air Ambulance Service (SAAS), the first non-military, government-operated air ambulance service in the world. The SAAS made emergency medical care accessible to Saskatchewan people living in rural areas and in the North. This plane, a Norseman Mark V, was purchased in 1946 and was the second plane to fly for SAAS. See CF-SAM as part of the *Winning the Prairie Gamble* exhibit.

WDM MOOSE JAW

VISIT OUR GIFT SHOP

Check out our selection of Saskatchewan-made products such as Watuko Headbands, Wood Body Goods and Prairie Girl.

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JULY-AUGUST HOURS

9:00 am - 5:00 pm daily



WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



Heritage Farm & Village Day Camps

JULY 18-22

What would it be like to have been a pioneering settler in 1900s Saskatchewan? Come find out! There'll be different activities each day. You might ride in a wagon around our 1920s village, make your own rope, wash clothes without electricity or go to class in a one room schoolhouse. Camps run from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. Don't miss out on the fun! Register for one day or for the week. Pre-registration is required.

WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

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Thank You Summer Students

Each year the WDM North Battleford, along with the other WDM locations, hire post-secondary and high school students to work in our Museum. Students come to us from various backgrounds to work in our gift shops and food service departments, help with maintenance, lead summer camps and greet visitors. We are pleased to offer them valuable experience working in the heritage sector. Thanks to the Young Canada Works program, Canada Summer Jobs and Student Summer Works who provide grants that enable us to hire these young people. Thank you students for the dedication and enthusiasm you bring to the WDM every day!



WDM SASKATOON



LIVING HISTORY PIONEER KIDS' CAMP, 2015

Summer Programming

JULY 14–AUGUST 26

Get a glimpse of what it was like to live in Saskatchewan 100 years ago during summer programming at the WDM Saskatoon. Thursday through Sunday afternoons, join staff and volunteers as they bring the Museum to life with activities, demonstrations, stories and more. Contact the WDM before your visit for more information.

Living History Young Pioneer Camps

Young campers step back in time and try their hands at pioneer skills and games, while also getting a behind-the-scenes look at how a Museum operates.

Camp sessions are 1:00 – 4:30 pm and run July 18–22, July 25–29 and August 8–12 for campers ages 7–10. Pre-registration is required.

WDM SASKATOON

ATTENTION CRAFTERS & ARTISANS

Exhibitor registration forms for the 2016 Christmas Craft Fair are now available on our website at: wdm.ca/stoon/events/craftfair.htm.

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9:00 am – 5:00 pm daily





MAKING PIE IN THE CHILDREN'S PIONEER CAMP, 2015

Museum Day

JULY 13

Join us for a fun way to spend a summer afternoon! Activities include crafts, games and a scavenger hunt. Learn to make your own ice cream and butter the pioneer way and then end your day with cookies and juice. The event runs from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

Movies at the Museum

JULY 17

In continued partnership with the Yorkton Film Festival, we will be presenting entries on various Sunday afternoons throughout the summer beginning at 2:00 pm. This year's series will feature war documentary films to complement our *100 Years Ago: Remembering WWI* exhibit.

Discovery Box Family Programming

JULY 24 & AUGUST 14

Get hands-on with history while learning about Saskatchewan's past. Each day has a different theme. The fun starts at 2:00 pm.

WDM YORKTON

CHILDREN'S PIONEER DAYS

August 9–11 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm each day. Summer camp for ages 9–12. Limited space available and advance registration required.

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JULY–AUGUST HOURS

Until August 12:
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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





FEATURE

Those Were the Days

WDM NORTH
BATTLEFORD

AUGUST 6 & 7

Summer wouldn't be the same without a stroll down memory lane at Those Were The Days. Kick start both days with a flapjack breakfast from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Children will love the kids' activities like face painting, a scavenger hunt and old-fashioned games. Visit the petting zoo or marvel at the agility of the dogs in the dog show. All ages can try their hand at the pioneer competitions.

Enjoy traditional favourites like the harvest demonstration, tractor obstacle course and watch the parade of power as it winds through the Village. As always, you can take a ride in a vintage vehicle like the 1925 McLaughlin, 1929 Buick or 1928 fire truck. Or enjoy the bump and jostle of a horse-drawn wagon ride.

Returning again this year is the Battle of the BBQs competition. If you're up for the challenge why not enter the chili cooking contest? On stage you'll find great Saskatchewan-based entertainment. We hope you'll join us for a Saskatchewan inspired weekend!

FEATURE



Brickpo WDM MOOSE JAW JULY 23-24

Hosted by the Saskatchewan LEGO Users Group (SLUG), Brickspo showcases hundreds of awesome LEGO creations made by local adult builders – everything from models of local buildings to out-of-this world space ships. For young LEGO lovers, Bricks 4 Kidz is back and will host workshops both days. For those with a competitive streak, there will be a Kids Building Contest on Saturday, July 23. Contestants aged 8–14 will compete to build the best city building in the style of the Creator building series. Contest pre-registration is required.

Contact SLUG at slug_regina.sk@hotmail.com for more information about the contest or all things Brickspo.

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FEATURE



Threshermen's Show and Seniors' Festival

WDM YORKTON – JULY 30 & 31

An annual tradition since 1955, the Festival has treated generations of visitors to a glimpse of Saskatchewan's heritage. Its popularity stems from blending traditional skills with the spirit and diversity of this province's people. See blacksmithing, grain grinding and rolled oats milling, along with old-fashioned homemaking skills such as churning ice cream, quilting and baking bread in an outdoor clay oven. If it's the spirit of competition that attracts you, be sure to participate in our stoking competition or, for the antique collector, the antique car and tractor competitions. Special highlights include the Story of Harvest, plowing and threshing demonstrations, Hobby & Handicraft Sale and the *Year of the Pulse* feature exhibit. Enjoy non-stop entertainment, including a Sunday morning Hymn Sing. Fun for the kids includes old-fashioned games, horse-drawn rides and a pedal tractor pull. Concessions are available and there will be a pancake breakfast on Sunday. The event runs from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm each day.

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WDM Curatorial Centre

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Closed Statutory Holidays

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HAPPY SASKATCHEWAN DAY!

Saskatchewan flag designer, Anthony Drake and wife Joan at the WDM Saskatoon, May 2016



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