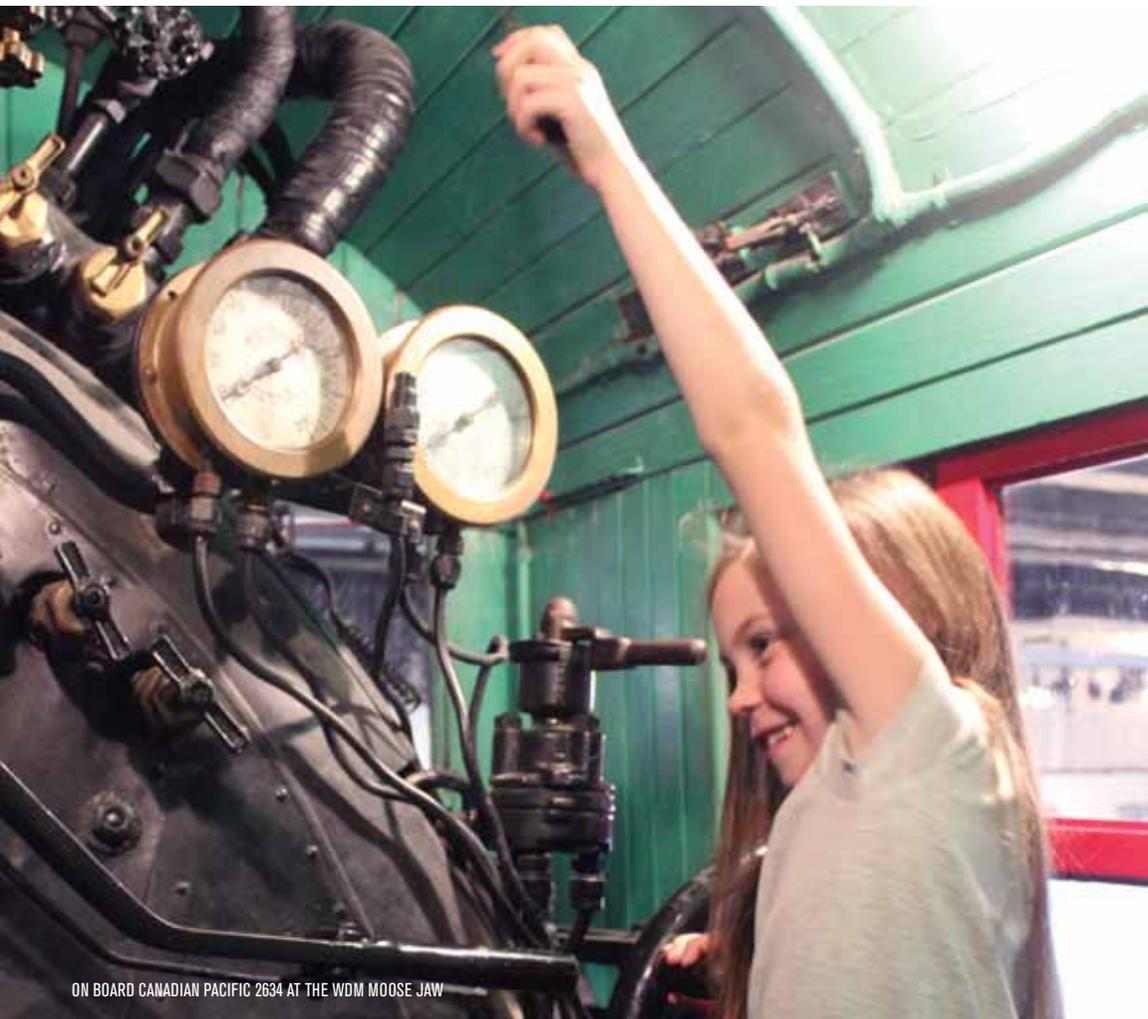




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WDM Moose Jaw

November 19	Kids' Secret Shopping and Shortwave to Santa
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WDM North Battleford

Through April 30, 2017	<i>Big Bert</i> exhibit from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
Through May 21, 2017	<i>Insects, Flowers and Food</i> exhibit from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
November 19	Joy of Christmas
December 3	A Prairie Christmas
December 10-11	Community Christmas Party

WDM Saskatoon

November 3-December 11	Shaw Toy Tree
November 7-January 8, 2017	<i>Eaton's Once Upon A Christmas</i> – WDM holiday exhibit
November 20-26	Festival of Trees
December 4, 10, 11	<i>Explore Ag/Seed Survivor</i> exhibit by Agrium
December 6	Christmas Spider Sculptural Beadwork Workshops (Pre-registration required)
December 18	Carolling Sunday
January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017	<i>Explore Ag/Seed Survivor</i> exhibit by Agrium
February 7-April 30, 2017	<i>Game Changers</i> exhibit from the Canada Science and Technology Museum and Science North

WDM Yorkton

January 21-April, 2017	<i>A Taste of Science</i> exhibit from Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Proud to be Canadian

On October 11, WDM staff and volunteers had an opportunity to take part in welcoming new Canadians as they took their oath of citizenship during a ceremony hosted by the Institute for Canadian Citizenship at the WDM Saskatoon. Prior to the ceremony we participated in a round table discussion that gave us an opportunity to meet with new citizens and find out what becoming a Canadian meant to them.

The conversations were moving as people described how privileged they felt. They shared with us how being Canadian gave them opportunities that they didn't have before and how their families now have a better future. Personally, I was humbled by the gratitude being expressed and reminded of how privileged we truly are to call Canada home. It also reinforced my belief that museums have an important role to play in building strong cohesive communities.

As the keeper of Saskatchewan's collective heritage, the WDM shares our province's unique sense of place and the stories of the people living here. I believe museums, like the WDM, unleash our natural curiosity, expand our awareness and broaden our sense of place in the world. When we connect with each other through our stories, we create a shared understanding of what is important to each of us. This understanding is what inspires appreciation and respect for our diversity and enables us to build an inclusive society.

Whether your family has lived in Saskatchewan for generations or has recently arrived, my sincerest wish is that you feel welcome and that your stories become woven into our collective heritage so that we are all enriched and inspired by what it means to be a Canadian living in Saskatchewan.

Joan Kanigan, CEO

IN THE GALLERIES

A WDM Moose Jaw – *Saskatchewan Air Ambulance*
WDM Permanent Exhibit.



B WDM North Battleford – *Big Bert*
from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum.
Through April 30, 2017



C WDM Saskatoon – *Eaton's Once Upon A Christmas*
WDM Holiday Exhibit.
Through January 8, 2017

D WDM Yorkton – *In A Prairie Attic: Bladon Family Toys*
WDM Permanent Exhibit.

WDM MOOSE JAW



KIDS' SECRET SHOPPING

Get in the Christmas Spirit NOVEMBER 19

Start the day off with Breakfast with Mrs. Claus from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Santa may be working up at the North Pole but Mrs. Claus will be at the Museum to have a visit with everyone. Tickets are \$5 per person (children three and under are free) and are available at the WDM Moose Jaw or from the Moose Jaw Girl Guides. If you have a sweet tooth but not enough time to bake, stop by and visit the Girl Guides Christmas Bake Sale.

Do you remember the first time you watched someone open a gift you chose and purchased all by yourself? Give the children in your life that same opportunity at Kids' Secret Shopping and Shortwave to Santa from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Children ages 10 and under can do their Christmas shopping in a safe, controlled environment with help from friendly elves. No parents allowed! All gifts are \$15 or less (cash only please).

This is a very busy time for Santa but the Moose Jaw Amateur Radio Club has made arrangements to have him available via shortwave radio. Take this opportunity to speak with Santa directly from his workshop at the North Pole.

WDM MOOSE JAW

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NOVEMBER–DECEMBER HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm daily

Museum Closed:

- Remembrance Day
- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day
- New Year's Day

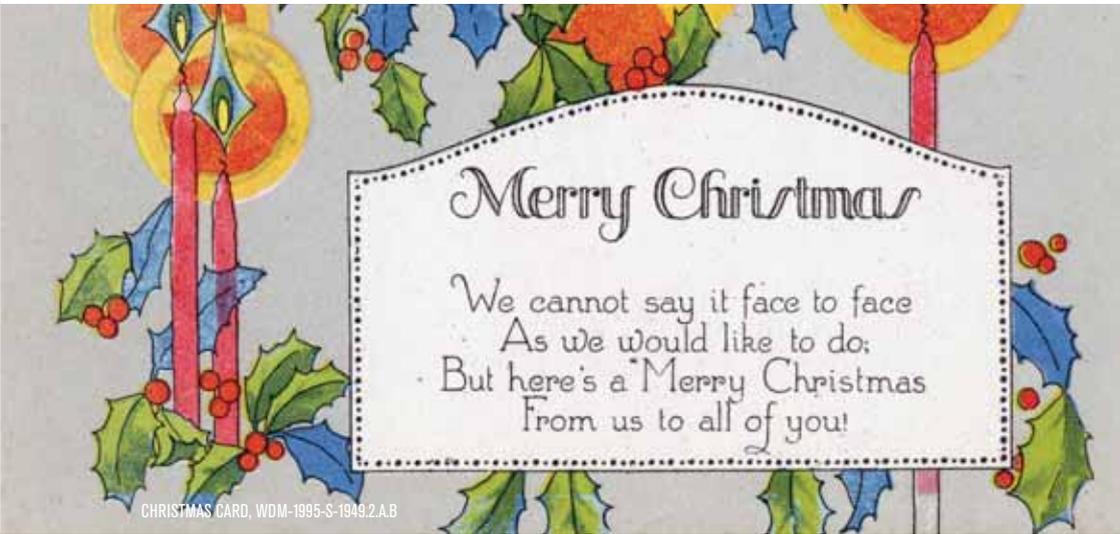
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- Christmas Eve
- New Year's Eve

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WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



CHRISTMAS CARD, WDM-1995-S-1949.2.A.B

Gift Shop Grand Re-Opening NOVEMBER 19

The gift shop has undergone a great redesign that includes a new look and a variety of new products. Please join us for the grand re-opening from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Come sample delicious new foods now available in the gift shop. Saskatchewan author, Dennis Rimmer, will be on hand signing copies of his book, "Great Canadian Notebook." Local artist, Jodi Miller, will also be in the Museum showing her latest work.

A Prairie Christmas DECEMBER 3

Make memories at the WDM during A Prairie Christmas. Bundle up for a snowy sleigh ride, make a holiday craft together, see who can roast the perfect marshmallow and explore the galleries. Enter for a chance to win an early Christmas present for a lucky child—a basket full of toys! Join Singing with Sylvia at 1:00 pm for songs and rhymes and bring your wish lists to share with Mr. and Mrs. Claus at 2:00 pm. Thanks to members of the Battleford's Immigration Society, enjoy Christmas Around The World showcasing celebrations from a few of the many cultures that call Saskatchewan home.

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WDM SASKATOON



EATON'S ONCE UPON A CHRISTMAS

Shaw Toy Tree

NOVEMBER 3 – DECEMBER 11

The Shaw Toy Tree has returned to Boomtown Street. Anyone wishing to help brighten Christmas for those less fortunate is invited to leave a new, unwrapped toy under the tree. Care and Share Saskatoon will collect the toys and deliver them to children in Saskatoon. Thank you to Museum members, volunteers and visitors along with Shaw for their ongoing support of this worthwhile cause.

Festival of Trees

NOVEMBER 20 – 26

This City Hospital Foundation fundraiser is open from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm daily and features local entertainment. The Boomtown Café will have daily lunch and supper specials. For more information on the Festival, including tickets for special events, visit www.festival-of-trees.com.

Carolling Sunday

DECEMBER 18

Join the WDM Singers from 1:00 – 3:00 pm for a sing-along of traditional Christmas favourites on the decorated Boomtown Street!

WDM SASKATOON

CHRISTMAS SPIDERS SCULPTURAL BEADWORK COURSE DECEMBER 3

Make your own beautiful holiday decoration. Ages 12+. Pre-registration recommended.

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Museum Closed:

- Remembrance Day
- Boxing Day
- November 17
- New Year's Eve
- Christmas Day

Museum Closes at 3:00 pm:

- November 16
- Christmas Eve
- November 19
- New Year's Eve

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WDM YORKKTON



IN A PRAIRIE ATTIC: BLADON FAMILY TOYS

In A Prairie Attic

For many the holiday season brings back memories of a favourite toy. You may still have one of your cherished childhood toys but can you imagine keeping an attic full of toys for over 80 years? That is what the Bladon family did and the WDM is lucky to have this impressive collection of more than 200 artifacts on display. The *In A Prairie Attic* exhibit features toys, books and posters that share the story of growing up in Saskatchewan in the early 20th century. Five of the seven children lived in the family home for their entire lives. Over 1700 artifacts including toys, farm machinery pamphlets, booklets and posters are part of the Bladon collection.

Hold Your Event at the WDM Yorkton

Hosting a birthday party, wedding shower or a business meeting but don't have the space? The WDM Yorkton has the ideal room facilities or outdoor areas for you. Book our indoor meeting room or seminar/workshop space and enjoy the WDM's unique setting and ample parking. Our facility is wheelchair accessible, so it's easy for all to attend. The outdoor gazebo is perfect for summer wedding ceremonies or event photographs and our grounds are the ideal spot for group picnics.

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NOVEMBER–DECEMBER HOURS

9:00 am–5:00 pm Monday to Friday

12:00–5:00 pm Weekends

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- Boxing Day
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ABOUT US



MODEL T SNOWMOBILE CONVERSION, C 1925

Car of 1000 Uses

The Ford Model T is one of the most well-known vehicles of the early 20th century. Mass production and a marketing campaign targeting working class people led to its popularity. Its ability to handle rough roads and travel across fields made it an obvious choice for families wanting to upgrade from horse-drawn vehicles. It was also versatile with owners purchasing kits that made it possible to convert the car into a tractor or truck.

In Canada, a popular add-on was a snowmobile conversion. Front wheels were replaced by skis and tracks were installed over the back wheels so the vehicle could navigate snowy roads and fields. If an attachment couldn't be purchased, the owner might turn to their local mechanic or make the modifications themselves. Pictured above is a 1920s snowmobile conversion owned by Dr. W.P. Johns of Viscount.

Look for a new exhibit featuring a Model T snowmobile along with a Model T truck and Model T Make-A-Tractor coming to the WDM in 2017.

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Shop WDM this Holiday Season

Visit one of our four Museum Gift Shops for trendy, unique or Saskatchewan made items. Or, treat someone to a WDM membership so they can experience the fun of the WDM year round!

WDM GIFT IDEAS

WDM Memberships

Free Museum admission to all four WDM locations, discounts, special invitations, *Sparks* newsletter.

Gift Cards

Gift cards from \$5 to \$250 spread the joy of shopping at all four WDM Gift Shops and the Boomtown Café in the WDM Saskatoon.



REMINDER

Membership renewals are now sent by email. Watch for it in your inbox.

FEATURE

"This interactive adventure provides a fun way to rediscover the WDM and look at Boomtown Street in a way you haven't before."

~ Scott Whiting
Education/Public Programs Coordinator

Boomtown Pursuit

Search WDM Saskatoon's Boomtown exhibit for hidden clues, solve location-based puzzles and take pictures of yourself as you search for a mischievous thief. Purchase an entry code for the text messaging system on your smartphone and launch Boomtown Pursuit. It's fun for friends, family or even a group party!

Explore Agriculture in Saskatoon

In partnership with Agrium Inc., Crop Production Services, and Agriculture in the Classroom Saskatchewan, the WDM Saskatoon is hosting the interactive exhibit, *Explore Ag/Seed Survivor*.

Created as a school program, the exhibit guides students through hands-on lessons on growing healthy food, computer games, a sunflower seed planting station and a scavenger hunt. The WDM invites everyone to check out this exhibit on special public days in December, January and February.



Text on your smart phones or tablets to play

Boomtown Pursuit

Solve puzzles to catch an ingenious horse thief

The WDM worked with Media Manifesto Inc. of Saskatoon to create this exciting digital scavenger adventure.



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Please see the WDM Upcoming Events page in this issue of Sparks for dates.

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