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UPCOMING EVENTS



WDM Moose Jaw

Through January 29	<i>Women's Hands Building a Nation</i> exhibit presented by the Chinook Guild of Fibre Arts
Through March 2	<i>Our Collective Threads: Saskatchewan People in Canada</i> , WDM exhibit
January 20	Volunteer Blitz
February 10	Heritage Day
March 24–25	Thunder Creek Model Train Show
March 31	Easter Funday
April 23–28	Atamiskākēwak Gathering 2018

WDM North Battleford

Through January 28	<i>Adrian Paton Collection</i> from the Saskatchewan History & Folklore Society
Through April 15	<i>Model T Ford</i> , WDM exhibit
February 11	Heritage Festival Sunday
March 19–June 17	<i>Our Collective Threads: Saskatchewan People in Canada</i> , WDM exhibit
April 21	Blues & Brews

WDM Saskatoon

Through May	<i>Insects, Flowers and Food</i> exhibit from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
January 13, 20, 27	<i>Seed Survivor</i> exhibit by Agrium Inc. and Agriculture in the Classroom
January 16–May 1	Memoir Writing Class, every second Tuesday afternoon <i>Pre-registration required</i>
February 4	Heritage Festival of Saskatoon
February 4, 20–25	<i>Seed Survivor</i> exhibit by Agrium Inc. and Agriculture in the Classroom
February 10	Valentine's Spiders Beadwork Class
February 20–23	School Break Programming
February 24–25	All Aboard Model Train Show
April 2–6	School Break Programming
April 14	Pioneer Threshermen's Club Flea Market

WDM Yorkton

February 10–April 9	<i>Adrian Paton Collection</i> from the Saskatchewan History & Folklore Society
February 18	Heritage Day

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



A Saskatchewan Where Everyone Belongs

Over the past few months, the WDM's Board of Directors have been working on establishing Ends statements for the Museum. Ends statements are part of the Board's overall governance policies and an important part of the Board's work. These statements describe the results that the Board expects us to achieve. They also serve as the foundation for our strategic and operational plans.

Using our vision statement, the Board has defined the following Ends statements for the WDM.

A Saskatchewan where everyone belongs and histories matter.

People's lives are enriched by connecting with Saskatchewan's diverse histories.

Saskatchewan people experience a sense of place and belonging because their histories are shared through the WDM.

The Board's work is laying the foundation for future changes at the WDM. We will continue to maintain and honour the collections and stories that have defined the WDM for the past 68 years. But we also believe that the Museum can be much more for the people of Saskatchewan. As the province's human history museum, we can play a more active role in building strong communities. This means we are evolving to become more inclusive. To better reflect the diversity of our province.

Feeling like you belong and having a strong sense of place comes, in part, from seeing yourself reflected in the public institutions around you.

It's only when all Saskatchewan people find their histories reflected in the exhibits, programs and activities of the WDM that we will be closer to living in a place where everyone belongs and histories matter.

Sincerely,
Joan Kanigan, CEO

IN THE GALLERIES

A WDM Moose Jaw – *Our Collective Threads*
WDM Exhibit
Through March 2



B WDM North Battleford – *Model T Ford*
WDM Exhibit
Through April 15



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from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
Through May

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from the Saskatchewan History &
Folklore Society
February 10 – April 9

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ABOUT US

#MemoryMondays

Watch for images from the Museum's extensive photographic collections on our Facebook page every Monday. #MemoryMondays are all about reminiscing. Photographs instantly transport us back in time. Some of the oldest photographs in the Collection date from the 1850s. Settlers brought these treasured images with them as reminders of where they came from and the people they often left behind. The most recent photographs in the Collection may have been taken on a smartphone just the other day! Follow the WDM for the latest installation of #MemoryMondays from our Curatorial Department. You never know who or what you might see!



JAMES HENRY HOWARTH, ENGLAND C. 1850s, WDM-2006-S-368



SOD SCHOOL WEST OF SASKATOON, DATE UNKNOWN, GEORGE SHEPHERD LIBRARY, 5-A-5



LAST RIDE TO LA RONGE ON STC C. 2017, GEORGE SHEPHERD LIBRARY, NEWMAN COLLECTION

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WDM MOOSE JAW



CALF ROPING AT HERITAGE DAY 2017

Volunteer Blitz

JANUARY 20

As programming grows, so does the need for volunteers. Find out about a variety of interesting and fun opportunities at the WDM Moose Jaw at this information session. This afternoon program is perfect for those new to the volunteering world, as well as existing volunteers looking to learn about new roles that are being developed. Join us at 2:00 pm and be inspired to donate your time at the WDM.

Heritage Day

FEBRUARY 10

In partnership with the Yorkton Film Festival and local community groups, we invite you to join us as we celebrate the heritage of our city, province and country! This family-friendly event runs from 1:00 - 4:00 pm and features Canadian short films, activities, crafts, demonstrations and speakers.

Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club Show

MARCH 24-25

Back again for another year, the model train show is chugging back to the Museum for a weekend full of marvelous model trains! The show runs from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm both days and features amazing displays from local builders as well as hobbyists from across Western Canada.

WDM MOOSE JAW

EASTER FUN DAY

March 31 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Celebrate Easter at this fun, family event!

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JANUARY - MARCH HOURS

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Tuesday - Sunday

Closed Mondays and Good Friday



WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



1929 CHEVROLET IMPERIAL LANDAU, WDM-2015-NB-1

Heritage Festival Sunday

FEBRUARY 11

Across Canada, people recognize February as heritage/history month. Canadians are encouraged to think about their history by exploring museums and heritage sites around the country. At the WDM, we celebrate heritage every day, but this February 11 will be an extra special opportunity to check out our Museum exhibits and take part in crafts and activities for the whole family.

Great Escapes Lottery

Dreaming of a hot holiday this year? Or perhaps a more local getaway? Purchase a 2018 Great Escapes Vacation Lottery ticket for a chance to win a different vacation package every month. Proceeds from the lottery support facility upgrades at the WDM North Battleford. Tickets are \$100.00 each. Hurry in - only 500 tickets will be sold!

WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

BLUES & BREWS

April 21

Save the date for an evening of home-grown blues with Saskatchewan's own, BC Read.

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OPENING PARADE AT THE HERITAGE FESTIVAL OF SASKATOON, 2017

Memoir Writing Class

EVERY SECOND TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 – MAY 1

If you have a story to tell and the desire to do some writing, we invite you to join us for our Memoir Writing Class with instructor, Glorie Tebbutt. The cost is \$171 for WDM members and \$190 for non-members. Pre-registration is required.

Heritage Festival of Saskatoon

FEBRUARY 4

Our provincial motto, “From Many Peoples Strength” is also the theme of this year’s Heritage Festival of Saskatoon. With live entertainment, activities and more than 40 exhibits from cultural and heritage groups all centred around this theme, this event is a great way to experience Saskatoon’s past and present! Admission is free from 12:00 – 5:00 pm. More information: heritagefestivalofsaskatoon.com

Valentine’s Spiders Beadwork Class

FEBRUARY 10

Learn the basics of three-dimensional beading through hands-on work with experienced instructor, Houkje. The cost of the program is \$55, which covers materials for one spider. Ages 12+. To register call or email saskatoon.ed@wdm.ca.

WDM SASKATOON

PIONEER THRESHERMEN’S CLUB FLEA MARKET

April 14 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Admission is free.

SCHOOL BREAK FUN

February 20–23 & April 2–6
Daily programs and activities from
1:00 – 3:00 pm

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CARVED FIGURES BY VICTOR HUMENIUK, WDM-1975-Y-324 AND WDM-1975-Y-325

Heritage Day

FEBRUARY 18

Celebrate our collective heritage with the WDM, the City of Yorkton Archives and other local history groups. This year's theme is "Heritage Stands the Test of Time." Join us for guest speakers and refreshments from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Regular admission applies.

Saskatchewan Love Story

Valentine's Day is coming up and love is in the air! Stop by the WDM Yorkton with your valentine for one of Saskatchewan's greatest love stories, featuring the carved figures above. Find out about the sweethearts they represent, how both the couple and the carvings came to be separated, and how the carvings found their way back together at the WDM.

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JANUARY-MARCH HOURS

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12:00 - 5:00 pm Weekends

Closed Mondays and Good Friday



Atamiskākēwak Gathering 2018

April 23–28, WDM Moose Jaw

The WDM Moose Jaw is a proud partner in the Atamiskākēwak Gathering 2018 in Moose Jaw. This event aims to bring together people of all backgrounds in a full week of experiences, education and fun that has something for everyone. Events will take place around Moose Jaw while a few special events will take place at the WDM. On the Museum grounds visitors will find the Takoza Tipi Camp featuring daily activities such as a smudging ceremony, traditional games and information sessions about topics ranging from traditional medicines to

the impact of residential schools. Inside the Museum, explore the Indigenous Artisan Fair.

This first of its kind event will show the world that we all must come together and unite and that ReconciliACTION is the only path forward to a brighter tomorrow for our children and grandchildren, our future leaders! Come journey with us to understand the present-day complexities that exist in our nation and how we move forward together! Visit nationalgathering.ca for full event details.

FEATURE

Making Progress!

by Jen Pederson, CFRE Director of Development

The **\$101K for the 101** Campaign is making progress. Contractors from Ironhorse Rail worked very hard this past fall on the WDM's short line track.

From this



To this



This is a major project - levelling, laying new ties, correcting angles, replacing rail, pounding spikes and putting down truckload after truckload of gravel. WDM Chief Engineer Tim Pomeroy brought in an experienced railway inspector once the work was completed.

"We walked every inch of the new track and the inspector made a handful of recommendations to address," Tim said. "I am very pleased to report that all of those minor issues have been brought up to standard and we have a train-worthy track at the WDM Moose Jaw."

What's next for the 101? We still want to build a tunnel for the train to run through that will do double-duty as a storage shed during the operating season. That will keep the train secure and protected from the elements, ensuring it is in great shape for years to come.

We also need volunteers. "Volunteers are the heart of the 101," says Kathy Fitton, WDM Moose Jaw Manager. "Qualified and trained engineers and firemen to run the train for our visitors, conductors, ticket takers - we are looking forward to getting our experienced

101 volunteers back to work and to welcoming new volunteers for next year and the years to come." Once the infrastructure is in place, the only limit to how often the train can run is the people power to do it.

The **\$101K for the 101** Campaign will provide a fund to support volunteer recruitment and training so we have enough volunteers to keep the Vulcan running as often as possible. Moose Jaw and steam train fans have been waiting a long time for this, we want to be able to give as many people as possible the unique experience of the feeling of steam.

Three things you can do to help:

1. Donate today at 101for101.wdm.ca
2. Call the WDM Moose Jaw to learn how to volunteer.
3. Donate today at 101for101.wdm.ca! Every gift, no matter how small, will make a difference.

Watch for a grand re-opening announcement and see you at the WDM Moose Jaw in 2018!

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8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday

Closed statutory holidays

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Wonder Woman action figure, c. 1985
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