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# SPARKS

NEWSLETTER OF THE WESTERN DEVELOPMENT MUSEUM

VOLUNTEER BILL RAYNER WORKS WITH STUDENTS AT THE WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



## CEO'S REPORT

For all you do,  
thank you

## PLANNED GIVING

Your gift to the  
WDM

## CELEBRATING 1,077 VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering at the  
WDM

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## WDM Moose Jaw

<b>April 13</b>	Easter Fun Day
<b>April 24 - September 29</b>	<i>One Canada: Diefenbaker's Vision</i> travelling exhibit produced by the Diefenbaker Canada Centre
<b>May 12</b>	Mother's Day
<b>May 18</b>	Opening Day for the K+S Potash Canada Short Line 101
<b>June 8</b>	Green Is The Colour Fashion Show
<b>June 16</b>	Father's Day
<b>July 27 - 28</b>	Brickspo

## WDM North Battleford

<b>May 1</b>	Heritage Farm and Village opens
<b>July 15 - 19</b>	Heritage Farm and Village Kids' Camp – <i>Pre-registration required</i>

## WDM Saskatoon

<b>Through June 2</b>	<i>Canola: A Story of Canadian Innovation</i> from the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
<b>April 13</b>	Pioneer Threshermen's Club Flea Market
<b>April 22 - 26</b>	Easter Break Fun (afternoons)
<b>June 15</b>	Ride For Dad
<b>July 13 - 14</b>	Pion-Era
<b>July 22 - 26</b>	Hands-On Heritage Camp – <i>Pre-registration required</i>
<b>July 29 - August 2</b>	Hands-On Heritage Camp – <i>Pre-registration required</i>

## WDM Yorkton

<b>Through July 15</b>	<i>Our Collective Threads</i> – WDM travelling exhibit
<b>April 25</b>	Spring's Awakening Day Camp
<b>May 5</b>	"Mommy & Me" Cookies & Tea
<b>May 19</b>	Discovery Box Family Programming
<b>June 9</b>	"Daddy & I" Coffee & Pie
<b>July 1</b>	Canada Day Picnic
<b>July 7</b>	Movies at the Museum
<b>July 10</b>	Museum Day
<b>July 14</b>	Discovery Box Family Programming
<b>July 21</b>	Movies at the Museum
<b>July 28</b>	Discovery Box Family Programming

Events and dates listed here are subject to change.

For details visit [wdm.ca](http://wdm.ca).

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



### Giving at the WDM

How do you say thank you to people who have given so much to the WDM? How do you thank people who continue to give?

We are blessed by the many people who have given their time, talent and treasure to build a provincial museum we can all be proud of. We are also blessed by the people who continue to give. Who are inspired by our work and want to be a part of it, to belong to the WDM as a volunteer, a member, a donor, an employee, often all at the same time.

April 7–13, 2019 is National Volunteer Week. Throughout the WDM, volunteers are integral to our programs and activities. Much of what we do wouldn't happen without the people willing to give their time and talent. Last year, 1,077 volunteers at the Museum contributed 46,113.25 hours making our programs and activities exciting and engaging for people of all ages and ensuring our collections were well cared for.

May is LEAVE A LEGACY™ month and the WDM continues to benefit from those willing to give their treasure to support our work. Whether it was a gift during our annual campaign, a donation to a specific project or a legacy gift included in a last will and testament, our supporters gave almost \$300,000 last year. Funds which have allowed us to complete projects that would otherwise have not been possible.

We believe everyone deserves to feel like they belong. It's a basic human need and contributes to health and happiness. We also believe that by sharing our province's diverse histories we help create a collective understanding of who we are and how we came to be. The people who give their time, talent and treasure to the WDM are part of our Museum family and as family, you belong within our Museum.

How do we say thank you to family? The only way we know how.

*For all you do, and all you give, THANK YOU!*

With our sincerest appreciation,

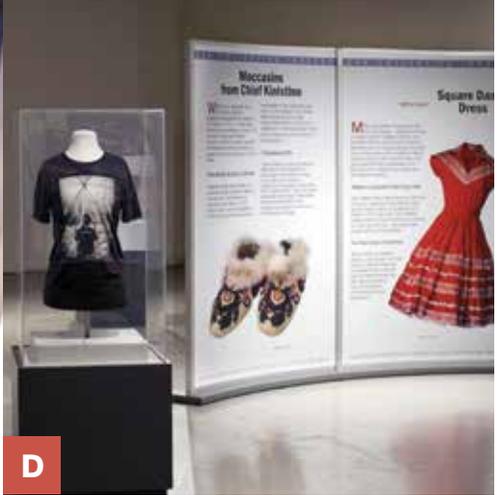
Joan Kanigan, CEO

# IN THE GALLERIES

**A** WDM Moose Jaw – *One Canada: Diefenbaker's Vision* from the Diefenbaker Centre Canada  
April 24 – September 29



**B** WDM North Battleford – *Heritage Farm and Village*  
Opens May 1



**C** WDM Saskatoon – *Canola: A Story of Canadian Innovation* from the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum  
Through June 2

**D** WDM Yorkton – *Our Collective Threads*  
WDM Travelling Exhibit  
Through July 15

## FEATURE

# Celebrating 1,077 Volunteers

Volunteers give their time for many reasons - to gain new skills and experience, build confidence, to lend a hand, or to give back and lift up their community. These dedicated individuals have an immeasurable impact on the Museum with their energy, stories and passion for Saskatchewan history.

From those directly in the public eye leading engaging gallery tours or delighting kids with real horse and wagon rides, to those who work behind the scenes caring for artifacts, our volunteers bring and share their unique experience and talents. Without them, messages couldn't be sent by telegraph, our galleries would be a lot quieter, our steam engines wouldn't operate and school programs would be a lot less fun.

In 2018, these generous individuals gave a total of 46,113.25 hours.

THANK YOU to each and every volunteer for each and every hour.

Our doors are always open to new volunteers. Contact a WDM near you or visit [wdm.ca/volunteering](http://wdm.ca/volunteering).



# WDM MOOSE JAW



VOLUNTEERS SHARE THEIR SKILLS AT MUSEUM LEARNING DAY

## Mother's Day

MAY 12, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Celebrate Mother's Day with a visit to the WDM. We will be screening films from the National Film Board in Saskatchewan Theatre throughout the day plus we'll have a family craft and colouring activity you can take part in.

## K+S Potash Canada Short Line 101

MAY 18, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM (WEATHER PERMITTING)

Hop aboard the "little train" and make some memories that will last a lifetime! Tickets are available at the front desk for \$5 / ride or a family (2 adults & dependent children) can ride for \$15 / ride. Please call ahead to make sure the train is running.

## Green Is The Colour Fashion Show

JUNE 8, 1:00 PM

Join us for vintage fashions and fabulous styles from days gone-by at this special showcase of green-hued clothing from the WDM collection. Refreshments will be served following the show.

## Father's Day

JUNE 16, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Take a self-guided tour of the Classy Cars Gallery, complete a special scavenger hunt or play a game of "License Plate Bingo" with your favourite fella to celebrate Father's Day.

## WDM MOOSE JAW

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### APRIL – MAY HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily  
CLOSED April 19 (Good Friday)



# WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



VOLUNTEERS SHARE KNOWLEDGE WITH STUDENTS AT MUSEUM DAYS

## Heritage Farm and Village Opens

MAY 1

After a long, hard Saskatchewan winter, we are looking forward to opening the Heritage Farm and Village for another season. Located over 40 hectares, the farm and village give us a glimpse into what life was like in 1920s Saskatchewan. Come take a stroll along the boardwalks of the village or follow the gravel road to the farmhouse and barn. There is no better way to spend a warm, spring day.

## Heritage Farm and Village Kids' Camp

JULY 15 – 19

Yes... we are getting ready for our annual summer kids' camp! We're looking for 7-10 year olds who want to see what prairie life was like nearly 100 years ago. We'll be learning about Saskatchewan history through crafts, demonstrations and hands-on activities. Children can register for one day or for the whole camp. Call Cheryl to learn more or to pre-register.

## WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

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### APRIL – MAY HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily  
CLOSED April 19 (Good Friday)

## WDM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Nancy Martin, Chair – Regina  
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Gwen Beitel – Spring Valley  
Jack Dawes – Saltcoats  
Sharon Mohagen – North Battleford  
Raymond Sadler – Biggar





VOLUNTEERS TEACH BREAD MAKING DURING THE KIDS' CAMP

## Pioneer Thresherman's Club Flea Market

APRIL 13, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Volunteers give generously of their time to organize and run this bi-annual Flea Market and Craft Sale which is a fundraiser for the WDM Saskatoon.

## Easter Break Fun

APRIL 22 – 26, AFTERNOONS

Special family programming will be offered during Easter school break week including a partnership that will bring Parks Canada's popular "Learn To Camp" program to the WDM for three days.

## Hands-On Heritage Camps

JULY & AUGUST

Here comes summer and we're ready for it! Registration for our summer camps is now open. These week-long camps let campers get hands-on with Saskatchewan history. Campers can register for our half day or full day camps.

July 22 – 26 | 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

July 29 – August 2 | 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

August 12 – 16 | 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Stop by the WDM to register or visit [wdm.ca](http://wdm.ca).

## WDM SASKATOON

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### RIDE FOR DAD

June 15

The WDM is the starting point for this fundraiser to fight prostate cancer. Watch the motorcycles as they set off on their ride.

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### APRIL – MAY HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily

CLOSED April 19 (Good Friday)



## Spring's Awakening Day Camp

APRIL 25

Spring is here! Children can join us for our springtime, nature-themed day camp where they learn through storytelling, games and crafts. Children ages 5–8 are invited to the morning camp from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm while ages 9–12 can attend from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. \$12 for WDM members, \$15 for non-members. Pre-registration is required.

## “Mommy & Me” Coffee and Tea

MAY 5, 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Treat Mom to a Museum visit. Along with a gallery visit and refreshments, guests can join us for hands-on activities such as making Mother's Day pop-up cards.

## Discovery Box Family Programming

MAY 19, 2:00 PM

Hands-on fun for the whole family! Visitors get a chance to engage with one of our Discovery Boxes, filled with artifacts and items to transport you back in time. Appropriate for all ages!

## “Daddy & I” Coffee and Pie

JUNE 9, 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Enjoy an afternoon with Dad at the Museum. Make a craft with Dad, explore the galleries and enjoy coffee and pie.

## WDM YORKTON

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### BLAST FROM THE PAST CAMP

August 13 - 15

Registration for our summer kids' camp opens on June 1.

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### APRIL – MAY HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday – Friday

12:00 – 5:00 pm Weekends & Victoria Day

CLOSED April 19 (Good Friday)

## FEATURE

# Your Gift To The WDM



LEAVE A LEGACY™ is a national, community-based public awareness campaign of CAGP that encourages people to leave a gift through their will or another planned giving vehicle to a charity or cause that is meaningful to them.

Although the program is active throughout the year, May is officially LEAVE A LEGACY™ Month.

*CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF GIFT PLANNERS (CAGP)*



At the WDM we are fortunate to receive support from so many in our community. Members, the corporate community, in-kind and private donors have given generously in support of various WDM initiatives. We can't thank them enough for their generosity.

There are many ways to give to the WDM. The WDM gratefully accepts cash donations, gifts-in-kind, publicly traded securities including stocks, mutual funds and bonds, life insurance policies, endowed funds and bequests. All donations are important to us. We hope that our donors feel valued and appreciated as their donation makes a difference by supporting our many programs and projects.

If you have included a gift to the WDM in your financial planning or if you would like to learn more about donating to the WDM, we would like to thank you and understand "the story" behind your gift planning. Please contact Susan at 306-934-1409 EX. 236 or email [sscharf@wdm.ca](mailto:sscharf@wdm.ca) to share your story.



To know where you are going you must first understand where you have been. WDM donors have the opportunity and ability to impact future generations. My goal is to make your philanthropy efficient, meaningful, and fun.

*Susan Scharf, Manager of Philanthropy*

## Camping in 1930s Style

It may seem like a novel idea today, but at one-time it wasn't unusual to build your own camper trailer. This is exactly what camping enthusiast Oscar Rederburg did in 1931. Oscar ordered blueprints for a trailer from the Covered Wagon Company of Detroit, Michigan. He worked on the trailer in his spare time while working for the Weyburn Security Bank in Griffin. By the summer of 1931, it was ready for camping. The family pulled the trailer with a 1928 Pontiac to Carlyle Lake for its first trip. It remained a family staple for many years even being used by Oscar's son on his honeymoon in 1958.

The Covered Wagon Company trailer was one of the first mass-produced campers in North America. First manufactured in 1929, it was popular throughout the Depression years. By 1939, the company ran into hard times, unable to adapt to newer developments in trailer styles.

Restored by WDM staff, we invite you to check out Oscar's camper trailer as part of a new exhibit at the WDM Saskatoon.



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Closed statutory holidays

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