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Calls to Action

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WDM Moose Jaw

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March 28 - 29	Thunder Creek Model Train Show
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WDM North Battleford

Through April 17	<i>One Canada: Diefenbaker's Vision</i> travelling exhibit produced by the Diefenbaker Canada Centre
February 9	Heritage Day

WDM Saskatoon

Through January 12	<i>Eaton's Once Upon a Christmas</i> WDM holiday exhibit
January 14 - April 28	Memoir Writing Class *
February 2	Heritage Festival of Saskatoon
February 8 - July 26	<i>Canada and Germany: Partners from Immigration to Innovation</i> travelling exhibit from the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
February 22 - 23	All Aboard Model Train Show
April 13 - 17	Spring School Break Programming
April 25	Pioneer Threshermen's Club Flea Market

WDM Yorkton

February 16	Heritage Day
March 7	The Art of Hygge
April 16	Spring's Awakening Day Camp *

* Pre-Registration Required

Events and dates listed here are subject to change.

For details visit wdm.ca.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Happy New Year!

I hope the festive season brought joy and good memories with family and friends for everyone. It's hard to believe that we are now two decades into the 21st century. So much has changed in the past twenty years politically and culturally. The pace of change, especially with technology, shows no signs of slowing down. Museums can be a haven - a chance to slow down and take a break from the rapid changes going on around us. A place to step back and reflect on the world around us.

While it may not seem that much has changed at the WDM this past year, we've been very busy behind the scenes. We've been laying the foundations for the Museum's work going into the next decade. Our fundraising, collections and human resources policies were all updated this year and updating job descriptions for all our staff continues to be an ongoing priority.

In our Museum locations, we have been working on plans to revitalize the Heritage Farm and Village in North Battleford. We've also been planning for the redevelopment of the Snowbirds Gallery in Moose Jaw. These plans are being developed in consultation with staff, volunteers and community. Recognizing that there is always more to do than we have the resources for (people, money and time), we've also begun prioritizing our curatorial work. This will ensure that we are having the greatest impact possible.

We continue to look for more funding to be able to do everything we believe is important. I would like to thank all our donors and volunteers for your ongoing support. We can do so much because of your help. If you haven't already done so, please consider donating to a WDM location or project you are excited about. I'm pleased to share that the WDM Board of Directors is committed to supporting the WDM. Every board member made a financial contribution to the Museum this fiscal year. Recognizing all our donors and supporters is very important to us. We will be installing new donor walls at all WDM locations over the coming year.

In 2020, we will keep building on our inclusion strategies. We will also continue developing stronger relationships with Indigenous organizations and communities. The *Saskatchewan Doukhobor Living Book Project* and the *Saskatchewan LGBTQ2+ History Collection* were two of several inclusivity initiatives in 2019. This year, we are hosting the *Canada and Germany: Partners From Immigration to Innovation* travelling exhibit. We are also continuing important work with Whitecap Dakota First Nation. Staff are working with Whitecap Dakota Elders to identify community members in historical photographs. These photographs are from Pion-Era in the 1950s and an exhibit is being planned around this work.

It will be an exciting year and we look forward to sharing all our province's diverse histories with you.

Sincerely,

Joan Kanigan, CEO

IN THE GALLERIES

A WDM Moose Jaw

Boyce radiator cap with temperature gauge on
Jeffery 1917 Touring model automobile

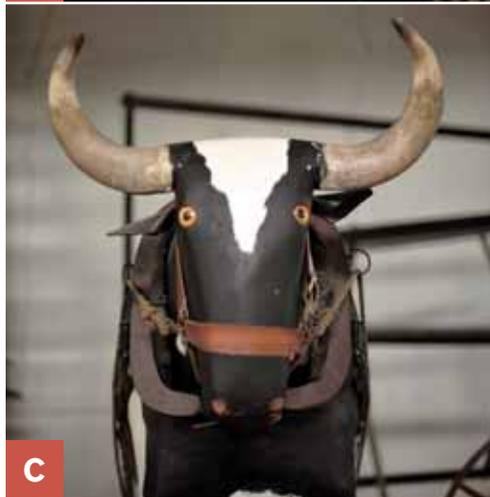
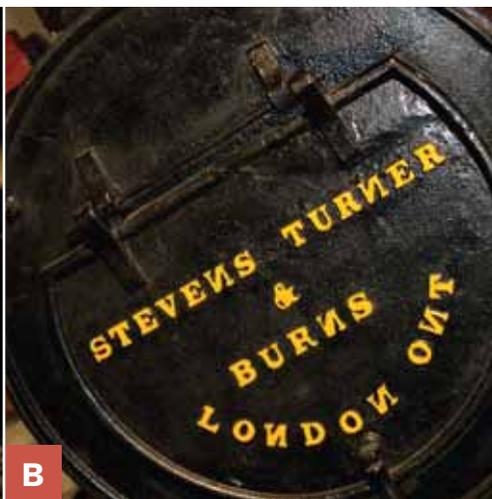
WDM Exhibit



B WDM North Battleford

Stevens Turner & Burns portable steam engine,
c. 1880s

WDM Exhibit



C WDM Saskatoon

Wooden ox replica with authentic horns

WDM Exhibit

D WDM Yorkton

Icelandic wedding dress, c. 1890

WDM Exhibit

Invitation

The Western Development Museum - Saskatoon, the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Saskatchewan German Council invite you to a wine and cheese reception celebrating the opening of:

Canada and Germany: Partners From Immigration to Innovation



This travelling exhibit presents historical events over the centuries, inspiring stories of German immigrants, and innovative bilateral research projects and partnerships. Engaging stories are told through three sections: Canada: A Nation of Immigrants - The German Contribution; From Enemies to Friends; and The Inuit of Labrador and the Germans.

Friday, February 7, 2020

Doors open 6:30 pm

Program and Reception 7:00 pm

Western Development Museum - Saskatoon

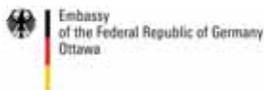
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FEATURE



Jakob Marjan's Brick Building

Jakob (Jake) Marjan's parents urged him to leave his life in the former Yugoslavia for a better one in Canada. Arriving in Halifax with \$5 in his pocket, he found work and sent money home to reimburse his parents for the ticket to Canada. From there he worked his way across Canada until he reached North Battleford where he looked for work as a shoemaker, a trade he learned in his homeland.

By 1932, Jakob had prospered enough that he built a sturdy brick building for his growing shoe repair business. Jakob was fortunate that his parents supported his move to Canada, a move that may have saved his life as both his parents perished in a concentration camp during the Second World War. Jakob's life would not have the same tragic end. After 50 successful years in North Battleford cobbling shoes, he retired. At his passing, Jakob was 93.

We would like to share Jakob's remarkable immigration story by preserving that sturdy Brick Building in the WDM North Battleford Heritage Farm and Village. If you wish to help the storytelling work of our Museum, please consider a tax-deductible donation by calling 1-800-363-6345 or online at wdm.ca/donate.

FEATURE

Language Remediation Project Underway at the Western Development Museum:

Answering TRC Calls to Action #43 and #67

Recently, you might have noticed our staff out in the galleries, reading and evaluating exhibit signs. That's because the WDM has launched a systematic review of the language used in all our exhibits. The text in our galleries was produced as far back as the 1950s, to as recently as this year.

Undertaking a comprehensive review like this is necessary because language is fluid. What was once acceptable has changed in certain instances. Only through a comprehensive review can we be certain that our exhibit text panels and labels reflect best practices and culturally acceptable norms. This project is part of our response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and the recommendations in our Inclusivity Report. The WDM is physically one of the largest museums in Canada. As such, we have thousands of signs, artifact labels and interpretive panels in our galleries that are under review.



STAFF EVALUATING SIGNS AT THE WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

When our review is complete, curatorial staff at the WDM Corporate Office in Saskatoon will begin updating signs where necessary. Some changes will be simple, while others will be more complex. This process can never truly be complete. Language, terminology and historical writing are constantly evolving. Our goal is to ensure our language is appropriate today, recognizing that at any time what is considered appropriate may change, and the process will need to be repeated.

The WDM is committed to representing all Saskatchewan people in an appropriate and respectful manner. The language remediation process is one step in this direction. We also appreciate your feedback. If you see a sign in our galleries that needs review, contact us at text@wdm.ca. While we cannot respond directly to each email, we will read and consider each one.

WDM MOOSE JAW



Volunteer Blitz

JANUARY 18, 2:00 PM

We're always on the lookout for new volunteers. Find out about interesting and fun volunteer opportunities at this information session. Join us and be inspired to donate your time at the WDM. Workshop tour and refreshments to follow.

Heritage Day

FEBRUARY 8, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

In partnership with local community groups, come celebrate the heritage of our city, province and country. This family event features Canadian short films from the National Film Board, activities, crafts and demonstrations.

Thunder Creek Model Train Show

MARCH 28-29, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Featuring a variety of displays from across the prairies, you'll be amazed by the attention to detail and scale of the layouts on display. If you have an interest in model railroading or admire craftsmanship, you won't want to miss this incredible show.

WDM MOOSE JAW

WDM COFFEE CLUBS

Artifact stories shared over a cup of coffee.

Sessions start at 10:00 am:

January 22 – Horse-drawn Cabooses

February 26 – White Steam Car

March 25 – Vulcan Locomotive

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JANUARY – MARCH HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Tuesday – Sunday

CLOSED Mondays



WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



Heritage Day

FEBRUARY 9

Celebrate the rich and diverse culture of the Battlefords and area at Heritage Day. This event features cultural and heritage booths, an entertainment stage, exhibits, archives and education talks. We hope you'll come celebrate heritage with us!

One Canada: Diefenbaker's Vision Travelling Exhibit

THROUGH APRIL 17

Did you know that Prime Minister John Diefenbaker's government introduced the Canadian Bill of Rights in 1960? Don't miss your opportunity to learn more about the accomplishments of Diefenbaker, the only Canadian Prime Minister raised in Saskatchewan, in this fascinating exhibit produced by the Diefenbaker Canada Centre. This travelling exhibit explores Diefenbaker's goal to create an equitable country that derives strength from diversity. It sparks conversations about nationalism, identity, human rights and how we as Canadians view our country as a unified nation.

WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

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CLOSED Mondays



WDM SASKATOON



BLACKSMITH SHOP AT THE WDM SASKATOON
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Heritage Festival of Saskatoon

FEBRUARY 2, 12:00 – 5:00 PM

Come on down to the WDM for the annual Heritage Festival of Saskatoon. The theme of this year's Festival is "Moments in Time." Learn about heritage, genealogy and culture from the many local groups that will be there to share what they have been working on over the past year. There will be plenty to see and do with many booths and performances to take in. Admission to the Festival is free.

February School Break Programming

FEBRUARY 18 – 21, 1:00 – 3:00 PM DAILY

Keep the kids busy with a visit to the WDM Saskatoon during the February school break week as we offer heritage-themed programming each afternoon. As a special bonus, Agriculture in the Classroom - Saskatchewan staff will open the *Seed Survivor* display for you to explore. Sponsored by Nutrien, *Seed Survivor* features interactive displays about food and how its produced.

WDM SASKATOON

ALL ABOARD MODEL TRAIN SHOW

February 22 & 23

Presented by Express Hobbies, check out western Canada's second largest model train show.

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CLOSED Mondays





THE ART OF HYGGE

Heritage Day

FEBRUARY 16, 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Join us for our annual kick off to Heritage Week celebrations in Canada. In partnership with the City of Yorkton Archives, the theme for this year's Heritage Day is "2020 Vision: Bringing the Past into the Future." We'll be featuring guest speakers, the Yorkton Chapter of the Saskatchewan Genealogy Society and there will be refreshments available.

The Art of Hygge

MARCH 7, 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Hygge is a Danish and Norwegian word for a mood of coziness and friendly comforts with feelings of wellness and contentment. Come be part of a cozy afternoon with candle making, hands-on Scandinavian activities and hot chocolate.

Spring's Awakening Day Camp

APRIL 16, TWO SESSIONS

Our spring day camp is back! Join us for our springtime, nature-themed day camp where campers learn through storytelling, games, crafts and hands-on planting. 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. The cost is \$12 for WDM members, \$15 for non-members. Pre-registration is required.

WDM YORKTON

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JANUARY – MARCH HOURS

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12:00 – 5:00 pm weekends
CLOSED Mondays

FEATURE

New Online Collections Database

Did you know the Western Development Museum's collection of Saskatchewan artifacts and over 9,000 of our library materials are now available for the public to search online?

From pins to locomotives to a grain elevator, the WDM's collections touch on all aspects of life in Saskatchewan. Early collecting at the WDM focused on agricultural settlement. Today, the WDM boasts one of the largest farm machinery collections in Canada. Current collecting has evolved to reflect a greater diversity of Saskatchewan's people, including Indigenous communities, non-European migrant groups and LGBTQ2+ histories.

Sharing our collections online opens them up to the world. Visitors can now go online and access the collections, which are physically located in five separate geographic locations in the province, at any time.

Adding the collections data to the database is a work in progress. With over 75,000 artifacts we need time to edit, sort and reconcile our data. Additional content, features and functionality will continue to be added over time. Future virtual exhibitions will also be available through the new database. Search the database by visiting wdm.ca/collections.

The WDM is grateful for the funding received from the Government of Canada, Department of Canadian Heritage's Museums Assistance Program for this project.



This Roy Rogers and Dale Evans lunch kit with matching thermos belonged to a young boy who attended Coteau View School in the RM of Monet (#257) in the 1950s. The lunch kit is made of metal and has a bracket inside to hold the thermos in place.

What was your favorite thing to have packed in your lunch when you went to school?

Jennie Howe's Cheongsam Dress, c. 1920s



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An integral part of the WDM's mandate is to preserve Saskatchewan's history. Because of this important commitment, we are often unable to display our most fragile artifacts for long periods of time.

Textiles are particularly difficult to display, as UV light, dust and other elements can cause rapid and permanent deterioration of the fabric. Thanks to modern technology like high-resolution photography, we can now better share these artifacts and their incredible stories.

Take this delicate silk dress in the Cheongsam style circa 1920s. It belonged to Jennie Howe. Jennie Howe (née Wong) and her husband Wong Get Howe (aka Charley) established the Star Café in Marcellin in 1923. Jennie and Charley immigrated to Canada from China as children. They met and married in Vancouver in 1918 and had two children, David and Pearl, before moving to Saskatchewan.

As he grew up, David immersed himself in Marcellin community life. He served as Mayor for three years and later received the Saskatchewan Order of Merit. Known as "Mr.

Hospitality," David operated the Star Café for 79 years. He even added a store to the café, selling televisions and radios. When it closed in 2002, it was Marcellin's longest-running business.

Jennie kept this and other Chinese garments her whole life even though she normally wore western-style clothes.

Jennie was a Saskatchewan woman, mother and community builder. Her dress reminds us of the complexities of migrating from one world to another in early 20th-century Saskatchewan.

FEATURE

Governance at the WDM

The Western Development Museum (WDM) serves the people of Saskatchewan through its legislated mandate.¹ This includes collecting, preserving and displaying objects connected with the economic and cultural development of western Canada and stimulating interest in that history. The Museum's vision is **A Saskatchewan Where Everyone Belongs and Histories Matter**.

The Board of Directors is responsible for governance and holds the WDM accountable. Governance is the process of decision-making and decision implementation. It's the framework the Board uses to exercise its authority over the Museum and its direction. Board members act on behalf of all Saskatchewan people. They do not advocate for specific individuals, geographic areas or interest groups.²

The Board has chosen to govern through a policy governance framework. Through this framework, the Board defines the WDM's future and uses policies to guide the work of the Museum. The CEO interprets these policies and oversees day-to-day operations.

The Board uses the Policy Governance© model established by John Carver.³ Through this model, the Board defines four sets of policies that guide both the Board's and CEO's work. The Ends Policies outline what the WDM should achieve to attain the vision. The Governance Process policies direct how the Board conducts its work. Governance-Executive Relationship policies describe the relationship between the Board and the CEO. And Executive Limitation policies establish the boundaries and authority of the CEO. Combined, these policies hold the Board accountable for their work. They also hold the CEO and the WDM accountable for making an impact in our communities.

There are currently seven members serving on the Board of Directors. The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan appoints each member of the board, including the Chair. Board members come from all parts of Saskatchewan. For more about our directors, please visit our website at wdm.ca/board-of-directors.



WDM BOARD OF DIRECTORS (LEFT TO RIGHT): GWEN BEITEL, DIANA IRELAND, SUSAN LAMB, JACK DAWES, NANCY MARTIN (CHAIR).
MISSING: SHARON MOHAGEN, RAYMOND SADLER

The Board of Directors' governance function is distinct from the staff's management function. Our purpose is to define the future on behalf of the WDM's moral ownership (people of Saskatchewan), paint the target toward which staff should shoot in terms of the benefits to be produced, the people to be served, and the cost of meeting these goals and to ensure that that future is achieved in a legal, ethical, and prudent manner.

- Nancy Martin, Board Chair

The WDM's Board of Directors meets at least four times every year. Meetings rotate between each of the WDM locations. This helps the Board get to know the staff, volunteers and uniqueness of each location and community. Engaging with stakeholders and community members is an important role for the Board and helps them better define the vision, values and expectations for the WDM as it seeks to fulfill its vision and mandate.

1 The WDM Act clause 11

2 Governance Process Policy – Linkage with Owners (GP-10.3)

3 www.carvergovernance.com/model.htm

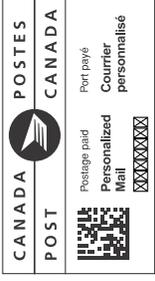
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Heritage Week

In 2020, Heritage Week is February 17 – 23. According to the National Trust of Canada, Heritage Week exists, “Because Canada’s collective story is told through our special places...our shared heritage in all its forms has the power to bring people together and create a sense of belonging.” At the WDM we strive to create spaces where everyone belongs and where we can share our stories in a welcoming place. We hope you will join us for one of the Heritage Day events taking place in our Museums throughout February. Or if you can't make it then, come see us at one of our Saskatchewan-inspired events taking place throughout the year. Visit wdm.ca for more information.



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