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UPCOMING EVENTS



WDM Moose Jaw

Through September 29	<i>One Canada: Diefenbaker's Vision</i> travelling exhibit produced by the Diefenbaker Canada Centre
September 28	Seniors' Week Tea
October 19	Live History Performances – Mysteries at the Museum
November 9	In Remembrance
November 21	Kids Secret Shopping – Member's Only Night
November 23	Kids Secret Shopping / Shortwave to Santa / Breakfast with Mrs. Claus

WDM North Battleford

October 25	Pumpkin Carving Class
October 26	Great Pumpkin Masquerade and Family Dance
October 29 – 30	Fright Nights

WDM Saskatoon

Through October 20	<i>Saskatchewan Doukhobor Living Book Project</i> WDM exhibit in partnership with Spirit Wrestler Productions and the University of Saskatchewan
October 18 – 19	Christmas Craft Fair
October 26	Pioneer Threshermen's Club Flea Market
October 30	Boo Town
November 14	WDM Member's Night and Museum Store Sale

WDM Yorkton

Through September 30	<i>Our Collective Threads</i> – WDM travelling exhibit
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Events and dates listed here are subject to change.

For details visit wdm.ca.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I'm always surprised by how quickly the time flies and this summer was no exception. All our WDM locations have been busy with camp programs, summer shows, and the many visiting friends and families coming out to enjoy a day at one of our Museums.

Saskatoon staff and volunteers were happy to welcome visitors back to *Pion-Era* after a one-year hiatus and *Those Were The Days* celebrated its 50th Anniversary in North Battleford. Yorkton had a busy summer with *Canada Day* celebrations and the *64th Threshermen's Show and Seniors' Festival*. And the Vulcan locomotive's whistle was once again a familiar sound in Moose Jaw as visitors rode the *K+S Potash Canada Short Line 101* throughout the summer or participated in *Blow Off Some Steam Day*.

The WDM is fortunate to have dedicated staff and volunteers, all of whom contribute so much to making summer memorable for our many visitors. Thank you everyone!

Behind the scenes, our collections staff are looking forward to launching "Argus" our new collections management software this September. One of the most exciting features of Argus will be the ability to share our collections online, making it possible for anyone to access information about the over 75,000 artifacts the WDM holds in trust for the people of Saskatchewan.

Happy Autumn everyone!

Sincerely,

Joan Kanigan, CEO

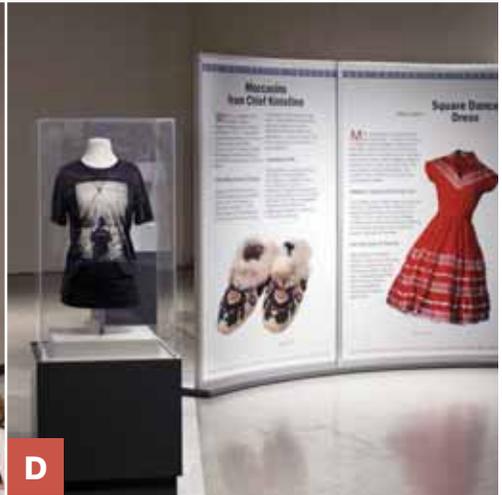


IN THE GALLERIES

A WDM Moose Jaw – *One Canada: Diefenbaker's Vision* produced by the Diefenbaker Centre Canada
Through September 29



B WDM North Battleford – Holy Trinity Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church Bell, WDM Exhibit
Outdoor Village open through October 13



C WDM Saskatoon – *Saskatchewan Doukhobor Living Book Project* in partnership with Spirit Wrestler Productions and the University of Saskatchewan
Through October 20

D WDM Yorkton – *Our Collective Threads*
WDM Travelling Exhibit
Through September 30

FEATURE

New to the WDM Collection

The WDM recently accepted a large collection of Saskatchewan dairy products including milk bottles, cream cans, promotional materials, milk caps and ice cream tubs. This collection contains hundreds of artifacts and helps highlight many aspects of dairy and food history in Saskatchewan. It will be important for anyone who wishes to study aspects of everyday life from the 20th century such as food delivery, food production, marketing and family life.

These items are part of a much larger collection assembled by Robert "Dairy Bob" Snyder. The WDM accepted items relating to Saskatchewan while the Royal BC and Royal Alberta Museums took items relating to their respective provinces.

The collection will take a long time to process. Each item in the collection must be assigned an accession number and prepared for storage. Staff and volunteers have been working hard to label the artifacts.

These objects are a throwback to the days of home milk delivery and highlight a change in how people interact with and obtain their food. Today, home milk delivery is a rarity, whereas just a few decades ago it was the most common way for city dwellers to get their dairy!



A SAMPLE OF SOME OF THE OBJECTS FROM THE DAIRY COLLECTION BEING PREPARED FOR PROCESSING AT THE WDM CORPORATE OFFICE



WDM MOOSE JAW



BRITISH COMMONWEALTH AIR TRAINING PLAN EXHIBIT

Seniors' Week Tea

SEPTEMBER 28, 2:00 PM

Reminisce with a short program featuring hands-on artifacts and look back at leisure time, school, transportation, farming and more while enjoying some light refreshments.

Live History Performances – Mysteries at the Museum

OCTOBER 19

Join us for the immersive historic experience, “Behind Glass,” centered around our collection. Take in a mystery-building workshop or enjoy a dramatic performance with dinner in the galleries. More details and ticket information to be announced soon on our website and Facebook page.

In Remembrance

NOVEMBER 9, 2:00 PM

Take in a presentation by Saskatchewan photographer and blogger, Kenton de Jong, to learn about the impact of the Spanish Influenza during the First World War and how it affected the province of Saskatchewan.

WDM MOOSE JAW

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SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily
CLOSED Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day

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WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



ARTWORK DESIGNED AND CRAFTED BY NORTH BATTLEFORD ARTIST DEBRA BREMAN

Pumpkin Carving Class

OCTOBER 25, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Learn to carve the spookiest pumpkin on your block. We'll provide everything you need – an enthusiastic instructor, carving tools, and, of course, the pumpkin. The cost of the class is \$5.00 / person. Pre-registration is required.

Great Pumpkin Masquerade & Family Dance

OCTOBER 26, 5:00 PM

Dance the night away with your family, scare yourselves silly in the haunted houses, or challenge each other at the ghoulish games. Who's got the best aim? Find out at the Pumpkin in Basket station. A spooky concession will be on-site in case you work up an appetite. Oh, and don't forget to come in costume – there are prizes for the best! Regular admission applies.

Gift Shop

Stop in at the Gift Shop during your Museum visit or make time for a special destination shopping day. It is well worth your time! You'll find unique Saskatchewan crafted stained glass, wood working, soaps and beeswax candles; books showcasing our awe-inspiring land of the living skies; dream catchers; old fashioned musical instruments; and retro inspired toys and candy.

WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

FRIGHT NIGHTS

October 29 & 30

7:00 – 10:00 pm

Tickets \$10 / person

Ages 13+

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WDM SASKATOON



Christmas Craft Fair

OCTOBER 18, 4:00 – 10:00 PM

OCTOBER 19, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Join us for our annual Christmas Craft Fair. For over 25 years, we have hosted 100 vendors displaying their homemade arts and crafts. This year will be sure to please yet again. There will be food, woodworking, knitting, quilting, handmade crafts, jewelry and more! Find something for everyone on your shopping list.

Boo Town

OCTOBER 30, 5:30 – 8:30 PM

A spooky circus has rolled into Boo Town and strange happenings are afoot! Unravel the Boo Town mystery, trick-or-treat down Boomtown street, and have a photo taken in the photo studio in your awesome costume. Don't forget to come play some carnival games at the Monster Midway.

Member's Night and Museum Store Sale

NOVEMBER 14

Get in the festive spirit with a turkey dinner and some Christmas shopping at our Member's Night. Contact the WDM Saskatoon for tickets. After supper, check out the Gift Shop before our annual Store Sale opens to the public from November 15 - 17. For younger shoppers, join us for the Kids Christmas Shopping Sale from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm on November 16.

WDM SASKATOON

PIONEER THRESHERMEN'S FLEA MARKET

October 26, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

You never know what treasures you might find!

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WDM YORKTON



Gift Shop

Discover beautiful gifts, tasty treats, and unique items that reflect our province. From handblown Berting Glass Wheat and painted Pysanky eggs, to Saskatoon jam and chocolates, there are many items for that special souvenir, keepsake or gift. Of course, we also have a kids' section featuring retro toys and games like Fisher-Price™, Strawberry Shortcake™ and more!

Yorkton Threshermen's Club

The 64th Threshermen's Show & Seniors' Festival was filled with visitors re-living memories of the past. Thanks to all for help making this event such a great success. If you would like to join this vibrant group in keeping the past alive for generations to come, contact the WDM Yorkton.

York Colony Quilters Guild

September marks the beginning of another year of activities for the York Colony Quilters Guild. Regular meetings take place every Wednesday morning at 10:00 am. Anyone who would like to be a member is invited to join the fun. For further information, please call Sally Sibley at 306-782-2277.

WDM YORKTON

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SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER HOURS

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday

12:00 - 5:00 pm Weekends

CLOSED Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day





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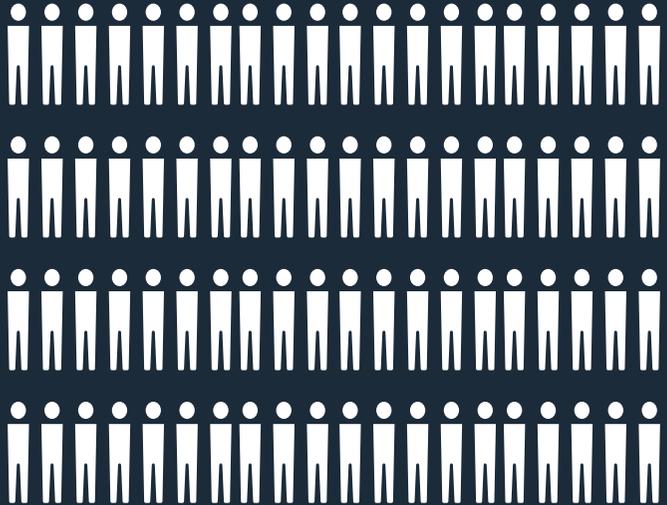
OVER 100,000

STUDENTS IN THE LAST 5 YEARS

2018 – 2019: 22,300+

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OF DEDICATED
VOLUNTEERS



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Thank you for giving us one of the best field trips in the city. I have attended almost every year the WDM has offered the program and my students are so excited to attend.

ELIZABETH PHIPPS, VICE-PRINCIPAL - FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL, SASKATOON
AND GOVERNOR GENERAL AWARD WINNER FOR TEACHING CANADIAN HISTORY

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