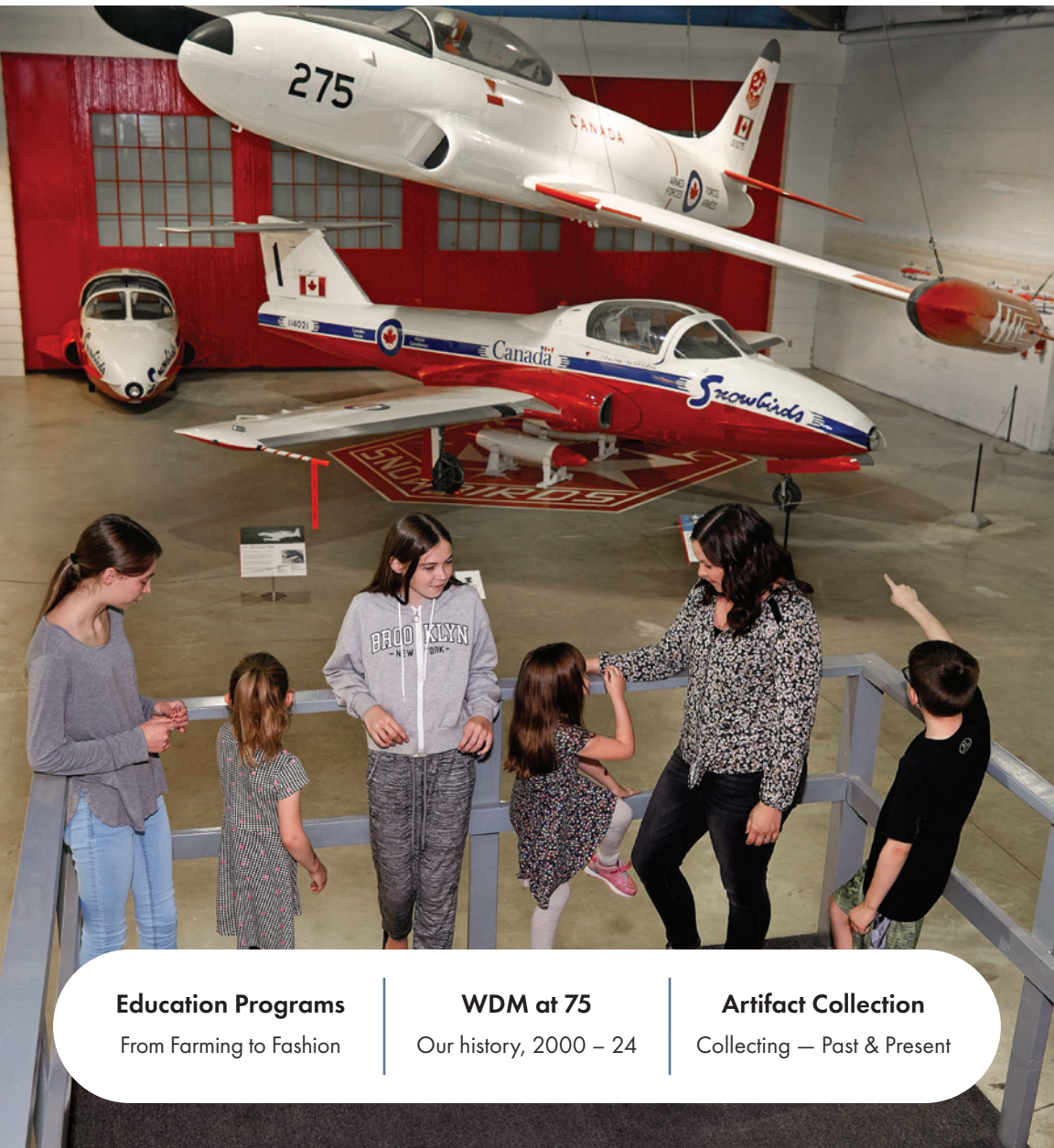




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October 1 – 31	WDM 75th Anniversary Seek and Find
October 24	World Polio Day with the Rotary Club of Moose Jaw Wakamow and the Rotary Club of Moose Jaw
October 26	Halloween Hurrah
November 1 – 30	1949 Before and After Seek and Find
December 1 – 31	1976 Before and After Seek and Find
December 7 – 8	A Christmas Long Ago

WDM North Battleford

Through December 31	Diamond Seek and Find
October 10 & 17	Poppy Beading Workshop *

WDM Saskatoon

Through December 31	1949 Before and After Seek and Find
Through June 30, 2025	Saskatchewan Sari-Sari: Filipino Roots, Prairie Growth Filipino-Canadian Community History Exhibit
October 15, November 19, & December 17	Pop In and Play with the WDM
October 25 – 31	Spooky Stroll
October 26	Pioneer Threshermen's Club Flea Market **
October 30	Boo Town Ball
November 14 – January 3	Eaton's Once Upon A Christmas Exhibit
November 22 – 30	Saskatoon City Hospital Festival of Trees **

WDM Yorkton

Through December 31	Diamond Seek and Find
October 1 – 31	Harvest Seek and Find
October 25 – November 2	Let's Carve Out Some Fun Seek and Find
November 1 – 30	Snowflake Hunt Seek and Find
December 1 – 31	Winter Fun Seek and Find

* Pre-registration is required
** Not a WDM organized event

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Anticipation of Fall

Dear Friends of the WDM,

While fall is my favourite season, I find myself reflecting on the summer we've just enjoyed. It feels as though the days slipped by in a blur, filled with vibrant summer camps, engaging summer shows and the warm presence of countless friends and families who visited the WDM. Each moment, from the laughter of children at camp to the smiles of families exploring our exhibits, has left an indelible mark on our hearts. The WDM was alive with the spirit of connection and discovery, reminding us of the simple joys that bring us together.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering dedication of our incredible staff and volunteers. Their hard work and passion ensure that every visitor leaves with lasting memories, and for that, I extend my deepest gratitude to everyone involved.

We were excited to open *J. Marjan's Shoe Shop* exhibit at WDM North Battleford on August 15. This exhibit honours Jakob Marjan, an Eastern European immigrant who established a beloved shoe repair shop in North Battleford in 1932. Jakob's journey from apprentice shoemaker in Hungary to a respected business owner in Saskatchewan reflects his resilience. Visitors can explore the shop's authentic setting, showcasing the tools, materials and legacy of a craftsman who served his community for nearly five decades. This exhibit celebrates, not just a trade, but the enduring spirit of entrepreneurship and community.

I am pleased to welcome Brian Martynook and Rodney Andrews to the WDM Board of Directors. Brian's experience in community leadership and Rodney's passion for history will bring fresh perspectives to our Board. Kelsie Stettner, who served on the Board from 2020 - 24, joins us as an Expert Advisor. Her expertise in business administration and community engagement will continue to be invaluable.

As we enter the final months of our 75th year, I invite you to embrace the beauty of the autumn season and all it has to offer. Whether you're exploring our exhibits, participating in our events or taking a moment to reflect on the rich history we share, there's a wealth of experiences awaiting you at the WDM.

Happy Fall, everyone!

Joan Kanigan, CEO

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WDM Moose Jaw
Daily 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

WDM North Battleford
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WDM Yorkton
Weekdays 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Weekends 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

WDM Saskatoon
Mon – Wed 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thurs 9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Fri – Sun 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Boomtown Café (Saskatoon)
Daily 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

All locations close at 3:00 pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

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Thank You for Joining Us!

The WDM is deeply grateful for the incredible support received at our Past Forward – WDM Through the Decades Gala, celebrating our 75th Anniversary.

Special thanks to our generous sponsors, dedicated board members, committees, passionate volunteers and staff. Your collective efforts made the event a resounding success. Together, we relived decades of memories and set the stage for future generations. Thank you for being an essential part of our community and for making our mission of sharing Saskatchewan stories truly meaningful.

Thank You Sponsors!




The WDM Through the Years

2000 – 24

For our 75th anniversary, we've been looking back over the WDM's history. In this final installment in our three-part series, we step into the 21st century looking at 2000 - 24. This was a time when the WDM marked Saskatchewan's centennial with an ambitious new exhibit, adopted a new vision statement, focused on collecting artifacts and stories from underrepresented communities in our Museum and got ready to celebrate 75 years.



Former WDM Collections Curator, Ruth Bitner speaks at the opening the final phase of the *100 Years of Saskatchewan History* exhibit, WDM Yorkton, July 11, 2012

In the late 1990s, WDM staff began discussing ways to recognize Saskatchewan's Centennial in 2005. Plans were made for the WDM's most ambitious project in years – the creation of the *Winning The Prairie Gamble* exhibits, now known as *100 Years of Saskatchewan History* at the WDMs Moose Jaw, North Battleford and Yorkton and *A Saskatchewan Story* at the WDM

Saskatoon. Unique exhibits would be built at each WDM location showcasing 100 years of Saskatchewan history. Through the early years of the 2000s, research, writing and construction got underway in preparation for the first phase of the exhibits opening in 2005.

Due to the size of the project, construction and opening of the new exhibits took place over several years with the last phases opening

to the public in 2012. Exhibit themes vary between the locations with the history of Medicare and weather at the WDM Moose Jaw, natural resources at the WDM North Battleford, immigration at the WDM Yorkton as well as a 100-year history timeline at these locations. At the WDM Saskatoon, the exhibit features a fictional family who arrives in Saskatchewan in 1905 and follows them through the generations to 2005 highlighting changes, innovations and milestones in our province's history.

In April 2015, the WDM welcomed our 10 millionth visitor since opening to the public in 1949. This number included general visitors, school children and people attending special events throughout the years.



Former WDM CEO Joan (Champ) Brewerton and former WDM Board Chair Ken Azzopardi unveil the WDM's new logo, 2015

Another highlight in 2015 was the unveiling of a new logo along with the tag line "Saskatchewan Inspired." The vintage modern-style logo replaced the wheel and wheat logo used since the 1970s. Along with this rebranding was a new look and shortened name for our member newsletter. *Sparks Off The Anvil* became *Sparks*. The new name

and look were the biggest changes to the newsletter since it was first published in 1974.

Over the years, WDM staff recognized the need to expand our artifact collecting and storytelling to better reflect Saskatchewan's diverse population. A first step in formalizing this was the WDM's new vision statement: **A Saskatchewan where everyone belongs and histories matter.** This statement was approved by the WDM Board of Directors in 2017. Achieving this vision involves sharing stories that reflect the diversity of our province and our experiences. By creating opportunities for people to come together, we hope they gain an understanding and appreciation for diverse experiences and get a positive sense of place which helps them feel like they belong.

In 2017, the Saskatchewan 2SLGBTQ+ History Collection was launched with the goal of creating a permanent collection of objects that tell stories about 2SLGBTQ+ life in our province. The artifact collection was further enhanced by the gathering of artifacts from Saskatchewan's East Asian and South Asian communities. Storytelling expanded through partnerships with the Saskatchewan African Canadian Heritage Museum and the Melfort & District Museum which resulted in a virtual exhibit about Dr. Alfred Shadd, one of the first documented African-Canadians to settle in the area that would become Saskatchewan. The WDM also provided a home for a temporary, community exhibit from the Filipino-Canadian Association of Saskatchewan called *Saskatchewan Sari-Sari: Filipino Roots, Prairie Growth*.

On September 15, 2017, the WDM Board of Directors adopted a statement of intent for Truth and Reconciliation that upholds the United Nations Declaration on the Rights



WDM participates in the Moose Jaw Pride Parade, June 1, 2019

of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for Reconciliation. The WDM committed to adopting the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action in our strategic plan and to build partnerships with Saskatchewan Indigenous communities.

The WDM North Battleford began a partnership with Kanaweyimik Child & Family Services to offer traditional First Nations teachings and host a National Indigenous People's Day Traditional Powwow in the Heritage

Village. The WDM Saskatoon re-established their relationship with Whitecap Dakota Nation, a relationship that started in 1955. The result of this reconnection is the co-curated, permanent exhibit, *Wapaha Ska Oyate: Living Our Culture, Sharing Our Community at Pion-Era, 1955 - 69*. Through this project, Whitecap Elders, Knowledge Keepers, leadership and staff, shared their oral histories, ensuring that their voice is heard in this exhibit. In 2023, the WDM and Whitecap Dakota Nation were honoured to receive

the Museums Association of Saskatchewan's Award of Merit for this project.

Following the WDM Board's adoption of the Statement of Intent, Dr. Elizabeth Scott, WDM Chief Curator - Director of Collections & Research, prepared *Inclusivity Report: Reconciliation and Diversity at the WDM*, outlining ways the WDM can respond to the TRC Calls to Action released in 2019.

The WDM partnered with the University of Saskatchewan and Spirit



His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan and Her Honour Ms. Donna Mirasty attend the opening of the *Wapaha Ska Oyate: Living Our Culture, Sharing Our Community at Pion-Era, 1955 – 69* exhibit at the WDM Saskatoon, October 12, 2022

Wrestler Productions to open the temporary exhibit, *Doukhobor Living Book Project: 120 Years in Saskatchewan* at the WDM Saskatoon in June 2019. The exhibit featured artifacts and an immersive soundscape that recreated a Doukhobor prayer service. In 2020, this exhibit received the Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Museums: History Alive!

The WDM's Collections Development Plan was released in 2020. This was the first formal acquisitions plan in WDM history. The Plan guides decision making by defining the criteria for accepting artifacts, removing artifacts and how limited resources will be allocated in the overall care and maintenance of the WDM's Collections. The plan aligns with the WDM's mandate and vision.

2020 is likely a year that none of us will forget when the COVID-19 pandemic changed our world. The Museum was closed from mid-March through early August 2020. Like everyone, we had to pivot. Extensive planning was undertaken to decide what modifications needed to be made to ensure that visitors were safe and comfortable. Some measures

implemented during the height of the pandemic are still in place. We also found new ways to deliver programs including offering virtual programs like our 2020 and 2021 summer camps and the Virtual Coffee Club.

In recognition of the WDM's 75th anniversary, the Saskatchewan government declared April 2, 2024 as Western Development Museum Day in Saskatchewan. The WDM celebrated that day with 75 cent admission and the launch of the WDM 75th Anniversary Adventure Passport. Staff and volunteers were honoured that so many visitors came out to celebrate with us.

The latest WDM exhibit to open is the *J. Marjan's Shoe Shop* in the Heritage Farm and Village at the WDM North Battleford. This exhibit, which opened in summer 2024, shares the story of a newcomer from war-torn central Europe building a new life and finding success in Saskatchewan.



J. Marjan Shoe Shop, WDM North Battleford, 2024

We hope you enjoyed hearing about the WDM's history in these *Sparks* features. If you want to learn more, check out our history timeline at wdm.ca/history-and-timeline.

Thanks to all of you for supporting the WDM over the years! Cheers to 75 years!



WDM 75th Anniversary Adventure Passport

Have you got your WDM 75th Anniversary Adventure Passport? Pick up your passport at any WDM location. Visit each WDM before April 2, 2025 to get a passport stamp for that location. Once you collect all four stamps you'll receive a WDM special edition t-shirt like the Mahoney family of Saskatoon. You will also be entered into a draw to win a WDM prize package to be drawn for on April 30, 2025.

Visit wdm.ca/75years for contest details and rules. Happy WDM'ing!

My WDM Story with Marlene Bugler, Battleford

“Working together to create better relationships.”

As we reflect on 75 years of the WDM, we think about the ways the Museum connects with you – our supporters. We are pleased to share a few of your stories in *Sparks*. In this issue, we hear from Marlene Bugler, Executive Director of Kanaweyimik Child & Family Services. The WDM is honoured to partner with Kanaweyimik whose vision is, “To empower individuals, families and member communities to sustain an environment of safety and well-being for their children, to develop physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually, utilizing their culture, beliefs and traditional practices.” Marlene tells us how the partnership with the WDM North Battleford began and how we work together on Reconciliation.

“Kanaweyimik Child & Family Services has rented meeting space at the WDM North Battleford for many years. As we became more aware and familiar with the Museum, we noted a gap in history for this area. The Battlefords has a rich history of First Nations who surround the Battlefords, and this was notably missing in the displays and information.

There are many misunderstandings and misconceptions of First Nations traditions and culture, ‘our way of life’, by the mainstream. With a goal of Reconciliation and creating a better relationship between mainstream society and First Nation individuals and community, we started discussing with WDM North Battleford staff about how we could create a better understanding of First Nation traditions and culture.



Marlene Bugler

We started by taking part in Light Up The Village with tipis that were lit up in orange to commemorate children lost in residential schools and to create awareness of how residential schools impacted our People. Then we mutually agreed to the concept of the tipi village during summer months with several cultural teachings and demonstrations of various practices such as tanning hide, hand games, moss bag teachings, tipi teachings, preparation of chokecherries, etc. We also shared information on the impacts of factors that eroded First Nation traditions and culture. Our People endured many things that were intended to destroy our way of life but with our strong faith in a Higher Power and prayers, we persevered and are finally beginning to



Hide scraping by volunteers from
Kanaawayimik Child & Family Services

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bring back our traditions and cultures. The tipi village is visited by local citizens and visitors from around the world.

Next, we mutually decided to host a traditional powwow on National Indigenous Peoples Day, again with the goal of creating awareness of the powwow with demonstrations of various dances and their significance. The powwow has tripled in the number of people attending in the last three years. I strongly believe that these initiatives are excellent efforts of Reconciliation. Reconciliation to me, means both parties working together to create better relationships. In this case, better relationships between mainstream society and First Nations.

I mentioned earlier that there are many misconceptions and misunderstandings of First Nations traditions and culture that creates unnecessary conflict between mainstream society and First Nations. Our goal is to improve relationships as we are destined to co-exist in this area forever and our children need to learn to live in a healthy way with each other."



National Indigenous People's Day Traditional Powwow, 2024

Thank you to Marlene for sharing her story and we thank the team at Kanawayimik Child & Family Services for sharing their heritage and traditions with WDM visitors. Through this work, together we can build a Saskatchewan where everyone belongs and histories matter.

What’s your WDM story? Share your #WDM memories for a chance to win an exclusive branded WDM prize pack! Terms and conditions apply.



Scan here to share your story!



Kanawayimik Child & Family Services cultural teachings

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2024 Years of Service Recipients

The WDM recognizes and wishes to thank the following individuals for their generous years of service to the Museum.



- Jensen Bertoia, WDM Saskatoon
- Erin Cooper, WDM North Battleford
- Berry Duperron, WDM North Battleford
- Kaylee Gherasim, WDM Saskatoon
- Danielle Goodhand, WDM Saskatoon
- Amber Parker, WDM Corporate Office



Celina Danis, WDM Saskatoon



- Julie Jackson, WDM Corporate Office
- Sharon Miller, WDM Corporate Office
- Samantha Russell, WDM Saskatoon



Karen Fisher, WDM Saskatoon

Sharing a Love of Learning

Karen and Carol's Gift to WDM Visitors

When chatting with volunteers Karen Dolan and Carol Moran, you can't help but notice how much joy they get from helping with the A Christmas Long Ago program and other activities at the WDM Moose Jaw. These cheerful volunteers share their love of learning and history with the WDM's lucky visitors and staff.

After visiting the WDM Moose Jaw many times with family, Karen decided she'd like to volunteer which she began doing in 2017. She has helped with crafts, scavenger hunts, fashion shows, demonstrations and, as Karen put it, "Anywhere they need me."

Carol began volunteering in 2019, at first sporadically and now more regularly. Like Karen, she helps out wherever needed from being a Museum greeter to leading demonstrations and helping with games.

Both of these volunteers love the A Christmas Long Ago program which is offered as a school and a public program. Working with school children is something they both really enjoy. For Karen, she likes this program, "because it is with kids and it is fun to see the wonder in their faces." In A Christmas Long Ago, children hear the story of a family preparing for Christmas in the early 20th century, including seeing what gifts may have been under the Christmas tree. Children discuss how these traditions may be the same or different to what we do today. The program also includes making a holiday craft,



Karen making butter at Heritage Day at the WDM Moose Jaw, February 11, 2023

decorating the Christmas tree and playing with old-fashioned toys with volunteers helping where needed.

"I absolutely love the A Christmas Long Ago program," says Carol. "The planning and effort that goes into the staging is amazing. Being 80 lets me say that it really is authentic. Children at Christmas are always interesting but children attending this program are true gems. My reason for helping is truly selfish. I'm glad that it also helps with appreciation of Saskatchewan history." Volunteers like Carol and Karen are a huge part of why this program is so successful, not only helping

the children but also with clean up and organizing between programs. Their help is invaluable.

The children who attend the program provide a lot of laughs for our volunteers too. Carol shared one of her favourite answers when a group of children were asked, "where do Christmas gifts come from?" The answer according to one student, "Amazon."

When asked if they had advice for anyone wondering about volunteering, Karen mentioned, "that it [volunteering] is a good way to meet people and sometimes make their day. I learn new things every day!" From Carol, "To anyone thinking of volunteering at the WDM Moose Jaw I would say that this is a great facility with absolutely super staff. You are never left without help if you need it and you always have a helpful outline of the activity you are to help with. You are most often assigned to jobs in pairs so that is comforting if you are nervous and you make new friends. The staff drops around to see how you're doing and everyone always seems happy to see you!"

Yes, we are happy to see Carol, Karen and all of our fabulous volunteers. Thank you to Karen and Carol for sharing their volunteer story with us and their love of the A Christmas Long Ago



Karen Dolan and Carol Moran, December 13, 2023



Carol helps students in the A Christmas Long Ago program, December 13, 2023

Behind The Scenes at the WDM

Managing Artifact Documentation

Did you know that every WDM artifact has a file of documents held centrally in the WDM's Corporate Office in Saskatoon?

Artifact files hold documents such as donation agreements, photographs, written histories of the items or the families who owned them, records of repairs and inspections, or correspondence and research materials relating to the artifact. Managing the records for a museum collection takes a lot of work, but it's something most people rarely have a chance to see or learn about.

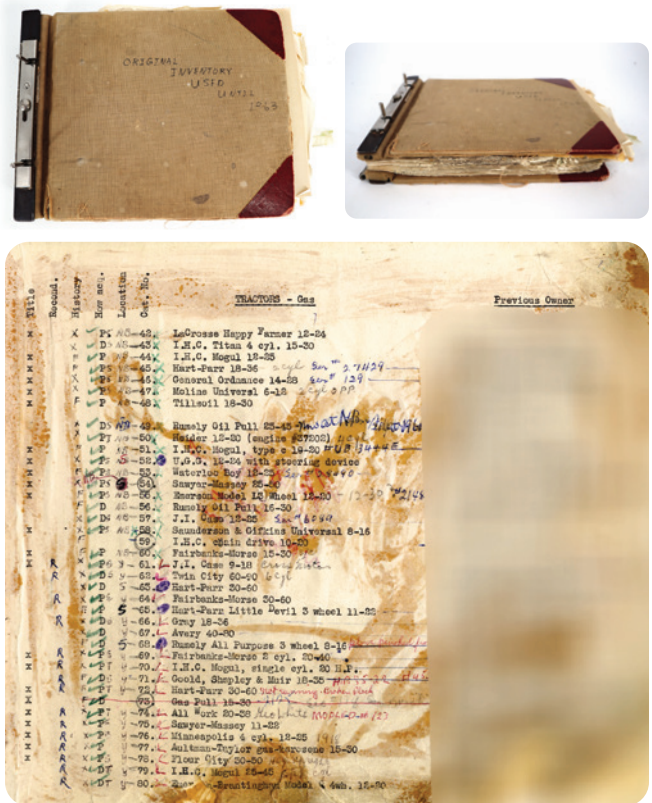
As part of the WDM's 75th anniversary celebrations this year, we're looking back at how the way we document our collection has evolved since 1949.

Document storage

Until the WDM's Corporate Office opened in Saskatoon in 1984, artifact records were held at each Museum location. Today, every artifact file is stored at the Corporate Office. In the early days of the WDM, because of the volume of artifacts the WDM was collecting every year, it was difficult to manage the records for so many different objects. By 1977, only a small percentage of the WDM's collection had files like these.

The very first artifacts in the WDM's collection were tracked in a large, handwritten ledger. Organized by object type, each page has around 40 lines, with one artifact listed on each line.

Notebooks and catalogue cards were also used to



Original WDM accession register. Part of the page shown here has been blurred to protect donor information.

track artifacts and donors in the early years, but these generally recorded only basic information. Usually all that was recorded was what type of object was donated, its accession number and the name of the donor. Legal documents such as transfer of ownership forms were also kept. Eventually, file folders became the primary and default way we stored our artifact records.

Originally, these folders were organized either by donor surname (in Yorkton and North Battleford) or by artifact accession number (in Saskatoon and Moose Jaw). An accession number is a unique identifier given to each artifact to make it easier to track and document.

Once the Corporate Office opened, the process of centralizing all records in Saskatoon began, though this wasn't completed until 2023. Most of these files are now arranged by accession number, though some are still arranged by donor name. All folders will eventually be converted to being labeled and sorted by accession number, but relabeling and reorganizing so many files will take time.

By 2018, the document storage vault in the Corporate Office was home to 27 filing



WDM collections record vault as it was in 2018



WDM collections vault after the installation of rolling storage shelves, 2019

cabinets to store all these folders. However, as the artifact collection continued to grow, space for new records was growing tight. Curatorial staff recognized that storage space would soon run out and began looking for solutions.

In 2019, the WDM received a grant from the Museums Assistance Program, funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage, to have new, high density mobile shelving installed in the storage vault. This new storage system increased storage capacity of the

vault to at least three times what it had been able to accommodate before.

The new shelving in the vault has made it easier to look up information on artifacts and ensures that there is ample room for document storage as the WDM artifact collection continues to grow. Maintaining accurate and organized records is important for helping us understand and care for our artifacts, and they help us preserve valuable information on the histories of the objects in our collection.



Research Associate Heather Englebert and Registrar Melissa Stus catalogue a sword box from the N.P. Lewchuk Collection, WDM-2024-S-1

WDM Artifact Collection

How to make a donation

Have you ever thought about donating an artifact to the Western Development Museum?

The WDM has evolved to become much more than an agricultural implement museum. We are interested in artifacts that represent who we are, tell a Saskatchewan-inspired story, depict a historic event or illustrate our skills and innovation. New artifact donations help us better tell the story of Saskatchewan and its people by filling gaps in our collection. Most of our artifacts are received as donations from the public.

Our Collections Development Plan further prioritizes collecting artifacts from unrepresented, underrepresented, misrepresented and erased people and groups in Saskatchewan's history and the WDM collections. These groups have been identified as Indigenous, diverse settlers and 2SLGBTQ+ people, communities and organizations. Saskatchewan innovation is also a high priority collecting category.



Saskatoon PFLAG Rainbow Banner
WDM-2020-S-7



Lion's Head Mask
WDM-2018-S-19

If you would like to make an artifact offer to the WDM, please contact our Registrar to start the donation process. The more information you can tell us about your object and its history, the better. Please send an image of what the object looks like today and historical photographs of the object in use, or of the people who used it. We ask that you do not bring artifact offers to any WDM location unless expressly requested by the Registrar. Any objects dropped off without

contact information included are considered abandoned property and are disposed of.

All new offers to the WDM are processed by our Registrar. Offers that meet the basic requirements set out in our Collections Development Plan, will be put on the agenda for our next Curatorial Committee meeting. If your offer is accepted, we will send you a transfer of ownership agreement. When signed, it transfers unconditional ownership of the object to the WDM. We do not accept loans or donations with conditions.

We appreciate all offers, but after 75 years of collecting, we cannot accept everything. Storage space is limited, as are resources to care for and monitor artifacts. We usually gratefully decline offers of objects that are well-represented in our collection, without a known history or connection to Saskatchewan and objects in poor physical condition. We also do not have the resources to collect artifacts to represent every type or time period of any particular object (i.e. encyclopedic collecting).

For more information or to start the donation process, visit wdm.ca/donate-an-artifact/ or scan the QR code.



You can also reach out to our Registrar, Melissa Stus at 306-934-1400 EXT. 1116 or mstus@wdm.ca.

BRAINBUSTERS

Crossword Clues

Across

2. Name the LEGO® show held every summer at the WDM Moose Jaw
3. Norseman airplane CF-SAM was part of the Saskatchewan Air _____ Service
4. Drop a coin into this artifact at the WDM Yorkton to see how much you weigh
6. Three minerals represented in the natural resources exhibit at the WDM North Battleford are: Uranium, Coal and _____
8. In 1974, the "Big Green Machine" J.I. Case steam traction engine from the WDM collection appeared in promo material for this Saskatchewan football team
12. Town that was home to the original Wm. Bentley Dry Goods store
15. A generous person who donates their time and talents to the WDM
17. Before being moved to the WDM Yorkton, the settler's house stood for more than 100 years northeast of this community
18. Company whose ice wagon is next to the Sterling Hardware store on Boomtown Street at the WDM Saskatoon (two words)
21. Second World War pilots trained in Saskatchewan as part of the British _____ Air Training Plan
24. Professor N.P. Lewchuk's _____ and Show
25. Former Lieutenant Governor featured in an exhibit at the WDM Saskatoon: The Honourable Sylvia _____

Down

1. The Bladon family enjoyed rhymes from this popular children's book character (two words)
4. Name of the WDM Member newsletter
5. Number of WDM exhibit locations
7. Canada's premier aerobatic team is the 431 Squadron _____
9. Anniversary the WDM is celebrating in 2024 (two words)
10. The Wheat Pool grain elevator in the WDM North Battleford Heritage Farm and Village was originally located in this community
11. *Wapaha Ska Oyate: Living Our Culture, Sharing Our Community at Pion-Era, 1955 – 69* exhibit partner: _____ Dakota Nation
13. The *Once Upon A Christmas* display at the WDM Saskatoon was acquired from this department store in 1987
14. This monarch's portrait hangs on the wall in the British Room exhibit at the WDM Yorkton: Queen _____
16. The WDM Act was passed by the Saskatchewan Legislature on April 2, 194____
19. Indoor tipi exhibit named: *Born With A* _____
20. Month displayed on the calendar in the *In A Prairie Attic* exhibit at the WDM Yorkton
22. The day of the week the WDM is closed during January, February and March
23. Number of buildings that are in the WDM North Battleford Heritage Farm and Village

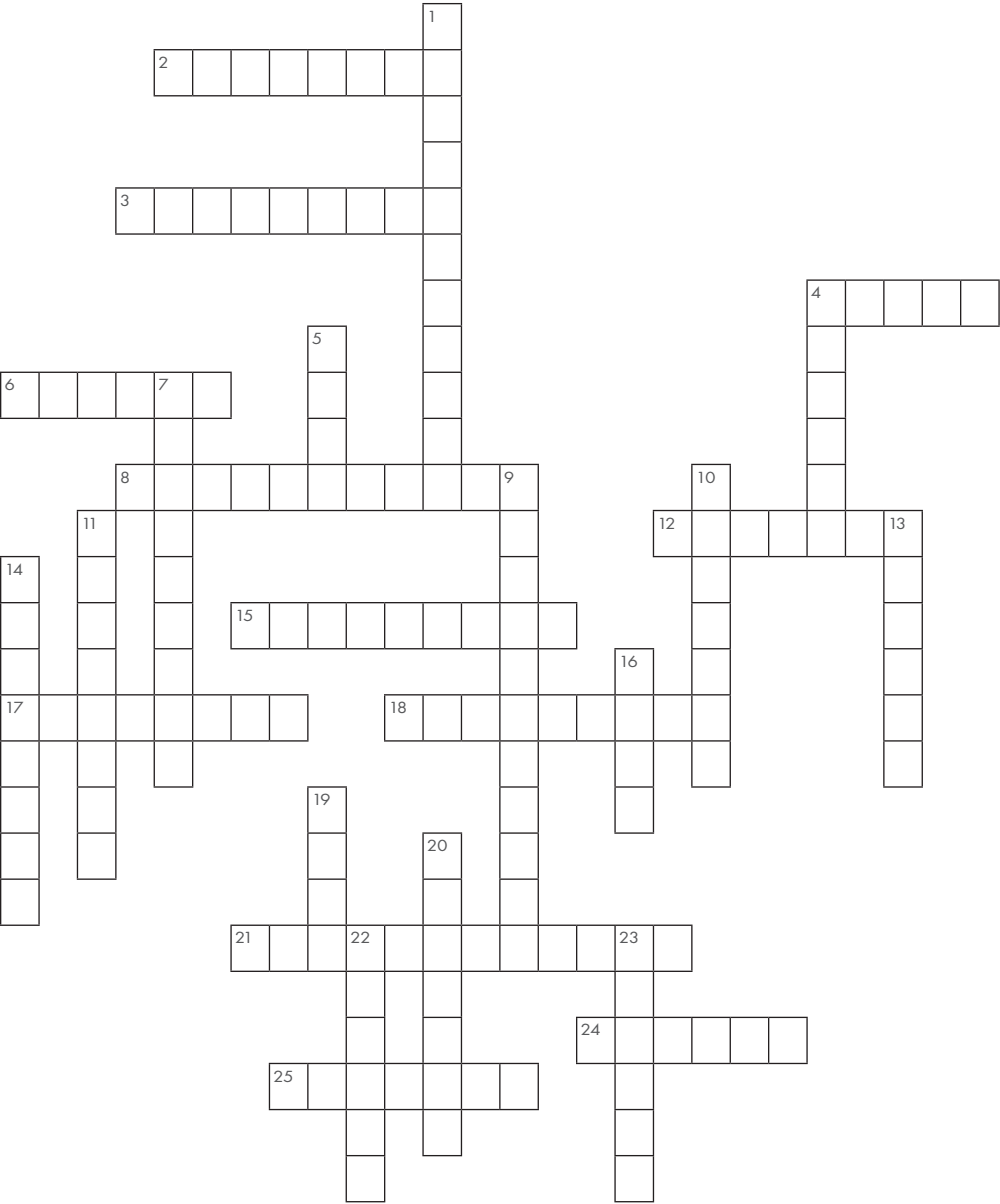
Search for the Saskatchewan Symbol

Hidden somewhere in this issue of *Sparks* is a Western Red Lily like this one. This lily is Saskatchewan's official flower. Can you find it?



Crossword

Test your knowledge of the WDM and have some fun with this crossword puzzle.



Answers on page 25.

WDM Education Programs

Since the WDM first opened to the public in 1949, we have welcomed thousands of school children, eager to learn about Saskatchewan's rich history. In the early years, the focus of school visits was Saskatchewan's agricultural and settlement history. Today, students still learn about these parts of our history but also about topics ranging from schools past and present to building energy efficient homes to how clothing shapes our identity. Plus, students can take part in an in-person or virtual program. So much has changed in the last 75 years.

This fall, the WDM launched a new booking program which allows educators to book their visit online. By visiting the 'For Teachers' page on the WDM website and clicking on the 'Book Now' button, educators can book and pay for a Museum-led or self-guided visit. All Museum visits must be booked in advance.

To keep up with rising costs, school program prices have increased slightly. Depending on the program and WDM location, programs cost from \$3.50/student to \$5/student. Program additions for demonstrations are an additional cost. For those who book an educator-led, self-guided visit, Museum Quest or Scavenger Hunt activities are included at no additional cost.



School children visit the WDM North Battleford, c. 1956
CITY OF NORTH BATTLEFORD ARCHIVES, LC01-02-144

We have also made changes to make some programs available more often during the school year. To learn more about our programs, cost and availability, visit wdm.ca/education/ or scan the QR code and select the WDM location you are interested in visiting.



We are always working to improve what we offer to students. Programs are reviewed, updated and improved to ensure that they align with the Saskatchewan school curriculum. In 2023, our long-standing Wheels and Runners program for Grades 2 - 3 underwent major changes. In this Museum-led program, students learn about the influence of the natural environment on Saskatchewan's communities and their methods of transportation. Four program components engage students through a story and discussion, an activity to design their own transportation, an artifact quest and a fun BINGO game that includes terms and concepts learned in the program. This program is available at all four WDM locations.

Curriculum-connected Museum Quests are available at the WDMs Moose Jaw and Saskatoon while Scavenger Hunts are offered at the WDMs North Battleford and Yorkton. These activities encourage students to learn and discover while on an educator-led, self-guided visit to the Museum.

Bring more opportunities for learning, growth and fun for your students this school year. Enter to win a **FREE in-person WDM field trip** for your class (up to 35 students), plus up to \$200 reimbursement towards the cost of transportation to a WDM location. Learn more here: wdm.ca/schoolgiveaway/.



Wheels and Runners program

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Museum Days program at the WDM North Battleford

It's the Spookiest Time of the Year

We're ready for the most spook-tacular time of the year – Halloween! Join us for family-friendly activities at a WDM near you.



WDM Saskatoon

Spooky Stroll

October 25 – 31

Tour around Boomtown as it's decked out in spooky style for Halloween.

Boo Town Ball

October 30, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

It's an evening of family fun at the Boo Town Ball including games at the Children's Festival of Saskatchewan's Monster Midway and entertainment from Fairy Music with Piper. There will be a concession. Tickets to this event must be pre-purchased online.

WDM Moose Jaw

Black Cat Seek and Find

October 1 – 31

Look for images of black cats hidden throughout the galleries.

Halloween Hurrah

October 26, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Join us for an afternoon of Halloween fun with crafts and activities set up throughout the Museum. Visit stations to collect stamps on your activity card to receive a goodie bag. Come in costume to enter our prize draw.

WDM Yorkton

Let's Carve Out Some Fun Seek and Find

October 25 – November 2

Ten Jack-o-lanterns are playing hide and seek in the galleries. Can you find them all? Visit wdm.ca to learn more.

Adopt-A-Bench at the WDM

You can support the WDM by adopting a bench at a WDM location. For each gift of \$3,500 you will have a plaque with your name, or the name of someone special to you, affixed to a bench at the WDM location of your choice for 10 years. You will also receive a charitable tax receipt and you will be recognized on the donor walls at all WDM locations.

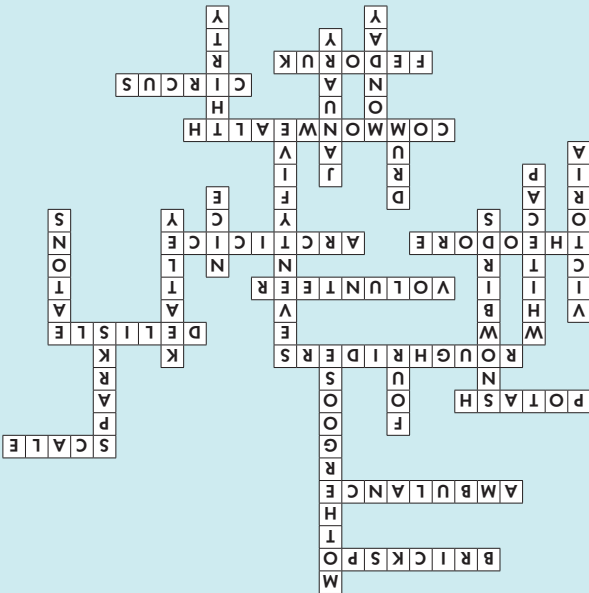
To adopt your bench or explore other ways to support the WDM, please contact Fundraising Specialist Ajibike Ogele by email at aogele@wdm.ca or by phone at 306-934-1400 EXT. 1111.



Lost WDM Membership Cards

To save on administrative costs, the WDM will no longer be replacing lost or misplaced WDM Membership Cards. If you have misplaced your card, on your next visit to the WDM simply provide your name and a piece of identification and we will confirm your membership at the Visitor Services desk.

Thank you for your continued support of the WDM.



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WDM MOOSE JAW

Tiger Moth Bi-Plane

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The Tiger Moth Bi-plane, aircraft C-GYGU, was made from two DH.82C airplanes. One of these, Royal Canadian Air Force 1143, was used as a training plane at the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan's (BCATP) #34 Elementary Flying Training School in Assiniboia from 1942 – 45.

During the Second World War, air crews from every corner of the British Commonwealth came to Canada to train. Saskatchewan was home to 20 of Canada's 120 BCATP bases. Over half of the programs 131,500 graduates were Canadian. The rest came from Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, with volunteers from the United States and Europe.



WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

Homemade Banjo

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Olaf Turnbull of Kindersley had a passion for music. Unfortunately, as a teenager during the mid-1930s, there was no money to spend on musical instruments. Someone gave Olaf an old banjo head so he decided to build a banjo using materials he found around the farm. He scrounged pieces from a wagon tongue for the neck, parts of a barrel formed the resonator and the aluminum inlay on the back was salvaged from old cooking pots. He tuned the banjo with the help of the family piano. Olaf and his homemade banjo joined the party at many community dances. This example of resourcefulness is on display in the *100 Years of Saskatchewan History* exhibit.



WDM SASKATOON

Second World War Exhibit

During the Second World War, Canadians were asked to support the war effort in a number of ways from collecting scrap metal to rationing food, fuel and other items. Saskatchewan farmers did their part and were extremely important to the war effort. For example, raising pigs became a patriotic duty. The War had cut Britain off from its European sources of bacon. The Dominion Department of Agriculture embarked on a “Hogs for Britain” campaign. Between 1939 – 43, the production of Grade A Wiltshire hogs in Saskatchewan increased four-fold. To learn more about the war effort in Saskatchewan, visit the A Saskatchewan Story exhibit.



WDM YORKTON

Snowshoes

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Snowshoes are often thought of as a way to get through deep snow, primarily used by Indigenous peoples, fur traders and trappers. But did you know that snowshoeing is a popular leisure activity for people looking for ways to enjoy Saskatchewan winters?

Travel blogger Ashlyn George, says Saskatchewan is a great place to snowshoe, “Thanks to the 37 million hectares to public crown land and dozens of regional, provincial and national parks.” Some provincial parks even offer guided snowshoe tours. Snowshoes like the children’s snowshoes found in the *Let’s Have Fun* exhibit, can be made of wood and rawhide while modern snowshoes may be made of lightweight aluminum.



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