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Hello,

The Saskatchewan Western Development Museum Curatorial Centre is pleased to offer the training course, Buggy Seat Upholstery.

When? Where?

We will hold the course beginning Sunday, 17 January 2010 at 9 am until Tuesday, 19 January 2010, at 4 pm. The course runs Sunday and Monday from 9 am to 5 pm, and Tuesday from 9 am to 4 pm at the WDM Curatorial Centre, 2935 Melville Street, Saskatoon. Time is reserved at the end of the day Wednesday for clean-up.

How do you register?

Enclosed is a registration form. We expect that this will be a popular course, with registration restricted to eight participants. If you are anxious for a spot, please return your registration form and fee immediately. We cannot hold places. If you telephone to register, you must be prepared to pay with your Mastercard or Visa.

If you must cancel your registration for any reason, cancellations will be subject to an administrative charge. Cancellations received less than three working days before the course begins are not eligible for a refund.

What is the cost?

The registration fee is \$175.00 and includes GST, three lunch meals, as well as two pieces of plywood. Please make your cheque payable to the Western Development Museum. WDM members receive a discount of \$15.00 for a total of \$160.00. A WDM membership application is enclosed.

Because we have found that participants at other WDM courses are reluctant to stop for lunch, we have arranged that the noon meal be provided at the Curatorial Centre by the Western Development Museum Boomtown Café. The price of the noon lunches is included in your registration fee. Coffee is provided throughout the course as part of the course fee. Soft drinks are available at \$1 each. A water cooler is provided in the shop.

If the course limit has been reached before your registration form has been returned, your name will be placed on a waiting list and your registration fee will be returned to you.

What will you learn? What do you need to know beforehand?

The course instructor intends to teach all aspects of buggy seat reconstruction, padding and upholstery. Tufted upholstery will be the style taught. The class deals only with foam rubber padding, not springs. Each participant is expected to work on a standard buggy seat.

The class is designed to teach you how to repair, pad and upholster a standard buggy

seat. The seat may be authentic or it can be a reproduction. If you do not plan to bring a seat, expect to be partnered with someone who can use your help. Again, we do not work on sprung seats.

The class is not a course using historic materials like horsehair or flax. Modern materials including foam and batting are used. If traditional materials and methods were used, the class would have to be three years instead of three days!

People interested in attending the upholstery course should possess basic shop skills and be familiar with common hand tools.

What should you bring?.

Most importantly, you must bring a buggy seat in need of re-upholstery. If you are not sure that your buggy seat is right for the class, or if you want to ensure that proper materials will be available for your re-upholstery project, please call Buck Borrowman directly at (306) 384-7426.

If you wish to purchase a new seat, call Randy Wolfe at (306) 933-4763. Randy has a supply of wheel and buggy parts for sale.

If your buggy seat is original, it should be in good shape, ready to re-upholster. If wood repairs are needed, make them before the class. The class deals only with foam rubber padding, not springs.

You will work in a heated shop area, so winter wear is not needed. The floor is concrete, so proper work boots will help combat fatigue and provide an extra measure of safety. Proper work wear and safety equipment are necessary. Safe working practices and a safe working environment are of utmost concern.

To ensure that hand tools are available when you need them, please bring your own

- pliers
- hammer
- utility knife
- scissors
- staple puller
- staple gun.

Mark your own tools clearly with your name. Please make sure your scissors and utility blades are sharp.

Participants in former classes have also brought

- a camera,
- notepad and pencil to record procedures as they are taught.

What about upholstery supplies?

Buck Borrowman has agreed to bring all materials necessary for upholstering your buggy seat. Buying the supplies you need will be a direct transaction with Buck. The WDM will not have any role in supplying or selling upholstery supplies.

If you know what you need and have your fabric already purchased (probably about 3 metres), please bring your own supplies and fabric.

You will need a couple of pieces of plywood, to match the size of the back of the seat and the bottom of the seat. These will be supplied as part of the class.

Where should you stay?

In Saskatoon, WDM course participants from out-of-town have tried a variety of accommodations. A list from *Tourism Saskatoon* is enclosed. Please make your own accommodation arrangements. A new hotel, the *Travel-Inn Resort*, Number 58 on the *Tourism Saskatoon* map, has a very direct route to the WDM Curatorial Centre.

If you have questions about the content of the course, please direct them to Buck Borrowman. If you want to know more about the shops, the tools supplied for use by the WDM or obtaining new buggy seats, call Ken Lorenz at the WDM Curatorial Centre at (306) 934-1400. If you have questions about your registration, call Leslee Newman or Kristine Montgomery at (306) 934-1400. Please complete and return your registration, with payment of the registration fee and appropriate membership fees if desired. Confirmation of registration and a map showing the WDM Curatorial Centre will be issued to you upon receipt of your registration fee.

The Western Development Museum is very proud to play a role in the preservation of heritage skills. We look forward to having you join our training course.

Yours truly,

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