

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOOSE JAW WDM
Open daily 9 am-5 pm
Shop at the Museum Gift Shop
Call (306) 693-5989 for information

June-July **Grain Elevators: Vanishing Prairie Landmarks** from the Heritage Rug Hookers of Saskatoon
 June 18 Welcome back the **WDM Short Line 101**, 1 pm
 July 23 **WDM Playday**, 10 am-3 pm

NORTH BATTLEFORD WDM

Open daily 9am-5 pm
Shop at The Loft
Call (306) 445-8033 for information

June 18 **Family Day**, 10 am-4 pm
 August 6-7 **Those Were The Days**

SASKATOON WDM

Open daily 9 am-5 pm
Enjoy the Boomtown Café Daily specials weekdays, breakfast specials weekends

Shop at the Museum Store
Call (306) 931-1910 for information

To late summer **VerEco Home** tours daily at 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm.
 Contact www.verecohome.ca or
 Annette at (306) 292-9717

To June 22 **Hunter of the Prairie Sea** temporary exhibit from
 Royal Saskatchewan Museum

June 28-August 25 **Summer programming**
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday afternoon

July 9-10 **Pion-Era '11**
 July 18-22 **Little Pioneers Kids Camp** for ages 7-9 years

August 15-19 **Living History Young Pioneer Camp**
 for ages 10-11 years

September 27 **Historical Texts of the Great Depression**
 program begins

YORKTON WDM

To June 26 - Open weekdays 9 am-5 pm, Weekends from noon to 5 pm
Closed statutory holidays

From June 27, open daily 9 am to 5 pm

Shop at the Museum Gift Shop

Call (306) 783-8361 for information

June 19 **Father's Day at the Museum**, 2-4 pm
 June 20 **BMO Sponsorship Recognition**, 1:30 pm
 June 26 **Movies at the Museum**, 2 pm
 June 27 Summer hours begin, open daily 9 am to 5 pm
 July 1 **Good Old Fashioned Family Picnic**, 12 noon-4 pm
 July 10 **Movies at the Museum**, 2 pm
 July 13 **Museum Day**, 1-4 pm
 July 24 **Movies at the Museum**, 2 pm
 July 30-31 **Threshermen's Show & Seniors' Festival**
 August 9-11 **Children's Pioneer Days**

WDM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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NEW MEMBERS

New members joining the Museum are:

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| Ryan Hopkinson - Moose Jaw | Rudy & Lois Strom - Saskatoon |
| Trevor & Heather Huenison - Saskatoon | Radu Vasilica - Saskatoon |
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| Alice Kuipers & Yann Martel - Saskatoon | Barry & Michelle Wolfe - Waldheim |
| Jay & Tammi Maharaj - Saskatoon | Darren Wood - Saskatoon |
| | Susan Woolf - Saskatoon |

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Recently, the WDM received donations of artifacts from:

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| Maurice Cote - Saskatoon |
| Cal Glasman - Saskatoon |
| Heather LeGars - Saskatoon |
| Lorne Sheppard - Saskatoon |

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT By David F. Klatt

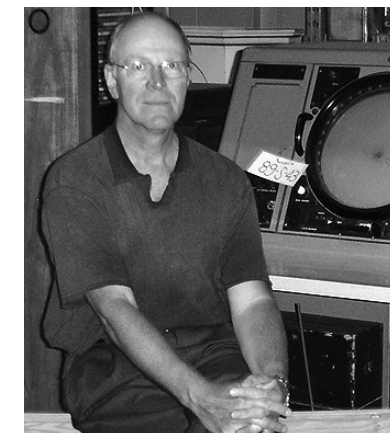
Farewell.

As some of you already may be aware, I have submitted my resignation to the Western Development Museum Board of Directors, with my last day in capacity as Executive Director scheduled for 30 June 2011. After 20 years in this position, and another 10 prior to that as Manager of the Saskatoon WDM, it is time for me to pursue other opportunities, both professional and personal.

Museum life in general is synonymous with challenge and success, and the WDM is no different, over the decades having weathered famine and flood, fame and fortune. Though the past is what the Western Development Museum is all about, in the course of examining and celebrating our history the Museum also is a harbinger of our future. The WDM is blessed with enthusiastic public support,

a cadre of tremendously committed and talented staff, exceptional volunteers and a lineage of Board members who, past and present, never have stinted in their care and concern for the Museum's welfare and stability. I will leave my office, for the last time, knowing that the WDM's present is secure, and that its own future is in exceptionally capable hands.

I wish to extend my deepest appreciation to all who have been so incredibly supportive over the years. It is a consequence of your effort, skill and commitment that the Museum has achieved so much, and continues to hold such promise. The guidance, expertise and patience which you have shared, and the friendship and loyalty you have sustained through good times and lean, will constitute my fondest and longest-lasting memories of the greatest place on earth in which to enjoy a lifetime career.



David Klatt, WDM Executive Director, 1991-2011.
 WDM Photo: Brenda Mundell

THROUGH THE YEARS

In 1996 David Klatt wrote in this newsletter that "The Museum's daily operation ...does change; in fact, it must change in the ongoing effort of adapting to evolving social and economic climates." Today, change comes to the WDM with the resignation of its Executive Director. For two decades David Klatt has had a place on page one of *Sparks Off the Anvil*, sharing such insight as...

Jan 1992 Importantly, the Museum and related institutions ultimately contribute to an improved quality of life. Our heritage is the basis for our identification as individuals and as a society, and it provides the framework within which we function in our daily lives.

Nov-Dec 1992 Your Western Development Museum is a remarkable creation. ...The hardest-working branch staff and volunteers anywhere, in concert with a very small curatorial, exhibit and programming staff contingent, do a commendable job of maintaining this gargantuan enterprise...

May 1993 An ever-present goal will be a shift toward planned exhibits of higher calibre and professional, authentic presentation... Our visitors, who expect valid, enjoyable and memorable experience, and our heritage, which deserves to be retold with honesty and imagination, deserve no less.

Jan 1996 In an era when funding for arts and culture in Canada, and around the world, is being seriously eroded, it is important to recognize that our society still places a very high priority on these intrinsic values which contribute so dramatically to our quality of life.

August 1996 Now, we have the Internet; that ubiquitous sea of connections, sites, resources and opportunities. And, there are the surfers, the estimated more than 50 million people world-wide who, with computers and modems,

have access to it all. ...Not to be left behind in the dust of progress, the Western Development Museum is now available on the Internet to the intrepid few of you who have taken the surfing plunge.

July 1998 The WDM's collection is grounded on the philosophy that the human connection is an integral factor in the relevance each object holds for our appreciation of history.

June 2000 In an environment where we are inundated with stimuli from every conceivable direction, museums must strike a deeper chord.

June 2008 Acknowledgment of the intrinsic value of preserving our heritage and culture, without reducing it to the parochial minimalism of dollars and cents, exemplifies the philosophy of a mature society, with a firm grasp and appreciation of human values which truly are the essence of the quality of life we value so highly.

Apr-May 2010 We can only hope that Provincial funding strategies are aligned with the holistic reality that heritage and culture are major contributors to our quality of life, and that investments in these fundamental values and reflections of our society are necessary to attract people to our province and - ultimately - convince them to stay.

Reluctantly, we say good-bye to David, with gratitude for his thoughtful and sound counsel and his leadership of the Western Development Museum into the 21st century. We remain mindful of his words that "Our heritage is the basis for our identification as individuals and as a society..." For David, the Museum was not a job, but a calling. From lifetime friends and long-time colleagues, farewell David.

STAFF CHANGES

The Museum landscape is changing. In the North Battleford and Saskatoon WDMs, managers have announced their retirements. At the helm of the WDM network, David Klatt leaves at the end of June. We look forward to introducing you to our new Executive Director, Joan Champ, in the next issue of *Sparks*.



Following these changes has come the resignation of Dianne

Craig, Director of Corporate Development. Dianne, who marked her 10th anniversary at the WDM last year, leaves this month to pursue new fundraising challenges in the health care field. She worked steadfastly to inspire financial donors to support many Museum projects, including contributors like BMO whose sponsorship of the Saskatchewan Theatres which will be celebrated this month at the Yorkton WDM. We wish you the best Dianne.

Western Development Museum

MOOSE JAW WDM

By Jackie Hall, Program/Education Officer

What's been missing from the Moose Jaw soundscape for two summers? Train fans will know that it's the familiar call of the WDM's steam locomotive whistle. Great news! We are very excited that the WDM Short Line is coming home to the Moose Jaw WDM. The Short Line Vulcan steam locomotive will be welcomed back, rain or shine, at 1 pm on Saturday, June 18, followed by free rides, weather permitting. Hear the whistle and enjoy a ride, from 11 am to 4 pm on weekends until September 5, weather permitting.

To date we have raised more than \$66,000 towards the boiler replacement, due in large part to individual donations through the purchase of rail ties, along with change for paper trains. It has been heartening to know that Museum visitors missed the Short Line as much as we did.

The **WDM Playday** is June 23 this year with a fun and full slate of activities focussing on children aged two to seven. Activities inspire play, imagination and family fun.

This summer we also have family-friendly activities planned. Each weekend will celebrate a different theme: aviation, weather, land travel and our province to name just a few. Call (306) 693-5989 for information.

SHORT LINE BACK AT MOOSE JAW WDM

Hurrah! The Short Line steam locomotive is back.
New boiler! New bell!
Join us for the Inaugural Run
Saturday, June 18 at 1 pm
at the Moose Jaw Western Development Museum.
<http://www.wdm.ca/mjShortLine.html>



YORKTON WDM

By Carla Madsen, Education/Special Events Programmer

Father's Day will be celebrated with a special afternoon at the Museum on Sunday, June 19 from 2 to 4 pm. Gentlemen in attendance will receive a special gift and be entered in the door prize draws. Everyone is invited to join us for complimentary donuts and refreshments.

Once again we will be partnering with the *Yorkton Film Festival* to present **Movies at the Museum**. Movie dates are 2 pm on June 12 and 26, July 10 and 24. Take in a variety of the best films produced by some of Canada's top film makers.

Canada's 144th birthday will be at the heart of our celebrations during the annual **Good Old Fashioned Family Picnic** on Friday, July 1. The Museum grounds will come alive as the WDM partners with *Tourism Yorkton* and the *Department of Canadian Heritage* to host a fun-filled picnic from 12 noon to 4 pm. People of all ages will enjoy live musical and dance entertainment, games and races, novelty booths, art displays, rides, children's entertainment and much more. Concessions will be open and free birthday cake will be served. A colour party of pipers, RCMP, Legion members and local dignitaries will be featured during the opening ceremonies at 12:30 pm. Admission to the grounds is FREE for everyone and WDM members also enjoy the benefit of free admission to the Museum galleries. Celebrate our country's birthday with us and show your pride in being Canadian!

Museum Day will be held on Wednesday, July 13 from 1 to 4 pm. Children can experience pioneer life, taking part in activities like butter and ice cream making as well as learning about "the olden days" through tours of the Museum exhibits. Crafts, stories and old-fashioned games are also part of the fun, so watch the WDM website for scheduling details to be announced.

July 30-31 marks the dates for the **56th Threshermen's Show and Seniors' Festival**. Preparations are underway including the planning of this year's special exhibit on the 75th anniversary of CBC Radio Canada and 100th anniversary of Shell Canada. Watch for more details and a brochure in the next issue of *Sparks*.

NORTH BATTLEFORD WDM

By Cheryl Stewart, Education and Volunteer Coordinator

The North Battleford WDM is back into the summer swing, with our hours returning to 9 am to 5 pm, seven days a week. We are ready and excited for a lively summer.

The new Doctor's Office and Drug Store in the heritage village opened in grand style on May 17. Be sure to see it this summer.

The summer events kicked off with our annual **Museum Days**, when students came to explore vintage farm and domestic demonstrations on May 27. Teachers, there's still time to book year-end Museum tours for your classes.

Coming up next is **Family Day** on June 18 from 10 am to 4 pm, sponsored by Innovation Credit Union. Enjoy many activities throughout the day, including a petting zoo, wagon rides, a jungle gym, face painting, a dog show, crafts, clowns and lots of fun. Be sure to check out the line-up of children's entertainment, including the always entertaining Balloon Guy. With your regular admission, enter for four tickets to Dralion - Cirque du Soleil.

News Flash! **Those Were The Days**, the antique farm equipment and pioneer show, is back. On August 5-6 join us for children's activities, vintage machines strutting their stuff in the Parade of Power, threshing demonstrations, a car rodeo, petting zoo and dog show, vintage vehicle and horse rides, demonstrations in the village homes and businesses, horse competitive driving, tractor driving, Border City Mounted Shooting demo, fashion show, indoor entertainment, concessions and much more.

New to **Those Were the Days** this year is the Barbeque Showdown with over \$5,000 in prizes in amateur and professional categories. The amateur competition will run on August 6; the professional competition will run both days. Prize winners will be chosen at the end of the day.

Join us to welcome back **Those Were the Days**, this August 6-7. Take advantage of our WDM memberships and you can be at all of our summer events for one great price. For more information call (306) 445-8033 or visit our website at www.wdm.ca.



Yorkton's popular **Children's Pioneer Days** returns this summer.

WDM Photo

After a successful first try in 2010, we are excited to bring back the **Children's Pioneer Days!** From 10 am to 2 pm on August 9 through 11, boys and girls between the ages of nine and 12 can join us for a "mini-camp" offering fun and educational pioneer activities. The program will be limited to 12 participants and pre-registration will be required. Registrations will be accepted starting July 4.

The Yorkton WDM is open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and weekends from 12 to 5 pm. Summer hours commence on June 27 when the galleries and gift shop will be open from 9 am to 5 pm daily. For further information on our activities, please call (306) 783-8361.



SASKATOON WDM

By Corinne Daelick, Education and Volunteer Coordinator

Celebrate the best of our Saskatchewan summer at **Pion-Era** 11 July 9-10, with activities for the young and the young at heart. The Museum grounds come alive with the hiss of the steam whistle, the buzz of the old sawmill and the clip-clop of horses. Take in the *Story of Threshing* in the Pioneer Circle at 10:30 am and 3:30 pm on Saturday and 3:30 pm on Sunday. Enjoy the *Parade of Power* with steam, gas and horsedrawn vehicles after the threshing show.

Children's activities take place under the big tent in Boomtown Park. The tent opens at 11 am with activities and games going on throughout the day. Take part in old-fashioned games, fish pond or milk our cow. Enjoy the Wacky Wizard and Music & Puppets by the Larsen Family. We welcome our community partners, the Mendel Art Gallery and the Children's Discovery Museum of Saskatchewan, who will be providing some of the activities in the Kids Tent.

Enjoy entertainment inside and outside the Museum, including fiddler James Steele, a square dance demonstration by the Hub City Square and Round Dance Association, cowboy poet Rick Kroczyński and more. See a fashion show featuring hats and clothing from the WDM collection, both Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

For a bite to eat, check out the food booths located at the front of the Museum. Stop by and see the Women's Auxiliary in Grandma's Kitchen for homemade bread and jam and a glass of lemonade.

Saturday events include the *Harvest Pancake Breakfast*, \$4 per person, from 9-11:30 am enjoyed to the music of the Silver Springs in Butler Byers Century Hall. Sunday at **Pion-Era** opens with the *Hymn Sing and Church Service* on Boomtown Street at 10 am, followed by our *Sunday Brunch*. The doors open at 11 am, with brunch starting at 11:30 am. Tickets are limited and are available from the Museum Store or by calling (306) 931-1910. The cost is \$25 for adults, \$23 for seniors and children 12 and under,

WELCOME SUMMER STUDENTS

Students brighten the busy summer season at all WDM locations. Thanks to federal grants from Canadian Heritage's Young Canada Works and Service Canada's Canada Summer Jobs, the WDM gets the help it needs as visitors enjoy our museums this summer.

The Moose Jaw WDM looks forward to working with Meagan Moore in visitor services. A second student in programming has yet to be hired.

At the North Battleford WDM, staff welcome: Beth St. Amant and Karen Richardson in the office, gift shop and admissions; Craig Cubbon and Andrew Zemplak in maintenance; and Stacey Chomey who will assist with programming.

The Saskatoon WDM welcomes Hannah Kostuik to Boomtown. Hannah

will be working to assist with school and public programs including the summer camps. The Yorkton WDM benefits from three students who will help with reception, programming and gallery cleaning: Lauren Doupe, Emily Tatarniuk and Carolyn Hauser.

At the WDM Curatorial Centre, three students bolster the ranks: Jennifer Pidlisny working with the transfer of textiles from the Saskatoon WDM to the CC; Joel Piecowye working in exhibits and programming; and Brendon Demerais as Social Media assistant. Welcome everyone. Enjoy your summer at the WDM.

There'll be two summer camps for children this summer. Children aged 7 - 9 are invited to join us for the **Little Pioneers Kids Camp**, July 18-22. For ages 10-11 we offer the **Living History Pioneer Kids Camp**, August 15-19. Both camps take place from 1- 4:30 pm. Camp fee for WDM members is \$81/child; the fee for non-WDM members is \$90. Children will experience pioneer life through games, crafts, stories and other activities. Pioneer wear is fun but optional. Please register before June 30 by calling (306) 931-1910.

Congratulations to the winners in the WDM Women's Auxiliary 2010-11 raffle. The lucky winners are Tara Dekoly of Saskatoon who won the quilt and Nelda Warner of Saskatoon who won the rug. Tickets for the 2011-12 raffle are now on sale in the Women's Auxiliary Parlour in Boomtown.

The Museum is open seven days a week from 9 am to 5 pm. For more information on our upcoming events, please call us at (306) 931-1910 or visit the WDM website at www.wdm.ca and click on Saskatoon.

LONG WDM CAREERS

Years of service recognition was celebrated at these WDM locations this month:

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| Moose Jaw WDM | Kathy Fitton - 15 years Shirley Stenko - 5 years |
| North Battleford WDM | Cheryl Stewart - 15 years Howard Senger - 5 years |
| Saskatoon WDM | Marion Smale - 20 years Michelle Pierlot - 15 years Darlene Rans - 10 years Marilyn Coakwell - 5 years Corinne Daelick - 5 years Janice Shaw - 5 years |
| WDM Curatorial Centre | Warren Clubb - 30 years David Klatt - 30 years Brian Newman - 30 years Joan Champ - 10 years |



CELEBRATE BMO SUPPORT

WDM Members, Volunteers, Friends
Join us at **1:30 pm on Monday, June 20**
at the **Yorkton Western Development Museum**
to celebrate support from
BMO Financial Group
for Saskatchewan Theatres at Yorkton,
North Battleford and Moose Jaw WDMs
Part of *Winning the Prairie Gamble:*
The Saskatchewan Story
Refreshments to follow
RSVP by June 17 to (306) 783-8361