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Through October 21	<i>Canola: A Story of Canadian Innovation</i> from the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
September 29	Senior's Week Tea
October 27	Ghostly Games
November 3	In Remembrance
November 22	Members-Only Kids Secret Shopping
November 24	Kids Secret Shopping / Shortwave to Santa

WDM North Battleford

October 5	Bottles and Barrels
October 26	Pumpkin Carving Class. Pre-registration required.
October 27	Great Pumpkin Masquerade & Family Dance
October 29 – 30	Fright Nights
November 17 – 18	Joy of Christmas
November 22 – January 5	Light Up the Village

WDM Saskatoon

Through September 20	<i>Sisters United: Women's Suffrage in Saskatchewan</i> exhibit produced by the Diefenbaker Canada Centre
Through November 30	<i>They Were There... Over There</i> exhibit from the Saskatoon Museum of Military Artifacts
September 11 – November 6	Historical Fiction Class with Glorie Tebutt, Tuesdays weekly. Pre-registration required.
September 16	<i>Seed Survivor</i> exhibit by Nutrien and Agriculture in the Classroom
October 12 – 13	Christmas Craft Fair
October 20	<i>Seed Survivor</i> exhibit by Nutrien and Agriculture in the Classroom
October 20	Pioneer Threshermen's Club Flea Market
October 30	Boo Town
November 1 – January 15	<i>Eaton's Once Upon a Christmas</i> WDM exhibit
November 15	Member's Night
November 15 – 17	Museum Store Sale
November 17	Children's Shopping Day
November 25 – December 1	Festival of Trees by Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation

WDM Yorkton

Through October 1	<i>Our Collective Threads</i> , WDM exhibit
September 16	Grandparents Day

Events and dates listed here are subject to change.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Partnerships Benefit Everyone

As we head into fall, I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. As always, it's been a busy summer with the WDM's camp programs, summer shows and many visiting friends and families coming out to enjoy a day at our Museums. Work on the parking lot in Saskatoon started a bit later than originally planned, but we are making progress, and everyone is looking forward to having all the repairs completed.

So much of what happens at the WDM is a result of tremendous community support and we are fortunate to be working with some great community partners. In education, we have been working closely with the Saskatchewan Environmental Society and Agriculture in the Classroom to give students great hands-on learning opportunities within exhibits specifically designed for these programs. We are also pleased to be able to host the exhibit *They Were There...Over There*. Currently on display at the WDM Saskatoon, this exhibit draws on the rich and diverse collection of the Saskatoon Museum of Military Artifacts and tells the story of the Great War and the role played by two Saskatoon men in the conflict.

The WDM has also entered into a partnership with Spirit Wrestler Productions, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history of the Doukhobor community, and Dr. A. Androsoff, a Doukhobor historian from the University of Saskatchewan, on an exciting new project to preserve the spiritual traditions of the Saskatchewan Doukhobor community. The project consists of three components: a documentary film, a soundscape created by Spirit Wrestler Productions, and an exhibit produced by the WDM. The audio and video captured from the prayer service is being used to create an immersive soundscape experience that will allow audience members to hear how the Doukhobors' multi-part harmonies combine to create the distinctive sound of their choral tradition. When completed, the soundscape and exhibit will be on display in Saskatoon.

Partnerships are very important to the work of the WDM and we are grateful to be able to work with organizations that share the same passion for Saskatchewan's culture and heritage.

Happy Fall everyone!

Sincerely,
Joan Kanigan, CEO

IN THE GALLERIES

- A** WDM Moose Jaw – *Canola: A Story of Innovation* from the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum Through October 21
- B** WDM North Battleford – *Heritage Farm and Village* Open Through October 7



- C** WDM Saskatoon – *They Were There...Over There* from the Saskatoon Museum of Military Artifacts Through November 30
- D** WDM Yorkton – *Our Collective Threads* WDM Travelling Exhibit Through October 1

FEATURE



Partners in Education

We can't say enough about the tremendous support we get from schools around the province. We are grateful to have teachers and school administrators who value and support the programs the WDM offers. But did you know that our school programs get support from others in the community as well? The WDM is fortunate to have a number of community partners who offer, not only financial support, but also expertise that enriches what we offer to schools.

For over five years, the WDM has partnered with the Saskatchewan Environmental Society to offer *Smarter Science Better Buildings*. Offered at all WDM locations, this program connects to the Grade 7 science curriculum through hands-on learning about energy efficiency. Last year, SaskEnergy came on board sponsoring a subsidy to assist some schools with transportation costs. Thanks to SaskEnergy over 1,000 more students were able to take part in this program. Coming in November, this program will be offered in Prince Albert thanks to the support of the group, Renewable Power Intelligent Choice.

The *Seed Survivor/Explore Ag* display and program will be returning to the WDM Saskatoon in September thanks to Nutrien and Agriculture in the Classroom Saskatchewan (AITC). Since 2016, students from Grades 3-6 have learned about where food comes from through Nutrien's *Seed Survivor* display. Staff from AITC facilitate the program which includes hands-on displays and a Museum tour. Thanks to Nutrien's support, this program is offered at no charge to schools.

Federated Co-op will be covering fuel costs for the engines operating in the 44th annual *Grade 4 Harvest Demonstration* at the WDM Saskatoon. Since 1975, over 100,000 Grade 4 students have learned about farm life in Saskatchewan.

Thanks to all our partners who work with the WDM so that we can continue to bring curriculum connected learning opportunities to Saskatchewan students.

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WDM MOOSE JAW



Senior's Week Tea

SEPTEMBER 29, 2:00 PM

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

Ghostly Games

OCTOBER 27, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Take part in Halloween fun at the Museum for children 7 and under, including games, crafts, photo booth, and a goodie bag for little visitors.

Be sure to come in costume!

Get in the Spirit of Christmas

NOVEMBER 24, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Connect with Santa & Mrs. Claus thanks to the Moose Jaw Amateur Radio Club & the Moose Jaw Girl Guides. Then, kids 10 and under can Christmas shop (and wrap!) with help from our friendly elves! No parents allowed! All gifts are \$15 or less. Cash only, please.

WDM MOOSE JAW

IN REMEMBRANCE

November 3, 2:00 pm

Author Mark Cote will speak about his book *That Lucky Old Son*.

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SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER HOURS

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

Kids Secret Shopping - Member's Only Night

NOVEMBER 22, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Beat the public rush! Members, call 306-693-5989 to book your time slot.



WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



Bottles and Barrels

OCTOBER 5, 7:00 PM – 12:00 AM

Come celebrate the roarin' 20s! It's the best party since prohibition, showcasing Saskatchewan microbreweries, distilleries and wineries including LB Distillers, Black Fox Spirits, Prairie Sun Brewery and 9 Mile Legacy, with entertainment from the King Street Jazz Band! Tickets are available for \$10 / person and \$2 / tasting ticket. This event is 19+.

Pumpkin Carving Class

OCTOBER 26, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

We'll supply the pumpkin, the carving tools, and the how-to, all you need to bring is your creativity! The class cost is \$3 / person and the registration deadline is October 22.

Great Pumpkin Masquerade and Family Dance

OCTOBER 27, 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Don't miss the best family Halloween event in the Battlefords. Test your skills and win prizes at our ghoulish games, unleash your creativity at the creepy craft table, and dance the night away to classic Halloween songs like "Monster Mash." Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes.

WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

FRIGHT NIGHTS – FRIGHTENING PHOBIAS

October 29 – 30

Haunted House, cash bar & more! Ages 12+.

JOY OF CHRISTMAS

November 17 – 18

Find the perfect gift at our Annual Christmas Gift Shop sale!

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SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily

CLOSED Thanksgiving Day &

Remembrance Day

Heritage Village closes for the season

October 7





Historical Fiction Class

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 11 – NOVEMBER 6, 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Come learn how to bring history to life through your own literary endeavours with instructor Glorie Tebbutt! Pre-registration is required.

Christmas Craft Fair

OCTOBER 12, 4:00 – 10:00 PM

OCTOBER 13, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

With over 100 crafters showing the amazing crafts they have made, there will be something for everyone on your list!

Boo Town

OCTOBER 30, 5:30 – 8:30 PM

Celebrate Halloween and enjoy spooky fun for the whole family! Costumes are encouraged.

Member's Night

NOVEMBER 15

Enjoy a beautiful turkey meal and a sneak peak at the Museum Store Sale. Meal sittings will be at 4:30 and 6:30 pm. Contact the WDM Saskatoon for tickets. Watch our website for more details about the Sale and Children's Shopping Day.

WDM SASKATOON

PARKING LOT PROJECT REMINDER

We are open during construction! Follow the signs to temporary parking and entrance locations.

PIONEER THRESHERMEN'S FLEA MARKET

October 20, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

You never know what treasures you might find!

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CLOSED Thanksgiving Day & Remembrance Day

WDM YORKTON



JUST A FEW OF THE SASKATCHEWAN MADE PRODUCTS
AVAILABLE IN THE WDM YORKTON GIFT SHOP.

Grandparent's Day

SEPTEMBER 16, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Work together as a family to record your grandparents' stories and memories in your very own Reminiscence Book, make crafts, and challenge each other to correctly identify artifacts in our guessing game. Refreshments will also be available.

Gift Shop

From Saskatchewan made handblown glass and painted eggs to berry preserves and chocolates, there are many items perfectly suited as a souvenir, keepsake, or gift. Our kid's section features nostalgic toys and games perfectly suited to your child, or the child in you!

Club Updates

YORKTON THRESHERMEN'S CLUB

Thank you to the Club for another successful Threshermen's Show & Seniors' Festival. Soon members will be preparing the field for next year's show. If you would like to join this vibrant group, contact the WDM Yorkton.

YORK COLONY QUILTER'S GUILD

Regular meetings take place every Wednesday morning at 10:00 am. Group and individual projects, special technique classes, and quilting items for various charities are all part of the Guild's activities. For further information, please call Sally Sibley at 306-782-2277.

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SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER HOURS

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

12:00 - 5:00 pm weekends

CLOSED Thanksgiving Day &
Remembrance Day



FEATURE

New to the WDM Collection

BY LIZ SCOTT, CURATOR

This summer, our *New to the WDM Collection* Facebook posts featured four unique wedding dresses, acquired in 2016. While alone each of these dresses are beautiful examples of the fashions of the day, together they represent something much more, showcasing the love stories of four generations of brides in one Saskatchewan family.

In 1913, Marie Epp married John Fisher near Rosthern. She wore a delicate short-sleeved silk chiffon wedding dress. Marie's sister also married that day, making for a double wedding. The sisters wore matching dresses. Marie and John were married for 55 years.

In 1943, John Fisher gave his daughter Alvera \$20 to buy a dress for her upcoming marriage to Elmer Bartel. Alvera bought an elegant long-sleeved dress with embroidered bronze details at the shoulders made of cream triple sheer rayon at Adilman's in Saskatoon. It cost \$14.95. The wedding was held at the Eigenheim Mennonite Church near Rosthern, and guests enjoyed a reception of homemade food. They were married for 61 years.

By the time Alvera's daughter Marilyn was planning her wedding it was 1963. Marilyn noticed a dress in a store window on 2nd Avenue in Saskatoon when she and Alvera went shopping. She tried it on and knew it was the one. It cost about \$100. Marilyn married Allan Jensen on July 5 that year. The reception was held at 33rd Street United Church in Saskatoon where guests were served turkey dinner. The couple was married for over 50 years.

In 1985, Marilyn's daughter Bonnie, was getting ready for her wedding to Ron Thibodeau. Bonnie chose a Bridallure long-sleeved white lace wedding dress at Debra Dee's in Saskatoon. 72 years after her great-grandmother got married in a simple chiffon dress, Bonnie's many layers of lace symbolized how much the styles had changed.

Each bride and her daughter lovingly preserved their dresses. Thanks to their preservation efforts, future generations can now reflect on how women in Saskatchewan have experienced love and marriage over the last 100 years. Follow us on Facebook for more stories like these.

Internment in Canada – Tell Your Story



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GERMAN COUNCIL
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The Saskatchewan German Council in partnership with the University of Saskatchewan is conducting research related to First and Second World War Internment Camps in Canada. They are looking for camp survivors, descendents, relatives,

neighbours or friends who are interested in sharing their story related to the internment. Letters or diaries are also of interest.

For more information, please contact the Saskatchewan German Council at 306-975-0845 or office@saskgermancouncil.org.



MARIE AND JOHN'S WEDDING PORTRAIT, 1913.



ALVERA AND ELMER'S WEDDING PORTRAIT, 1943.



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