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NEW CANADIANS CELEBRATE THEIR CITIZENSHIP AT THE WDM SASKATOON
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UPCOMING EVENTS



WDM Moose Jaw

November 22	Members-Only Kids' Secret Shopping
November 24	Kids' Secret Shopping & Shortwave to Santa
November 24	Breakfast with Mrs. Claus & Girl Guides Bake Sale
December 15 & 22	A Christmas Long Ago
December 22 – January 6, 2019	School Break Short Films from the National Film Board
December 23 – January 5, 2019	Holiday Emoji Challenge

WDM North Battleford

November 17 – 18	Joy of Christmas
November 22 – January 5, 2019	Light Up the Village
December 1 – 7	Battlefords Union Hospital Foundation Festival of Trees
December 19 – March 1, 2019	<i>Canola: A Story of Canadian Innovation</i> from the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum

WDM Saskatoon

Through November 30	<i>They Were There... Over There</i> exhibit from the Saskatoon Museum of Military Artifacts
Through January 15, 2019	<i>Eaton's Once Upon a Christmas</i> WDM holiday exhibit
November 6 – December 7	Shaw Toy Tree
November 15	Member's Night
November 16 – 18	Museum Store Sale
November 17	Children's Shopping Day
November 23 – December 1	Festival of Trees in support of Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation
December 16	Carolling Sunday

WDM Yorkton

January 9 – February 28, 2019	<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



Inclusivity and the WDM

Our communities are changing and museums across Canada must respond to these changes or face becoming increasingly irrelevant. The WDM is not immune to the changes we see happening around us. Like most museums, we struggle with how to engage diverse groups of people. Whether it's the person who won't stop looking at their phone, the newcomer learning English, or the Indigenous person who sees little of their culture and history in our public institutions.

For some museums, being relevant means adding more technology to exhibits to try and capture the attention of younger audiences. For others, it means offering more "after hours" social events and parties with music and dancing in the galleries.

For the WDM, being more relevant means becoming more inclusive. Ensuring that our programs, exhibits, collections, and operations reflect the diversity of all who call Saskatchewan home. Being inclusive means taking a close look at everything we do, identifying where we can do better, and proactively seeking ways to become better. These changes don't need to be big or dramatic to make a difference. Our work with community partners on the Doukhobor Living Book Project and the Saskatchewan LGBTQ2+ History Collection are examples of current initiatives that over time will lead to a more inclusive Museum.

The Inclusivity Report: Reconciliation, Inclusiveness and Diversity at the Western Development Museum prepared by Dr. Elizabeth Scott, our Curator, paves the way for changes we can make that will lead to a more inclusive and diverse WDM. This report will be presented to the WDM Board of Directors in November before being released publicly.

Our provincial motto, *From many peoples, strength* has never been more relevant than it is today. Getting to know each other's stories – what they are now and what they have been – connects us. It's through shared experiences and getting to know each other that we become more understanding, and more empathetic to what makes us similar rather than focusing on what makes us different.

Diversity enriches our lives, but only if we make the effort to be inclusive and bring all our stories, good or bad, into our public places. Everyone deserves to feel like they belong, and belonging is seeing yourself reflected in the public institutions around you.

At the WDM, we are committed to inclusivity, one story at a time.

Sincerely,

Joan Kanigan, CEO

IN THE GALLERIES

A WDM Moose Jaw – *British Commonwealth Air Training Program (BCATP) Gallery*
WDM Permanent Exhibit



B WDM North Battleford – *Canola: A Story of Innovation* from the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
December 19 – March 1



C WDM Saskatoon – *Eaton's Once Upon A Christmas*
WDM Holiday Exhibit
Through January 15

D WDM Yorkton – *In A Prairie Attic: Bladon Family Toys*
WDM Permanent Exhibit

FEATURE



ADVERTISEMENT FOR "CAMOUFLAGE," A "FEMALE IMPERSONATOR" REVIEW BY FORMER WWI SOLDIERS. IT WAS PERFORMED AT THE OLD EMPIRE THEATRE IN SASKATOON, C. 1920
IMAGE FROM THE EMPIRE THEATRE SCRAPBOOK, WDM-1973-S-22828

Preserving Saskatchewan LGBTQ2+ History

The WDM is excited to be launching the Saskatchewan LGBTQ2+ History Collection and moving one step closer to a Saskatchewan where everyone belongs and histories matter.

What is the Saskatchewan LGBTQ2+ History Collection?

A permanent collection that tells stories about LGBTQ2+ life in Saskatchewan. A Community Advisory Council has been established to oversee the design and implementation of various parts of this project. The Council includes Dr. Valerie Korinek (Professor, University of Saskatchewan), Rachel Loewen Walker (Executive Director, OUTSaskatoon), Joe Wickenhauser (Moose Jaw Pride), Kevin Seesequasis (Organizer, Beardy's & Okemasis First Nation Pride), and Nicole White (Community Activist, Saskatoon).

Do you have artifacts or stories to share?

Call a Curatorial Assistant at 306-934-1400 or email lgbtq2@wdm.ca.



CYPRIAN CROWN AND NECKLACE SET FROM CRYSTAL CLEAR, ONE OF SASKATCHEWAN'S BEST-KNOWN DRAG QUEENS, C. 2005. WDM-2017-S-41

Why is it important?

We believe people's lives are enriched by connecting with Saskatchewan's diverse histories and that people gain a sense of place and belonging when their histories are shared through the WDM.

What's next?

With your help, we will support the collection, preservation and interpretation of the province's LGBTQ2+ history. These artifacts represent the lived experiences of LGBTQ2+ people and their allies and capture a history of LGBTQ2+ life in Saskatchewan in the 20th and 21st centuries.

WDM MOOSE JAW



BREAKFAST WITH MRS. CLAUS

Kids' Secret Shopping (Members Only)

NOVEMBER 22, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Kids can skip the line at one of our most popular events and come early to shop for Christmas gifts for the whole family! Call to book your time slot.

Christmas At The WDM

NOVEMBER 24

Get into the festive spirit with a full day of holiday fun. From 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, children 10 and under can start their holiday shopping at Kids' Secret Shopping where no parents are allowed. Our friendly elves help children select gifts all priced under \$15. Shopping is cash only. Also talk to Santa via shortwave radio thanks to the Moose Jaw Amateur Radio Club. Come early to enjoy Breakfast With Mrs. Claus and the Girl Guides Bake Sale from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Breakfast tickets are \$5 each (children 3 and under - free).

A Christmas Long Ago

DECEMBER 15 & 22

TWO SESSIONS EACH DAY: 10:00 AM AND 2:00 PM

Step back in time; hear a story, make a craft, and see hands-on artifacts and photos of a Christmas long ago. Children learn about the holiday season in Saskatchewan over 100 years ago. Refreshments will follow. This program is recommended for five years and up; families welcome! Pre-registration is required.

WDM MOOSE JAW

SCHOOL BREAK SHORT FILMS

December 22 - January 6, 2019

Enjoy family friendly NFB live action and animated short films.

HOLIDAY EMOJI CHALLENGE

December 23 - January 5, 2019

Get snap happy matching emoji cards with Museum artifacts. #wdmemojichallenge

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NOVEMBER - DECEMBER HOURS

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Daily
CLOSED Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day
CLOSED at 3:00 pm Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve



WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



LIGHT UP THE VILLAGE, 2017

Joy of Christmas Gift Shop Sale

NOVEMBER 17 – 18, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... sales that is! Spot the perfect holiday gifts and decorations, from locally made jewellery, to vintage toys, to whimsical wooden signs. There will also be tasty food samples and complimentary gift wrapping. Be sure to come early for the best selection.

Light Up the Village

NOVEMBER 22 – JANUARY 5

Catch the spirit of the holiday season as the Heritage Village lights up for the holidays.

The cost is \$5 per vehicle, with a maximum six passengers per vehicle. All proceeds will support our Heritage Village repairs and restoration. Light Up the Village will not be open when temperatures are below -25° C. Special event rentals, horsedrawn and walking tours are available – call us to book.

WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

CROKICURL IS BACK!

Watch our website for more information about dates and times (weather dependent).

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WDM SASKATOON



WDM ENTRY IN 2017 SASKATOON SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Children's Shopping Day

NOVEMBER 17, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Children can shop all by themselves for the special people on their list, with items ranging from \$1 to \$6. Gift Shop staff will be there to help and Women's Auxiliary members will be happy to wrap gifts.

Carolling Sunday

DECEMBER 16

Sing carols and visit the popular *Eaton's Once Upon a Christmas* exhibit.

Festival of Trees

NOVEMBER 23 – DECEMBER 1

See 1910 Boomtown brought to life in festive splendour.

Funds raised support Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation projects. While visiting the Festival, be sure to visit the *Eaton's Once Upon A Christmas* exhibit, an annual WDM display of fairy tales and holiday scenes presented in early, simple animatronics. For hours, visit festival-of-trees.com.

Memoir Writing Class

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 – APRIL 23, 2019, 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Do you have a story to tell and the desire to do some writing? Join us! This class will meet every two weeks for eight sessions. If you have questions, contact instructor, Glorie Tebbutt at glorietebbutt@mac.com or the WDM Saskatoon Education Department.

WDM SASKATOON

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WDM YORKTON



THE UPDATED SIGN AT THE WDM YORKTON

A New Look for an Old Sign



WDM YORKTON, CIRCA 1973

In 1972, the WDM Yorkton moved from a hangar building at the airport to a new building along Highway 14 (now Highway 16A). A sign was put up along the highway directing people to the WDM. While the sign was new to the WDM, it was not a new sign. For years it stood outside the Eftoda car dealership in Yorkton before being donated to the WDM. The sign's funky, space-age design reflects a mid-20th century style which is popular with visitors. Over the years, time has taken its toll on the sign and it was in need of a refresh. In September, a new logo was placed inside the sign's sturdy frame. The updated sign now beckons visitors to stop in to check out the exhibits and special events taking place at the WDM Yorkton.

WDM YORKTON

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12:00 pm – 5:00 pm Weekends
CLOSED Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day
CLOSED at 3:00 pm Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve



FEATURE

Learn how to operate and maintain antique steam engines

Do you dream of driving a steam locomotive, feeling the wheels glide along the rails beneath you and blowing its distinctive, piercing whistle? Learn how to safely operate and maintain antique steam engines and the K+S Potash Canada Short Line 101 Vulcan locomotive next spring at the WDM Moose Jaw.

STEAM TRACTION ENGINE OPERATION COURSE

APRIL 26 - 28, MAY 3 - 5 & MAY 9 - 11, 2019

Includes:

- Nine days of classroom and hands-on instruction
- Supervised time operating WDM antique steam engines as both fireman and engineer
- Optional Technical Safety Authority and Saskatchewan (TSASK) Limited Power Engineer (Traction) exams.

STEAM LOCOMOTIVE OPERATION COURSE

MAY 25 - 26, 2019

Includes:

- Two days of classroom and hands-on instruction
- Supervised time operating the WDM Vulcan locomotive and K+S Potash Canada Short Line 101 as both fireman and engineer.

Note: Students must hold a valid TSASK Limited Power Engineer (Traction) licence to take the Locomotive Operation Course.

For more information

Call WDM Moose Jaw at 306-693-5989 or email moosejaw.ed@wdm.ca.



ENGINEER TIM POMEROY IN THE K+S POTASH
CANADA SHORT LINE 101 VULCAN LOCOMOTIVE, 2018

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Gift Cards

Gift cards from \$5 to \$250 spread the joy of shopping at all four WDM gift shops and the Boomtown Café and Photo Studio in the WDM Saskatoon.

WDM Saskatoon Parking Lot Update

ASL Paving Ltd. is making great progress on the parking lot. All the deep excavation work has been completed. The new waterline is in place and a new connection to the building has been added to the project to address the leaks in the old waterline. The sewers and catch basins have been installed and ASL is working on installing the geo-textile and weeping tile. The electrical conduit is also being laid and once everything is in place the concrete curbing will be installed before the final pavement is laid. Thanks to both ASL Paving and HAMM Construction, the project is proceeding well and is due to be completed before the end of the construction season this year.

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*Knit toque, originally sold in
Eaton's catalogues, c. 1970.*

WDM Collection, WDM-2009-S-483



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