Greetings from the SAS

Welcome to the December edition of the *E-Voice*!

*The staff and Board of the Saskatchewan Archaeological Society would like to wish you a joyous holiday season and are sending you our warmest thoughts through the cold winter nights!*

A big **Congratulations** to our President, Tam Huynh, his wife, Denise and their son, Ryu on the birth of their daughter and sister, Clementine on November 18th! Everyone is healthy and enjoying their time together!
Do you have some AIR MILES that you aren't using? AIR MILES has partnered with Changeit.org and now collectors can use their Cash Miles to donate to the charity of their choice including the SAS! Visit www.airmiles.ca/donate to learn more!

The editor of Saskatchewan Archaeology Quarterly is actively seeking articles, reports and book review essays for upcoming issues. Please follow the American Antiquity style guide for formatting and references (the Saskatchewan Archaeological Society is working on an editorial policy that will be similar in content, and will be posted on our website once finalized). TIFFs and JPDFs are the preferred files for line drawings and images, with a minimum of 300 dpi. The deadline for submissions is the 25th of the month prior to publication. We always look forward to hearing from our membership especially on issues that concern you. Please send your articles and image files by email to Belinda Riehl-Fitzsimmons.

The November edition of the Saskatchewan Archaeology Quarterly (formerly The Saskatchewan Archaeological Society Newsletter) is out! Expect to see it in your mailboxes soon! Membership renewals for 2016 are now available online! We have also set up an automatic billing button so that your membership will be renewed yearly through PayPal. See the membership page on our website for more information.

The last day to order books from our Den of Antiquity for your Christmas gifts is December 10th!

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm
Friday: by appointment only

Office Closure: Monday, December 7th - all day
Friday, December 18th, 2015 until Monday, January 4th, 2016 - Holiday
Office Closure

Chapter Updates
Saskatoon Archaeological Society: The Saskatoon Archaeological Society will host their annual Christmas meeting on Friday, December 11th at 7:00 pm in Room 132 of the Archaeology Building (55 Campus Drive) on the University of Saskatchewan campus. The December speaker will be Jacqui Quennell (The Diefenbaker Canada Centre) speaking on "Old Buildings, New Myths: A Virtual Ghost Walk Tour Through the U of S Campus". All are welcome to attend!

Upcoming Events Across Saskatchewan
Saskatoon: 46th Saskatchewan Geological Open House (November 30th to December 2nd) - The annual Open House will be held at the Delta Bessborough Hotel again this year. Check out the program schedule for those who are interested in registering for the full event. There will also be a public lecture on Tuesday, December 1st in the Battlefords Room of the Hotel from 7:00-8:00pm. This year's speaker is Dr. Grant Zazula (Yukon Palaeontologist) speaking on "Mammoths, camels and lions, oh my! Ice Age Mammals of Northern Canada".

Regina: Skawennati: Realizing the Virtual: A Time Traveller™ Experience (November 27th to January 13th) - New media artist Skawennati's Realizing the Virtual: A Time Traveller™ Experience features a nine-episode machinima series, created in Second Life. It tells the story of a 22nd Century Mohawk man who uses his edutainment system, Time Traveller™, to embark on a technologically-enhanced
vision quest, visiting historical events significant to First Nations. At the Dunlop Art Gallery in Regina.

Regina: Government House Historical Society Victorian Tea (4607 Dewdney Avenue) - Enjoy a traditional Victorian Tea in Saskatchewan's unique and elegant Government House Ballroom. Tea is served at 1:00pm and 2:30pm. Reservations are required. Tea dates: December 5-6 (Christmas Tea). For more information or to book a tea service call 639-571-7123 or visit the Government House Historical Society website.

Saskatoon: A Victorian Sewing Circle at the Marr Residence (326 11th Street East) - Come join us on December 6th from 1:00-4:00pm at the Marr Residence to make a beautiful ornament for your Christmas tree using a glass ball and seasonal fabric. This program is suitable for all ages. The house will be decorated for a pioneer Christmas. Phone 306-652-1201 for more information.

Saskatoon: Eaton's Once Upon A Christmas (Western Development Museum) - November 9th, 2015 until January 8th, 2016. For many years this exhibit adorned the windows of Eaton's stores across Canada during the holidays. Once Upon A Christmas features much-loved stories, nursery rhymes, storybook characters, and make-believe creatures. This amazing exhibit brings to life the joy of the holiday season.

Regina: Lieutenant Governor's New Year's Day Levee (January 1st) - Celebrate a unique tradition in the elegant atmosphere of one of Saskatchewan's most spectacular heritage properties - Government House. Live entertainment, refreshments served by local celebrities and community leaders and the opportunity to exchange holiday greetings with the Vice-Regal couple. This event takes place from 1:00-4:00pm.

Saskatoon: 100 Years Ago: Remembering WWI Exhibit (January 1st - May 1st) - The Saskatoon WDM is marking the outbreak of the First World War with a four showcase exhibit. Saskatchewan-based stories include Ernest Elmer Auckland, and William Hurst Bothwell's uniforms, William Hurst Bothwell's gas mask and Reverend Frank Herbert King's Communion set.

SAS Survey
Do you like filling out surveys? Well then, here's a link for you! We are thinking of expanding our membership categories to include a "Corporate Membership" and we want feedback. Anyone can take our short survey and let us know what they think. The survey will close on December 31st, 2015.

Knap-Ins Coming Soon!
Are you a flintknapper or do you aspire to be one? The SAS is in the process of organizing weekly or bi-weekly flintknapping sessions at the Archaeology Centre (#1-1730 Quebec Avenue). These would be in the later afternoons on a weekday likely starting in December or January 2016. If you are interested and would like to be contacted with more information when it becomes available, please contact us! Materials and tools will be provided.
Saskatchewan Aviation Historical Society Project

From Heritage Saskatchewan:

The Saskatchewan Aviation Historical Society (SAHS) is producing a documentary on the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan in Saskatchewan. If you have past ties to a base in the province and would be willing to be interviewed to tell your story, contact Tim Munro tmunro@skahs.com

Wanuskewin Heritage Park Heritage Series - Indigenous Workshops

December 12th, 2015: Beaded Ornaments

Learn traditional beading techniques for contemporary ornaments. Registration opens on November 27th. Contact Wanuskewin Heritage Park or 306-931-6767 to register.

Occasional Paper #3 Now Available!
“Truth is stranger than fiction and it is a little known fact that, less than one hundred years ago, an armed, though not official force from the United States, invaded Canadian territory and killed up to one hundred of her citizens… This amazing and incredible story reads more like a lurid, wild-west tale from the imaginative pen of a fiction writer rather than sober fact. For an affair of its size which took place in comparatively recent times it is remarkable how little is known of what actually happened.” — George Shepherd (1967)
shipping. If you are interested in receiving a copy of this, contact us for more information or purchase it from our online shop: Den of Antiquity

Speakers List
We are still looking to compile a list of potential speakers to give presentations about archaeology, history, etc. at local Chapter meetings across the Province. For example:

Name: Smith, John
Location: Saskatoon
Email: fake1@gmail.com
Phone: 306-123-4567
Preferred Method of Contact? Email
Geographical Range: Canadian Plains
Expertise/Interests: Historic archaeology, ceramic analysis, geoarchaeology, fur trade history
Willing to Travel? Yes

If you are willing to give a presentation and would like to be contacted by interested Chapters, please contact us with the necessary information as seen by the headings above. Your information will only be seen by Chapter Executive members. Chapters would then contact potential speakers to arrange dates, travel details and any honourariums offered.

Saskatchewan Provincial Fossil Contest
In the spring of 2016, through a province-wide vote, Saskatchewan will choose an official fossil to represent our rich palaeontological history. Learn about the candidates on the Royal Saskatchewan Museum website and vote for your favourite! Online voting begins April 11-25, 2016. You can also visit the RSM to see the candidates up close and in person!

Public Pastures - Public Interest Update
MEDIA RELEASE: CROWN LAND SALE—SELLING OUR HERITAGE WITHOUT ANY ACCOUNTABILITY OR PUBLIC PROCESS

Regina, Saskatchewan: By selling off Saskatchewan’s Crown farmland at below market value, the Provincial Government is literally “giving away the farm”—taking reliable assets taxpayers have invested in and benefited from for decades and trading them for a one-time gain to help balance the budget. Public Pastures – Public Interest is asking Saskatchewan taxpayers to speak to their MLAs and send letters and emails to the Premier to let him know that they do not support the sale of Crown assets.

“These properties—under the Wildlife Habitat Protection Act (WHPA)—have a long term value that can’t be given a bargain basement price and liquidated,” said PPPI Co-chair, Trevor Herriot. “The Province owes its citizens a chance to speak out on this issue.”

“Where is the accountability here?” Herriot said. “We would like people to let the
government know that they cannot sell off our heritage without our consent. We need a full open public consultation process on this topic, not just a small point tucked into an election platform.”

The Minister of Agriculture seems to be implying that their recent review of farmland ownership rules has magically given them the go ahead to sell Crown land. “This is a complete perversion of the farmland ownership survey,” Herriot said. “Nowhere in the survey were agricultural producers or other respondents asked what they thought about the Crown owning land or whether Crown lands should be sold. To suggest that the government is just another institutional land owner like a pension plan or investment fund is malarkey. The government is us, the Crown represents our shared interests as citizens.”

Crown lands are assets that continue to provide some revenue in the long term, but they are also an instrument that governments can use to meet public policy goals in agriculture and conservation. In the future, we may want to use our Crown farmland to help young farm families get started or to foster more sustainable land use practices. That will not be possible if we just sell Crown assets at discount prices to a select group of farmers and then put most of the revenue into the treasury to balance the budget. What about current lessees who cannot afford the debt load and are now being threatened with higher lease rates if they don’t buy? How does this sale of assets for a one-time gain help local rural communities thrive in the long term?

On the conservation side of things, these are WHPA lands that were identified in the ‘80s and ‘90s as having significant biodiversity value. That has not changed and, if anything, with the decline of grassland species at risk, they are more important now than ever. Yet the Province has said repeatedly that they will only sell land they have pegged at low ecological value, suggesting that there is some scientific justification.

“Again, the Minister is playing fast and loose with the facts,” said Herriot. “Government biologists did not approve the sale of these lands. They were asked to come up with a scoring system based on science, and they did that, but the decision of where to draw the line and trigger the sale of land was completely arbitrary and political. It is exactly like marking students on a curve. All Crown land has ecological value, and will become more important as an asset and policy instrument if the United States makes its purchase of Western Canadian oil conditional on our Climate Change action.”

In the near future, all governments will need ways to use land to maximize carbon sequestration and ensure that we have enough perennial cover on the landscape to withstand extreme weather events. The more we privatize Crown land—whether it has native grassland and high ecological value or not—the more we reduce our capacity to manage for climate change, food security, and conservation.

The timing is interesting here as well. The sale of land would provide money in the coffers of the government just before a provincial election planned for April 2016.
Public Pastures – Public Interest is a network of individuals and organizations supporting the preservation and sustainable use of Crown pasturelands and grasslands, with a wide range of supporters in Saskatchewan and internationally.

**For further information:**
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**Explore 150**
Discover Canada's natural, cultural and historic sites through this unique website: [Explore 150](http://pfrapastureposts.wordpress.com/)

**Final Week: Canada Day 1**

The immigration experience is marked by firsts. The first day in a new country takes shape with an individual’s first steps, first impressions and first experiences. Come explore immigrants' diverse personal Day 1 experiences, from Confederation to present day. Visit the bilingual exhibition Canada: Day 1 from July 26 – December 6, 2015 at WDM Saskatoon. Canada: Day 1 is a travelling exhibition produced by the [Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21](http://pfrapastureposts.wordpress.com/) as a legacy project of our nation's 150th anniversary in 2017 and supported by RBC Foundation.
As of December 19th, this exhibit will be at the WDM Moose Jaw (50 Diefenbaker Drive) until March 27th, 2016.


A Call for Justice: Fighting for Japanese Canadian Redress (1977-1988) is produced by the Nikkei National Museum. This exhibit tells a powerful story of human rights and perseverance, and the ten-year struggle to achieve an official apology for the unjust treatment of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War. This exhibit is on display at the Diefenbaker Canada Centre (101 Diefenbaker Place, Saskatoon) until December 18th, 2015. The Centre is open Monday to Thursday from 9:30 am - 8:00 pm, Friday from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm and weekends from noon until 4:30 pm.

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Historical & Archeological Tour of Southern Saskatchewan

This one of a kind tour takes us to sites unavailable to other tours. Local historians share their native heritage and family history while sharing sacred sites with us. Final dates and pricing will be available in January. No obligation so register now for mid June 2016—restricted to 20.

Barbados Cultural Experience

This interactive tour combines time on the beach while staying at locally owned hotels and time to learn the history, meet Canadians who live there full time and ex pats. Tours by local entrepreneurs. The Barbados connection to Canada is very strong. No obligation so register now for late Feb. 2017

Costa del Sol, Spain

20 nights in a 4 star one bedroom unit at the Sunset Beach Resort in beautiful Costa del Sol. Price including airfare from Saskatoon starts at $2500 for Feb 2-23, 2016.

Women with Passports

Sometimes women want to travel and are looking for a travel partner to avoid travelling alone. WWP provides a monthly venue with travel information where you can meet others you may wish to consider travelling with.

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