Greetings from the SAS

Welcome to the February edition of the E-Voice! Read on to see what's happening around the province this month.

February is one busy month! Did you know it's Archives Week in Saskatchewan from February 5th to 11th, Heritage Week in Saskatchewan from February 20th to 24th, Indigenous Traditional Storytelling Month and Black History Month. Wow! There's a lot going on in Saskatchewan in February. Enough to keep you warm from those cold winter temperatures!

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The 2017 **SUMA** (Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association) Convention will be held at TCU Place (35 22nd Street East) in Saskatoon from February 5-8th. The SAS will be there as part of the trade show on Monday, February 6th and Tuesday, February 7th. Come and visit us and other organizations on Heritage Row!

Stay tuned to our website and social media pages for information on archaeological happenings in the province and across the world. Each week we feature a Saskatchewan archaeological site on our #TBT "Throwback Thursdays" and archaeology and food posts on our #FoodieFridays!

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

**Office Closure:**  
Monday, February 6th - all day  
Tuesday, February 7th - all day  
Monday, February 20th - Saskatchewan Day

**Chapter News**

**Eagle Creek Historical Society:** The Eagle Creek Historical Society will be meeting on February 12th at 2:30 pm at the New Horizon Activity Centre (704 L Avenue) in Perdue. Dave Miller will be speaking. All are welcome to attend.

**Prince Albert Historical Society:** The Prince Albert Historical Society will be having their members meeting on Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 pm. The Museum will also be open Thursdays from 1:00 - 4:00 pm during the month of February and on February 20th and 21st from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for the Canadian Challenge Sled Dog Race.

**Regina Archaeological Society:** The next meeting of the Regina Archaeological Society will be held on Tuesday, February 21st at 7:30 pm in the Royal Saskatchewan Museum Boardroom. The February speaker is Kit Krozser who will be speaking on the Wiltshire burials and information obtained from the Salisbury Museum during the May 2016 SAS.
study tour. This will also be the annual general meeting.

CTV Morning Live Regina will also feature members of the Regina Archaeological Society on February 21st, 2017! They will be live at the RSM warehouse with Julie Mushynsky talking about archaeology in the province as well as the museum’s collections from sites such as Last Mountain House. Be sure to check it out and see Jack Trusty doing a flintknapping demonstration as well!

**Saskatoon Archaeological Society:** The February meeting of the Saskatoon Archaeological Society will be on Friday, February 10th at 7:00 pm in Room 132 of the Archaeology Building (55 Campus Drive) on the University of Saskatchewan campus. All are welcome to attend. Dr. Kisha Supernant (University of Alberta) will be speaking on Exploring the Patterns of Métis Overwintering in Saskatchewan: Chimney Coulee and the Search for Round Prairie”.

### Upcoming SAS Workshop

**Pottery Workshop**

**Saturday, March 11th, 2017**

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

*Archaeology Centre (#1-1730 Quebec Avenue, Saskatoon)*

Dr. Mary Malainey, Professor and Chair of the Anthropology Department at Brandon University, will share some of her experiences about archaeology, sites, and First Nations pottery techniques.

The group will craft their own pot to take home using traditional methods of construction.

All materials will be provided!

Light refreshments will be available but please bring your own lunch.

**SAS Student Member** $50.00

**SAS Member** $65.00

**Non-SAS Member** $80.00

For more information and to register, contact us!

#1-1730 Quebec Avenue
Saskatoon, SK S7K 1V9
general@thelas.ca
306-664-4124
Please register by March 8th, 2017.

Save the Date!

2017 Archaeology Conference
April 27 - 30, 2017
The Resort at Cypress Hills
Center Block
Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park (SK side)

Co-hosted by
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA
(SOUTHEASTERN CENTRE)
and
Saskatchewan Archaeological Society

Conference Schedule

Thursday, April 27
Evening Wine and Cheese Welcome Reception (featuring Cypress Hills Winery products)

Friday, April 28
Presentations / Archaeological Society of Alberta Annual Meeting
Evening in Maple Creek
• Supper on your own
• Free public talk on "The Cypress Hills Massacre" and tour of Jasper Cultural and Historical Centre

Saturday, April 29
Presentations / Saskatchewan Archaeological Society Annual Meeting
Evening Events
• Cash Bar
• Banquet
• Awards presentations
• Keynote address - Drs. Margaret Kennedy and Brian Reeves
• Silent Auction Results

Sunday, April 30
Morning tour in the Cypress Hills area

Registration Fees
Full registration includes lunch on Friday and Saturday.
DEADLINE to register is MARCH 26. Late or at the door registrations will NOT include lunch.

Student Member (ASA or SAS) - $50
Student Non-member - $60
Member (ASA or SAS) - $60
Individual (non-member) - $80
Banquet and Keynote Address - $50
Keynote Address only - $10

Online registration will be available starting January 31 at www.thecas.ca. Phone-in registrations will be accepted 9:45 am to 4:45 pm CST Monday to Thursday January 31 - March 26 at 306-664-4124.

Registration is now available on our website.

Upcoming Events Across Saskatchewan

Regina: Sâkêwêwak Storytellers Festival 2017 (January 30th to February 4th, 2017)
A week-long event that occurs annually, many Indigenous artists are invited to Sâkêwêwak’s Storyteller Festival. It is an opportunity for artists to share their work with the Regina community, with many different forms of art – poetry talks, dancing, singing, etc. For the full list of events, please visit their website.

Regina: Black History Month Launch and Presentation (February 1st, 2017, 7:00 - 9:00 pm) - MacKenzie Art Gallery (3475 Albert Street)
The MacKenzie has partnered with the Saskatchewan African Heritage Museum (SACHM) to launch Black History month. Dr. Barbara McNeil (University of Regina) will share her research about the history of the Saskatchewan African Canadian Heritage Museum, followed by a coffee reception.

Lloydminster: Archives Week Activities (February 5th to 11th, 2017)
The Lloydminster Regional Archives will be setting up displays all week at various senior’s residences around the city. These will include the Pioneer Lodge, Hemstock Assisted Living Residence, and Hearthstone Place.

Saskatoon: Heritage Festival (February 5th, 2017, 12:00 - 5:00 pm) - WDM (2610 Lorne Avenue)
In celebration of Canada’s 150th, we have chosen this year’s theme as 1867-2017, Moosewoods to Metropolis, Moving Forward. One hundred and fifty years ago this place we call Saskatoon was emerging within a new land called Canada. To the east was the Moose Woods, home to an indigenous population who would play a significant role in the early settlement of Saskatoon and beyond. Chief Whitecap and John Lake would emerge as significant leaders paving the way to the diverse metropolis of the greater Saskatoon of today. Happy 150th Canada! Come explore the rich diversity of Saskatoon from past to present through the variety of heritage and multi-cultural themed displays & interactive exhibits throughout the museum. Free admission! The Saskatchewan Archaeological Society and the Saskatoon Archaeological Society will be there too with a booth. Stop by and say hi!

Whitewood: Open House (February 6th - 10th, 2017, 1:00 - 4:00 pm) - Archives Building (503 3rd Avenue)
The Whitewood Tourism and Heritage Association will celebrate Archives Week 2017 by holding an open house in their Archives building.

Regina: "We’re Here, Now What?” An author reading by Ponziano Aluma (February 6th, 2017, 7:00 - 8:30 pm) - Regina Public Library Central Branch (2311 12th Avenue)
Newcomers to Canada often struggle trying to find their way in a new culture with comical misadventures, near fatal errors and painfully embarrassing moments as they find their place in their new home, Canada. In honour of Black History Month, Ponziano Aluma will read from his book, "We’re Here, Now What?” which uses humour to shed a gracious light on the newcomer experience. A native of Uganda, Ponziano will have copies of his book available for purchase. Everyone welcome; register at phr@reginalibrary.ca or by calling 306-777-6039.

St. Isidore de Bellevue: Tea & Treasures Open House (February 6th, 2017) - Thé Nouveauté : Centre culturel Le Rendez-vous (716 Main Street)
In celebrating Archives Week - Célébrons la Semaine des archives, Archives de Bellevue will research and present a display at Centre culturel Le Rendez-vous for the week February 5-11, 2017. On Monday February 6 a Tea & Treasures Open House will be held at Thé Nouveauté : Centre culturel Le Rendez-vous, Bellevue. The Archives de Bellevue committee have decided that featuring the complete collection of a community that is almost as old as confederation would be a fitting tribute to Celebrate Canada. A multi-media display will include archival photographs and documents and short films. We hope to inspire member of the community to keep donating to the archives and to become involved as volunteers.

Humboldt: Archives of Humboldt Museum and Gallery Open House (February 7th, 2017, 1:30 - 4:30 pm) - 601 Main Street
This will include a temporary exhibit of archival photos that the public are invited to view. Visitors are welcome to annotate copies with information on the people or events in them. This event has always been extremely popular and they receive valuable information on our photos. Also at the Open House, they will provide refreshments, including a celebratory archives cake and beverages.
La Ronge: **Northern Saskatchewan Archives Open House** (February 7th, 2017, 3:00 - 6:00 pm) - Pahkisimon Nuye? áh Library System (118 Avro Place)

The Northern Saskatchewan Archives invites you to an Open House. Featuring new displays including; Norman MacAuley: Born into a humble Métis family in La Ronge, he fought in WWII and went on to a distinguished career in the north, becoming MLA for the Cumberland Constituency, Wollaston Lake; Caribou Hunt: 27 years ago students experienced a traditional Dene hunt at Many Islands Lake in the far north-east corner of the province; and Kiwetinohk: Rock Paintings in Northern Saskatchewan: Archaeologist Tim Jones talks about the pictographs and introduces the film ‘Spirit in the Rocks’. History and Genealogy, Tours, and Free Refreshments! For more information contact, Graham Guest, archivespnls.lib.sk.ca

Regina: **Picturing the Past: Treasures from the City of Regina Archives** (February 7th, 2017, 7:00 - 8:30 pm) - Regina Public Library Central Branch (2311 12th Avenue)

The City of Regina Archives is a terrific source for old photographs and other historical material of interest to artists, researchers, and anyone else with a curiosity for history. In honour of Saskatchewan Archives Week, join the members of the City of Regina Archives team as they introduce the Archives, reveal hidden treasures from the collection, and uncover the ways that you can access and use these treasures. You’ll also discover some fascinating Regina history along the way! Everyone welcome; register at phr@reginalibrary.ca or by calling 306-777-6039.

Saskatoon: **Film series: Stories of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women** (February 7th, 2017, 7:00 pm) - Frances Morrison Library Theatre (311 23rd Street East)

The Saskatoon Public Library will feature several programs as part of Aboriginal Storytelling month (February). On Feb 7, two films in honour of missing and murdered Indigenous women will be screened at the Frances Morrison Library Theatre. "7 Minutes" is an award-winning documentary film by Tasha Hubbard, an assistant professor in the Department of English. It tells the story of a young woman’s seven-minute walk from her university library to her home. It’s a walk she has made many times but one night she is followed by a man who tries to get her into his van. Relieved to have escaped, her story speaks to the threat Indigenous women confront on a daily basis. “My Only Daughter”, a documentary by Grace Smith, focuses on the disappearance of Karina Wolfe and her mother’s journey to find her missing daughter. Both Hubbard and Smith will be on hand after the screening for a panel discussion. Coffee, tea, snacks will be provided in the reception following. For more information: email Yvonne Siermacheski.

Regina: **The Canada 150 Lecture Series: The Making of Canada** (February 8th, 2017, 7:30 - 9:00 pm) - Language Institute, Room 216 (Rotunda), University of Regina (3737 Wascana Parkway)

A new public lecture series at the University of Regina will mark the 150th Anniversary of Confederation and the birth of Canada in 1867. The Canada 150 Lecture Series: The Making of Canada features six lectures over four days, starting on January 19 with Canadian historian Christopher Moore's lecture: "A Living Tree? Canada’s Constitution 150 Years Ago – and Today.” Moore has been called Canada’s most versatile writer of history. The Toronto-based writer has been presenting Canadian history to non-specialist audiences through many media for 20 years. More than recounting events leading to Confederation in 1867, the series of six lectures will reflect on the spirit and principles of the original dreams of the founders of Canada. The lectures consider how those goals and aspirations for a new country have played out in the past 150 years, and how they might be updated to reflect the very different society in which we now live. “The Canada 150 Lecture Series aligns with the University of Regina’s commitment to our communities by asking important and timely questions that help make Canada’s history, and its future, relevant to all its citizens today,” says President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Vianne Timmons. All lectures start at 7:30 p.m. and are followed by a reception. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. For a detailed list of the lectures, please go to www.uregina.ca/events. February 8 (two lectures): “Contradictory Colonial Positions: The Ambiguous Trajectories of Francophones in the Canadian
Prairies” by Jérôme Melançon and “Canada, a Bi-national Dominion? English Canadian Attitudes to Francophone National Holidays since Confederation” by Michael Poplyansky.

Regina: **Perspectives on the Northwest Resistance** (February 8th, 2017, 7:00 - 9:00 pm) - Bushwakker Brewpub (2206 Dewdney Avenue)
The Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan will present a two hour event that will feature readings from never before seen 1885 dispatches to and from the war front, and excerpts from Louis Riel’s diary. Speakers include Prof. James Daschuk and Prof Sylvain Rehault from the University of Regina, Darren Prefontaine from the Gabriel Dumont Institute, and master of ceremonies Frank Kovmekaer, and characters from the ‘Trial of Louis Riel’ play.

Saskatoon: **Archives Week Film Night** (Thursday, February 8th, 2017, 7:00 pm) - Roxy Theatre (320 20th Avenue)
The Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan, the City of Saskatoon Archives, the University of Saskatchewan Archives and Special Collections, the Saskatoon Public Library - Local History and the Western Development Museum - George Shepard Research Library will present a Archives Week Film Night. Films will feature the history of Saskatoon and Saskatchewan held in archives across the province.

North Battleford: **Corner Stores in North Battleford from 1905 – 1980** (February 9th, 2017, 1:00 - 6:00 pm and February 11th, 2017, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm) - Battlefords and District Co-operatives Territorial Place Mall (9800 Territorial Drive)
The City of North Battleford Historic Archives, for their 9th annual presentation for Archives Week, will host a display of a collection of photographs and textual records pertaining to the This display will include approximately 55 interactive display boards and maps showing the locations and owners of these valuable business in their community. As their community grew and developed, besides the need for electricity, schools, churches, hospitals and infrastructure, there was a great need for the small “Corner Stores”. Things started to change when the larger stores set up location in our community. On February 22, 1930 the Safeway Store opened up at 1171-King Street (100th Street) and they saw a significant decline in these small businesses. This will be their 9th annual presentation for Archives Week in the community and are very excited to present this display to the public. They are certain that it will be a great source of discussion with their visitors.

Regina: **RPS Annual Round Dance** (February 10th, 2017, 4:30 - 9:30 pm) - Al Ritchie Arena (2230 Lindsay Street)
Save the date for the annual RPS Round Dance! Ever been to a Round Dance or a Traditional Indigenous Feast? This is a great community event that is open to all! It is a wonderful way to learn more about other cultures in our community, enjoy some tasty bannock, say hello to some of our RPS officers, and meet new people! Questions? Call the RPS Community & Cultural Diversity Unit at 306-777-6449.

Saskatoon: **Heritage Series – Red Willow Baskets** (February 11th, 2017, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm) - Wanuskewin Heritage Park
Registration opens Jan 30, 2017. Day long session workshops are free of charge but you must pre-register to save your seat. All materials provided. One seat per household. Contact visitor.services@wanuskewin.com or call 306-931-6767 ext. 233 to register.

Regina: **Freedom Singer – A Project: Humanity Production** (February 14th, 2017, 7:30 pm) - The Artesian (2627 13th Avenue)
Cross Canada Tour featuring JUNO nominee Khari Wendell McClelland, Polaris Prize nominee Tanika Charles and acclaimed Vancouver guitarist Noah Walker. Presented as part of 2017 TD Black History Month Series. Co-created by JUNO nominee Khari Wendell McClelland and Project: Humanity’s Andrew Kushnir and directed by Kushnir, Freedom Singer is a rare theatrical journey through the history of the Underground Railroad and the songs that carried freedom
seekers northward to Canada. Performed by McClelland along with Polaris Prize-nominated Toronto soul singer Tanika Charles and acclaimed Vancouver guitarist Noah Walker, each of the production’s tour stops will incorporate local choirs into the performances to give even further life to the songs in the show. In 2015 McClelland retraced the steps of his great-great-great grandmother Kizzy and discovered the songs that likely accompanied her and thousands of others as they escaped U.S. slavery (as covered by journalist Jodie Martinson on CBC’s The National and Tapestry). In sharing this music – which are reinvented through contemporary styles like hip hop, funk and soul – Khari is brought face to face with his own “unrecorded” heritage, and the realities and myths of one of our quintessential historic narratives: the Underground Railroad. Produced by Project: Humanity, (the award-winning company behind The Middle Place and Small Axe), Freedom Singer looks at how “sounds of the Underground” can bring us closer to the truths and freedoms we may be seeking today. The production is 90 minutes, with no intermission. Ticket prices range from $20-$40. For secondary school rates & info please contact Dan. For ticketing information please see Crow’s Theatre.

Melfort: Coffee & Conversation - Coffee Row Throughout the Ages (February 15th, 2017, 2:00 - 4:00 pm) - 401 Melfort Street West

"Coffee Row" is a big part of the history of restaurants, cafes, and coffee spots in Melfort. It is still not uncommon to see a group around the tables in local establishments, discussing the problems and stories of both the world and the town. These groups have become a staple in the social fabric of Melfort. This event is free and open to the public. Several volunteers serve as resources/discussion leaders. Prior to the event they will research various Melfort Coffee Row, from the early days up until today, in order to develop a display to enhance our event.

Pilot Butte: Moccasin Making Course (February 15th, 2017, 6:30 - 8:30 pm) - Blue Rooster Cafe (1505 Aaron Drive)

Join local artist Betty Sigfusson in our licensed studio for a 4 evening course to create your very own pair of moccasins from start to finish! You choose the leather, fur & bead design. She supplies all the materials. Course is 4 evenings: February 15 and 22, March 1 and 8 from 6:30 pm -8:30 pm. Class cost is $99. A $60 material cost is due at the first class, please. Follow the link here to register. After registering & making payment please email Betty for your colour selection. Please note that all classes are non-refundable but you are free to see sell or give your ticket to someone else.

Saskatoon: 7 Days That Transformed the World (February 15th, 2017, 6:00 pm) - Hose and Hydrant Pub (612 11th Street East)

The significant reduction of the bison herds in northwestern North America was devastating for the Plains indigenous communities which had drawn their strength from this animal for thousands of years. The threat of starvation was only their most immediate problem: Canada’s colonization of the territory, made possible by the disappearance of the bison, utterly transformed the world for the people living in or moving to Canada’s Prairie West. Dr. Ashleigh Androsoff’s research focuses on the history of Western Canada (present-day British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba). Her first book, Spirit Wrestling: The "Doukhobor Problem" in Russia and in Canada (UBC Press, forthcoming) contributes to our understanding of the tensions multiethnic states face in trying to reconcile multiculturalism-as-policy with nation- or empire-building impulses. Her second book project, Stalwart Peasants with their Stout Wives, studies immigrant challenges to Canadian norms concerning gender roles and relations, focusing on the Doukhobors as a case study. For more information, please contact Keith Carlson.

Saskatoon: Indigenous Traditional Storytelling Month Event (February 16th, 2017) - White Buffalo Youth Lodge (602 20th Street West)

Saskatoon Indigenous Cultural Centre (SICC) will coordinate a two part community storytelling event. On Thursday, February 16, 2017 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm , SICC will host a storytelling event for schools who may not have the
opportunity to invite storytellers into their schools. Then from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, SICC will host a storytelling event for the public with free soup and bannock. For more information, email Jessica Generoux or by phone (306-244-1146).

Swift Current:

Living Sky Casino Powwow (February 18th - 19th, 2017) - 1401 North Service Road East

Powwow hosted by Living Sky Casino. Dancers and drummers compete in a variety of categories for prize money. Drum categories are traditional and contemporary. Dance categories include tiny tots, junior (ages 7 - 12 years), teen (13 - 17 years), adult (18 - 39 years), adult (40 - 54 years) and gold age (55+ years). Special competition categories to be announced. Visit the casino website for more information.

Regina:

Finding home in Story: Métis concepts of Home and Kinship (February 21st, 2017, 7:00 - 8:30 pm) - Regina Public Library Central Branch (2311 12th Avenue)

Connect with Saskatchewan land and history during this evening of storytelling. Presented by the Prairie History Room, Regina Writer-in-Residence, Trevor Herriot, will host a session with Métis storytellers to show how historical resources inform and support the stories that speak to Métis notions of home and kinship. Everyone welcome; register at phr@reginalibrary.ca or by calling 306-777-6039.

Regina:

Heritage Language Day (February 21st, 2017) - Balfour Collegiate Auditorium (1245 College Avenue)

Heritage Language schools of Regina and other local artists present performances in celebration of UNESCO - proclaimed International Mother Language Day (Feb 21). The event is family-friendly and open to the public. A sampling of ethnic foods as well as donuts. Visit the Saskatchewan Organization for Heritage Languages website for more information.

Regina:

Collegiate Gothic Architecture in Regina (February 22nd, 2017, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm) - Government House (4607 Dewdney Avenue)

James Youck, P3A Architects, will be talking about the Collegiate Gothic Style in Regina. Refreshments and conversation to follow.

Regina:

Heritage Week Reception (February 23rd, 2017, 7:00 pm) - Government House (4607 Dewdney Avenue)

Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation is hosting a reception as part of Heritage Week. This is free & open to the public.

Saskatoon:

Sculptural Beadwork (February 24th - 25th, 2017) - WDM Curatorial Centre (2935 Lorne Avenue)

This course is normally held on a Friday evening and all day Saturday. Participants will learn the basics of three-dimensional beading through project work. At least two projects will be undertaken, beginning with a small "starter" butterfly, then moving to more complex flower patterns. As you can imagine, this work takes good hand-eye coordination and good eyesight. We'll pause every hour for a few hand exercises, but please know that your hands and eyes will be tested. For more information and to register, visit the WDM Curatorial Centre website.

Saskatoon:

Heritage Series – Moose Hair Tufting (February 25th, 2017, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm) - Wanuskewin Heritage Park

Registration for Moose Hair Tufting opens Feb 13, 2017. Day long session. Workshops are free of charge but you must pre-register to save your seat. All materials provided. One seat per household. Contact visitor.services@wanuskewin.com or call 306-931-6767 ext. 233 to register.

Regina:

One Room School House Records - What You Can Learn From Them (February 26th, 2017, 2:00 - 3:30 pm) - Regina Public Library Central Branch (2311 12th Avenue)

The online 'One Room Schoolhouse Project' helps to bring the one room schoolhouses of history to life on the internet.
with contributions by former students, teachers and residents. To illustrate the wealth of available information, Christa Kaytor will discuss her family’s research into a number of one room school districts. Registration required: register at phr@reginalibrary.ca or by calling 306-777-6039

Regina: An Evening Under the African Skies (February 27th, 2017, 7-8:30 pm) - Regina Public Library Central Branch (2311 12th Avenue)

Every February, Black History Month is celebrated to learn about and honor the achievements, contributions, and heritage of African-Canadians throughout history. Mary Chipanshi, an African oral storyteller and Chimuka Simasiku will share with you the rich and varied culture of Africa through various presentations including storytelling and music. Make time to come and immerse yourself in a different culture as you experience and let yourself be transported to Africa in an evening! Registration required. Everyone welcome; register at phr@reginalibrary.ca or by calling 306-777-6039.

Saskatoon: SCAA 2-Day Digital Preservation Workshop (February 27th - 28th, 2017) - University of Saskatchewan Computer Lab in Murray Library (3 Campus Drive)

Any person working in an institution with concerns about preserving collections digitally or cataloging “born-digital” collections, be they archival or museum in nature, should consider attending this workshop. Workshop Objectives include: interactive presentations and exercises to help explore the range of components needed to develop an effective digital preservation program; discussion of how to manage digital material as well as ensuring the quality of born digital content; technical, financial, policy and organizational aspects will be discussed, in relation to an effective digital preservation program; examination of strategies for organizations to implement a digital preservation program. For more information and to register, see the PDF.

Events at Saskatchewan's Western Development Museums

Saskatoon: Boomtown Pursuit - 2610 Lorne Avenue

Search Boomtown for hidden clues, solve location-based puzzles and take pictures of yourself at certain locations as you search for a mischievous thief. Fun for friends, family or even a group party activity! Purchase an entry code for the text messaging system on your smartphone and launch Boomtown Pursuit. The WDM worked with Media Manifesto Inc. of Saskatoon to create this exciting digital scavenger adventure.

North Battleford: Big Bert (until April 30th, 2017) - Highways 16 and 40

Big Bert, an ancient crocodile skeleton discovered in 1991 along the banks of Carrot River in the Pasquia Hills of Saskatchewan, has taken up residence at the WDM North Battleford. Bert, on loan from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum. This fossil is the world's most complete Terminonaris robusta crocodile skeleton measuring approximately 5.6 m (19 feet) long; its skull alone is more than 1 m long. Big Bert is brought back to life through 3D imaging that allows visitors to spin the bones around in any direction and to also flesh out the animal for an in depth and interactive study of the cast.

Moose Jaw: Adrian Paton Photo Collection (until February 16th, 2017) - 50 Diefenbaker Drive

Travelling exhibit. Contact the museum for more information - 306-693-5989.

Saskatoon: Game Changers (February 7th - April 30th, 2017) - 2610 Lorne Avenue

Get your game on! Discover how innovation has shaped the video game industry. Opening February 7, 2017 at the WDM Saskatoon, Game Changers takes you on a fascinating journey, exploring the past and uncovering the future of gaming. Game Changers examines how the intersection of audio, storytelling, graphics, and gameplay creates the immersive environment of current video gaming systems. Live the video game evolution, from memorable Pong to the
photorealistic, immersive games of today. Step inside a game, and become a character yourself! Try your hand at operating a supersized Nintendo controller, play Tetris on a giant Game Boy, and test your knowledge of retro video game music. Discover original concept art, storyboards, level designs, and scripts of some of the most influential games ever developed, and listen to experts from the industry explain how they develop the games you love. Explore over 120 of the most influential games that have transformed the gaming scene, and test your skills with 16 games that have significantly changed the gaming experience, including Pac-Man, Super Mario Bros., Tetris, Angry Birds, Space Invaders, Flower, and Adventure. Experiment with augmented reality, and examine upcoming video game trends while imagining what gaming will look like in the future.

Moose Jaw: **Heritage Day** (February 11th, 2017) - 50 Diefenbaker Drive

"With Open Arms - Celebrating 150 Years of Diversity" - In partnership with the Yorkton Film Festival and local community groups, you are invited to celebrate the heritage of our country, province and city. Day-long event features Canadian short films, speakers, information and activities for the whole family. To see the events lineup, please visit the Moose Jaw WDM website. Heritage Day activities are free. Regular admission applies to Museum galleries.

North Battleford: **Medieval Feast** (February 11th, 2017, 6:00 pm) - Highways 16 and 40

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Let it be known through the land, A gathering in the kingdom is hereby announced. Feasting and festivities will take place Saturday, the eleventh of February in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen beginning at 6:00 pm at the Western Development Museum - North Battleford. Join us for an evening of food and frivolity guaranteed to brighten the dark days of winter. Partake in a traditional medieval dining experience with musicians and entertainment including a jug of wine or ale to share. Period costume is encouraged! To buy tickets, visit the North Battleford WDM webpage.

Yorkton: **Heritage Day** (February 19th, 2017, 2:00 - 5:00 pm) - Highway 16A West

Event recognizing Heritage Day and its theme as proclaimed by Heritage Canada The National Trust. 2 - 5pm. For more information, visit the Yorkton WDM webpage.

**New Exhibit at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum**

A new exhibit is part of the First Nations Gallery at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum in Regina. The signing of Treaty 4 in 1874 between Saskatchewan’s Indigenous peoples and the Government of Canada marked the beginning of a relationship that will endure as long as the sun shines, the rivers flow, and the grasses grow. Today, united by the agreements made in Treaty 4, **We are all Treaty people**. In this exhibit, see Treaty 4 presented in a rare document: Canada’s only known written record of Treaty promises from the viewpoint of the Indigenous people.
Canada's History Webinars
Established in 1994 as a charitable organization devoted to popularizing Canadian history, Canada's History aims to make Canadians more aware and appreciative of their past. Did you know they have a [YouTube channel]? On it they have webinars dealing with different aspects of Canada's history including:

- Teaching Treaties with the Treaty Education Initiative
- Aboriginal History is Everyone’s History by Ben Sichel
- Understanding Canadian Women's Suffrage
- Where do history and community meet?

Write for the SAS!
The editor of the *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 JPGs 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.

Local & Exotic Travel Excursions
Happy New Year!

**Big Muddy & Saskatchewan’s Outlaw Connection**—May 26-28
Meet the Outlaws through local historians who share their communities with us. Hear how the local ranchers interacted with both lawmen & outlaws and why. What happened to them?

**Matador Ranch to Hitchcock Bay**—June 3-4
The Matador Land & Cattle Co. at one time was the largest landholder in the world. See the Sandcastles and Sunken Hill while hearing the local history of days gone by. The first settlers’ lives come alive as we hear from family members. The Lucky Lake Museum and Jack Hitchcock’s cabin allow us to touch the real history. Popular tour in 2016.

**Mistassini & 1866 Massacre**—June 9
Share in the history of this sacred rock by family members of those dedicated to saving it before the flooding of Diefenbaker Lake. The mystery of the Blackfoot-Cree 1866 Massacre continues in the South Saskatchewan River. You tour on this tour.

**Wellness Trek to Celebrate Canada’s 150th Anniversary**—June 22-25
A once in a lifetime tour to see the Athabasca sand dunes, Hunt Falls and Uranium City. This trek promotes health & wellness. From Stony Rapids by float plane. Flights from SK cities available.

**Tracing the Voyaguer - Sask. Landing to Elbow**—June 30—July 3
Celebrate Canada’s 150th Anniversary travelling the river highway with local historians bring the area alive—Sandcastles, Massacre Bay and much more. Travel in comfort on this houseboat.

**Fort Pitt & War Chief Wandering Spirit**—July 6-7
Hear more than the recorded version of the events that lead to this tragedy. Local historians bring this alive as they explain the war chief culture and the years of events leading up to this event.

For more tours, details and SAS member prices contact:
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