



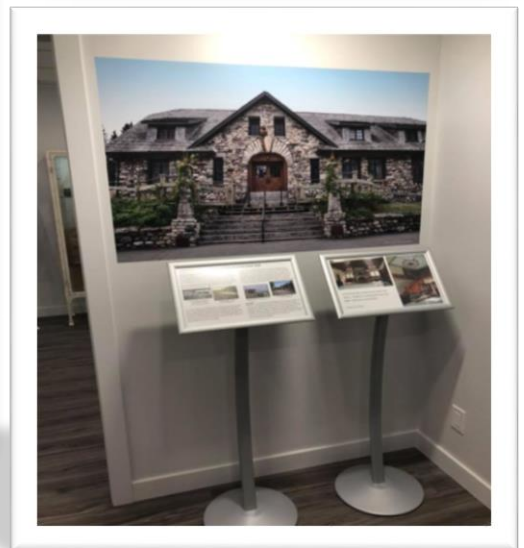
# Heritage Happenings

## Watrous- Manitou Beach Heritage Centre

### Member Newsletter December 2019

This newsletter will be periodic in nature, designed to keep all of the members apprised of happenings at the Centre

2019: A Year to Celebrate! The Heritage Centre opened its doors June 28, 2019. The first visitors were Andy & Deborah Tomy from Saskatoon.



### Your membership

- entitles you to vote at the AGM in March, and give direction to the Board.
- gives you unlimited free admission, and reduced adult admission of guests.
- entitles you to members' only perks from time to time.
- supports your Heritage Centre.

The Centre now has over 40 members since we started the program last summer.

## Message from the Chair

After 8 years of planning, the Heritage Centre was able to open its doors on June 28, 2019. The guest book shows visitors from all across the province and beyond. A huge thank you goes out to the Board members, the volunteers, and committees, without whom it would not have happened. The Centre is a great asset to the communities of Watrous and Manitou Beach. Congratulations!!

A huge thank you to our Heritage Founders and other major donors. Without you, this project would not have happened. A full list is on our website. [Watrousheritage.ca](http://Watrousheritage.ca)

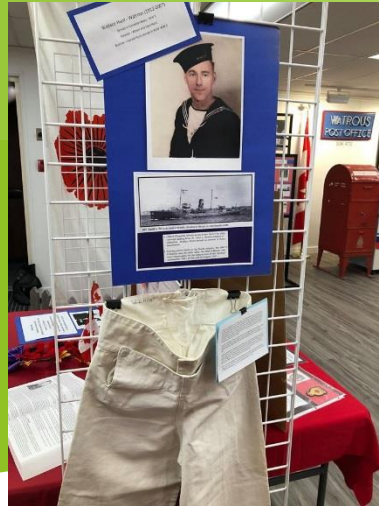
## Highlights - Our First Year Open

- \*Reighanne Graves came to us from Moose Jaw as a summer employee. She helped create some of the materials and exhibits. Thanks Reigh!
- \*We had several visits to the Centre from groups...including Manitou Lodge, family reunions, class reunions, the Flying Farmers of Saskatchewan. We also hosted several classes from Watrous Elementary School in June, and then more classes from both Watrous schools in the fall.
- \*The main fundraising push, Chase The Ace, was well supported by the community, and raised over \$100,000 for the Centre. Other donations, including memorial donations, continue to help with the budget as renovations and upgrades continue!
- \*Temporary exhibits included a photo collection of Grain Elevators of Saskatchewan, as well as an art installation featuring the work of Roy Conn, Abe Fedrau, and Doug Squires. For Remembrance Day, an exhibit of Legion items and Watrous war heroes was visited by many individuals and school classes.
- \*The more permanent exhibits continue to be developed over the winter, so there are new things to see and learn.



A section of the art exhibit displayed in the Centre during the summer.

## Remembrance Day Exhibit



**History Uncovered** - This truck was discovered in Prince Albert. It was used by the Wardley Brine Shrimp Co. in the 1960s. According to Dale Milligan of Watrous, who worked for the company, this truck was used to transport frozen brine shrimp from Manitou Beach to the U.S. It is currently being restored by a young man in Carrot River.



*Merry Christmas!*

*All the best in 2020!*

Heritage Centre Board Members - Lionel Sproule, Kathy Bergen, Robert Cannon, Sue Alcock, Ron Frey, Janice Siegfried, Jean Margetts, Karen Schroder Mark, Darlene Kornelsen (past). Advisory Committee - Lyle Emmons, Glenda McArthur, Leah Ulyott, Gary Bergen, Al Mosewich, Herb & Ruth Kornelsen. Thank you for your service!