



Heritage Happenings

Watrous-Manitou Beach Heritage Centre

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Member Newsletter

December 2020

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



Amid the Covid-19 pandemic, the Heritage Centre made adjustments along with many others. The work of the Centre carried on as best it could. New items have been donated, a cataloguing training program engaged, and help was given to general enquiries concerning family or local histories. Open hours were reduced, during which people continued to visit under health protocols in place. A big thank you to anyone who gave time volunteering in 2020!

Happy and safe New Year wishes to all of you.

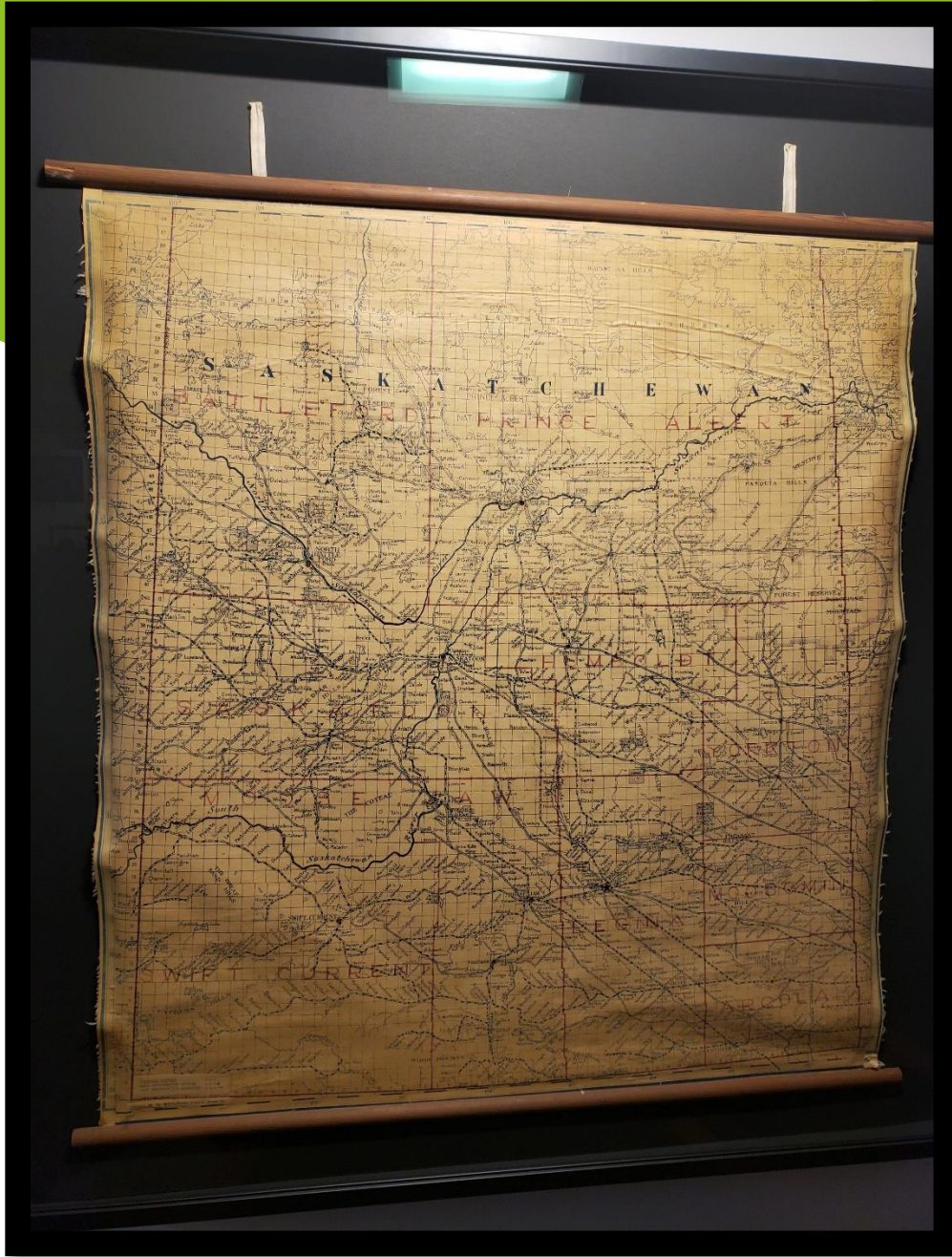
Board members: Lionel Sproule, Kathy Bergen, Chris Moffat, Karen Shroeder Mark, Sue Alcock, Joanne Kowalski, Daryl Nedjelski, Jean Margetts, Janice Siegfried. Thank you for your service!

Exhibits

Items that have been donated to the Heritage Centre, but are not on permanent display, have been put out temporarily for viewing. They will remain out so people will get a chance to see them, well into the spring and summer. Three wedding dresses are featured. One is from a 1910 wedding, and the others are 1950s. We thank Alice Inkster for her work steaming the gowns so they look wonderful on display.

Other items include: a land office map (which hung in the law office of Sandy Gordon), a telephone exchange from Zelma, a Freshman tube radio (donated by Ray & Leta Furneaux), and a Victrola (donated by Les & Edna Farago).





Land Office Map

Once a settler had decided on land to homestead, he had to visit a land office to register his claim. This map, donated by Murray Gordon, hung in the law office of his grandfather Alexander (Sandy) Gordon in Watrous.

The Heritage Centre has engaged with Saskatchewan Museums Association to use software they have developed called SaskCollections. It is a cataloguing program into which we can enter all of the archives and artifacts which have been collected so far. This will keep track of what we have, where it is stored or exhibited, where it came from, and what is the story.

Chase the Ace 2020 News

The Watrous Manitou Beach Heritage Centre Chase the Ace fundraising project was suspended in March due to Covid-19 pandemic concerns. A final draw was held on Dec 4, the expiry date of the license, to close the game, distribute the prize money, and pay expenses. Melron Services donated the funds for the printing of the tickets under a matching grant program. While the Chase the Ace game 2020 was a casualty of the pandemic, the committee is thankful no major debt was incurred. The fundraiser was a fun and effective one for the Heritage Centre in the past, and a future game is under consideration. The committee extends thanks to everyone who supported the fundraiser.



Left - A telephone exchange which was used in the home of Bryan Fisher of Zelma.

Below - A Victrola donated by Les and Edna Farago of Watrous. It still works!



Remember

Your membership will continue to the end of 2021. The Heritage Centre, like other organizations, cannot hold events and has limited open hours. The extension will allow everyone time to plan to visit the Centre, perhaps multiple times. Work on family histories, archives and cataloguing has also been halted because of physical distancing requirements. As space becomes available, volunteers will be able to resume the work of sorting and cataloguing our collection.

