



Heritage Happenings

Watrous-Manitou Beach Heritage Centre

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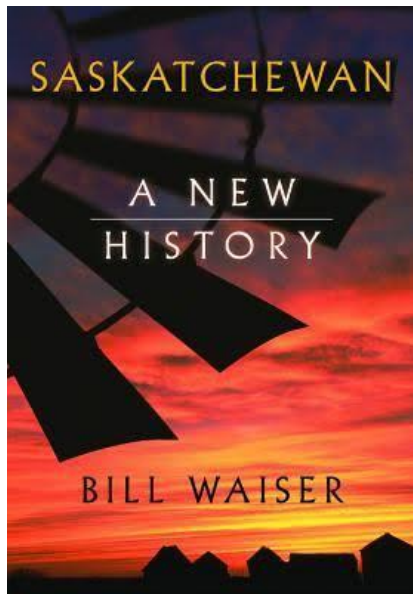
HOURS OF OPERATION

July & August: Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

September – June: Friday & Saturday 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

TOURS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT OUTSIDE OF OPERATING HOURS

WMBHC's First Event!



The Watrous-Manitou Beach Heritage Centre staff and volunteers had an exciting day on September 24th at Danceland.

The Bill Waiser presentation “Saskatchewan - A New History” was the first event hosted by the WMBHC to say ‘THANK YOU’ to all our sponsors and donors and the community at large. After his informative and good humoured talk, Waiser invited questions and then pie was served.

The event was funded through Artsvest which matched contributions from local businesses:

- Silver:** Dunham Services Inc., GreenAcres Greenhouse, Jay’s Transportation Group
- Bronze:** Blair’s Family of Companies, Brandt, CIC Electric, Canada Malting Co. Limited, H&R Block Watrous, Parish & Heimbecker Milling Group

There were five door prizes for a one year membership to the WMBHC: Tracy Street, Claire Gibney, Helen Dueck, Garth Gross and Norma Hutchinson



Exhibits

Sandra Epp

~~ Artist ~~



Sandra Epp has recently made Manitou Beach her permanent home after residing mainly in Saskatoon and Calgary. A memorable experience participating in a Prairie Sculptors Association symposium kickstarted her artistic adventures here four years ago.

This collection of playful and exploratory art has been developed during Sandra's travels, usually to Mexico where she winters, and is inspired by the colourful culture. A former home decorator, design business owner of Willow Studio and trend specialist, she embraces her love of colour and textiles while she experiments. Emphasizing the positive and embellishing with maximalism, she finds joy in the process of creating and working with limitations. Her beginnings in display and visual presentation at Grant MacEwan College are apparent as she explores art in 3 dimension. Her most recent task was assembling an entourage of sculptors, makers and fashion gurus for the August 12, 2023 "Chairs on the Beach" event. Spirit of Manitou Studio Trail featured her in 2023 on their exciting art walk. She is also currently the curator for ODA Cafe & Wine bar where you will often enjoy her work amongst other local and admired artists in many mediums.

For art sales information, contact manitousandy@gmail.com or text 306-690-3303.

Exhibit Run: July, August, September



**TRAVELLING RAILWAY PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBIT
COMING OCTOBER 15TH**

DONATIONS



Susan Struthers, resident of Watrous and WMBHC volunteer, holds her mother and father's WWII uniforms.



UNIFORMS WILL BE DISPLAYED ON 2ND FLOOR IN NOVEMBER

PATRICIA IDA (MACKINNON) REICHERT

Eastern Air Command - Halifax Flying Squadron

Patricia was born and raised on Prince Edward Island. She moved to Halifax early in WW2 after secretarial school and joined the Halifax Flying Squadron in July of 1941, and remained there for the duration of the war.

While serving meals to soldiers stationed in Halifax, Pat met Gnr. Roy Reichert RCA. They were married January 28, 1943, a few weeks before Roy deployed to Europe. She volunteered with the Canadian Red Cross doing, amongst other things, driving the trucks and ambulances that met the hospital ships that were returning wounded soldiers to be treated at Camp Hill Hospital.

When Roy returned to Canada after the War, they moved to his home town of Watrous, SK, where she opened a ladies wear called Pat's Style Shop.

After selling the shop, Pat worked at a number of jobs, including secretary for A.J. and Ken Gordon (lawyers), town seamstress and at Manitou Lodge as a cook and care aid.

Patricia passed away in 2008.

GNR ROY P. REICHERT was born in Virden MB June 2, 1922 and moved to Watrous as a young boy. When he turned 18, he enlisted and received basic training with the Saskatoon Light Infantry.

Due to a knee injury during training, Roy opted to move to the Royal Canadian Artillery. He was sent to the Sussex, then Halifax area where he was stationed at a number of bases.

In January of 1943, Roy boarded the Queen Elizabeth 2, and sailed for Great Britain. He landed in Scotland, then being posted to a few bases in England, before crossing into Europe.

Roy landed near Falaise, France about 10 days after D Day. His unit was the 23rd Field Regiment SP. The SP designation was for self-propelled 25 pounder artillery guns. He served as a medic with this unit, retrieving the wounded from the front lines, both Allied and German soldiers, and transporting them, to the Forward Aid Station for treatment. The transportation was a Jeep that could carry a couple of stretchers.

Roy and his unit fought their way through France, Belgium and Holland and were part way through Germany making their way to the German U-boat bases on the North Sea when the Cease Fire came in May of 1945. He was billeted with a family in Holland until his return to Canada in early 1946.

Roy worked for a few months in Halifax and then, with his wife Patricia, moved back to Watrous, to what he called "God's Country". Roy spent 35 years with Saskatchewan Liquor Board, as well as sidelining as a cabinet maker. He passed away in 2006.

Road



Trips

BIGGAR MUSEUM & GALLERY

Gallery [website](https://townofbiggar.com/211/Biggar-Museum-and-Gallery) (<https://townofbiggar.com/211/Biggar-Museum-and-Gallery>); 306-948-3451

The Biggar Museum opened on September 30, 1972, thanks to the hard work and dedication of a group of members from the local community. It is open year round and it tells the history of Biggar and area with local artifacts and displays.

DID YOU KNOW... THE TOWN OF WATROUS USED THE TOWN OF BIGGAR'S MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION DESIGN?

On September 5th, Sue Alcock, Cyndi Neudorf, Marilyn Cannon, Kathy Bergen and Paula Letkeman visited the museum in Biggar with the purpose of learning their accessioning process. The volunteers were generous with their time and expertise and afterward the group toured through the museum. Well worth visiting!



WHAT IS ACCESSIONING?

To formally add an object to the museum's collection, whether by gift, purchase, field collecting or bequest.

Once a museum or heritage centre decides to acquire an object, it must be recorded in a permanent collection through the formal process of accessioning: assigning a unique number to the object, physically labelling, collecting specifics to enter into the SaskCollections database and placing the object in storage or display.

SaskCollections is an online collections management system and provides a website where museums and heritage centres can share their collections digitally.

GOVAN & DISTRICT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

317 Monk Street, Govan, Saskatchewan (306-484-2024)

Open July and August

This museum opened two years ago and is located in the community centre. When visiting, you will see a nice variety of displays and artifacts depicting the past of the community.



Lillian Milligan
WMBHC Volunteer



Darlene Nizinkevich
WMBHC Member

Road



Trip

ALLAN COMMUNITY HERITAGE SOCIETY & MUSEUM

326 Main Street, Box 235, Allan, Saskatchewan S0K 0C0
306-492-7663 or 306-257-3511
Open June to September

Allan Community Heritage Society & Museum is a unique place to visit as the displays change every season, with items lent from over 240 families living in surrounding communities. The displays in two buildings also feature many donated items and a large selection of the over 3,000 photographs. The museum is also a research facility.

Three of us ventured out to Allan, Lillian Milligan (volunteer), Darlene Nizinkevich (WMBHC member) and Paula Letkeman (WMBHC administrator). Shirley Frydelund gave us a wonderful tour of the two houses full of pre-1950's items. Thanks Shirley!



Lillian Milligan, volunteer, checks out the general store merchandise.



Volunteer Lillian Milligan
WMBHC member Darlene Nizinkevich
and tour guide Shirley Frydelund



Shirley tests our knowledge at the "What is it?" table.



Darlene Nizinkevich,
WMBHC member, admires the pre-1950's crafts.



Bread Maker - 1904

Did you know that bread makers have been around since the early 1900's? This bread maker, displayed in the Allan museum's kitchen was awarded a gold medal at the St. Louis exposition in 1904. Makes up to 4 loaves.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING BREAD AS WRITTEN ON THE LID.

"Put in all ingredients first - then flour. Turn 3 minutes - raise in pail - cover with lid when raising. After raising, turn until dough forms a ball. Take off cross piece - life out dough with kneader."

DONOR RECOGNITION



The installation of the donor recognition plaque was completed in July by Laser Impressions of Saskatoon. Those individuals and organizations and businesses who contributed to the capital campaign, making the heritage centre possible, are listed.

Funding for the wall was supplied by McArthur AgVentures and the McArthur family.

Donor Recognition Evening

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023
7:00 – 8:30 P.M.**

WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION FOR MEMBERS ONLY

RSVP BY OCTOBER 27 TO:

WATROUSHERITAGE@SASKTEL.NET; 306-946-1177 OR TEXT 306-222-8473

CMA (Canadian Museum Association) Workplace Diversity Survey Results

In August, the CMA released its inaugural workplace diversity survey findings (<https://museums.ca/site/aboutthecma/newsandannouncements/august22023>). This study aims to create a baseline for evaluating representation and inclusion within Canada's heritage sector. The results of this survey and its subsequent iterations will equip policymakers with the evidence needed to devise credible and impactful policies that promote fairness and equity within the sector.

These are just some of the fascinating insights and key findings:

- Museums have a statistically younger workforce, with the majority aged 25-54.
- 20.6% of surveyed museum staff identifying as 2SLGBTQI+, indicating an inclusive representation of gender and sexual diversity compared to the Canadian average.
- Visible minorities had the lowest average number of promotions, indicating potential barriers to their career progression in the museum sector.

Our Visitors

VISITORS FROM FAR AND NOT SO FAR



Darlene & Calvin Flaig
Medicine Hat, AB
Celebrated 44 Years of Marriage



Dwayne & Maryann Durham from Ontario
with Corbin & Riley Hessdorfer. Victor Falez,
from Manitou Beach, the boys' grandfather.



Nicole & George Clement originally
from England living in Swift Current
Celebrated 25 Years of Marriage



Carma Staples from Cozy
Corner Suites, Manitou Beach
and her cousin Willie
Vanderhorst visiting from
Holland.



Earl & Kathi Busse
Earl was born in Watrous and moved
to Kimberly, B.C. in 1952. He now
resides in Medicine Hat.



Elizabeth Warren
from England visiting her
sister from Dysart, SK.



Kyah & Vincent
Saskatoon, Sask.



Maureen & Harry Paryniuk
Penhold, Alberta



Zimmerman Family
Caronport, Sask.

**273 PEOPLE VISITED THE HERITAGE CENTRE IN JULY AND AUGUST
110 MORE THAN LAST YEAR!**

Edmonton Visitors

NAGEL TOURS





We say goodbye to Olivia who has spent the summer with us ensuring our visitors were taken care of and she completed many administrative tasks. She said her main take away from the summer was how much she learned about her own birthplace.

We will miss you Olivia and good luck to you as you start your school year in grade 11.

CAMP EASTER SEAL OPEN HOUSE



Janice Siegfried, volunteer, and Olivia Tan, summer student, represented WMBHC at Camp Easter Seal's open house.



The winner of a one-year WMBHC membership went to Amanda Sutherland from Young.

Our Volunteers



Janice Siegfried

Volunteer Spotlight

Janice was born and raised in Drake. She married Ken, also from Drake, and they had two children -- Jeff and Gina. After living in several western cities, Janice and Ken settled in Watrous. She has been an elementary school teacher, piano teacher, and owned and operated *Jan's Fashions* in Watrous for several years.

For the past 10 years, she has volunteered with the Heritage Centre as host, welcoming visitors, and currently sits on the board. Her enthusiasm is contagious and her eyes light up when a visitor comes through the door and she has another opportunity to share the history of the area.

THANK YOU JANICE FOR ALL YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

WMBHC Volunteers

Hosts

Gwen Deneiko, Paula Letkeman, Lillian Milligan, Janice Siegfried

FOLKS (Folks Organizing Local Knowledge)

Sue Alcock, Ivan Allin, Tom Allin, Kathy Bergen, Marilyn Cannon, Gwen Deneiko, Patti Frey, Lynne Keffer, Ruth Kornelsen, Karen Schroeder-Mark, Carol McIntosh, Dan McIntosh, Lillian Milligan, Cyndi Neudorf, Doreen Rudneski, Janice Siegfried, Jean Sproule, Susan Struthers, Patti Regier

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

WMBHC Board Members

Kathy Bergen (Chair), Lionel Sproule (Vice-Chair), Sue Alcock, Janice Siegfried, Karen Schroeder-Mark, Chris Moffatt (Treasurer), Dan McIntosh, Joanne Kowalski, Taylor Engele (Town Representative), Karen Siegfried