



Watrous · Manitou Beach
HERITAGE CENTRE

Heritage Happenings

Watrous-Manitou Beach Heritage Centre

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June 2024

HOURS OF OPERATION

July & August: Tuesday – Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

September – June: Friday & Saturday 11:00 – 3:00 p.m.

TOURS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT OUTSIDE OF OPERATING HOURS

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

Images of Summer



Exhibits

RESTORATION



Sue Alcock, board member and volunteer, is seen here placing a protective coat on the bison skull fragment - - the bone will be less fragile. As bison were hunted to almost extinction, the skull is likely over 150 years old and was found by Mr. Farago across Manitou Lake.

Bison teeth were also found by him and given the same preservative treatment as the skull. Paraloid B-72 diluted in acetone was the product and it's used frequently in museums and by archeologists.

BISON SKULL IS LOCATED IN THE INDIGENOUS EXHIBIT ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

CALLS TO ACTION QUILT DISPLAY



Check out the Quilt display at the Heritage Centre by Diane Janvier-Dugan.

These stunning quilts visually depict the Calls to Action one through twelve of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, under the headings of Child Welfare and Education.

Diane says the inspiration for these quilts came from a deep desire to help educate others about the history of all Indigenous people in our country. She says the making of these quilts was emotionally painful, and she shed many tears for all our Indigenous brothers and sisters, then and now.

Dianne is originally from the Dene community at La Loche, Saskatchewan.

QUILTS ARE LOCATED IN THE COURTROOM ON THE MAIN FLOOR UNTIL OCTOBER 31ST.

Education Week



Slade Bushman was the winner of a sling bag.



CAMERA EXHIBIT



Dan McIntosh explains the different cameras to the elementary school students.



Teacher and student having fun!



Monroe Metz, members Tracy Street & Scott Thoen's grandson, explores the cameras.

Hockey Talk

We were honoured to join local hockey legends Ron Gross as he and Konn Hawkes as they shared stories of their hockey journeys to a very inquisitive bunch of fourth, fifth and sixth graders. These kiddos and their teachers braved the cold and snow and ventured over to the heritage centre for a fun filled morning of hockey history and memorabilia. We got to hear amazing stories of Ron's time with the Melville Millionaires, his try outs at training camp with the Toronto Maple Leafs and his many years of playing and coaching hockey.

Konn regaled the kids with stories from his younger years in minor hockey, to his time with the Melfort Mustangs. He shared the route he took to continue his hockey career and education at Sacred Heart University (where he met wife Emily). The kids also got to hear all about Konn's rec hockey experiences with the Canadian Embassy hockey team and the FBI hockey team in Washington D.C. I am pretty sure the kids think he is a covert FBI agent! Submitted By Emily Hawkes



Jennings was the winner of the Flowman Book



DONOR RECOGNITION



On November 7, 2023 the board of directors honoured the donors who contributed to the WMBHC during the capital campaign and made the Watrous-Manitou Beach Heritage Centre possible.

Lionel Sproule stated “when this project was conceived in the Sproule’s living room - 12 years ago - we had no idea what lay ahead, only that we felt strongly that the histories of Manitou Beach and Watrous needed a home to be preserved and be available for future generations to come and learn. And now here we stand in this facility. “

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.

Rumblings in the Mechanical Room



Dan & Carol McIntosh
Cleaning Up the Boiler Room



Dan McIntosh and NexGen employee
inspecting the heat exchanger.

Thanks to Dan and Carol McIntosh who took a few days to clean out the mechanical room.
Dan McIntosh works closely with NexGen ensuring the systems are running efficiently.

OLIVIA IS BACK!



Olivia Tan is returning to the heritage centre for the summer! Stop in and say to Olivia during July and August.

In addition to touring our visitors, she will be working with Kathy Bergen on protecting our many maps of our past with a mylar coating.

Welcome back Olivia!

Quill Plains Museum Network

In 2023 the Museum Association of Saskatchewan (MAS) announced that it no longer would support the Quill Plains Museum Network (QPMN) directly. This means that MAS will not provide an operating grant to QPMN and the QPMN will no longer report to MAS. However, MAS will continue to advocate for all museums, offer workshops and online training, and support funding.

Due to these changes, the QPMN reviewed and discussed how they will proceed. At the October 2023 QPMN meeting, the 18 museums voted to continue as a network and to meet twice a year to:

- Provide an opportunity for network members to meet regularly.
- Provide a forum for the discussion of relevant issues, concerns and ideas.
- Advise the MAS, Prairie Central District and SaskCulture regarding issues relevant to the network.
- Provide an opportunity for partnerships and collaboration.
- Access opportunities for education for network members.

New policies for the QPMN have been drafted and will be presented at the October 2024 meeting.



October 2023 - Watrous



April 2024 - Humboldt



Lilliann Milligan, Sue Alcock, Paula Letkeman, Marilyn Cannon and David Schleich attended the Prairie Central District workshop in Shields Townsite in Fall 2023.



Eric Tootosis spoke to the group on the history of the Indigenous people in Humboldt.

Our Volunteers

Volunteer Spotlight

Lilliann has been a hostess with WMBHC since the doors opened in 2019.

She was born on a farm near Wroxton, Saskatchewan and in 1958 moved to Watrous. Her father obtained employment at Camp East Seal and the family lived at the site for 9 years. In her early years, some of the places Lilliann worked at were the Chalet Pool, Shop Easy, Cameo Café, and Camp Easter Seal. In 1968 she began her 35 year career at the Watrous post office.

In 1967 she married Dale Milligan and has two children, Marla who lives in Alberta, Wally lives in Watrous, eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

In addition to the WMBHC, Lilliann contributes to her community through volunteering at the Manitou Lodge and Meals on Wheels. For five years, commencing in 1999, she volunteered for the Watrous Manitou Country Jamboree.

She says she enjoys volunteering at the heritage centre where one continually learns about the history of the area and meeting people.



FOLKS (Folks Organizing Local Knowledge)

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

WMBHC Board Members

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