

Clayton McLain Memorial Museum and Archives
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We are well into the new year and it will be another busy season at the museum and archives. Our annual meeting was held on March 11th and a new executive was elected. Our thanks to Lloyd How, Cathy Hewson and John Pedersen who are either going off the Board or leaving their positions.

Our Five Year Strategic Plan was completed in 2012 and we are proud to say that almost every goal was accomplished. So now we need to re-evaluate the plans for the future of the museum and the archives.

The museum world is being affected by technology and major changes. The visiting public demands to be entertained, either by events or technology or very creative exhibits. And, quite often combining all of the above. We are facing these challenges as well as a diminishing volunteer base and burnout of those that are there. One does not usually think of new and innovative in conjunction with museums, but that's where we are going.

A big thank you to all who volunteer, to those who supported the Museum financially and to our staff . . . we couldn't possibly keep the museum open without you.

Keep up-to-date on our latest happenings – at: <http://cmmcutknife.blogspot.com> and www.cmmcutknife.ca

Remember, you will receive a complimentary membership with any donation over \$20.00. A \$20.00 membership allows you to visit the museum as often as you wish . . . and your guests also receive complimentary admission. If you wish to make a charitable donation toward the ongoing growth and maintenance of the Museum, please make cheques payable to Clayton McLain Memorial Museum and send in the envelope provided.

The number of events that we are planning for the 2013 season will depend upon whether we receive funding for staffing. However, there will be a July 1 Canada Heritage Day. We are fortunate to have a unique collection of artifacts housed in 13 buildings in the beautiful Tomahawk Park which provide a remarkable glimpse into the history and culture of our community.

Please remember that we are always in the need of volunteers - our Museum can't function without them. There are so many worthwhile projects to work on and some of the volunteer jobs don't take much time. If you are interested in participating in a Museum project of any sort, please contact anyone listed on the board.

Friends of Tomahawk Park are continuing to sell bricks. Contact Roger Emberley or Janice Duvall at Innovation Credit Union if you want to purchase a brick. Or you can mail a check for \$75 along with your name and the name(s) that you want on the brick to Box 8, Cut Knife, Sask. S0M 0N0.

Please find a list of things that CMMM was able to accomplish with the help of donations in 2012. It is through the generosity of our donors and volunteers that the museum continues to exist.

- There were well over 1000 visitors to the museum's exhibits last year.
- There were 298 new items accepted into our collections. The majority of these were photographs that were donated in conjunction with the Centennial Projects.
- GPS locations of School Sites and other landmarks were identified and can be accessed on a handout at the museum or on the museum internet site.
- Research for various Centennial Projects by local people and for upcoming publications by authors from various parts of the world was done in our Archives.
- The Archives Storage Area was insulated and lined and shelving put up so that the many items can be organized. A Map Case was purchased with the aid of a SCAA Grant.
- We hosted the SCAA (Sask Council for Archives and Archivists) Annual Meeting and a Museums Association of Sask Workshop on Projectile Points.
- New software was purchased for accounting and for recording the collections.
- The internet site, blog and Facebook is updated regularly.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours truly,

The Clayton McLain Memorial Museum Board

Planning for 2013:

- New 5 Year Strategic Plan
- Ongoing maintenance on our Heritage Buildings

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