



Clayton McLain Memorial Museum

Museum Archives and Administration Centre (MAAC)

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Dear Friends, 2015 marks the beginning of a transitional period for the Museum. Our Curator of 15 years, Lucille Bullerwell has retired; our heritage buildings require ever more serious maintenance work and the collections contained within them have outgrown our available exhibit and storage space. The public’s expectations surrounding a museum visit has begun to change, as well. We face challenges ahead, to be sure, but the Board of Trustees also believes that the same community spirit responsible for supporting the Museum for the past 44 years will continue to assist us as we move into the future.

Curator: In December, although we said goodbye to Lucille as Curator and Trustee, we’ve been very fortunate she has agreed to stay on as Volunteer, as her time permits. Her interests lie mostly in the Archives but she will also continue to catalogue our huge backlog of artifacts. Lucille will be an invaluable resource for us with her background in museum and archival practices, her experience with staff, volunteers and museum visitors and her amazing knowledge of the museum’s stories. She will be sorely missed but she, and previous Board members, have created a solid foundation for CMMM’s future growth. Thank you, Lucille!

Building Fund: Last year, the Museum began a discussion concerning the shortcomings of our heritage buildings with regards to artifact preservation. At this early stage, all we’ve done is to identify the increasingly urgent need for a clean, dry and pest-free storage area. The ultimate wish list would also include a public space for rotating or travelling exhibits and a room for event programming. To address these needs, the Board has created a New Building Fund. Currently, surpluses from the 2 very successful “Ladies’ Night Out” Fundraisers and the unused funds for the relocation of the Ovenstown Building have been allocated to it.

Member Education: The Museums Association of Saskatchewan (MAS), of which we are a member, offers education and professional development opportunities to the staff and volunteers of community museums across the province. In 2014, two of our Trustees attended Museums 101 at the Allen Sapp Gallery in North Battleford. To read more about their experience, please visit the CMMM Blog at: cmmcutknife.blogspot.ca and read “Museums 101: The 2014 Version” posted on October 27th. The Museum is committed to education whether it is MAS courses for Board members or one-on-one training for Volunteers in the specific skills they need to assist us.

Visitor Engagement: Increasing our attendance is an ongoing issue, as it is for museums everywhere. We do draw travellers through our association with Saskatchewan Tourism and we know, from their comments and blog posts, that many of them enjoy their experience, here. Local residents continue to visit with their families and out-of-town guests and our ‘Hi Pie’ Thursdays, this year, were also relatively well received. However, trends in the industry show that, to seriously increase our visitor numbers, we must make the museum meaningful to more people, which means we must work at attracting a new demographic. Some museums have integrated technology into their exhibits; others have introduced innovative programming or rotating exhibits; still others are developing strategic partnerships with groups within their communities. In the end, the approach we take will be determined by both our financial and volunteer resources.

The Clayton McLain Memorial Museum Society

Annual General Meeting

Monday, March 16th
7:30 p.m. at the MAAC
203 Railway Avenue | Cut Knife | SK
Memberships for sale on site

The Clayton McLain Memorial Museum Society: The Museum is a non-profit organization governed by the Clayton McLain Memorial Museum Society.

- Complimentary memberships with donations of \$20 or more
- Election of the Board of Trustees at the spring AGM
- Formation of Committees following the election
- Meetings held the 4th Monday of most months

2014 Summer Staff: Megan Rowat, Museum Manager, worked along with Kaitlin Montour and Delainee Antoine Tootoosis to provide tours, staff the gift shop, assist with Hi Pie Thursdays and catalogue artifacts. Thank you for all your hard work!

2015 Summer Staff Plans: We have recently submitted the Young Canada Works grant application that, if awarded to the Museum, will provide funding for our summer staff.

Just the Facts: The following list shows much of what the CMMM has been able to accomplish in 2014 through the generosity of our Donors and Volunteers:

527 Museum Register signatures | About 200 Outdoor Display visitors | Onsite Archive visitors assisted | Archival searches performed | 274 items accepted into our collections | Shelving units purchased and assembled for new acquisitions | Too many items to count were catalogued | Spring clean-up of museum exhibits | Flower tubs planted and maintained | Gift shop items purchased, inventoried, arranged and sold | Gift shop items donated | Heritage buildings maintained | Antique farm machines repaired | Pies donated for Hi Pie Thursdays | Interview by CTV Hometown Tour | Canada Day Celebration | Author Reading | Ladies Night Fundraiser with all the trimmings | Raffle prizes donated | Raffle ticket books created and tickets sold | Staff payroll | Cheques written and books balanced | Newsletter written | Envelopes stuffed and stamped | News releases | Young Friends of the Museum day camp | Website redesigned and maintained | Facebook and Blog maintained | Pinterest site created and maintained | Association Meetings attended | Committee reports presented | Meeting Minutes composed | Grant applications and follow-up reports written

2014 Board of Trustees:

Herb Brinkhurst
Lucille Bullerwell, Curator, Chair (Retired)
Cheryl Duvall
Janice Duvall, Secretary–Treasurer
Roger Emberley
Gerry Hunt
Debbie MacLeod, Communications Coordinator
Robert Ogram, Vice-Chair
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The Museum Online: Visit cmmcutknife.ca for Museum and Archives information, links to online resources and our contact info. Click on the **Media** tab for links to our **Blog, Facebook** and **Pinterest** pages.

Our Supporters: We would like to thank all those who made monetary donations in 2014. Every penny of your financial support remains in the community and is appreciated by all. To all our volunteers, both individuals and service groups, who gave so generously of their time and their expertise: Thank you for your commitment. Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to our corporate sponsors, as well, without which the Museum and Archives would not be able to operate. Thank you to SaskCulture, the Saskatchewan Council of Archives and Archivists, the Town of Cut Knife and the R.M. of Cut Knife.

Volunteers: The Clayton McLain Memorial Museum and Archives is a volunteer-driven organization, which means we rely on your help to keep it open. Please consider the following:

Yes, I am interested in volunteering for:

- CMMM Board of Trustees (two year term)
- Data entry (very basic computer skills needed)
- Annual cleanup (one day, late May/early June)
- Heritage building maintenance (hands on or supervision of hired labour)
- Annual mail-out letter (envelope stuffing)
- Fundraising activities
- Event assistance (Canada Day, programs, services)
- Help with new exhibits (research, design, setting up)

If you'd like to volunteer for a particular task but don't feel you know enough about it, don't let that hold you back. We don't want your time to be wasted, either, so we'll make sure you know what you're doing before we leave you to it!

Donations: For those of you who choose to make a charitable donation to the Clayton McLain Memorial Museum and Archives, we sincerely thank you for your support.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

*Email: _____

All donations over \$20 will receive:

- a tax receipt
- a complimentary membership to the CMMM Society
- free admittance to the museum for you and your guests, as often as you wish

Please make cheques payable to **Clayton McLain Memorial Museum** and send in the envelope provided. Thank you!

* Please include an email address to receive occasional (maximum once monthly) Museum news.

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