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Welcome to the April 7, 2011 issue of MAS' E-Phemera! E-Phemera is an e-newsletter issued two Thursdays a month by the Museums Association of Saskatchewan. If you have any comments on this publication, please email mas@saskmuseums.org. Check out our website at www.saskmuseums.org for information on events, funding, and all the latest heritage news. We update our site every Monday. Enjoy!

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MAS Activities and Updates

MAS 2011 AGM & Mini-Conference

Save the date: May 26, 2011

Location: RCMP Heritage Centre in Regina, Saskatchewan

Watch for more information being sent out next week.

Register Now For The Creative Collaborations Symposium

Community engagement – Transformation – Partnership Basics – Intercultural Connections

Join us on May 3rd and 4th at Wanuskewin Heritage Park, a unique setting for an innovative approach to engaging in dialogue, learning, and connection.

Spend the day with [Dr. Candace Matelic](#) and **Flo Frank**, two leading cultural sector practitioners, who will explore these issues in practical and interactive sessions.

Each session is geared toward increasing one's partnerships, focusing on relationship management, networking and the transformation an organization has to go through to reach this goal.

We will focus on not only the ability to create partnerships but also what other tools are necessary to take your organization to the next level of excellence.

This symposium is designed for everyone - whether you are a volunteer, staff, student, board member or interested individual. It is an opportunity to meet colleagues from diverse sectors (non-profit, government, academia) and share ideas, concerns, and explore solutions.

Date and Time:

May 3, 2011: 6:00pm - 9:00pm (Gathering Keynote Address)

May 4, 2011: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Location: Wanuskewin Heritage Park, Saskatoon

Register now! You can register by completing the registration form located on our website: http://saskmuseums.org/professional_development/conferences_and_symposiums Your registration includes the evening gathering and keynote address, two day sessions, and refreshments.

For full agenda and more information, visit our website: http://saskmuseums.org/programs_and_services/conferences_and_symposiums

The Creative Collaborations Symposium is presented by the [Museums Association of Saskatchewan](#), [Community Research Unit](#) at the University of Regina, [Common Weal Community Arts, Inc.](#), [Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan](#) and [Wanuskewin Heritage Park](#).

Upcoming First Nations, Métis, And Inuit SIG Discussion Group

Sites Of A Special Nature. Repatriation Policies. Member Roundtable

Morning guest speaker: Nathan P. Friesen, Senior Archaeologist at the Heritage Conservation Branch, will provide a presentation and discuss Sites of a Special Nature - including government definition, legislation, a description of the process to protect sites, and future plans.

Afternoon guest speaker: Dr. Evelyn Siegfried, Curator of Aboriginal History at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum (RSM) will discuss the RSM's repatriation policy - including the process of consultation and development and access to collections.

Date: Thursday, May 5, 2011

Location: Saskatoon and Regina - Administration Centre for Sport, Culture, and Recreation (video-conferencing between the two locations)

Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm (an hour for lunch; snacks and lunch not provided)

Registration Required: Please register by April 28th and indicate preferred location.

Cost: No cost. Participant subsidies available for eligible members.

To register, please complete the Winter-Spring 2011 Registration Form available on-line: http://www.saskmuseums.org/professional_development

Join A Special Interest Group

The seven [Special Interest Groups](#) (SIG) are a great way to connect with colleagues from throughout the province. This week's feature SIG is the [Exhibits SIG](#).

Discuss innovative ideas, share resources, and network! Visit group member's sites to learn from other's exhibit design and planning processes! With membership primarily in Regina, this group meets the first Wednesday of every month for lunch. We are seeking new members from throughout

the province to expand our networks and meet in other cities - contact us to join or find out more.

Please contact MAS or Co-Representatives: John Snell, Royal Saskatchewan Museum at john.snell@gov.sk.ca or Marlon Janzen, RSM at Marlon.Janzen@gov.sk.ca.

Upcoming Course - Museums 101

Just announced! [Museums 101](#)

This is the foundational course of the Certificate program and a great introduction to the world of museums! Explore the history of museums and focus on the role of museums today, as stewards of our legacy and in service to the public. Examine mission, mandate and policies as they provide support, meaning, and guidance for successful museums. The Standards for Saskatchewan Museums (2010) are used to further understand the key museum functions and how standards apply to our daily work in museums.

* Please note - this course replaces Introduction to Saskatchewan Standards. If you are pursuing your Certificate and have already taken the Intro course you do not need to take this course *

Date: June 4th, 2011

Time: 9:00-4:30

Location: Western Development Museum Saskatoon

Instructor: Carrie Allen

Fee: MAS member - \$60 or \$50 if two or more from the same institution

Non-MAS member - \$80

Student - \$40

Each participant must purchase a copy of the Standards for Saskatchewan Museums - \$20.

To register, please contact MAS and complete the registration form available on-line: http://www.saskmuseums.org/professional_development

Member Information

***Reminder - Friends of the RSM Call for Nominations**

The friends of the museum are currently seeking applications for vacancies on the Board of Directors and/or various committees of the Board. Applicants

with Board or community experience as well as an interest in the advance of natural sciences and the cultural community will be given preference.

Visit their website to download and complete the application form: www.royalsaskmuseum.ca

Application deadline: **April 15, 2011**

Job Postings

Summer Jobs!

There are a variety of summer jobs available at different museums across Saskatchewan. Visit our website to see the list of opportunities or forward the link on to someone who may be interested: http://www.saskmuseums.org/job_postings

Funding Opportunities

*** Reminder - SaskCulture Aboriginal Arts and Culture Leadership Grant**

The SaskCulture Aboriginal Arts and Culture Leadership Grant supports partnerships between qualified Aboriginal arts and culture leaders and cultural organizations in the delivery of programs that engage individuals, groups and communities. Qualified Aboriginal arts and culture leaders are individuals who are acknowledged by the target community and cultural organizations to have the ability to effectively transmit cultural knowledge and skills to young people as well as to encourage positive lifestyles, personal growth and cultural awareness.

For more information of program objectives, criteria, eligibility and application forms please visit:
<http://www.saskculture.sk.ca/index.php?p=Aboriginal%20Arts%20and%20Culture%20Leadership%20Grant>

Application deadline is **April 15, 2011**

***Reminder - SaskCulture Municipal Cultural Engagement & Cultural Planning Grant**

The Municipal Cultural Engagement and Planning Grant is intended to encourage municipalities to invest in cultural engagement and cultural planning. The matching grant aims to support Saskatchewan municipalities explore and plan for the creative and cultural potential of their community through engagement and planning initiatives.

For more information of program objectives, criteria, eligibility and application forms please visit:

<http://www.saskculture.sk.ca/index.php?p=Municipal%20Cultural%20Planning>

Application deadline is **April 15, 2011**

***Reminder - SaskCulture Multicultural Initiatives Fund - Project Funding**

The Multicultural Initiatives Fund (MIF) supports specifically multicultural, First Nations and Métis initiatives and activities in the areas of cultural identity, intercultural understanding and issues related to social justice and harmony. This program can support new and ongoing programs and activities.

For more information of program objectives, criteria, eligibility and application forms please visit:

[http://www.saskculture.sk.ca/index.php?p=MIF Project Funding](http://www.saskculture.sk.ca/index.php?p=MIF%20Project%20Funding)

Application deadline is **April 15, 2011**

SaskCulture Métis Cultural Development Fund

The Métis Cultural Development Fund (MCDF) Program seeks to fund activities that preserve, strengthen and transmit Métis culture and traditions in Saskatchewan. An emphasis is placed on children and on building cultural leadership skills, transferring knowledge between generations, skills development, mentorship and having fun. The activities should encourage gathering, sharing, learning, celebrating and developing Métis communities.

For more information of program objectives, criteria, eligibility and application forms please visit: <http://www.saskculture.sk.ca/index.php?p=M%20E9tis%20Cultural%20Development%20Fund>

Application deadline is **May 15, 2011**

SaskCulture Capacity Building Grant

The Capacity Building Grant (CBG) program aims to increase the capacity of organizations to respond to emerging needs in the cultural community and to support new initiatives/ opportunities outside the current operations of the applicant.

The fund is not meant to supplement funds used for an organization's existing programming, and is intended to complement rather than replace or duplicate existing support to culture, and therefore is particularly targeted to areas not already funded by conventional support systems.

For more information of program objectives, criteria, eligibility and application forms please visit: <http://www.saskculture.sk.ca/index.php?p=Capacity%20Building%20Grant>

Application deadline is **May 15, 2011**

Other Activities and Information

Culture Days Participation Guide Now Available

While many have already started to pre-register (open until April 22) for Culture Days, there may be others who are still wondering how they can participate or what's involved in organizing a Culture Days activity.

The Culture Days 2011 Participation Guide is now available to help answer these questions and more.

To download the Guide visit our website at: <http://saskmuseums.org/news>

National Volunteer Week 2011

National Volunteer Week pays tribute to the millions of Canadian volunteers who graciously donate their time and energy. This year's 68th annual NVW takes place the week of **April 10 - 16, 2011**. It is Canada's largest celebration of volunteers, volunteerism, and civic participation.

This year the theme is Volunteers: Passion. Action. Impact. It is based on the individual volunteer super-heroes across Canada who dedicate themselves to making their communities better - and Canada a great place to live.

To thank the volunteers in your community or organization send an e-card: http://nationalvolunteerweek.ca/index_en.html or purchase thank-you gifts which are available on their online store: <http://www.brymark.com/volcaneng1/>

Region of Waterloo Archives Online

The Region of Waterloo Archives is pleased to announce that Archives Online is launched! Access Archives Online at <http://row.minisisinc.com/>.

Modeled on the excellent work of the Archives of Ontario, Archives of Manitoba and others, the database is an interpretation of series-based description in a municipal setting. Archives Online allows researchers to browse holdings; search for archival records by keyword; search histories of municipalities, agencies, board and commissions; and view digital copies of archival records. The database also allows for social networking through tagging and commenting, encouraging interaction with users and hopefully the continual development of our story.

The project was made possible with financial support of the Government of Canada through the Department of Canadian Heritage, Museums Assistance Program.

AMA Conference 2011 Call for Student Presentations

The Alberta Museums Association (AMA) invites graduate and undergraduate students to submit an abstract to present current research in museum studies and related disciplines at their annual conference. Research submitted should explore the concept of passion and celebration.

Deadline for student submissions: **June 1, 2011**

For more information and proposal forms visit our website: <http://www.saskmuseums.org/news>

If you wish to be removed from our email list, please [email MAS](#). Thank you.

