

The Megaphone

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meg·a·phone [meg-uh-fohn] –noun
1. a cone-shaped device for magnifying or directing the voice, chiefly used in addressing a large audience out of doors or in calling to someone at a distance.
www.dictionary.com

Hello everyone!

In this week's *Megaphone*, we're pleased to share registration information for some upcoming educational programming our MAS staff have been putting together.

Jessica Leavens, MAS' Programming and Museum Development Assistant, takes a place at the *Megaphone* this week to tell you all about it. If you have any questions, comments, need more information – or to register for any of these programs – you can call Jessica at (306) 780-9241 or

email her at jessica.leavens@saskmuseums.org Talk to you next week! – Lisa

Dear MAS Members:

We know you are passionate about museums and the important places they hold in our communities. We know you are dedicated to excellence in all of your museum operations. We know that our communities look to museums for celebration of heritage, excellence, and learning opportunities.

As your provincial museum organization, we work to design programming that will provide you with the tools you need to share your passion, hone your skills, and further develop strong relationships with your community.

We regularly consult with our member groups (Networks and Special Interest Groups) to help us further understand how we can meet your educational and professional development needs and priorities. Our programming is a reflection of these discussions and meetings – we always want to hear from you!

Whether you are a volunteer or staff *or* expert or novice, our programming offers diverse and innovative opportunities to further develop your skills, knowledge, and expertise.

I am pleased to announce the first stage of Spring 2009 learning opportunities (see details below). More will be coming, so watch the website and mail for more information!

Thanks for your patience as I developed a better understanding of the programming that MAS offers, met our community trainers, and finalized dates and locations for courses, workshops, and discussion groups.

I hope you will take part in the learning opportunities that we are providing this spring. By participating, you will develop skills and knowledge *and* you will meet others who are passionate about museums, share your knowledge and expertise, and in doing so, contribute to a healthy and vibrant museum community.

Please contact me for more information, to register, or to share your suggestions for further professional development and learning opportunities. Thanks so much! - *Jessica*

Here's a summary of four great learning opportunities we'll be offering soon. For more information, and to register for any of these courses, please check our website at this link <http://www.saskmuseums.org/education> or contact Jessica by phone at (306) 780-9241 or email at jessica.leavens@saskmuseums.org

MAS Learning Opportunities – Spring 2009

E-Learning

Developing Skills to Lead On-Line Learning – Feb. 3, 10, 24 and March 10 and 24

Location: On-line sessions at noon Central Standard Time

Fee: MAS member - \$100.00 + GST Non-Member - \$120.00 + GST

Join colleagues from across Canada in this blended course (on-line discussion, group work, and self-directed learning) to develop an understanding of the range of approaches for on-line learning, review adult learning styles, and assess your skills in developing and facilitating on-line learning.

Standards

An Introduction to Saskatchewan Standards – Friday, March 13, 2009

Location: North Battleford – Fee: \$30.00 + GST

Standards for Saskatchewan Museums (2002) are the basis for a healthy and relevant museum community. The Standards provide museums with a comprehensive set of operational guidelines and are consistent with accepted museum practice nationally and internationally. This full-day workshop helps you to understand and apply the Standards to the day-to-day activities of your own museum, and develop and maintain standards of excellence in your museum.

Certificate Courses

The **Certificate in Community Museum Studies** is designed to provide an understanding of the knowledge, skills, and standards of excellence involved in operating a successful public museum.

Research – Saturday, March 28, 2009

Location: Melfort – Fee: MAS member - \$50.00 + GST Non-Member - \$70.00 + GST

What is research? How can it be used to develop relationships with your community? Learn about research sources and criteria for choosing sources, how to write a research policy, and how to develop and implement a research plan in this full-day session.

Exhibit Design and Planning

Planned for spring 2009, the date and location have not yet been selected for this two-day course that integrates the principles of planning and designing exhibits.