

# ***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.

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Happy New Year and welcome back to *The Megaphone!*

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and you're all looking forward to a fabulous 2009! We're planning lots of great stories here at *Megaphone* this year on your exhibits and activities, learning opportunities you can take part in, and lots of other stories, invitations, and information that we hope will keep everyone interested, informed, and entertained.

And as always, if you have a great story we should be sharing with everyone else, please call me at (306) 780-9451, or drop

me a line by e-mail at [lisa.thomson@saskmuseums.org](mailto:lisa.thomson@saskmuseums.org), and we'll put YOU at the *Megaphone!*

I'm really pleased to start the new year with a very special invitation to all MAS members who may be in Regina on Sunday, January 25. We've all been invited to attend a special pipe ceremony and small feast to bless the Aboriginal initiatives MAS has undertaken.

Audrey Dreaver, MAS' Director of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, together with MAS' First Peoples and Saskatchewan Museums Committee have requested that prayers be offered for the initiatives. Audrey will be leaving our office at the end of this month, so I think it's especially fitting that this activity take place before she leaves. We certainly wish her luck in future! (Note – MAS is currently advertising for a new Director of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage on our website, so if you or someone you know might be interested, check out this link for more details - [www.saskmuseums.org/programs\\_services/jobpostings](http://www.saskmuseums.org/programs_services/jobpostings) )

The pipe ceremony and feast will be held at 12:00 noon on Sunday, January 25th at the First Nations University of Saskatchewan Regina campus, on the grounds of the University of Regina.

Audrey says everyone is welcome to attend and share in this pipe ceremony and feast, just by being there or even by bringing some food to share as well. She says there are protocols regarding behaviour, dress and food ingredients which should be noted if you plan to attend, however, so if you are able to join us, I'd recommend contacting her in advance by telephone at (306) 780-9418 or email at [audrey.dreaver@saskmuseums.org](mailto:audrey.dreaver@saskmuseums.org) to get the full details.

MAS' First Peoples and Saskatchewan Museums Committee's mandate is to develop a framework for cultivating mutual respect between the Saskatchewan museum community and the First Nations and Métis communities.

The Committee includes representatives from First Nations, Métis and non-Native Museum communities and has recently been renewed with a number of new members. Committee members are: Evelyn Siegfried (Regina), Shawn Ahenakew (Regina), Calvin Racette (Regina), David Rohatensky (Maple Creek) and Lyndon Tootosis (North Battleford).

For contact information for any of these individuals, please feel free to call our office at (306) 780-9279 or toll-free at 1-866-568-7386. More information about the committee, its goals and activities are also available on our website at [www.saskmuseums.org](http://www.saskmuseums.org)

“Talk” to you next week!

*-Lisa*