

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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Hello everyone!

Well, it's finally time for our last *Megaphone* of the season. We're putting it on hiatus for the summer months, but that doesn't mean things are going to come to a complete stop!

I would like to begin this edition of "thanks" by extending MAS' official thank you to all of our network representatives, Special Interest Group members, and committee members for your work on our behalf over the past year. Your commitment has been greatly appreciated!

I would also like to thank everyone who has participated in *Megaphone* since we first launched it back in October. It's amazing to look back through our last 34 editions and see all the fabulous things our members have done!

We will be maintaining the *Megaphone* archive on our website so you can always click on and read your favourites, or ones that you may have missed, at this link <http://www.saskmuseums.org/blog/> The archive, by month, is located at the bottom left hand side of the page.

We will not be distributing Ephemera over the summer months either, so our website will also be the place to find out about all of the exciting events our members are participating in over the summer. Be sure to check it out often at www.saskmuseums.org.

Of course, if there's any important information on funding opportunities or other news, we'll be sure to get it to you quickly. In addition, we will be sending a mailout to all members during July, so keep an eye on your mailbox!

I want to take this opportunity to also personally thank all of the members who have invited me to visit them for welcoming me into their museums and museum communities. I have really enjoyed talking with all of you, and hearing about your activities. I have also been so impressed with your dedication to museums and our history, and your knowledge! I hope you all have a very busy and fruitful summer season.

On that note, I'd like to invite everyone to keep *Megaphone* in mind when you're having your summer events. We would love to hear about them, put them on the website, and hopefully profile some of them in the fall in this space - so please send photos, write-ups, anything you have available!

There are so many wonderful member profiles still to be written. There are two editions in particular that I had hoped we would get prepared before the summer hiatus that will now have to wait until fall; I want to thank the folks in Craik, and those involved in the geocaching project, for our preliminary work on your features. We will definitely be following these up early in the fall.

And finally, I would also personally like to thank the staff and board of MAS for the opportunity to bring *Megaphone* to life. It's been a lot of fun, and I know we will continue to see great things come the fall!

Watch our website and check your email in early September for our first fall *Megaphone*.

Have a great summer - talk to you next season! - *Lisa*