

Winnipegosis Historical Society

Because of Covid-19 the *Winnipegosis Historical Society* held its annual general meeting virtually among our board members and we are now presenting our reports to the public via the Mossey River Municipality's website. Please direct any questions or concerns to President Jo Bunka either by telephone (294-656-4318) or by email jobunka@hotmail.com

The Winnipegosis Historical Society would like to again acknowledge the generous support of the Mossey River Municipality and the Winnipegosis Thrift Store. We are also very grateful for the many individuals who support our fundraisers, visit our museums and donate artifacts and or money. Together we are preserving our history.

Due to the pandemic the Winnipegosis Museum and Medd House Museum is making plans to open slowly to ensure that we are following health and safety regulations. There will be **restrictions on numbers** of visitors at one time and we will be open by **appointment only** in June. Please call **204 656 4808** to book an appointment.

Please mark the date **June 26th** on your calendars. We plan to hold a **Yard Sale** at that time. If you have items you would like to donate for this event please contact Loretta Dyck (204 656-4697) or Terry Wood (204 656-4951) or bring items to the museum. Please ring the doorbell for assistance. Further details will be posted.

Annual General Meeting Report

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President's Report

Statement of Purpose:

The Winnipegosis Historical Society was created to collect, preserve, study, and interpret the human and natural history of Winnipegosis, Mossey River Municipality and surrounding areas for the general good and use of future generations. To do this the WHS will endeavour to collect artifacts that relate the story of the development of Winnipegosis, Mossey River Municipality and surrounding areas. The collections will reflect the lifestyles of the early Aboriginal People and later settlers as well as the tools, clothing and documentation of the varied occupants of the people of this area. The collections will be used for public display and education, as well as contain archival collections for study.

The Winnipegosis Historical Society has developed the following policies.

Collection Management Policy

Deaccession Policy

Exhibition Policy

Workplace Health and Safety Policy

Care of Collection and Prevention Conservation Policy

Education Policy

We also have developed:

A Code of Ethics

Mission, Vision and Values Statements

All policies have been reviewed.

Events and Activities:

In **2019** WHS reached out to our public through the following events:

1. May-Yearly Manitoba Poster Contest at the Winnipegosis Elementary School providing students with the opportunity to celebrate Manitoba.
2. May- Hiring of three Young Canada Works Students, Zachery Sorenson, Dominic Bunka, Hillary Gott from May to August
3. May – Hiring a Manitoba Green Team student Chloe Sorenson for six weeks to coordinate young volunteers
4. May- October – Opening Winnipegosis Museum (former CN) for tours
5. May- end of June- Restoration work completed at the Medd House Museum
6. End of June -October – Opening Medd Museum for tours
7. June- Presentation to Grade 5/6 class on Indigenous activities and hands-on tour of Museum and its Indigenous artifacts. Held school tours
8. June -Volunteering at Country Fest for six days working the Fisher Showers.
- 9 July -Celebrated Canada Day with Barbecue and prizes for costumes.
- 10 July- Mossey River Days volunteers sold pies on Saturday. Barbecue sales of hamburgers and hotdogs on Sunday as well as a 50/50 draw. Museums were open for tours.
11. August- Garden and Yard sale held on Museum grounds.
12. August- Gave presentation re Winnipegosis Historical Society and our future at the State of District meeting and set up a Heritage display.
13. September-Curators Loretta Dyck and Jo Bunka gave a presentation on the future of small museums at the Association of Manitoba Museums Conference in Selkirk
14. October- Volunteers prepared our museums for winter.
- 15 November- Prepared a heritage display for Remembrance Day at the New Horizon Senior Centre and coordinated the ceremony.
16. November- Had a table at the Royal Purple 50/50 Sold 50/50 tickets and gently used items
17. November- Volunteered at a 100th Birthday celebration for Mike Kolochuk
18. December- Set up a bench and evergreens on Former railway platform so that people could take Christmas pictures
19. All Year- Maintains a Face Book page that highlights the Village and Mossey River Municipality History.

Thank you to all our Board Members and Friends of the Museum who contributed so many personal hours of volunteer time and resources.

Board Members:

Meetings of our board were held monthly April - January

President- Jo Bunka

Vice President- Faye Adam

Secretary- Ruth Wright

Co-Treasurers- Aileen Rosteski/Terry Wood

Members at Large-Loretta Dyck, Alice Sahulka, Linda Barsewsky, Brian Tumak, Ernest Clarkson

Summer staff 2019: Three students hired through Young Canada Works, Zachery Sorenson. Dominic Bunka, Hillary Gott

In 2019 the Winnipegosis Museum was open from May 20-August 30 seven days a week 9am-5pm.
The Medd House Museum open from June 28-August 30 seven days a week 9am-5pm
Both museums were open September 1- Oct 15 by appointment.

Museum Visitors in 2019 - 453

We have 10 Board members who gave over 2000 volunteer hours and 25 Friends of the Museum who gave over 500 volunteer hours.

Without these generous volunteers we would not have two award winning Museums!

Restoration:

The restoration of the Medd House Museum was completed. The north wall siding was replaced with lumber that matches the original boards.(Contractor salvaged lumber from another building.) Windows sills and frames renovated. Eaves were replaced. Entire building painted. Tree was removed from yard and grounds levelled.

Collections received:

This year we were fortunate to receive an army memorabilia from veteran Mike Kolochuk. We have received retail memorabilia from the Sass, Slobodzian and Kolochuk families. Individuals continue to contribute items directly related to our histories. We received two collections of Funeral cards that have been prepared in binders and the information put onto a computer program. We continue to welcome artifacts that help to enrich the histories of this area.

Publicity:

Our Facebook page has provided us with a great deal of publicity. We try to post weekly and we have a following of between 500-3000 people. A great way to communicate with the public. We are frequently included in a local weekly column in the Dauphin Herald.

Future Plans:

This coming year we will be erecting a Tipi in partnership with the local Manitoba Metis Association that was purchased through Cree Star in Swan River. We are improving access to our buildings. The summer students are working on preparing Virtual Tours. We continue to explore the erection of a Pole Shed for some of our displays that are too large to fit in our buildings. We will continue to work in partnership with other groups in our community.