

Museum Newsletter 2025

Lumsden, Saskatchewan

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President's Message

In April 2025 Bill King, who was president of the museum for many years decided to retire. I, JoAnne Gelowitz a retired teacher who has a great appreciation for museums, decided to step forward to fill this role. These are big shoes to fill. Bill's knowledge of both history of Lumsden and history of the museum is missed. We are grateful he is willing to continue to share his knowledge, thoughts, and experience.



Events

One of our most memorable events was the volunteer appreciation lunch at the Lumsden Hotel. Over 40 volunteers attended and it was wonderful to spend time together and catch up. What an eye opener for everyone to see just how many people it takes to run the museum. There are too many people to list and I will surely miss someone if I try. If you are a volunteer know that your time, skills, and efforts were greatly appreciated, and that the board looks forward to seeing you again in 2026.

We had many events that drew the community to the museum. As always, the year started with the Garage Sale in May. Indigenous Days Celebration in June was attended by elementary school classes, high school classes, local daycares and community members, who were all learning about indigenous culture. Canada Day Celebration on July 1 was well attended with everyone eating cupcakes, playing yard games and enjoying the museum. We participated in the Duck Derby Parade and then our annual Show and Shine during the Scarecrow Festival. That was not the final event though. As a fundraiser this was our second year selling refurbished Christmas decorations at the Snowflake Bazaar.



Highlights

Thank you again to everyone who volunteers at the museum. Your time and efforts are noticed, and we can't run the museum without you.

Thank you to our community and visitors for coming to the museum to enjoy the events and the displays. We do this for you!

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Log House

Just in time for July 1, we opened the log house for viewing. One of our new volunteers single handedly finished the parking, sealed the windows and fixed the side door. We are very thankful for Kevin C's skills and his willingness to share those skills. Once the house was ready a team of volunteers, Monika Z, Lynda M and Mary Ellen T went in and set up the displays. They did a fantastic job. If you haven't seen the inside of the log house, you really need to come and see it. It looks great and most of the furniture is original to the house.



The Little Antique Shoppe



The museum board of directors decided to open an antique shop to sell many decommissioned items and help raise funds. Near the end of the season, we opened the shop and were pleased with the response. In 2026 we are hoping to have The Little Antique Shoppe open during museum hours

Alyson Hope's grade 9 Practical and Applied Arts came once a week to help with odd jobs around the museum. This was a new relationship for the museum, and we weren't sure how it was going to go having twenty grade 9's at the museum doing a variety of different jobs. The students were eager to help and did pretty much whatever was asked of them. They got hands-on experience doing odd jobs while the much older volunteers enjoyed their enthusiasm and youthful energy.

