



After more than a decade, a new home
has been found!

Serving the Regina Community

Preserving our history for 53 years!

President's Message

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I want to acknowledge a very productive and exciting year at the museum, and thank everyone whose hard work contributed to our continued existence and future successes! We thank all of our funding agencies and supporters for their help, and in particular, the Museum Members, the City of Regina, SaskCulture and the citizens of the City of Regina. Without their support we would not exist. Our staff and dedicated volunteers continued to provide us with many interesting and creative exhibits and unique partnerships and collaborations. Their efforts in researching new ideas and exploring collaboration opportunities ensures the Museum can achieve its mandate.



In the spring of this year, the Board participated in a strategic visioning exercise which culminated in a strategic planning document that would serve to guide the short and long term work of the Board and Museum staff. An important goal was to find a permanent home that will provide us with adequate display and storage areas. Thanks to the hard work of dedicated Board and staff, that vision will become a reality in the coming year as a new location has been found! The Scarth street location closed the doors at the end of August and the new location is anticipated to open in August 2013.

In addition, the Board recognized that to better reflect the nature of the Museum's collection, its programming mandate and its relationship with the City of Regina, that a new operating name would be appropriate. In 2012 the Board approved a new operating name of Civic Museum of Regina along with a new visual identity; providing the necessary logo and branding to launch the new location and the new operating name.

The Regina Plains Museum presents to residents and visitors alike the story of the unique growth and development of Saskatchewan's capital city. It is a record of who we are, where we have been, and where we are going.

In 2012, the next chapter of where we are going was started! With the acquisition of a new home and adoption of a new operating name, exciting times await as the Museum begins to write the next chapter of its impressive history!

We thank our forefathers for the vision and enthusiasm which created the Museum. We accept the challenge of ensuring the continued success of their dream.

Rob Deglau, President

The Corporation



The Regina Plains Museum operates as Regina's Civic History Museum

Through exhibiting, collecting and programming activities, the museum reflects the history of Regina.

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We extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to our members and sponsors for their tremendous support!

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!!!

TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS, WE THANK YOU!



Volunteers: Rose Schmidlechner, Peter Quiring, Loretta Hawkes

IN MEMORIAM



Thomas Keith Knox

March 4, 1940—May 6, 2012

In 2012 the Museum mourned the loss of a long time friend & supporter. Keith was a true community leader, holding positions in many organizations including that of President and Past-President of the Regina Plains Museum. In recognition of his contributions, a permanent naming memoriam for Keith is planned for the new Museum location.

Executive Director's

In 2012 the RPM proudly presented a number of permanent and changing exhibits and programming including:



Germantown - curated by Yolanda Hansen, Coordinator of the Community Research Unit (CRU), University of Regina.

Germantown was the area of Regina that emerged as a distinct working-class neighbourhood in the early 1900's. Its name was derived from the large number of German people and Central and Eastern European immigrants who lived there. The district was diverse with residences and many businesses and commercial establishments, including Regina Market Square, an important commercial district.

The Glass Wheatfield by **Jacqueline Berting** is located in the museum gallery space. The Wheatfield: a salute to Canadian Farmers contains 14,000 individually crafted waist high stalks and remained a very popular tourist attraction.



Regina Site Lines - A Path down Regina's History

The Regina Plains Museum created: "Regina Site Lines - A Path down Regina's History", to reflect our rich and vibrant history. It presents a timeline of events, important figures relevant to understand our history and the city buildings that have endured time—a perfect segway into the most enduring time.....the 1912 tornado!!

Blast from the Past!!

June 30, 2012 commemorated the centennial anniversary of the 1912 Tornado that struck Regina. This catastrophic event remains the most devastating in Canadian History with 28 lives lost, injuring 200 and leaving 2,400 Regina citizens homeless. A retrospective of the 1912 Tornado was presented including relevant artifacts and extensive photography. In addition, the RPM Partnered with the Regina Public Library, Dunlop Art Gallery and Saskatchewan Writers' Guild for a 'whirlwind tour' of the downtown area—the event was completely booked with over 100 participating in the walking tour!!



Peter Quiring's Doll House....after the Tornado!

Hello Dolly!!

Visitors enjoyed 22 baby dolls selected from a collection of over 1,000. This excellent sampling of childhood toys, dated from 1920s to 1960s, captured every little girls' childhood dreams!



Regina Tornado Project Legacy Group

The RTLG was made up of three founding partners: the Regina Downtown Business Improvement District (RDBID), the Regina Warehouse Business Improvement District (RWBID) and the Regina Plains Museum.

The RTLG issued a Call for Artist Submissions for the Regina Tornado Art and Heritage Legacy Project. The Legacy Group identified a number of locations suitable for permanent site-specific sculptural or mural installations throughout the Downtown and Warehouse districts.



Photo of opening of the Warehouse District Pocket Park which took place on October 18, 2012 and included the unveiling of the Tornado Legacy artwork "Redline" by Artist Lionel Peyachew. Fantastic location of the corner of the new home of the Museum!!

Indoor tours: Our volunteer guides: Rose Schmidlechner, Loretta Hawkes and Peter Quiring hosted a variety of indoor tours and shared their unique experiences with students and the general public.

The Building Community Mural by **Sherry Farrell Racette** is located in the hallway—downstairs from the Museum. It represents a non-traditional view of history, including the men, women and children in the story and development of our community.

The **Steam Locomotive** is RPM's largest artifact and located outside Casino Regina. It is a significant landmark and a tourist attraction.

Engine #5093 built in 1918 by Montreal Locomotive Works Ltd. It is a Pacific type locomotive that is 75 feet long and weighs 287,500 lbs



Farewell until we meeting again in 2013!!



The beginning of a new chapter!!



A sample of what's on our website...

- Information about museum facilities and staff.
- Current and upcoming exhibits.
- Related web sites.
- A chronology of Regina history.
- Museum news.
- Artifact images
- Sponsorship Information

In 2009, the RPM began its 50th anniversary celebration. The Regina Plains Museum was registered as a charity on December 15, 1959 and incorporated as a non-profit organization on January 4, 1960.

Regina Plains Museum Mission Statement

The Regina Plains Museum operates as the civic history museum of Regina. Through exhibiting, collecting and programming activities, the museum reflects the history of Regina. The collection preserves the significant cultural, social, political and economic development of the community.

The Museum of the Future

The Museum's goal is to tell the Regina's history. It will be housed in a building worthy of being the civic museum for Regina. By recognizing the power of memory to shape present experience, the Museum of the future will be a public space for sharing, discussion, even debating social issues, providing the historical context for community concerns. Neighbours will learn together from the past and move forward with confidence into the future. The Museum will present to residents and visitors alike, the unique growth and development of Saskatchewan's capital city and all will have the opportunity to share in the creation of public culture in Regina.

Thank you to our Supporters!!!



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