

# Newsletter



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## From The Board

Warm summer weather has arrived along with one of the busiest times of the year for the Museum. There are many events that happen, such as Manitoba Day, our Hands-On school program, Senior's Day, Mother's Day, Work Weekend; and preparing for our Show at the end of July.

An issue that often occurs - items being removed from the grounds without contacting the Office first to complete Out-going Loan documentation. NO ONE is allowed to remove Museum items from the grounds without written permission prior to doing so.

We have a jewel here at Austin, MB, and most jewels need to be looked after, which is the case at the MAM. It requires building upkeep, grounds maintenance, programs and events run to keep visitors appreciative of the place and talking about it as a place worth visiting. That is one reason why we embarked on a strategic initiative feasibility study to see how we can improve our visitor experience so more visitors come to the MAM; which in turn benefits the community, its citizens and economy; including the many volunteers who work hard to make the MAM a place to visit and celebrate our agricultural history.

As every organization will experience, the Manitoba Agricultural Museum often has challenges to address. To succeed, we rely on our staff, membership, committees and the Board to all work in harmony; so

these challenges become opportunities to work together for the benefit of the Museum ..... the reason we're all here ! For every decision, we must ask ourselves, "is this the best solution for the long-term benefit of the Museum?" Some decisions are difficult, and require much discussion, and time to ensure all the information is taken into consideration. At that point, it is with the expectation that our Museum TEAM supports each other. It takes less time to help, than it does to criticize. Until you walk in the shoes of the people that you may be criticizing, it is difficult to understand the "why" and the "how" they used to make those decisions.

As we move towards Reunion, and showcasing the Museum to the world; we do so with the expectation that everyone involved is here for the benefit of the Museum. Reunion is one of our many events, but the Museum is open for business year-round. We look forward to welcoming spectators to the Reunion, and to the Museum.

Robert Beamish, President

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## Reminder !

All individuals and vehicles are required to report to the Office upon entering the grounds. This applies to **EVERYONE** whether you are a visitor, volunteer or

member. Thank you for your cooperation.

## WANTED

- Information Booth – I am looking for volunteers to work in the Information Booth during the Reunion. Shifts are 4 hours long. If you are interested in working a shift or more, please contact Doug Pratt at 204-488-8835 or [dnpratt42@gmail.com](mailto:dnpratt42@gmail.com).

## Dining Hall

- Meals are \$12 each; including beverage and dessert. Volunteer meals (with card) are \$8 each.  
 Thursday Lunch: Ham & Scalloped Potatoes  
 Thursday Supper: Turkey & Potato Salad  
 Friday Lunch: Roast Beef  
 Friday Supper: Ham  
 Saturday Lunch: Fried Chicken  
 Saturday Supper: Cold Plate  
 Sunday Lunch: Various meats and salads

## Homesteaders Village

The people who have adopted houses/buildings have done a wonderful job of cleaning and setting up their buildings. We have managed to keep the grass mowed up to now but could use some help keeping up with the mowing. If anyone is interested please phone Lynda at 204- 637-2526. The Gristmill was recently painted and the Mekiwin Manor will be done later this season. We also hope to get the General Store painted too. Thank you to all the volunteers who help with the buildings, cutting the grass and repairs. It is really appreciated.  
 Lynda Campbell-Hawley, Village Chairperson

## PLEASE SLOW DOWN !

Some vehicles entering and exiting, or travelling on the grounds do so at speeds far in excess of the speed posted.

Help us to keep everyone SAFE by abiding by the posted speed limits. Thank you !



## Reunion Kick-Off Steak Supper !

Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7pm

Location: Corn and Barley Corral

Price: \$20.00 per ticket (free admission to the grounds with purchase of a supper ticket).

Only 200 tickets available.

Tickets available at the Office, call 204-637-2354 or email [agmuseum@mymts.net](mailto:agmuseum@mymts.net) .

Proceeds dedicated to MAM Endowment Fund Campaign.

## VEHICLES AT REUNION

Except in public parking, every vehicle requires a **Pass**:

**VOLUNTEER VEHICLE PASS** – during Reunion, these vehicles must be left at your campsite or designated parking for non-camping workers.

**VOLUNTEER DAY PARKING PASS** – during Reunion, allows volunteers to park in designated volunteer parking areas.

**SERVICE VEHICLES PASS** – during Reunion, allows necessary vehicles to move around the grounds. These passes must be authorized in advance, cannot be picked up at the Volunteer Gate. Call the office by July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**RESTRICTED VEHICLE PASS** – during Reunion, all ATVs and golf carts to display the Pass. The person operating the vehicle must hold a valid Driver's License and is the **ONLY** one authorized to operate the vehicle. Proof of Insurance must be presented to receive a Pass.



*63<sup>rd</sup> Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion and Stampede*

*July 27-30, 2017*

## Finance Report

Harvesting Hope was set up as an independent committee; a joint venture between Manitoba Agricultural Museum and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The HH committee was responsible for all their fundraising, expenses and allocation of profits.

At the AGM, many questions were raised regarding allocation of HH funds; including how much was raised, where it was spent, and where the profits were to be directed. I was unable to respond adequately as I was not a member of the HH committee. With the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors has directed our auditors, BDO (Brandon office) to conduct a complete audit of Harvesting Hope.

The audit, when completed, will be available on the Museum website, and copies will be available at Gate 4 during the Threshermen's Reunion.

Ray Tolton, Finance Chair (to June, 2017)



**John Deere Expo at the 2017 Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion & Stampede**

What's happening at Reunion ? ... check the website often for updates !

[www.mtrs.ca](http://www.mtrs.ca)



## MEMORIAL WALL

Remember a relative or friend who was a Museum volunteer by having their name inscribed on the Memorial Wall. Submit names with \$100 per name.

## Do You Know ? (from February/17 newsletter)

1. Railway Station
2. Lawyer's Office/Barber Shop
3. Lawyer's Office/Barber Shop
4. Post Office
5. Grain Elevator
6. Water Tower
7. St. Saviour's
8. Muir House

THANKS to Alex Tolton for the great photos !

## Volunteer Showers

The volunteer shower units near the Shop have all been replaced over the last few years, including new hot water tanks. A charge of \$3 per shower has been implemented – we appreciate your understanding as we continue to upgrade volunteer facilities.

## Silver Spur Old Time Photos

in the Railway Station during Reunion  
 THURSDAY TO SATURDAY: 9am to Noon and 4 to 7pm,  
 SUNDAY: 10am to noon.  
 Proceeds to Centennial Building Restoration.



## General Membership Meeting of the Manitoba Agricultural Museum

Monday, July 24, 2017 at 7pm, Austin Hall



## 2017 Calendar of Events

July 8<sup>th</sup> - Pull Out Day  
 July 27-30<sup>th</sup> - Threshermen's Reunion & Stampede  
 August 12<sup>th</sup> - Put-Away Day  
 September 17<sup>th</sup> - Open Farm Day  
 September 23-24<sup>th</sup> - Work Weekend  
 September 24<sup>th</sup> - Curiosities & Collectibles Flea Mkt  
 September 30<sup>th</sup> - Last Day Village is Open for 2017  
 December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Party  
 December TBA - Winter Wonderland



## New Exhibit for the Centennial Building

Our much-anticipated exhibit will soon be unveiled, and you'll notice long-time Museum artifacts in a completely new environment. Thanks to everyone for their assistance; whether moving artifacts out/in of the Centennial Building, painting the floor or many other tasks required to deliver a great new experience at the Museum !

## Winnipeg Tractor Trials

Watch this Museum-produced video on Shaw TV Channel 9 – schedule is:

July 11 - 10:30pm      July 15 - 6:30pm  
 July 22 - 6:30pm

## Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion & Stampede

This year's Reunion is only 21 days away ! Plans are coming together; and it's going to be a great Reunion as we celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> with special activities held on Sunday. We're also celebrating Big Roy's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday; and the annual activities will continue to be a big part of the show: Rodeo, parade, music, food, petting zoo, family fun, children's activities, Village interpretation, photo booth, trade show, and so much more ! It'll be a Reunion to remember ! Thanks to Donna Doucette for stepping in to help the office staff.

Check our website frequently for updates !

Dwayne Moorehead  
Reunion Chairman



## Volunteer Registration / Gate 4

All volunteers are encouraged to come to Gate 4 to register; there will be limited hours at Gate 1 and it will be to pick up passes for certain areas and admission booth.

We require people willing to staff the volunteer Registration booth at Gate 4. Hours it is to be open:  
 - Saturday July 22, Sunday July 23, Monday July 24, and Tuesday July 25 from 8am-8pm  
 - Wednesday July 26th from 8am-10pm  
 - Reunion Hours to be 7am--10pm

Please bring your membership card. If there are address or phone number changes, please be prepared to share them so you can get your fall newsletter. It is cash ONLY.

Memberships:  
 - \$30.00 - Adults  
 - \$10.00 – Junior Members (ages 6-15)

Volunteer Camping is \$50.00.

## Gate 1

Starting on Saturday, July 22 – Gate 1 will be open for trucks/trailers moving equipment onto the grounds.

**CAMPERS** – if you will be camping in the following campgrounds; you are required to stop at the office before placing your camper as sites have been assigned:

A      B      C  
**Handicapped**



## "HELP"

The 2017 Reunion is fast approaching. Tonight I sit and look at all the shifts to be filled. As member volunteers, we come to the Museum, excited to see all our friends who we said good-bye to last year, but we must remember - we need to do our paperwork. I tried two phone numbers of members to see if they were available to help this year and those numbers were out of service; the Office had 11 mailed newsletters returned in February so please ensure that we have your proper/current phone number, and address on your membership application form.

Most of the jobs require at least 24-32 shifts for the four days; for example, Grandstand Rodeo Ticket Takers needs 8 people each day, plus 8 people to sell grandstand tickets. Then we have the crew that works the Rodeo; that their Rodeo committee is responsible for arranging, and so on.

Gates open the Saturday before Reunion; we need volunteers to work as cashiers, and security people to monitor the traffic through those gates. If you have very distinct jobs during the 4 days, and are camped on the grounds, could you please volunteer to work a gate shift on Monday or Tuesday. I realize there are some that don't get holidays, and some special friends or family members arrive Friday night of the show for the weekend. Would you remind them that if they are camped on the grounds, they are required to have memberships and volunteer 4 hours each day. Ask them to stop in at the Volunteer Centre (by the Reunion Admin Office) to see if there are any shifts that need filling, or have them book ahead; we find some leave early on Sunday, but we still require volunteers. We are all "gate keepers", and need to help the Board and Staff follow the Rules that were put in place to protect the Manitoba Agricultural Museum, and to protect you - the volunteer. If there is a certain area where you would like to volunteer, please send an e-mail to the office, and we will pass on the info to the area chairs, or someone will call you back to set up exact shift times, and what is needed from you, the volunteer.

Rosalie A. Beamish, Reunion Administration Committee.

## Reunion Reminders

- Due to liability, golf carts rented from the Museum and donated ATVs CANNOT leave the grounds.
- Tractor parade registration will be near the Corn & Barley Corral.
- ALL passes (camping, vehicle, golf carts, ATVs, service and restricted vehicles and any others issued by the Museum) MUST be displayed at all times.
- ALL vehicles on grounds MUST EXIT through Gates 1 or 2.
- NO sewage dumping; NO RELEASE of any products.
- NO DRONES allowed on the grounds.
- PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY ON THE GROUNDS !



**DEADLINE for  
November 2017  
Newsletter submissions is  
Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

## Reunion 2017 Entertainment

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| Thursday, July 28 <sup>th</sup> | Afternoon - Bullruckus<br>Evening – Trevor Johnson             |
| Friday, July 29 <sup>th</sup>   | Afternoon – Northern Reflections<br>Evening – Mike Sacharko    |
| Saturday, July 30 <sup>th</sup> | Afternoon – Stu Porteous<br>Evening – Joe Henry & the Herdsmen |
| Sunday, July 31 <sup>st</sup>   | Afternoon – Bullruckus<br>Evening – DJ Cory Christison         |

## Membership Renewals

Thank you to all who have already renewed their memberships. Your early support is appreciated and it speeds up the registration process at Reunion.

For those still outstanding, please remember the rate has increased to \$30 per year.

As in the past, new memberships **cannot** be purchased during the four days of Reunion.

## CamperDude

A trailer for the Audio man has been booked. A request for a volunteer(s) to pick up and then drop off the camper (3 miles East of Oakville and ½ mile South of Hwy. # 1).

Please contact the office 204-637-2354 if you can help out !



## BIG ROY is HOME !

We're excited to Welcome Big Roy back to his home ! For those who haven't had the opportunity to admire his restoration, stop in at the Centennial Building at 11am on Friday during Reunion for his 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration! In support of Museum plans to build a permanent new Home Building for Big Roy, you can purchase a raffle ticket to "[Drive BIG ROY](#)" – a privilege that few receive !

## Welcome !

Returning for his 4<sup>th</sup> summer on staff is Adam Lennox, for their 2<sup>nd</sup> summer are Josh Campbell and Zach Dyck, and for his 1<sup>st</sup> summer is Brayden Giesbrecht. The summer staff is integral in maintaining the grounds throughout the season.

## The Last Word

The Museum has been a busy place this summer, and as we close in on Reunion, becomes busier with all the tasks required to ensure we deliver a top-notch visitor experience.

Almost 1,000 children took part in this year's Hands-On program; what an opportunity we have to provide these children with information about the pioneer lifestyle. We couldn't do it without our volunteers! Thanks to everyone who assisted with Manitoba Day, the Mother's Day Quilt Show, Seniors Day, Steam School and the list goes on. Visitors have been arriving daily from across the world !

As we celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> during this year's Reunion, I wonder ... how many of our visitors and volunteers were here the year the Centennial Building opened for Canada's Centennial in 1967 ... how many have attended EVERY Reunion ... how many times have those steam engines gone through the parade ... how many footsteps through the Village ... how many pies, ice cream cones, burgers and gallons of lemonade have been served at Reunion ... and the thousands of visitors who return year after year.

I would like to send a heart-felt **THANK YOU** to our staff – Tom, Joan and Marvin – I'm proud of our TEAM and how we all pull together to get the job done – some days it isn't easy ! But with the support of the Board and our members, we continue to work together to ensure the visitor and volunteer experience is the best it can be !

The Museum is a great place to be, whatever the season! We look forward to welcoming our visitors and volunteers back once again – see you at Reunion !

Georgette Hutlet, Executive Director