

The Humboldt Telegraph



Humboldt and District

Summer 2010

Museum and Gallery Newsletter



Humboldt's fascinating history will come alive this summer with the commemoration of the Original Humboldt land. This event will explore the multitude of stories of the land through an entertaining multimedia presentation. Talented local actors will portray the historic characters of Humboldt in the 1880s. The program will feature stories about the construction of the Dominion Telegraph Line, the original Humboldt Telegraph Station, the Carlton Trail and the military camp of Lt. Colonel Denison during the 1885 North-West Resistance. Everyone is invited to this free community event:

Original Humboldt and the 1885 North-West Resistance

Friday, June 18, 2010, 1:30 pm

Bella Vista Inn, Highway 5 West, Humboldt, Sask.

Please ensure that you are seated in the Winston Salem Room of the Bella Vista Inn by 1:30 pm for the entrance of His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan. After the program, everyone is invited to proceed to the Original Humboldt site for the unveiling of the new public interpretive area, and tours of the land. From Humboldt, proceed 8 km west of the city on Highway 5 and then 2.5 km south on "Telegraph Road." Watch for the new highway signs to be put up this spring. For further information on this event, please view our website.



Humboldt & District Museum & Gallery

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Visit the Museum Year Round

Tuesday - Saturday 1 - 5 pm

July & August:

Tuesday - Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

and Sundays 1 - 5 pm

Admission by donation

Upcoming Exhibits and Sponsors

May 4 – Sept. 30 **Original Humboldt and the 1885 North-West Resistance**

This educational exhibit takes a deeper and more extensive look at the significance of the Original Humboldt land from the 1870s to the North-West Resistance of 1885. Learn about the stories of the Carlton Trail, Dominion Telegraph Line, George and Catherine Weldon, and Lt. Colonel Denison's fortified site during the Riel Resistance.

Special features of the exhibit include:

- A listing of the troops who were stationed at the Original Humboldt site in 1885
- Newspaper clippings from 1885 demonstrating the important role of the Humboldt station in communicating news to eastern Canada
- Copies of telegrams from 1885 about the North-West Resistance
- Results of the 2009 archaeological investigations at the site
- Artifacts recovered through excavations at the site
- Dress up and take a picture with a full-size Red River Cart from the museum collection. This cart was the last one started by Harry Ford, and was finished by his son, Ernest Ford.

During May and June, school classes are invited to book a special tour of the display which includes viewing the exhibit and a powerpoint presentation to learn about the history of the land, as well as the telegraph system and Morse Code. Students can enjoy a snack of bannock with delicious homemade butter that they will make themselves. Your tour also includes a fun game based on a journey across the prairies in a Red River Cart. Thanks to the Humboldt Telephone Pioneers for sponsoring this education program.

October 1 - 23 **Just Us: North Central Photojournalism Project**



This exhibit features the photography of Mark Taylor and students of Scott Collegiate in north central Regina, which is one of the city's oldest and culturally diverse neighbourhoods. After four months of basic photography instruction, the students created a visual record of North Central Regina. Through photography, this project simply sought to provide North Central youth with an opportunity to tell their own stories. Ultimately, this project is a testament to the power of photojournalism and the role art can play in affecting social change. Curated by Mark Taylor and Jennifer McRorie, this exhibit travels the province through the

Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils, and is brought to our community by Conexus and the Humboldt Area Visual Arts Committee.



Friends of the Museum Fund-raising Raffle

When visiting the museum this summer, please consider purchasing a ticket in support of the Friends of the Museum raffle. Thanks to the donors of the prizes: baby quilt from Rose Missouri, afghan from Bella Thiemann, crucifix from Walter & Marcella Sarauer, and a print from Ken Dalgarno.

This newsletter is proudly sponsored by the Friends of the Museum. New members are always welcome. Call the museum at 682-5226 for information about joining this volunteer group.

Humboldt's Heritage Values

The Advisory Committee guiding the **Humboldt Heritage Project** would like to thank everyone who took the time to fill out the public survey or participate in the workshops. The information gathered from the surveys and the workshops is being used to determine what the people of Humboldt value about their heritage, and which heritage sites need to be preserved and protected for the future.

The Advisory Committee was thrilled to have so many different people respond – residents who have lived in Humboldt all their lives, seniors, high school students, new residents, teachers, religious people, people from health care, agriculture, business, sports, the arts, and more. The next step in the Heritage Project is to reach out to residents of Humboldt through personal interviews. The purpose of the interviews is to further enrich the information already gathered and ensure that perspectives from all segments of the Humboldt community are included in the project.

The project is revealing that the citizens of Humboldt value such aspects of Humboldt heritage as the prominent role of faith in the community's history, the significant role of sports and the arts, Humboldt as a hub for immigration, the development and use of green spaces, community-focused residents, and the strong sense of community. By the beginning of June the Advisory Committee plans to have a complete list of heritage themes embodying what the community values and the heritage sites that tell and interpret those themes or stories.

Three 'Town Hall' meetings are planned for the end of June to give the community the opportunity to discuss the final report, ask questions and talk with the people who have been directly involved in the work of Humboldt Heritage Project.

Town Hall Meeting - Monday, June 21, 2010 - Humboldt & District Museum & Gallery

Three separate times are scheduled to ensure that as many residents as possible have an opportunity to participate in the Town Hall Meeting:

1:30 to 3:30 pm 5:00 to 7:00 pm 7:30 to 9:30 pm



Funding for this community project was received from SaskCulture's Capacity Building Grant through the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation.



Original Humboldt - Continuing to explore the land in 2010

The commemoration of Original Humboldt on June 18 will be an important event for the community. The Original Humboldt committee wishes to thank the founders, volunteers, historians, businesses, community organizations and sponsors who have contributed to this project. We are appreciative of the support from the City of Humboldt, the R.M. of Humboldt, the provincial Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport through the Building Pride program, as well as the Department of Canadian Heritage Building Communities through Arts and Heritage program.

The archaeological investigations at the site will proceed during the summer of 2010 as we continue to discover the stories of the land. The Original Humboldt committee of Rev. Alvin Hingley, Dennis Korte, Edward Novecosky, Garry Jenkins and Museum Director Jennifer Hoesgen welcome your inquiries and any additional information you may have about this site.

Summer Time Fun

- May 4 - Sept. 30 **Original Humboldt and 1885 North-West Resistance** - history exhibit
- May 4 - June 30 **Artists Showcase** - Janice Weber
- June 18 **Official Launch of the Original Humboldt site** - 1:30 pm - Bella Vista Inn
- June 18 **Trial of Louis Riel** - 8:00 pm - Humboldt Historic Court House - **Sold Out!**
- June 21 **Humboldt's Heritage Values - Town Hall Meetings**
There will be three opportunities to hear the results of the project.
1:30 - 3:30 pm, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, or 7:30 - 9:30 pm at the museum.
- July 2 - Aug. 31 **Artists Showcase** - Annah Gullacher
- July 8 **Old Fashioned Fun** - 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Start your summer in a fun way - kids aged 5 to 10 can make ice-cream, enjoy a scavenger hunt, make crafts and play games. The program is free, but please pre-register by calling 682-5226.
- July 15 **Fundraising Barbeque** - 11:00 am - 1:00 pm - in front of the museum.
In cooperation with the Humboldt Area Visual Arts Committee.
- July 22 **Victorian Tea Party** - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
This fun tea party is for girls aged 7 to 12, with a chance to dress up, learn Victorian etiquette, prepare and enjoy tea time snacks for only \$5. Pre-registration is required.
- August 12 **Fundraising Barbeque** - 11:00 am - 1:00 pm - in front of the museum.
In cooperation with the Humboldt Area Visual Arts Committee.
- August 19 **School Days** - 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Even though school is out for the summer, kids can still have fun with our 1920s school days. The program is free, but please pre-register by calling 682-5226.
- August 26 **Baking Bread in the Clay Oven** - 1:30 pm
Join us for a scrumptious slice of fresh baked bread from our clay oven.

For further information or to pre-register, please call the museum at 682-5226.



Friends of the Museum Summer Scavenger Hunt

Hey Kids! Have fun searching for special items in our summer scavenger hunt. Visit the museum during the months of July and August for this free activity and enter your name to win a great prize!



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