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THE FRIENDS | ROYAL SASKATCHEWAN MUSEUM

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Our Vision

We will be valued partners in the enhancement of the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, increasing its visibility and access to vital resources in the community.

Our Mission

The mission of the Friends of the Royal Saskatchewan Museum (FRSM) is to promote the knowledge and understanding of Saskatchewan's natural history through active support of the Museum, and by encouraging public involvement and financial support of the Museum and its educational and scientific activities.

Our Values

The values and guiding principles of the Friends of the Royal Saskatchewan Museum are:

- 1: **Integrity** -- trustworthy, ethical, honest, honorable, quality
- 2: **Fairness** -- consistent, reasonable, compassionate
- 3: **Committed** -- responsive, efficient, productive
- 4: **Accountable** -- responsible, transparent

Formed in 1985 by a group of dedicated volunteers, the **Friends of the Royal Saskatchewan Museum** is a nonprofit charitable organization that provides support and services at the **Royal Saskatchewan Museum (RSM)**. It does this through tax-deductible donations received from individuals, corporations and businesses; grants from governments and agencies; sponsorships and supporting RSM research and other projects; bequests and planned giving; memberships in the Friends of the Royal Saskatchewan Museum; and proceeds from the Gift Shop in Regina and Eastend.

The Friends work in partnership with the Royal Saskatchewan Museum to provide educational opportunities and services, and to help preserve Saskatchewan's rich natural and human history for generations to come.

Support and participate with the Friends:

Visit us! Visit. Explore. Bring your family and friends. Guaranteed to be a great time.

Donate. FRSM welcome donations of any amount, in any form of currency such as cash in our donation box or via credit / debit card using our TipTap interface. You can also give online at www.royalsaskmuseum.ca/donate/donate-now.

Give an unrestricted gift. To be used where it is most needed.

Help a scientist. Donate to the RSM Graduate Scholarship Fund and help a future scientist. Attend *Artifact / Artifiction* in October 2022.

Sponsor an exhibit. All the Royal Saskatchewan Museum exhibits are crafted in-house and are truly unique.

Bequest. Remember us in your estate plans. When making a bequest, we recommend you consult your lawyer or financial planner.

Become a Friend. With options from \$25 to \$1000, your donation makes a difference. www.royalsaskmuseum.ca/donate/become-a-member

Email. Keep up to date by signing up and receiving our emails and newsletter blasts.

Shop at the Museum Gift Shop or the Discovery Shop. From holiday and special event gifts to souvenirs, the museum shops have that item that is just right.

Special Events. Rent our auditorium for your special event or attend one of ours.



“Thank you for being a Friend!”
- Megamunch

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President | Andrea Johnson



I want to thank my fellow board members for their hard work over the past year. Despite the ongoing challenges which remain as a result of COVID-19, the Friends has been able to take some incredible steps forward due to the efforts of our board members.

Over the last year, the Friends has renewed its Services Agreement with the Royal Saskatchewan Museum. The renewal of this agreement was a big step in renewing the positive partnership between the Friends and the Museum. Over the past year, the Friends and the Museum have worked together with SGI to present the 4-part Solstice Series. The Friends have also proudly supported the Museum in the development of the “Home: Life in the Anthropocene” Exhibit through provision of funding for the purchase of, among other things the Globe which forms a central part of the new exhibit and through the Home Gala. The Friends are working to develop plans for additional events in the future. We are hopeful that we can soon hold another Artifact/Artifiction event. Stay tuned for more information through our newsletter!

In addition to strengthening our partnership with the Museum and our presence in the community, the Friends have seen some noteworthy internal changes as well. Approximately one year ago, we welcomed our new Executive Director, Craig Perrault, to our team. Craig has deep roots in Regina, his drive and enthusiasm for the work that we do as the Friends has been a great asset over the past year. The Friends has also struck a permanent Fundraising and Communications Committee, whose member will focus on finding new and innovative ways to increase our recognition and engagement with the citizens of Regina and the greater community of natural science enthusiasts and to increase fundraising endeavours so that we can continue to provide financial support to the Museum.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Board’s President this year and to be a part of this wonderful team. I am excited to see what unfolds for the Friends over the coming year.

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Executive Director FRSM | Craig Perrault

First, thank you to the Friends staff and volunteers, the Royal Saskatchewan Museum personnel, and the Board of Directors of FRSM for an amazing first year in my role as Executive Director with the organization.



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NAVIGATING A NEW PATH

The Friends of the Royal Saskatchewan Museum is an incredible organization to be involved in. There are three main facets we focus on concurrent with the Agreement we operate in partnership with the Royal Saskatchewan Museum.

Retail

FRSM operates the Museum Shop with Barb Neal acting as Retail & Membership Coordinator. For the seasonal Discovery Shop in Eastend, Friends supplies all the stock.

Research & Grant Money Agent

FRSM is the official agent for the RSM for specific funding projects from Young Canada Works or Eco Canada that fuels opportunity.

“True friends are always together in spirit.”
- L.M. Montgomery

Fundraising | Development

Sponsors and Donations make a difference to our museum community. A comprehensive list of our great partners is included. Words are not enough, however, thank you for all you do for the Friends. We appreciate it!

Result: Home Gallery

The work the Friends does contributes to creating new Programs & Exhibits at the Museum for all to enjoy and learn from.



New! Solstice Speaker Series

The Solstice Speaker Series is designed to be a chance to participate in a yearlong conversation focused on Indigenous Leaders sharing their stories and teachings. Through a generous sponsorship alignment with Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI), this four-part series takes place on or around the solstice or equinox. The format is an engaging conversation where the audience can participate meaningfully in Truth and Reconciliation. Special thanks to SGI for creating this opportunity as well as the RSM, Theresa Walter, Delephine Gall, Aj Thakker at Graffiti TV, and CTV Regina for their support.

Community Engagement is an important method to forge relationships and grow awareness about an organization's framework while learning and evolving along the way.

New! Sticks & Doodles plus WizWon Collaboration



Collaboration is an exciting way to broaden your thinking. Along with Métis Nation artist Jayde Goodon aka WizWon and local company Sticks & Doodles, FRSM created a commissioned art piece showcasing the new Home Exhibit while raising funds for the organization. Some items remain if you are interested in purchasing online and supporting the project.

<https://royalsaskmuseum.ca/visit/events/engraved-wizwon-x-sticks-and-doodles-collab>

Review: Looking Back

Summer 2021

The summer felt new again for a variety of reasons- new director, new agreement, and new rules as the museum navigated the pandemic (to name a few). The T.rex Discovery Center re-opened after remaining closed during the initial stages of Covid-19. There was a record number of visitors surpassing 12,000 people through the doors. With the introduction of the paleo experience, each guest got to experience the beauty of Eastend and be reminded of Scotty the T.rex's discovery.

Friends supplied inventory at the Discovery Shop in a 'Pop-Up' style as supply chain created some obstacles. Overall, the summer was a success!



Fall 2021

The introduction of the Solstice Speaker Series was a new project. Our first episode screened a film called *We Were Children*. SGI host Heather Anderson was joined by the Anaquod family who shared their father's experience in residential school.

The Museum Shop continues to be a main source of Friends activity. Our incredible staff continue to provide top notch service while connecting to our guests. Consider stopping and shopping for some of our great items, to tour the Museum and learn more about the Friends.

Remember: any occasion is the right occasion to come and see your Friends!



Winter 2021-22

The second Solstice Speaker Series took place on December 14th. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) has touched the lives of hundreds of families and communities across Saskatchewan and Canada. The evening's program featured a facilitated panel session that discussed the importance of understanding this form of gender-based violence, the impacts on families and the supports and programs that are available.

Special thanks to the Gallagher Family, Dorthea Swiftwolfe, and Danielle Carrier as well as the Status of Women Office for assisting to connect to Federation Sovereign Indigenous Nations and Métis Nation of Saskatchewan.

Spring 2022

Chief Cadmus Delorme spoke at the third Solstice Speaker Series addressing "What Have We Truly Inherited?" His poignant words and charismatic persona made for a captivating and educational event. He was joined by Mother Teresa Middle School. SGI host Jeremy Pilon emceed the evening and interview Chief Delorme.



As well, FRSM assisted with opening the new Home: Life in the Anthropocene Gallery by contributing to the Home Gala Event held April 21st. Special thanks to Cooperators and Bassendowski Agencies for their support.

The evening featured Canada's poet laureate Louise Bernice Halfe, science commentator Jay Ingram as well as curator Glenn Sutter and Songs 4 Nature.



Stay Tuned: Looking Ahead

Entering year two of our agreement, the Friends plan to bolster membership activity, continue to pursue sponsorship opportunities, remain engaged in the museum community, and stay committed to direction as a board that believes in the Royal Saskatchewan Museum.

We look forward to the year ahead. Look for the return of Artifact | Artfiction in the Fall of 2022, consider participating in our new Annual Donation Campaign, and feel free to drop into the jewel of the city anytime!

Thank you for a terrific year. See you soon!

Craig Perrault

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Executive Director | F R S M

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Executive Director RSM | Peter Menzies

On behalf of all of us here at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, I would like to congratulate the Friends of the RSM for an outstanding year.

The Friends, through their focus, hard work and innovation, have provided some big wins for the RSM, most visibly through the HOME (Life in the Anthropocene) Gala, the Solstice Speaker Series and the revenue needed to build large parts of the Home Gallery. That revenue was entirely derived from admissions donations gather by RSM staff at the museum entrance and beautifully illustrates what our two organizations can achieve when working together in common cause to build a better museum and better serve the people of Saskatchewan.

Culture and organizational change is hard but under Executive Director Craig Perrault and with a lot of hard work and focus from board members, the Friends are masterfully managing their transition into a fundraiser and retail operator.

Again, congratulations and thanks, Friends, for being a pal.



Special thanks to Peter for his hard work and leadership during the pandemic while guiding the Museum to a new exhibit and preparing for increased visitation! Well done!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name	Position
Andrea Johnson	<i>President</i>
Iuliia Khimchak	<i>Vice President & Chair Governance</i>
Harold Bryant	<i>Treasurer & Chair Audit & Finance</i>
Kevin Bassendowski	<i>Chair Fundraising</i>
Nathanial Day	<i>Board Member Past President</i>
Michael Poulin	<i>Board Member</i>
Bernice Richards	<i>Board Member</i>
Jennifer Schwager	<i>Board Member</i>
Hun Lee	<i>Board Member</i>
Joan Beisel	<i>Board Member</i>

Employees

Name	Position
Craig Perrault	<i>Executive Director</i>
Barb Neal	<i>Retail & Membership Coordinator</i>
Carla Aitken	<i>Bookkeeper</i>
Arlene McCallister	<i>Museum Shop</i>
Debb Black	<i>Museum Shop</i>
Linda Potts	<i>Museum Shop</i>
Johnna Parenteau	<i>Museum Shop</i>
Pat Schmidthiesler	<i>Museum Shop</i>

To our intrepid volunteers

THANK YOU!

June Young

Michael Schmidt (*Munchie*)

Clemence Grevey

Chloe Zeidler



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Thank you for your donation and membership support. FRSM appreciates it!

Lanna Abbott	Ayden Ell	Donna McCudden	Devin Skolney
Clinton Ackerman	Sandra Englund	Ryan McLeod	Janis Smith
Angelina Addie	Ruth Englund	Keith Moen	Patricia Smith
Lorne & Helen Todd Armstrong	Cristina Floricel	Dianne Morgan	Danielle Stephens
Kerry Babcock	Stephen Folvovic	Gwynn Morris	Karin Sundqvist
Carol Bachynski	Michelle Forand	Crystal Mowry	Tyler Taylor
Roma & Gord Barnes	Marie Fraser	Alayna Nestman	Claire Thorseth
Kevin Bassendowski	Jennifer Gelowitz	Kimberley Newsham - Kyle	Don Tingle
Joan Beisel	Dan Grand	Vivian Norbraten	Jonathan Tremblay
Brooklyn Berrns	Sanaa Hamani	Graham Parsons	Elizabeth Vanderlinde
Fay Bobetsis	Christopher Harris	Victoria Patzwald	Martina Veneziano
Judith Boer	Larry Hesterman	Brian Phee	Nicole Wall
Jennifer Boxall	Paula Hill	Jack Pickering	Jim & Virginia Warren
Michael Brailean	Gayl Hipperson	Michael Poulin	Rick & Janet Watson
Lara Brierley	Crystal Hitchens	Adam Ramadan	Melissa Wood
Jocelyn & Michael Brown	Louise Hoffert	Maryanne & Christopher Reed	Leah & Geoff Zapanariuk
Robert Brown	Donna Hoppe	Bernice Richard	
Harold Bryant	Kyle Jelinski	Keith Roney	Lifetime Members
Gavin Bush	Nicholas Jones	Calvin, Ida, Abigail Sadowski	Harold Bryant
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Charlotte Courage	Valerie Lanctot	Delaney Seiferling	Jack Pickering
Nick Day	Hun Lee	Shaun Silzer	Herbert Schulz
Heather Day	Kaitlin Lindblad	Natasha Skea	June Young
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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We are appreciative of the relationship between the Friends of the Royal Saskatchewan Museum and Dudley & Company LLP.

Thank you for all your hard work assisting FRSM with completing our 2021-22 year end.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Auditor's Report

Please view the accompanying attachment located at www.royalsaskmuseum.ca.