

SUNDRE & DISTRICT MUSEUM

The Way We Were

Honesty | Teamwork | Commitment | Respect

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Hours:

Summer Months

Mon. - Sun.: 10 AM - 5PM

Winter Months

Fri. - Sat.: 10 AM - 4PM

Sun. + Stat. Mon: 1PM - 4PM

Admission

Summer Months

Family: \$30

Adults: \$10

Seniors (65+) / Youth: \$8

6 & under: FREE

Winter Months

Family: \$25

Adults: \$8

Seniors (65+) / Youth: \$8

6 & under: FREE

No charge: veterans (CFI Card),

New Canadians (CANOO Card)



Meet the New Executive Director

Carrie Couch has lived in the Sundre area for eight years. She and her husband live on a farm just west of Bearberry, where they raise purebred Angus cattle, and have a small commercial herd that is Angus influenced. They have five children, two dogs, chickens, and a garden. Carrie's husband also operates a local family-based plumbing business. Carrie loves handcrafts, gardening, reading, hiking, and has focused on raising her family. Her skill set is business, education and community centred, i.e. 4H, Ag Awareness, and various community-minded initiatives. Carrie looks forward to supporting the museum and the community it serves.

Halloween Extravaganza!! October 29, 2022

The museum has partnered with the Sundre Municipal Library and the Alberta Royal Purple Association Sundre Lodge #191 to present a Halloween Extravaganza!

Location: The Sundre & District Museum

3 PM - 5 PM: Fun Carnival Games for young families

6 PM - 8 PM: Haunted Village, parental guidance recommended

Admission: cash donation; funds to the Sundre Community Bus.

Location: The Elks Hall.

7 PM - midnight: Royal Purple Adult Dance

Admission: \$20/person; tickets: from the Museum, the Library, or at the door; funds to the Sundre Community Bus.

Fun fact: Doug Laveck drives the community bus and also volunteers Sundays at the museum.



Clara Shand, Lauren Hanna and Aleecia Jessop.

Photo Credit: Sandy Easterbrook

Strawberry Tea

Congratulations to the Sundre & District Museum for achieving their 2022-2027 Recognized Museum Status through the Alberta Museum Association! In celebration of this achievement the museum hosted a Strawberry Tea in the village grounds. The Bergen Strings played for a group of volunteers, seniors, townspeople, the Mayor of Sundre, Richard Warnock, museum guests and board members. It was a lovely day! Check out Simon Ducatel's article in *The Albertan* and online at *Mountain View Today*:

<https://www.mountainviewtoday.ca/sundre-news/renewed-sundre-district-museum-status-demonstrates-commitment-9-photos-5717998>

SPOG Neighbours' Day

Thanks to the board members, summer students, and volunteers for representing the Museum on August 25, 2022. We had great comments and made lots of contacts.

The Sundre & District Museum is an accredited museum owned by the Sundre & District Historical Society which is a registered charitable organization & non profit.

Thanks to Our Summer Students!



Reilly Vandebeld

Reilly was with the museum this summer on the Young Canada Works program. He was a terrific World of Wildlife tour guide. The guests appreciated his knowledge and the professional way he delivered information. He also helped the museum with various outdoor and information technology items.

Trinity Vandebeld

Trinity spent the summer with the museum on the Canada Summer Jobs program. The museum was blessed to have her Indigenous influence, and she did a wonderful documentation of the museum's projectile points display. Trinity has now returned to the University of Lethbridge.



Governance

The Sundre & District Historical Society (SDHS) is a governing board. It follows the societies act of Alberta and is a registered charitable organization and non-profit. We currently have 13 lifetime members and 95 regular members.

Vision Statement

The SDHS is a passionate group of people providing a unique destination, exhibiting our local history and its people, plus showcasing our World of Wildlife Exhibit.

Mission Statement

To preserve and celebrate "The Way We Were" by embracing our future, providing a facility for exhibits and activities centred around arts, culture, education, information and celebrations for the community, tourists, schools and other organizations.

Mandate

The SDHS shall act as a governing board and financial steward of the Sundre & District Museum.



Aleecia Jessop

Aleecia Jessop joined the museum team in July under the Young Canada Works program. Aleecia learned World of Wildlife tours and felt that the skills she learned at the museum would serve her well moving forward. She enjoyed sharing memories with guests who also knew her grandfather, Russ Matwychuk.



Lauren Hanna

Lauren Hanna is a history major at the University of Lethbridge. Lauren loved working with our collections and catalogued many of our artifacts in Past Perfect. She joined the team as part of Canada Summer Jobs.

Pioneer Village

Eight heritage buildings on four acres of land with farm machinery, implements, tractors, wagons, sandpit, horse-shoe pits, and gardens. Book weddings, birthdays or other summer celebrations!

World of Wildlife

Featuring a floor to ceiling landscape mural, over 170 taxidermy mounts from around the world, including a life-sized replica elephant. Come see burnt leather African art and an impressive skull display. This internationally noted collection was made possible by local resident Chester Mjolsness.

Reception Centre Gallery

A newly renovated and uniquely designed gallery space celebrating The Way We Were and The Way We Are. This space is always changing so be sure to purchase an annual membership and take advantage of the various new exhibits we have planned.

Membership

Come see what all the fuss is about. Have a say, join a committee and help us celebrate The Way We Were! The website will be updated to allow for online membership renewals and donations.

2022**Alberta Culture Days****Culture Tree**

The Museum has partnered with the Sundre Municipal Library for an exciting new display!

Everyone is invited to answer to the question:

How do you celebrate your culture within the District of Sundre?

Submit photos, poems, verse, prose, a sentence, a word, or a piece of art, that we can put on a leaf for the tree.

Drop your submissions off at the Museum or the Library. Items will not be returned, so keep your originals and provide a copy for our use.

The Culture Tree will be displayed at the Museum until the middle of October.

Then the Culture Tree will move to a special display area in the Library.

**Friday, September 23 - Sunday, September 25:**

The Museum is celebrating with a variety of entertainment!

Art

Brought to you by Lila Weiss and the **Sundre Artists' Group**, an Art Display in the Youth Building begins late Friday morning.

In partnership with the **Sundre Municipal Library**, local artist **Dax Stringer** demonstrates his talents Saturday at 1:00 pm. Following at 1:45 pm, he teaches an art program for youth 8-14 years of age: Learn to Draw Comic Book Characters. To participate, please register with the Library at (403) 638-4000.

Music

Friday from 1:30-3 pm the local Old Country band **Larry, Ray and Reg** play on our stage. They are excited to perform after a couple years of interruptions.

Saturday afternoon three concerts appear on our outdoor stage, weather permitting:

1:00 pm: **Linda Jean and Gloria Kae** — These local musicians who compose and release their own music are famous for their contributions to Rooster in a Henhouse. Linda says, "This is a big deal as it is a stage reunion after many years."

2:00 pm: **Hither and Yon** — This Canadian Celtic Folk group with a modern flair is composed of Caroline Miller, Joanna Ritchie, Lucy Krueger and Christina Crouch.

3:00 pm: **The Bergen Strings** — The trio of Ruth Obrist on violin, Sue de Caen on viola and Diana Kleinloog on cello perform a repertoire of Classical, Popular Tunes, Rags, and Waltzes, plus other little gems.

Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets, and join us for these musical events. Some limited seating for seniors and disabled is available.

Additional weekend events awaiting confirmation include local artisans, pioneer demonstrations, and Indigenous participation, as well as a pie auction!

Museum Happenings

Birthday Party



Lance Dichrow celebrated his 84th birthday this summer, and we marked the day with a staff/volunteer party. Thank you, Veronica Flinn-Pana, for making delicious cupcakes and taking photos of the event. We look forward to celebrating more birthdays with you, Lance, and giggling some more at the girl jumping out of your cake.

Thank You!

As always, thank you to all the volunteers. You are all special to the museum. You work tirelessly wherever you can: cleaning, fixing things, setting up displays, helping with administration, and making our guests feel welcome. And a special thank you to Lance for all his hard work in the summer heat on our grounds...mowing, watering and passing out his birdhouses to our young guests. Thank you to each and every one of you. We could not do it without you!



Museum Residents: Skunks!



This summer the museum made a cozy home for the town's skunk population. Skunks love large groomed lawns and affluent neighbourhoods. Does this describe the museum village? This carnivore is found across Canada, except in Newfoundland and Labrador and the territory of Nunavut.

Skunks were classified as part of the *Mustelidae* or weasel family, but recent DNA research has put them in their own family, *Mephitidae*.

Their foul odor can be fired three to four meters and means skunks have few enemies: the Horned Owl, and disease.

People have hunted skunks. The Ojibwe people once trapped skunks for their musk sacs, which were used to treat pneumonia. And in the 1920s, the striking colour of skunk fur made quite a fashion statement.