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MUSEUM HOURS

May & June

Saturday & Sunday
12:00-4:00

July & August

Wednesday-Sunday
10:00-4:00

Church Tours

by appointment 345-6329

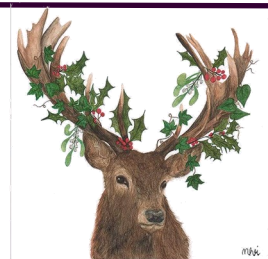
With 2021 restrictions the museum was open with restricted capacity and closed for most of the summer.

We always encourage you to check out our website & facebook for stories and updates.



We acknowledge that we are in Treaty 1 territory and that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene Peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society



2021 Newsletter

LAC DU BONNET DISTRICT MUSEUM

St. John's Heritage Church & Arts Centre



Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society has completed phase 1 & 2 of the "Belfry Project" with the funding support of Manitoba Sport Culture and Heritage Historic Resources Branch, Lac du Bonnet Ice Fishing Derby, and various community supporters.

Phase 1- The Belfry restoration began by hiring Wins Bridgman, an award-winning architect, leading community activist, heritage advocate, & passionate champion of inclusive design.

Phase 2- Lac du Bonnet's Golden Prairie Construction was hired to do the historic rehabilitations. While up in the Belfry we were able to take a closer look at the majestic bell.

"The C.S. Bell Co. 30 Hillsboro, O."

The church bell was made by The Charles Singleton Bell Company Hillsboro, Ohio, USA.

Charles Singleton Bell (1829-1905) a Scotsman, discovered after many failures that his steel alloy could be pitched to create a very mellow tone. It was this tone and durability that made his bells famous throughout the world. By 1892 the C.S. Bell Co. was producing 2000 tons of bells yearly and Hillsboro Ohio became famous for the production of steel alloy bells until 1970. Bells were made in 15 sizes with diameters of 12" thru 48" in 2 inch increments. Incredibly a 54" diameter bell has been recorded. Specifically church and firehall alarm bells ran from 30" – 48" in diameter. The St. John's Bell is 30" diameter and still has that same mellow ring since it was hung.

It is interesting to note that this bell was used in the *Unincorporated Village of Lac du Bonnet* as a fire alarm for many years. More work is planned for the Belfry in the near future.

The church hall received a fresh coat of paint thanks to Home Hardware & volunteers, and an electrical upgrade thanks to the Lac du Bonnet Charitable Foundation with the work done by Winnipeg River Electric .

2022 - An engineer will be hired to examine the foundation of St. John's Church. Although this may be a costly project for the Society it is a necessary one in preserving this Designated Heritage Site. Funds will be needed to go forward. Please consider a donation to help preserve our history!

Season's Greetings

Community Outreach



Community Tipi Raising

Helping hands from the Lac du Bonnet Youth Group with a Ceremonial Smudge by James Whitford



YouTube videos: by Alex Sama
 Log into YouTube, type in our name: Lac du Bonnet District Museum and watch the following:

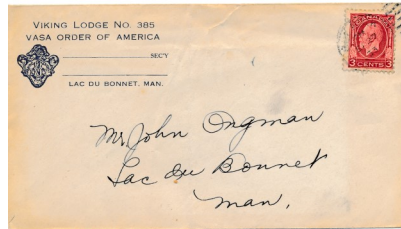
- "Hans Erickson Log Cabin"
- "St. John's Heritage Church Belfry Project"
- "Discover our History"



Museum Tour

Centennial School grades 1&2 learning the Seven Sacred Teachings with Trevor Jenvenne

Vasa Order of America Lodge # 385 was instituted Sept. 5, 1920 in Lac du Bonnet & was named "Viking"
Source: Vasa Archives, Bishop Hill, Illinois, USA



Lac du Bonnet was the site of the Swedish Lutheran Congregation in 1914 and built a church east of St. John's Church on 4th street, now the site of Abundant Life Chapel.



Swedish Riverland Telephone Company



Recent donated Ephemera sheds light on the Riverland Telephone Co. that operated between 1922 and 1942 from the Winnipeg Electric Railway Company Dock north to Nels Johnsson's Fox Farm.

Dr. Malcolm, J.D. McArthur, Nels Fox Farm, O. Peterson, I. Anderson, Sam Granovsky, Hans Johnson, and John Ongman each contributed \$22 for building the telephone line.

In 1926 there were fifteen Swedish subscribers.

In 1934 the poles had deteriorated and had to be replaced. By 1942 nine subscribers remained when the Provincial Telephone Service took over.

What's NEW

This space will highlight exhibits pertinent to Lac du Bonnet & area such as Aviation, One Room Schools, Lac du Bonnet 1st Industries, & our Cultural & Indigenous Heritage.

As a Designated Heritage Building the Hans Erickson Cabin (museum) portrays only a fraction of Lac du Bonnet 's history through exhibits due to space restrictions.

Since 2011 the artifacts and archives have grown substantially where a majority are catalogued & set aside into storage. A new exhibit area will allow us to showcase Lac du Bonnet & area's fundamental artifacts & history in its' entirety. It would allow us to further our goals to preserve, educate, and showcase Lac du Bonnet 's history. **Stay Tuned.....**

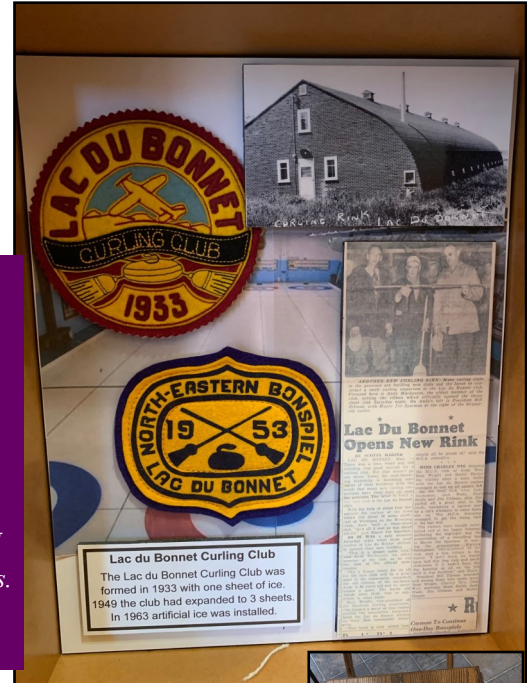


Recent Acquisitions

1956 Lac du Bonnet Social & Athletic Club Trophy
Annual Competition Public School Soft Ball
"Landerville 1956-Brightstone 1957-Lac du Bonnet 1958
donated to the museum by Centennial School"



Lac du Bonnet
Curling Rink
Crests



*The Lac du Bonnet & District
Historical Society appreciates the
community's interest & support.
Donated local artifacts &
photographs are archived,
catalogued, & exhibited according
to provincial museum best practices.*

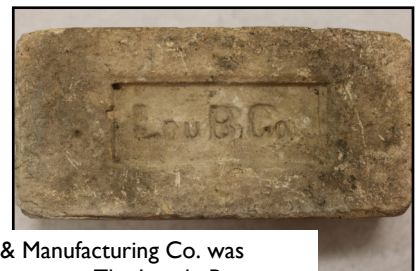


Museum Operations:
labeling a full size bear rug
donated by Jack & Janice
Halliday

Handmade Latvian
influenced Blouse
donated by
Doreen
(Drawson) Dancyt



75th Anniversary
In 1946 Alex & son Herbert opened the Dancyt
Shopping Centre and Locker Plant on 3rd Street
in the Village of Lac du Bonnet



The Lac du Bonnet Mining, Developing, & Manufacturing Co. was
incorporated in 1898 by five Wpg. business men. The Lac du Bonnet
Brick Plant was in production by 1901 making 40-50,000 bricks per day
seasonally. The Brickworks was in production until 1920.

*This summer the Lac du Bonnet District Museum donated 2 Lac du Bonnet
Bricks to the Manitoba Brick Collection Exhibit at the Argyle Museum.*



Join in on our weekly "What's it Challenge" in the Lac du Bonnet Clipper

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The Listening
Room

Check out our Facebook
pages for history, events &
updates

"Working in the present
while preserving the past
for now and the future"

Newsletter created by
Marlene Tottle
Lac du Bonnet District
Museum Director

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

2021 began as a year of hope and optimism and ended up full of challenges. The Society worked through it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the RM and Town of Lac du Bonnet for their continued support.

Thank you goes to the dedicated Preservation Committee for overseeing the operation of St. John's Heritage Church & Arts Centre, the Belfry Project & all their fundraising efforts. Thank you to the executives for ensuring that all aspects of the Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society are carried out successfully and professionally, and a huge gratitude to our volunteers and supporters for a year hampered by Covid-19.

Community Outreach has prospered this year thanks to our webmaster & archivist, volunteer Jenn Strassel, who contributes monthly history articles in the local paper along with website updates and historical content.

The Lac du Bonnet District Museum, The Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society website, and Lac du Bonnet District Museum Facebook continue to present and display content for public awareness of Lac du Bonnet's incredible diverse history.

Terry Tottle

We encourage you to check out our website & facebook for local stories and updates.

We welcome your support with a donation, volunteering, and becoming a member.

Email: info@ldbhistorical.ca

MEMBERSHIPS:

Individual	\$20.00
Family	\$35.00

Memberships
due January
2022

Donations

Patron	\$100-\$499
Sustaining	\$500-\$999
Sponsor	\$1000-\$4999
or	
Benefactor	\$5000+

Note: Income tax receipts will be issued for donations.

NEW! Online membership registration !

Membership Benefits

- Use of museum library books
- LdB Museum annual newsletter and updated events
- Free + reduced admission on selected museum events + programs
- Preferred booking for special events
- 10% off selected retail items in Museum with membership card
- Outdoor Market Vendor discount if a current member
- Classic Movie Club (starting in March 2022)

Wild Rice or Manomin was a sacred staple for the Ojibwe (Anishinaabe) for thousands of years. It was considered a gift from the Creator...

WILD RICE FUNDRAISER \$9.00 / BAG

Great Gift Ideas year round
Local Du Bois Wild Rice
Organic Certified & long grain
Visit MUSEUM SHOP
on our website: ldbhistorical.ca



The Listening Room

Riel's Gentlemen Choir

What a great night it was !

Thank you to everyone that came out to support St. John's Heritage Church & Arts Centre's Listening Room event \$420 was donated to the Lac du Bonnet

Area Food Bank. !



Volunteers THANK YOU !

Volunteers are the driving force for the LdB and District Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization, which operates the Lac du Bonnet District Museum & St. John's Heritage Church & Arts Centre

Connect with history by volunteering !

Contact us: info@ldbhistorical.ca