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MOOSE JAW MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Motif 2007

We are very excited to present Motif again this year! Motif is a three-day outdoor multicultural festival held annually in Moose Jaw's Happy Valley Park – located off of Oak Street and 6th Avenue NE. Just follow the signs. This year's festival is going to be held on Friday July 13th, Saturday July 14th, and Sunday July 15th. Doors are open daily from 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm and close Sunday at 7:00 pm.

NEW THIS YEAR! - WRISTBANDS

The Opening Ceremonies will commence at 6:00pm Friday on the Happy Valley Park stage. Three day weekend passes are available in advance as well as the gate. One day wristbands are available at the gate. Children under 12 will be admitted free of charge! Parking is available on site for \$2.00 or free outside the grounds.

This year 12 different cultural groups are participating in Motif by providing ethnic food sales and entertainment. The festival will feature special guests and local entertainment throughout the three days.

We also have a Children's Cultural Program where children from age 5 to 12 will have the opportunity to explore new cultures by participating in games, making crafts and learning a new language. All activities are FREE and run Friday through Sunday.

For inquiries and advanced tickets, please contact Lauren or Carol at the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council office at (306) 693-4677.

Lauren Dushinski is the 2007 Motif Festival Assistant. We welcome her to the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council!



MOTIF
art dance music food

July 13th, 14th & 15th

Volunteers are Backbone of “Festival of Words”

A large body of hard-working volunteers ranging in age from 8 to 80 assist the festival throughout the year. Over 150 dedicated people give generously their time and energy, and during festival week alone more than 85 individuals help out in every way imaginable. As the festival grows, the need for volunteers also grows and adding to their list of volunteers is a need. Tasks are various, and must be met not only in Moose Jaw but in communities large and small both in and out of the province. With out volunteers and their vast efforts the Festival would not exist.

Bake Sale Successful

On June 19, 2007 MJMC held a bake sale at the Royal Bank. A lot of delicious baking was donated from the member groups and the staff at MJMC. Some of the member groups that donated baked goods were the Moose Jaw Scottish Society , Irish Club of Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw Jamaican Assoc., Moose Jaw Jamaican Assoc. and the Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club. \$285.45 was raised for the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council. We would like to thank all who donated their time and wonderful baked goods. Special thanks to Sylvia Stephanson for her assistance & the Royal Bank for their support.

Quilt Raffle

K.J. Quilters have created and donated a beautiful quilt named “Jacob’s Ladder”. The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and are available at the MJMC office. All proceeds will go towards Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Immigration Programs. Draw date is July 15, 2007 at Motif Multicultural Festival.



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• If you are interested in volunteering for a Host Program event or as a volunteer matched with
• a newcomer family, contact Patricia @ 693-4677 or mjmulti@sasktel.net
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Host Program offers Ladies Night

The monthly ladies night are continually being held the third Tuesday of every month. We have planted seeds, had personal safety tips and quilted a small item. Thanks to Peavy Mart for their donation. Special thanks to Constable Marlie Frei of the Moose Jaw Police service and Heather Carruthers of Quilters Haven for the donation of their time and skills.



Scholarship Awarded

The “Moose Jaw Settlement and Integration Coordinating Committee” Scholarship was awarded on April 28, 2007 to John Kamara for Welding. This \$500.00 scholarship is provided to encourage newcomers to Canada to pursue full time post secondary education at SIAST Palliser Campus.

World Refugee Day

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council will be hosting a “World Refugee Day Open House” on Wednesday June 20, 2007 from 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Please join us for a tour of our facility, refreshments and meet the Board of Directors, staff and clients of the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council. Address: 60 Athabasca Street East (second floor of St. Andrew’s Church).

Licensed Day Care

On March 15, 2007 MJMC became a fully licensed daycare. Renovations took place to accommodate the changes. With more square footage and a freshly painted space, we are pleased to offer quality childcare at competitive prices for newcomers to Canada. Our daycare is eligible for subsidy. For more information contact Darcy @ 693-4677 or mjmcdaycare@sasktel.net Please join us for a tour of our new facility on Wednesday June 20 from 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

June 9—Motif Fundraiser—”Fish Fry” at Bobby’s Place

June 16—Host Barbeque Happy Valley Park

June 17 - Father’s Day

June 20 - World Refugee Day

June 20 - MJMC Annual General Meeting 7:30 PM, Motif meeting to follow

July 1 - Citizenship Ceremony –MJ Cultural Centre, in conjunction with Canada Day Celebration

July 2 - Canada Day ~ MJMC office will be closed on Monday July 2, 2007

July 13-15 ~ Motif Multicultural Festival

Aug 6 - Civic Holiday ~ MJMC Office closed

MOTIF FUNDRAISER

June 9th, 2007



Motif’s Annual Fundraiser will be held on June 9th at Bobby’s Place. “Fish Fry” Tickets are \$12.00 each and available at the MJMC Office. There will be two sittings to choose from, 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Host Barbeque

The Annual Host BBQ will be held Saturday June 16, 2007 from 12 noon until 2pm at Happy Valley Park. We will be having a BBQ lunch for all our volunteers, newcomers to Canada, staff and their families. We will also have games, sports, and water activities, so bring a bathing suit, towel and lawn chairs to enjoy the fun. In case of bad weather the BBQ will be held at the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council—60 Athabasca Street East.

Citizenship Ceremony July 1st 2007

Approximately 30 new citizens will take the oath of citizenship at a ceremony held at the Moose Jaw Cultural Centre at 10:00 a.m. This will be followed by Canada Day activities put on by the Canada Day Committee.

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