

MOOSE JAW MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER



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MOTIF 2008 A GREAT SUCCESS!!



Above are the Punjabi Bhang dancers, who performed both Friday and Saturday.

July 11th, 12th, and 13th the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Hosted the 34th Annual Motif Festival. Even through the rain and wind we had for Friday night performances everyone's spirit and drive were there and the festival went on. Our two main headliners were **Bandja** on Friday night, and **Louisiana Jane** on Saturday night, both blew the crowds out of the water! A traditional mix of African and Cajun was brought to us, the sound of music Motif was looking for. Along with several group performers who were exceptional in their cultural dress and dance. They received a heartwarming, (standing ovation) from the audience.

There were also 10 booths that boasted all different ethnic foods from around the world. "Mouthwatering" would be the exact word used by many local patrons who attended Motif 2008. Of course Motif would not be successful without the many sponsors that support the festival, and all of the volunteers who helped with set up, takedown, and all the other odd jobs that were necessary in order to ensure a flawless Motif.

This year was my first year as Motif Coordinator, and it was an experience I will never Forget. A special thanks to all the group members, board of directors, Executive Director, and Motif Festival Assistant for all their hard work. helping me along the long journey of planning Motif. I have learned much from everyone involved and met wonderful people along the way. Thank you to all who made Motif turn into what it is today, a great success!

Submitted by

Stacey Michel
Motif Coordinator

Motif 2008 Children's Area



Motif is a family oriented, outdoor multicultural festival. Every year we have a children's area which is always a hit with the kids! This year we had 3 Children's Area workers who did an exceptional job with the kids, keeping them entertained with arts, crafts, games and much more! The Children's Area has been a great addition to Motif and everyone that contributes towards this venue is a part of that success.

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council AGM

MJMC held their AGM on Wednesday , June 18, 2008.

Elections were as follows:

President-Mary Tkach Vangsnes

Vice President-Cristina Hasapis

Secretary- Russ McKnight

Treasurer- Debbie Kreklewich

Directors: George Whyte, Anne Chambers, Carolyn Dormer, Colleen Garrioch, Yvonne Bernard, Vanessa Schnell, Karina Zelaya, Deign Salido

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Evening English Class

Mondays, Tuesdays 7:00 –9:00 PM –beginner/intermediate class
Wednesdays, Thursdays 7:00—9:00 PM intermediate/advanced class
Saturdays 1:00 –3:00 PM –drop in assistance

To be eligible for these classes you must be:

A permanent resident ,temporary worker, a nominee
or a new Canadian citizen (under 10 years)

To register for this class bring your immigration or citizenship papers, SIN card and health card to the MJMC office between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. If you cannot come during the day please call 693-4677 so special arrangements can be made.

Child care is provided free of charge.

MOTIF PICTURES



Student Section

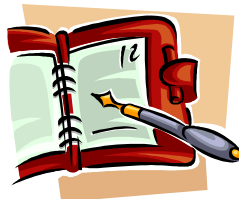
The following is a combined effort by some LINC 1 learners. They are writing about the Turning Pages Class taught by Glenda James and sponsored by Family Literacy. The learners enjoyed a six week session this summer. They benefit greatly from the opportunity and the encouragement to read with their children.

We are learning to read English with Glenda.
She brought many, many book to our class.
Glenda comes to see us every Tuesday.
We read a book with a story.
Then we make a craft.
Each student takes home five books to read to their children.
Sometimes our children read our books too.
We bring our books back to class.
Then we get a present.
Turning Pages class is good.
Thank-you for helping us read English.

SPANISH CLASSES

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council will be offering Spanish Classes instructed by Karina Zelaya, starting in Sept. 2008. Space is limited. To avoid disappointment please call 693-4677 to register early.

Upcoming Events



August 4– Civic Holiday (Office Closed)
September 1– Labour Day (Office Closed)
September 17-MJMC & Motif meetings 7:00pm
October 13– Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)
October 15– MJMC & Motif Meetings 7:00pm
November 11-Remembrance Day (Office Closed)
November 19– MJMC & Motif Meetings 7:00pm

Farewell to Employment Coordinator

In July, Cara McDavid left MJMC to further her career at Five Hills Health Region. Replacing her will be Stefanie Palmer who was one of our Settlement Workers. With her knowledge, and experience with our clientele she will no doubt thrive in this position. Congratulations Stefanie!
Stefanie's position as Settlement Worker will be filled by Ken MacTavish, who starts on September 2.

Donations

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council gratefully accepts used clothing for any age group, and also, small household items such as dishes, cutlery, small appliances, bedding, toys and books. Due to lack of storage we cannot accept large items such as beds and sofas. All items are given to newcomer families as they arrive in our community.

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