



# MOOSE JAW MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2009

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Left: Rose Thome

Right: Quilt Donated by Karen Mundt  
Shivery Snow People



Moose Jaw Multicultural Council 35th Anniversary Celebration was a great success welcoming from near and far many past members of MJMC, Board of Directors, dignitaries, and staff.

The evening consisted of the sweet sounds of Peter Allen on the piano, performances by Sijani, and recognition of the Board of Directors and Staff for their years of service and dedication. Linda Dirkson was honored by Moose Jaw Multicultural Council and the Board of Directors with an engraved clock for her 20 years of service and dedication to the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council.

Congratulations to Rose Thome winner of the quilt, "Shivery Snow People" that was graciously donated by Karen Mundt. Many thanks to Karen Mundt for your beautiful work. Congratulations to our door prize winners: Stefanie Palmer, Habibo Aden, Doug Cassidy, Bruno Kossmann, Suzanne Vance, and Maria Dolores Torres.

Thank you to our funders, volunteers and the community who helped support MJMC. Many thanks to all who joined us and to the Heritage Inn for the wonderful dinner to celebrate these great accomplishments achieved over the past 35 years.

## Turning Pages

Learning a new language can be quite a challenge, but will help people adapt to new places and also help them appreciate a new culture without language barriers. New mothers along with the daycare children



joined the LINC classes at MJMC for story time and crafts with Glenda James. Glenda reads stories and discusses the importance of reading with children of all ages. Reading is an important part of learning. Our thanks to Glenda James



(Sask. Literacy), for the use of her book collection.

## Ladies Night Memories



Ladies night at MJMC was picture perfect. Memories are a way of holding onto the things you care for. At MJMC these memories were created with the help of Joanne Ogilvie (Host Program Coordinator).

During this memorable evening photo frames were eagerly decorated. Photos taken during this fun filled time were placed inside the frames to remind us that life brings simple pleasures every day. It is up to us to make them wonderful memories.

Above: Joanne Ogilvie, Paw Say, Jemila, Pais Kee La, and Lay Nay Pow

## Youth Night

Many say life is like music and the energy it creates is where our spirit lives. The sounds of many talented youths playing guitars filled the halls with music and laughter. The promising musicians with many hidden talents attended the Host Program's Youth night to learn to express themselves through music. Large smiles shone that evening with the satisfaction of learning to play the guitar.

Thanks to John's Music and Tony Davalos the halls were filled with the sounds of inspiration and excitement. Up coming Youth Nights include designing your own t-shirts and other exciting new ideas!

If you are interested in volunteering for a Host Program event contact:  
Joanne @ 693-4677 or [joanne.ogilvie@mjmcinc.ca](mailto:joanne.ogilvie@mjmcinc.ca)

## Fire Hall Tour



LINC classes visited the North Hill Fire Hall to mark fire prevention week. The children from the daycare joined the students for a tour of the Fire Hall. Firefighter Paul and Firefighter Dustin showed each group the control room and fire truck bay.

Adults and children learned that the Moose Jaw Fire Department has two fire halls and approximately fifty seven members that provide emergency services to our city and surrounding areas. Attending to approximately 500 emergency calls a year consisting of buildings, vehicle, and other miscellaneous rescue calls. The emergency response personnel are dedicated to saving lives and protecting our property.

## Painting Poets



Children love to make and create things. Creating art is a way for children to make choices and solve problems. Every step involves making a decision. With every choice the object becomes more and more their own. This month the Daycare helped to nurture the children with creative art. Everyone had fun getting messy during experiments with paint, chalk and colors. The children had opportunities to paint and draw on various surfaces and textures. Our favorite experience was painting on tinfoil and variegated cardboard using feathers, pinecones, and leaves.

Picture Left– Indanah and Daycare Children

## TESL Canada Conference

Laura Butt and Carol Moran attended the Teachers of English as a Second Language Canada Conference in Banff, Alta. This conference provided a forum for adult educators to share experiences with other colleagues. Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada programs are the first choice for most newcomers to Canada and good language skills can open many doors. LINC helps to build strong communities and workforces. The better the communication skills, the stronger the ability to advance in opportunities.

The keynote speakers Heide Spruck Wrigley, Dr. Bonny Norton, and Lionel Laroche, Ph.D gave excellent presentations on approaching literacy through the arts, and cultural differences encountered by immigrants. Other informative sessions attended were on literacy, post-traumatic stress, reading, drama, and levels of management.

## Holiday Message

On behalf of the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Board of Directors and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone greetings for the holiday season. This year MJMC has continued to grow, expanding current programming and offering new programs to benefit newcomers in our community.

So many of us are separated from family and friends through distance or by circumstances beyond our control. The festive season is a time to appreciate those we have around us and remember why Canada is a great country to live in.

We would like to thank the funders, volunteers and the community for their support over the past year. MJMC wishes everyone a Happy New Year that will bring happiness, good health and prosperity to all.

Tara Blanchard– Executive Director

## Spanish Classes

**Moose Jaw Multicultural Council is Offering:  
Spanish Classes**

Dates: February 2– April 27, 2010

Tuesdays– 7:00-9:00 P.M.

For more Information contact: 693-4677

## Youth Mentorship

Wanted: Local adult immigrants that would like to mentor immigrant youth. For more information, contact Jenn Angus at 630-8315 or [assetcoordinator1@gmail.com](mailto:assetcoordinator1@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events 2009/2010

**December 5**– Host Christmas Party

**December 25-31**-- Office Closed

**January 1, 2010**-- Office Closed

**January 20**- MJMC/Motif Meeting 7:00 pm

**February 15**-Heritage Day– Office Closed

**February 17**-MJMC/Motif Meeting 7:00 pm

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