



# MOOSE JAW MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL

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**Motif Moose Jaw Multicultural Festival 2010**

Motif is more than just a festival ~ it is a celebration of people who are as different as the sun and the sea, but as unified as the sailor and the breeze. Motif 2010 was one of the hottest events this summer literally! Even Mother Nature complied; the sun was out shining and heating things up all weekend. Like previous years, the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Motif was a great success. Motif 2010 was like a beautiful summer day in Saskatchewan – plenty of smooth sailing. During the actual festival, well over 3000 people came through the park to enjoy the sights, sounds, and flavors of the world. Motif had eight member groups participate (Caribbean Association of Moose Jaw, International Women's Society of Moose Jaw, Irish Club of Moose Jaw, Southern Plains Métis Local 160, Moose Jaw Jamaican Association Inc., Latin American Community of Moose Jaw, Filipino Community of Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club), three returning guests groups (Peruvian Association of Calgary, Liberian Group of Moose Jaw, and Wakamow Aboriginal Community),

two new guest groups (Cambodian Group and South Africa Saskatchewan). This year was the first for the Cambodian and South African groups, but the patrons and weather gave them a warm (and busy) welcome to the park; we hope to see them back next year! It was an exciting and successful year for both the booths and entertainment.

Entertainment for Motif 2010 included Scott Benson Band, Dale (Bushy) Bush, Chung Wah Kung Fu and a special guest Prince Niah (Fire Eater and Contortionist) all the way from Jamaica. The schedule was almost completely jam packed with a huge variety of performances from fire breathing to Celtic style fiddling!

On behalf of Motif we would like to take this opportunity to thank the following businesses, organizations, and volunteers for their support. Knowing that we have friends so generous and thoughtful is a gift in itself.

- ♦ *Casino Moose Jaw*
- ♦ *Evrax Inc.*
- ♦ *Moose Jaw Toyota*
- ♦ *Sasktel*
- ♦ *Folgizan Agencies*
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- ♦ *Walmart*
- ♦ *CJ Trailers*
- ♦ *Grand Valley Press*
- ♦ *A&W*
- ♦ *Moose Jaw CO-OP*
- ♦ *Culligan Water*
- ♦ *Curves*
- ♦ *Home Building Centre*
- ♦ *Quiznos*
- ♦ *Safeway*
- ♦ *Kinsmen Sportsplex*
- ♦ *Sprintz Manufacturing*
- ♦ *Hibiscus Sun Spa & Boutique*
- ♦ *Tunnels of Moose Jaw*
- ♦ *Global Regina*
- ♦ *Golden West Radio*
- ♦ *Klassen Graphics*
- ♦ *Moose Jaw Times Herald*
- ♦ *Saskatchewan Southwest Tourism Association*
- ♦ *St. John Ambulance*
- ♦ *McCaig Electric*
- ♦ *Security Patrol and Investigations*
- ♦ *Tourism Moose Jaw*
- ♦ *Optimist Club*
- ♦ *John's Music*
- ♦ *Clark's Supply and Service*
- ♦ *C&S Builders*
- ♦ *R.W. Industrial Services Inc.*
- ♦ *Prairie Janitorial Supply*
- ♦ *Sask Arts Board*
- ♦ *Canadian Heritage*
- ♦ *Conexus Credit Union*
- ♦ *Castle Building Supplies*
- ♦ *City of Moose Jaw*
- ♦ *Sasklotteries*

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Monday—Friday  
8:30 AM—4:30 PM



Above: Host Picnic June 2010

Below: Canada Day William Grayson



Above: Marguerite Ebenga

Below: Fatuma Diriye



## Settlement/Host Program

On Saturday, June 19th MJMC held the annual Host BBQ. Approximately 75 people were in attendance. We enjoyed hot dogs and cake . Some of the children took the opportunity of the wide open space to have an enjoyable game of soccer.

On Wednesday, June 2nd MJMC held a ladies night. We learned about the history of belly dancing. Elyse Lalonde along with her belly dancing troupe “Lotus” gave an instruction to the ladies on how to belly dance. The women found this to be very amusing.



## Canada Day At William Grayson

William Grayson School invited us to be part of their school’s Canada Day Celebration. We organized, practiced and presented a mini fashion show. Students in traditional attire from their countries were introduced as they showed off their outfits. Other students translated facts

about Canada into their native languages. The William Grayson students were treated to fashions from Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, China, Burma and Ethiopia. They listened to Canadian facts in English, Mandarin, Spanish, Ogoni, Swahili, and Arabic. The Moose Jaw

Multicultural Council students enjoyed the bagpipes, Scottish dancers, Aboriginal dancers, a cowboy poet and other Canadians.



We are on the web  
www.mjmcinc.ca

### DAYCARE OPENINGS:

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council DAYCARE has openings for children ages 18 months to kindergarten. Come and enjoy culturally enriched daycare that provides a quality, child directed atmosphere. We strive to meet the needs of the “whole child”.

Contact:

Diana Brennan  
693-4677

## Immigrant Gateway

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council in partnership with Advanced Education, Employment and Labour have opened the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Newcomer Gateway as a first stop, walk-in, collaborative service centre to welcome immigrant newcomers to the Moose Jaw region. The

Gateway Centre is providing guidance and support in accessing information, resources and services, to assist in successful settlement to the region. For more information on services contact the Moose Jaw Multicultural Newcomer Gateway at:

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mjmegateway@mjmcinc.ca

Monday– Friday

8:30 AM– 4:30 PM

## The Country Club

The LINC 3 class has formed a Country Club. This has been an exercise in which the learners participated in a social club. They have taken on the roles of club president, secretary, treasurer and all our other offices required to host a

successful social event. The first event was a presentation about the country of Austria complete with music, video and most importantly— **FOOD!** The class invited all the other learners and the staff of the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council. The

students sold tickets, kept a tally sheet and everyone seemed to have a great time. The next presentation will be held Thursday, September 30, 2010 with the culture of First Nations to be presented.

## Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Summer Program

During the school year, Moose Jaw newcomers attend English classes at the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council while their children attend an ESL program at a local elementary school. However, during the summer months, the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council puts on a school-age program for immigrant and refugee children so parents can still attend classes during the summer months. This summer the program was host to approximately twenty students from various

countries including Somalia, Liberia, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Thailand. The program runs from 8:30 AM–3:30 PM, Monday to Friday. Each week of the seven week program follows a thematic learning unit and this summer the children have finished units discussing the earth, animals, family, sports, and even the human body! The units incorporate all of the language skills (reading, writing, speaking, and listening).



### Citizenship Classes

Do you need help studying the new citizenship book?



Let us help you prepare for your Canadian  
Citizenship Test

**WHEN**

- Monday: October 18th 7:00 –8:30 PM
- Monday: October 25th 7:00 –8:30 PM
- Monday: November 1st 7:00 –8:30 PM
- Monday: November 8th 7:00 –8:30 PM
- Monday: November 15th 7:00 –8:30 PM
- Monday November 22nd 7:00-8:30 PM
- Monday November 29th 7:00-8:30 PM

**WHERE**

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council

**INSTRUCTOR**

Carol Moran

**COST**

\$10.00 per person

(Class will only run with a minimum of 5 Students.)

**RESISTRATION**

Please call 693-4677 to register on or before

Thursday, October 14, 2010.

You do not require confirmation of citizenship testing to participate in the class.

(Please attend all seven sessions.)

### Citizenship Classes



Six students attended the five-class Citizenship Study Series held at The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council presented by Carol Moran from, “Just for You Tutors”. Class information was based on the new Discover Canada—Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship text. The information is more extensive and the language is at a much higher level than the old guide. Students worked together with hi-lighters, study cards, note taking sessions and practice exams. Each student left the classes with two practice exams, province and territories puzzles and a resolve to study hard until the classes are presented again starting Monday, October 18, 2010.

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council

is Offering Beginner

## SPANISH CLASSES

Starting

**Tuesday, September 14, 2010**

**6:30 PM-9:00 PM**

**For more information contact:**

**Moose Jaw Multicultural Council**

**693-4677**

**First come first serve basis!**

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For more information on our services contact us at:

306-693-4677 or

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### Upcoming Events

September 6- Office Closed

September 14- Spanish Classes Begin

September 15- MJMC/Motif Meeting 7:00 PM

September 30- Country Club Meeting- 12:00 Noon

October 11- Office Closed

October 18th - Citizenship Classes Begin 7:00 PM

October 20- MJMC Meeting/Motif Annual General Meeting 7:00 PM

November 11- Office Closed

### Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

WHMIS Classes  
September 17, 2010  
1:00-5:00 PM

For more information

Contact:

Bree Hagan

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### Sasktel Pioneers Donate Technology to Students

On Friday, July 23rd, 2010 the Sasktel Pioneers donated a digital multimedia projector, ceiling mount and accessories to the LINC 3 (Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada) Adult Learners' Class at the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council. The projector will be used extensively in

English language classes at MJMC. Information for language training can be found on the internet. There are resources such as CBC radio pod-casts, ESL-Lab.com, and literacynet.org and for late Breaking News in English, CBC, ESL, and English Zone for reading and writing.

The ability to project this information on a large screen with audio available is a great learning advantage for many of the students. Having a permanent tech-teaching aid eases the space strain the classroom. This generous donation has been advantageous for the MJMC LINC classes.



### Day Care Fun

The children are enjoying the outdoor world with the park and playground as a favourite pastime for the children to explore. With each sunny day, the children anxiously explore the world around them. They love the opportunity to get outside. The pre-school group began themes on Canada Day. They decorated Canada crafts and practiced signing O'Canada. Their art work reflected items of Canadian Nature such as Beavers, Moose, Canada Geese. The toddler group has been exploring nature by making flowers and plants. They have enjoyed playing and singing. Father's day was a focus of one week and each child went home with crafts and cards for their families. We enjoyed our last story time for the year at the public library. Nine children participated and had the opportunity to listen to stories, participate in an art and playtime. We look forward to participating with "Arwen" again next year.



Above: The Children are making Father's Day footprint cards.