

Issue 18 Summer 2014 Edition

Motif Festival 2014 Recap

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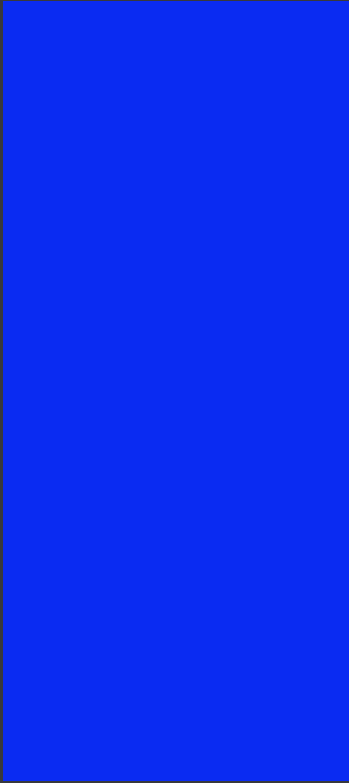


Moose Jaw Multicultural Council would like to congratulate all of the organizers, volunteers, performers and member groups on a job well done with this year's Motif Festival! 2014 marked the event's 40th Anniversary here in Moose Jaw. With the involvement of 15 cultural groups and more than 25 performance groups and artists, Motif 2014 was easily one of the festival's biggest years to date. Planning is now underway for 2015's celebrations, which will be held in Happy Valley Park next July 10-12, so keep checking back to www.mjmcinc.ca/motif over the coming months for more news. We hope that you will join us for next year's festivities!



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Performers

- A-Praize (*pictured above*)
- Anastasia
- Anna Ray
- Caribe Folk Arts Dance Troupe
- Caribe Steel Drum Band
- Chinese Yo-Yo Performers
- Chinese Community Youth Dancers & Bamboo Flute
- Desperate for Haggis
- Filipino Community of MJ Dancers
- Heather Scott
- Irish Club of Regina Dancer
- Lone Creek Dance Troupe
- Maria Pickard
- McFergus Scottish Country Dance Group
- Mother of Africa
- Prairie Gael Irish Dancers
- Regina Bhangra Dancers
- Regina Highland Dancing
- Sarah Harvey
- Saskatoon Russian Language School Dance Group
- Savannah McBean
- Sina White
- The Tilted Kilts
- Volksleiderchor Harmonie
- Ya La Habibi Belly Dancers



Cultural Groups

- A Taste of Lebanon
- Caribbean Association
- Filipino Community
- Hispanic Culture of Saskatchewan
- International Women's Society of Moose Jaw
- Liberian Community
- Mexican Community of Moose Jaw
- Moose Jaw Chinese Community
- Moose Jaw Jamaican Society
- Moose Jaw Scottish Society Inc.
- Mother of Africa
- Peruvian & Columbian Group
- Russian Association of MJ
- Tanzanian Association
- Yugoslavian Association

Staff Farewells & Welcomes



Christa Sandford is going on maternity leave so will be leaving her position as SWIS worker for Elementary Schools at the end of this month. MJMC wishes Christa and her family all the best as they prepares to welcome their third child!



Danee VanTassel, who has been filling in as an MJMC Settlement Worker for the past several months, will be taking over for Christa in the SWIS position for Elementary Schools beginning on September 4th. Danee previously served as a SWIS worker during Christa's first maternity leave in 2013 before taking over as a Settlement Worker when Haley Gordon took a leave of absence earlier this year. We are thrilled to have Danee back in the SWIS program and we are confident that she will once again serve well in the position!



Speaking of Haley Gordon, we're happy to announce that she will be returning to her post as a Settlement Worker on September 2nd. Haley has been away from the MJMC on a tremendous trip to Cuba followed by a journey through Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia. We can't wait to hear stories of her travels!

International Dinner Fundraiser

MJMC, in partnership with SaskTel Pioneers and St. Andrew's Church, will be hosting an International Dinner Fundraiser at St. Andrews on September 9.

All funds raised will be going toward the purchase of a 'My Canada' computer software upgrade that contains the study sessions for the Canadian citizenship test. This package will enable us to allow current and former students, as well as other newcomers, to access the program for their studies and to utilize practice tests.

Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$10 for children 12-years-old or under. They can be purchased from our main office in St. Andrews, from the Newcomer Welcome Center at 432 Main Street North or from any member of the SaskTel Pioneers.

Dinner begins at 5:30 PM with multicultural entertainment to follow.



Fall Citizenship Classes

MJMC is once again offering citizenship classes! They will run Monday and Wednesday evenings, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, for 4 weeks beginning on September 15th. These classes are available to all newcomers who require aid in preparing for their citizenship tests. You DO NOT require confirmation of citizenship testing to participate

If you are interested in taking the citizenship classes and you have any questions please contact MJMC at (306) 693-4677 to register. Our office hours at 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Payment of \$10 for the course will be due on the first day of classes, Sept 15.



MJMC at Sidewalk Days

Staff was out in front of the Newcomer Welcome Center (NWC) for Sidewalk Days over the weekend of July 3-5. Visitors to the booth were able to learn about what we do while engaging in fun activities such as spinning a wheel to win prizes and sitting down to getting a beautiful Henna tattoo done.

With so many excellent events happening around Moose Jaw all summer long, we're always thrilled when we have the opportunity to get out into the community more!



New Signage at the NWC



Speaking of the NWC, if you have ever had trouble finding the office, worry no more! The building now has a brand new sign, funded by the Government of Saskatchewan. The NWC is located at 432 Main Street North, next to the empty lot where Overseas Restaurant used to be. Feel free to drop in at any time!

The NWC has space available for group meetings, seminars and presentations. To book this space, or for any questions, call 306-692-6892.

MJMC Picks it Up!



On May 15, students, staff, volunteers and clients of MJMC and NWC got their hands dirty cleaning up Moose Jaw's downtown business sector. It was all part of a month long, citywide campaign called 2014 Pick It Up!, which encouraged local businesses to do their part in keeping the friendly city clean for locals and tourists. Pick It Up Month is part of the citizen's movement Beautiful Moose Jaw. The group began two years ago and advocates for Moose Javians to be more mindful of their littering habits and to take pride in the community by working together to keep it tidy. Thanks to a donation of gloves from Roter-Rooter in town, MJMC was able to hit the streets to do our part!

Summer Program Ends



MJMC's summer program wrapped up this past Friday, August 22 with a pizza lunch. Thanks to funding from the Student Summer Works Program, Community Initiatives Fund and Moffat Family Fund, 20 children were able to spend their summer months developing friendships, exploring the Moose Jaw Public Library, engaging in arts and crafts, as well as visiting a variety of recreational centers and public parks around the city.

The kids were also introduced to a number of sports that are offered through local elementary schools in an effort to raise their interest in these activities and to prepare them for tryouts should they wish to get involved during the school year.

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

September 1: Labour Day; MJMC & NWC CLOSED

September 9: International Dinner @ St. Andrew's Church

September 15: Citizenship Classes Begin

September 15: MJMC and NWC Office Hours Extend to 4:30 PM

September 22: Autumnal Equinox; First Day of the Fall Season

October 8: Citizenship Classes End

October 13: Thanksgiving; MJMC & NWC CLOSED

October 31: Halloween

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