

# Raising a Healthy Museum

AMM Conference and AGM, September 23 and 24, 2011

CFB Shilo and Brandon

## Meet & Greet - Thursday, Sept. 22

A great way to break the ice is to attend the Meet & Greet the evening before the conference begins. Come join us on **Thursday, September 22** from 7 to 9 PM at the Brandon Museum & Archives (19 9th Street) to visit with old friends and make new ones.

## The Sessions - Friday, Sept. 23

**Workplace Safety & Health** - Debra Draper, Workplace Safety and Health Officer, will be sharing information on Workplace Safety and Health guidelines. She'll be covering the following topics:

*Inspections and Hazard Assessment Reporting Rights and Responsibilities*  
*Safety and Health programs and committees*  
*Investigating Serious Incidents*  
*Training and Orientations*

Debra's role as a Preventions Services Officer is to assist workplaces with S&H program development, support S&H committees, and provide training and resources in the Westman region.

**Toxic Collections** – Several experts are going to talk about specific areas of concern.

**Toxins, Arsenic, and Mould, Oh My!** - Jane Dalley, of DH Heritage Conservation Services, a professional conservator who's been a part of the AMM's Cultural Stewardship Program (CSP) since it began in 2004, will discuss moulds. How to spot it, what to do about it, and how to protect yourself from it. Another expert will discuss mounted specimens, the arsenic they could contain and the bugs that love them (*the specimens, not the expert*).

**Bing, Bang Boom!** Experts from the RCA Museum and the RCMP will discuss the proper care, handling, and storage of military and civilian firearms and munitions. (*Tip #1, don't pull any pins.*)

**Medicinal Mayhem** - Don't sniff or even open any old medicine bottles until you've heard from the experts regarding the unexpected surprises they can hold.

**Field Work** - It's all well and good to learn about toxins, moulds, and things that can go boom in the storeroom, but taking what you've learned and applying them in the real world is when you really start to learn and understand.

Conference delegates will tour four museums and assess the dangers they might face due to the artifacts they collect and how the risks to the collection and museum workers can be minimized. The places delegates will be visiting are the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba, Daly House, and the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum. The RCA Museum in Shilo will be open for visiting after the field work and before the banquet.

## The Sessions - Saturday, Sept. 24

**Water Wars** - Brian Kayes, City of Brandon Emergency Coordinator, will speak about the flood fight in Brandon. (*Win, lose or draw?*)

**Community Health Panel** - Join our panel of community health professional and museum workers as they discuss how museums can be active participants in the health of their community.

**Mental Health** – Pat Bovey, Project Director of the Buhler Gallery and former Executive Director of the Winnipeg Art Gallery, will talk about how the gallery contributes to the health of its visitors. The Vision of the Buhler Gallery is to be an oasis of contemplation, healing and rejuvenation.

**AGM** - The AMM's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Brandon Armoury (1116 Victoria Ave.) at 1 PM on Saturday, September 24.



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**Banquet & Auction** – Warrant Officer & Sergeant's Mess, CFB Shilo. Always a highly anticipated event is the AMM's Annual Banquet & Auction. The food is always fantastic and the fundraising auction is hilarious fun! The bidding is fast and furious as items ranging from the exquisite to the absurd go on the block. Extra tickets are available if you'd like to invite family or friends to join you. The more the merrier.

## Accommodations

**Royal Oak Inn**, 3130 Victoria Avenue, 204-728-5775: Rooms are available for \$109.99 (single) or \$119.99 (double) a night. A hot breakfast is included.

**Canad Inns**, 1125 18th Street, rooms from \$116

**Victoria Inn**, 3550 Victoria Avenue, 1.800.852.2710, rooms from \$126

Call the hotel directly to book your room.