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# AMM Messenger

*Keeping you in touch with the museum community in Manitoba*

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## AMM Membership Renewals

It's time to renew your AMM membership!

We have begun to email notices to members whose membership expired on March 31, 2020.

Included with the email are two forms; one form contains information we already have in our database and the other is a blank form where you can indicate changes we should make to your file.

When you renew your membership, please do not send us a cheque as we are not able to receive our mail at this time or make bank deposits.

[Read more...](#)

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## AMM Survey

Have you submitted the AMM Survey yet? It takes about 10 minutes and it's designed to track how COVID-19 is affecting our members. We have sent it out this month and we will be sending out a NEW survey later this summer to track changes.

Here's a link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L9Q526Y>

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## Manitoba Day

Manitoba Day is May 12 and the AMM is going to be highlighting Manitoba's day using Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and the AMM Messenger, our e-newsletter. We are also going to highlight artifacts every day in May from our online exhibit: A Museum Called Manitoba (formerly the 150 for 150 exhibit). How are you planning to recognize Manitoba's special day?

Now would a great time to get involved with social media, if you aren't already. If you find this task daunting, ask a student to help you! They tend to know all the ins and outs and many like to show off their skills.

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## International Museum Day

International Museum Day is a day held annually internationally on or around May 18, coordinated by the

International Council of Museums. The event highlights a specific theme which changes every year to reflect the basis of the international museum community's preoccupations.

The theme this year is *Museums for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion*.

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## Village News

By Gary Dyck

(April 9, 2020)

As it appeared in The Clarion

Write it Down! – Part Two of a Series on Recording Your Family History

How does it feel to be in the middle of something historic? I feel that this is the week that we settle more into the pandemic norm. Like a child halfway up the hill, realizing that this was harder than she thought, catching her breath, drinking some water and then saying 'ok I can keep going.' May we soon see the peak, but know there is still more to be done.

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## CMA Museum Community Survey

A letter from Dr. Vanda Vitali, Ph.D.

Executive Director and CEO

Canadian Museums Association

"Dear valued museum community member,

"Since I have taken the helm of the Canadian Museums Association (CMA) in 2019, I have been actively listening to our stakeholders. This is a very important and ongoing process. The CMA has now embarked on a process to develop a three-year strategic plan and we want you to be part of it. To support the development of this plan, along with other community engagement activities, we are conducting a survey of museum professionals — CMA members and non-members — from across Canada." [Read more...](#)

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## Conservator Hack: Update on 2020 Spring Flood Potential

Jane Dalley, CSP Conservator

Although the March flood forecast called for a moderate risk of flooding, that could change at any time according to the weather, not only here in Manitoba but also in Saskatchewan and North Dakota. So far, the below-seasonal temperatures we have been experiencing have resulted in a slow thaw of accumulated ice and snow, allowing it to evaporate or be absorbed by the ground. This is better than a fast melt that can result in spring run-off, augmenting water levels in the rivers and lakes and increasing the risk of flooding.

Ice jams on the Red River caused flooding south of Selkirk last week. The Red River Floodway gates have been opened.

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## \$500M in Emergency Support

Museums are among the organizations expected to benefit from new emergency funding announced today (April 17) by the Government of Canada. We learned today (April 17) that \$500 million in targeted funding will help support organizations in the cultural, heritage and sports sectors in response to the impact of COVID-19.

During a roundtable yesterday (April 16, 2020) organized by the CMA, the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Canadian Heritage, hinted that more sector-specific support would be announced soon.

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## Senator Pat Bovey

A letter on The Arts and COVID-19

"Dear Friends and Colleagues,

"I write once more with further updates regarding the emergency benefits for artists and arts groups during this COVID-19 pandemic. Again, I thank so many of you for the insights and candour you have given me in our conversations and emails as you illuminate your concerns, issues, realities and creative initiatives. The survey results I am receiving from various arts disciplines are very helpful and enlightening. As the Prime Minister said this morning, artists and the arts "reflect on life and they dream". Canada's artists have continued to provide inspiration, solace, diversion and meaning throughout this national and international crisis, and I applaud all."

[Read more...](#)

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## Senator Pat Bovey

A letter on The Arts and COVID-19 Update

"Dear Friends and Colleagues,

"I hope you are all faring as well as can be expected as this crisis continues. This message is a short update from this morning's announcement by the Prime Minister. One again, the need for the arts and artists by and throughout society was underlined, that need being even more important during dark times.

"\$500 million is being given to Heritage Canada to assist the arts, sport and cultural organizations which are not eligible for the initiatives announced earlier. I think this is critical support. I really hope it allows regional, rural and northern arts and heritage organizations, as well as those in our urban centres, to continue their important work of connecting audiences and communities to creative and innovative experiences.

[Read more...](#)

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## Heritage Sector Response to COVID-19:

Join the Movement

From the National Trust for Canada

While the health of Canadians and efforts to flatten the curve remain a priority, it's also essential to ensure that the people who care for historic places and work in this sector are not forgotten, and that plans for recovery investments are informed by knowledge of the powerful role heritage and historic places can play.

[Read more...](#)

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## Volunteer Week

Let's all cheer for Canada's volunteers!

[National Volunteer Week 2020](#) begins on Sunday, April 19.

The theme this year – *It's time to applaud this country's volunteers* – encourages all Canadians to loudly and proudly cheer for Canada's volunteers.

During this public health crisis, Volunteer Canada would like to shine the spotlight on those volunteering in essential services and to salute those who help by staying home to protect themselves and their communities.

[Read more...](#)

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## Museums Together

Virtual conference remarks and video available

On April 16, 2020, the Canadian Museum Association (CMA) attempted to host their first-ever virtual conference, *Museums Together*. If you joined in, you will have noticed the webcast wasn't without its technical glitches. These unfortunate technical challenges would have limited your ability to take full advantage of the great content being offered.

The CMA has posted a [video](#) so that you can access all the relevant information and content.

You are also invited to read the welcome remarks of the CMA's Executive Director, [Dr. Vanda Vitali](#), as well as the engaging keynote presentation of [Prof. Jack Lohman](#), President of the Board of the CMA and of course the remarks of the honourable [Steven Guilbeault](#), Minister of Canadian Heritage.

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## Caring for Heritage Collections

Cultural heritage institutions are coping with many challenges as the world deals with the COVID-19 pandemic. While collections are not directly at risk, the pandemic complicates their care. A new resource,

"Caring for Heritage Collections during the COVID-19 Pandemic", was developed by an ad-hoc task force at the Canadian Conservation Institute (CCI) to help staff from heritage institutions ensure that collections and heritage materials remain safe. This resource is based on the questions received from collections professionals in various countries and types of institutions.

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## ICCROM

International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) team has been working to prepare a dedicated web area that will offer resources and advice in dealing with Heritage in Times of COVID, which includes assessment forms, but also stories coming from their network about culture's role in these difficult times. ICCROM has opened up the space to others to help them share relevant information that can benefit conservation professionals and institutions in every area of the world.

Heritage in Times of COVID:

<https://www.iccrom.org/heritage-times-covid>

They have also a declaration and call to action for those in the field to come together to seek ways to use heritage as a tool of recovery and resilience, while protecting its vulnerabilities and those who represent our vast sector.

COVID-19: Call of ICCROM for Protecting Heritage:

[https://www.iccrom.org/sites/default/files/2020-04/covid19\\_call\\_of\\_iccrom\\_for\\_protecting\\_heritage\\_-eng.pdf](https://www.iccrom.org/sites/default/files/2020-04/covid19_call_of_iccrom_for_protecting_heritage_-eng.pdf)

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## When It's Over!

HR Strategies

Covid-19 has forced an unwanted time out on most businesses and organizations, while some providing essential services actually have a spike in their workload. Everyone will or is already doing things differently to adapt in both the short and longer terms. The meaning of, "business as usual", has changed. Some unfortunately will be unable to continue, while others face a challenging recovery. [Read more...](#)

Following is a list of quick links to information regarding our training and conservation programs, additional development opportunities, government grants, publications, and even job opportunities.

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## Useful Links

COVID-19

- [Information from the Province](#)
- [Information from the Federal Government](#)

150 for 150 Exhibit :

A Museum called Manitoba

An online exhibit on our website celebrating Manitoba's 150 years in and before Confederation.

Training Opportunities

- [AMM CPMP - current courses](#)
- [AMM course calendar to Sept. 2021](#)
- [Canadian Conservation Institute](#)
- [Creative Manitoba](#)
- [Manitoba Tourism Education Council \(MTEC\)](#)
- [Volunteer Manitoba](#)
- [Webinars - British Columbia Museums Association](#)

Professional Development

Bursaries/Grants:

- [CMA Bursary Program](#)
- [The Winnipeg Foundation](#)

[Member News & Events](#)

Resources:

- [Canadian Conservation Institute \(CCI\)](#)
- [Canadian Heritage Information Network \(CHIN\)](#)
- [Creative Manitoba](#)
- [Department of Canadian Heritage](#)
- [Endow Manitoba - Heritage Trust Program](#)
- [Manitoba 150](#)
- [Museum Hack](#)
- [Virtual Museum of Canada](#)
- [Volunteer Canada](#)
- [Volunteer Manitoba](#)

Cultural Stewardship Program (CSP)

- [What is it?](#)
- [Contact the Conservator](#)
- [Ask a Conservator](#)
- [Equipment loan](#)
- [Pest Management](#)
- [Conservator Hacks \(articles\)](#)

#### [AMM Awards Program](#)

Nominations may be made at anytime, but August 17, 2020 is the deadline for presentations at this year's conference.

#### [Job Opportunities](#)

#### [Publications](#)

- [AMM Pest Control Guide](#)
- [AMM Standards Guide](#)
- [Canadian Conservation Institute - Conservation and preservation publications](#)
- [Log Preparation for Building Repairs](#)
- [Nomenclature for Museum Cataloging](#)
- [Nomenclature pour le catalogage des objets de musée](#)
- [Other Peoples' Heritage](#)
- [Privacy Documentation for Museums and Archives](#)
- [The End of Our Memories \(DVD\)](#)

#### [Information on Grants](#)

#### [AMM Lending Library](#)

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