

**Dufferin Historical Museum**  
**2016 President's Report by Trish Aubin**

2016 saw another busy year at Dufferin Historical Museum with 737 visitors attending. We would like to thank the RM of Dufferin, Town of Carman, Carman Area Foundation, Manitoba Heritage and Historic Resources Branch for their ongoing financial support. This year the monies received from the Carman Area Foundation were used to purchase 2 mannequins and have a shelving unit installed in the work room.

In memory of Jean Anderson, Jean Kitching and John Calverley, long time members and volunteers of the museum, we made additional contributions to our scholarship fund. This year we offered our scholarship to graduates going into the field of education at the Carman Collegiate and the Dufferin Christian School but no applications were received.

We were able to hire Emily Wiebe for a 3<sup>rd</sup> summer. She was a great advantage once again to the museum. She created a facebook page for us which on Mondays we have an Artifact of the Week and also a "FLASHBACK FRIDAY" post. She has great insight into projects that need to be completed at the museum and a great imagination for creating different displays. This summer she took the opportunity to apply her employment at the museum to part of her University practicum program.

We have done numerous events or have taken part in events throughout the year. We had our 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas at the Museum, Nellie McClung Tea in May, Pioneer Day in June, table at the Carman Fair and Garden Tour Registration were held on the museum grounds in July, Grandparents Day celebration in September and had a table at the Wellness Fair in October. We also were part of the Passport Adventure and the Pembina Valley Challenge.

We can almost see the end of tunnel with the work being done on the Boyne School. The Grand Opening is slated for June 24, 2017.

As you all know we are a small group so a very big thank you to everyone for the many things you do throughout the year. I am very thankful for the Board that we have and how easy you are to work with. This year we had a total of 1229 recorded volunteer hours. It makes things so much easier when you have extra help whether it be for tours, volunteering for a Sunday afternoon, helping at our events, selling tickets, sitting at the various booths we set up during the year or helping out with the care and upkeep of the museum itself. I hear many positive comments about the museum and what we are doing here. I hope we are able to continue to make an impression and a contribution to our community.

It has been a very busy year and I look forward to 2017 and all the planned activities.