



## *NEW in 2016 ~ at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum!*

"Turning up the steam in 2016!" was the perfect 'tag line' for all the additional great things that happened ...

### Physical Improvements:

- ❖ Braun House restoration continues
- ❖ **NEW!** Outdoor washrooms were constructed completing a permanent, wheelchair accessible 'pottie' option on the yard for PTM visitors
- ❖ **NEW!** The Office receives a wonderful veranda on the south side with surrounding shrubs and planter gardens, offering functional protection from weather as well as further enhancing our visitors' first impression to the yard, while adding an additional shaded and inviting sitting area that compliments the ongoing Beautification Yard Program
- ❖ **NEW!** Stationary Engine Display - new, impressive display in the JD Shed
- ❖ '*Beautification Yard Program*' continues with the addition of perennials, planter gardens and more saplings that are planted to provide future shade for visitors
- ❖ **NEW!** The addition of a new picnic table location allows visitors more options to relax
- ❖ **NEW!** Highway sign just outside of Morden helps to increase awareness of PTM events
- ❖ **NEW!** Painting exceeds expectations with the Pomoroy School, Roseisle Church, storage barn and Buildings #1 + 2 overhead doors being primed and re-painted
- ❖ Signage, displays and general painting continues to 'spruce up' the museum
- ❖ Donations of unique antiques & machinery continue as well as their maintenance / restoration
- ❖ **NEW!** Work in progress on two large 'Exhibits' - coming in 2017 (in Bldg #1 + a new building)

### Events:

- ❖ PTM and 'Regional Connections', BBBS (Big Brothers Big Sisters) and Flatlands Theatre continue to partner, linking up for special events
- ❖ **NEW!** PTM partners with 'Katie's Cottage', linking up to benefit visiting patrons in need of a relaxing retreat from the hospital setting
- ❖ '*Spring Tea*' joins the PTM Volunteer Day event in May again
- ❖ **NEW!** The VHMs offer a record-breaking number of fundraising meals and are at it again ~ with 'Bake Sales' joining selected ones
- ❖ **NEW!** Fundraising meals continue to help fund the many museum projects with delicious homemade Waffle+ Breakfasts being added to the line up and dished up to eager supporters
- ❖ **NEW!** 'STAR' Events introduced ~ we think you'll agree that PTM main events are 'Star' quality and pretty amazing with all the action, activity and value they offer!
- ❖ **NEW!** Silent Auctions join our 'STAR' events allowing visitors to get in on some great prizes
- ❖ PTM 'Special Events Team' volunteers are invited back to join the City of Morden '*Winterfest*' event (Feb), Morden's Teddy Bear Picnic (Jun) and '*Wrapping Up a Morden Christmas*' event (Nov) and continue to lavish the PTM grounds during events with impressive new outfits as they help bring the PTM "alive" for visitors

- ❖ **NEW!** PTM 'Special Events Team' volunteers in heritage outfits are invited to assist "*Bella's Castle*" in Morden by joining them for their Grand Opening (Oct 1) and take part in Winkler's Culture Day at Bethel Park (Sept)
- ❖ On-site photo sessions continue to be popular with grads, weddings & families
- ❖ **NEW!** Popular '*A Day in the Life of A Pioneer*' events got even better with additional things to see & do at every event to make sure each adventure was more exciting!
- ❖ PTM joins the MB 'Open Farm Day' (provincial event) once again with '*Forge Day*' and participation continued in the 3-day 'Cultural Days' (national event)
- ❖ Corporate businesses continue to be attracted to the PTM village for their private events and the Dining Hall continues to be a popular destination with family & corporate groups
- ❖ **NEW!** Steamer 'Birthday Party' hosted in honour of the 100 year old Case Steam Tractor
- ❖ **NEW!** Steam Tractor invited to Cavalier, ND event as 'Guest of Honour' for their show
- ❖ Favourites Heritage Day (June) & Reunion Days (Sep) were joined again by '*Artist Days*'
- ❖ **NEW!** Newly donated and restored Belle City thresher participates and succeeds in helping Austin, MB Museum set a new world 'pioneer harvest' record (Jul)

### **Innovative Programs / Marketing, Non-Profit Partnerships, etc:**

- ❖ **NEW!** The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the PTM's FREE Family Activity Booklet offers a few new changes and continues to be a hit with its fun yard 'games'
- ❖ 2nd Annual '*Volunteer Banquet*' is enjoyed by 2016 volunteers in October
- ❖ **NEW!** Exciting new rate structure ~ we heard you and acted! As of 2016, not only were 'general admission' adult rates kept at \$7.50 (with our 'STAR' Event admission just \$2.50 more / adult), but we've change the 'adult' age to 16 (instead of 12) to increase your savings AND now youth (ages 9 – 15) & seniors (65+) enjoy a reduced admission rate of just \$5 (and of course, those 8 & under still get in for FREE)!
- ❖ **NEW!** '*Windchime Class*' ~ anyone can make their own pretty chime for their garden
- ❖ PTM '*Pioneer Birthday Parties*' continue to offer youngsters a special Birthday option
- ❖ Flatlands Theatre returns to join the PTM during Pioneer Days with both non-profits enjoying additional exposure and PTM visitors' benefiting as a result
- ❖ Facebook – see 'Honourable Mentions' below
- ❖ **NEW!** A '*History Walk*' joins the increasing 'line up' of interactive museum games / activities giving visitors of all ages another great way to explore all that the PTM has to offer!
- ❖ Website updates at: [www.threshermensmuseum.com](http://www.threshermensmuseum.com)

### **'Honourable Mentions':**

- ❖ Paid admissions (that is visitors specific to the museum grounds) sees a slight increase in 2016 while overall PTM visitation sees an increase to 7,747 when hall renters, photo groups, Fish Fry attendees, etc. are accounted for ~ resulting in this being the **5<sup>th</sup> record-breaking year in a row** for attendance!
- ❖ PTM facebook – sees its 393<sup>st</sup> 'Like' at: [www.facebook.com/PembinaThreshermensMuseum](http://www.facebook.com/PembinaThreshermensMuseum) as the number of PTM friends from around the world grows
- ❖ Ongoing 'thumbs up' from visitors and local dignitaries

As you can see there's LOTS of reasons to join us, so stop in for a visit  
**... you'll be amazed!**

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*~ So Much to See & Do ... When you Visit the PTM! ~*