



Saskatoon Heritage Society *Heritage Alert*

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SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS!

PRESIDENT'S LEVEE

Please join us for our 10th President's Levee,
our traditional New Year's gathering.

Architect, **Andrew Wallace**, from the
University of Saskatchewan, will be our
guest speaker for the afternoon.

Everyone is welcome.

Sunday January 3 2010, 2-4pm

Marr Residence, 326 11th Street East

Further details are on the enclosed flyer.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

Guest speaker: **Laurie Robson**, Economic Development
Officer for Carberry, Manitoba, who will speak on
“**Creating a Sense of Place: Carberry's Story**”
This will be an unique opportunity to see how one western
Canadian town has capitalized upon its built heritage.

Friday, February 26 2010, 7:00pm

William Pascoe Room, Delta Bessborough Hotel

Tickets: \$60.00 (Partial tax receipt issued)

Further details in our upcoming flyer

On the following **Saturday, February 27th, 10am – Noon**, Laurie
will be running a complimentary workshop on “**Heritage Districts
and their Potential in Sustainable Community Planning**”.

To register, please contact Lenore at 222-8481 or lswystun@sasktel.net

OTHER HERITAGE EVENTS

Please mark your calendars for the following events. More details will follow in the New Year.

Heritage Festival

Sunday February 7th 2010. Noon – 5:00pm
Western Development Museum

Heritage Awards

Monday February 8th 2010

Heritage Saskatchewan AGM and Forum

February 19th and 20th 2010

Delta Bessborough Hotel

This heritage forum is being organized by Heritage Saskatchewan the new provincial umbrella heritage organization.

www.heritagesask.ca

Banquet with keynote speaker, Arthur Black,

Friday February 19th, 2010. 6:30pm

Heritage Forum

Saturday February 20th, 2010. 7:30am-5:00pm

The Marr Residence

Watch the Sunday Sun for our signature scroll announcing Winter Programs at the historic Marr Residence.

HERITAGE ISSUES

Foundations of Clinkskill Residence

The following is the text of a recent letter that the Heritage Society sent to the Board of Meewasin with a copy to the City of Saskatoon:

Dear Meewasin Valley Board Members:

During discussions surrounding the fate of the Gathercole Centre, the Saskatoon Heritage Society was consistent in its call

for recognition, retention and interpretation of the historical foundations of former Mayor Clinkskill's residence, located in what has become known as Parcel Y within the South Downtown development.

This is a major historical site for the City of Saskatoon, it being the site of the residence of the City's first mayor. To quote from our letter to the Meewasin Board on 2nd September 2004:

[Of] major concern is the site of Mayor Clinkskill's residence. James Clinkskill was the first mayor of the newly incorporated City of Saskatoon. His residence was built alongside Spadina Crescent in 1904. It remained in front of the east façade of the Gathercole Building until 1960, when it was demolished. During its later years the building served as the Officers' Mess for the Armouries.

The MVA identified this as an important archaeological site during its early studies of this area.

As discussions continue surrounding development on Parcel Y, we feel that this is an optimum time to reconsider this issue. We believe that any new development for the site provides several opportunities for retention and interpretation of the foundation of the residence. In our previous letter, we had suggested that, if a hotel were to be built on the site, various options could be considered, such as:

- Landscaping in the form of a courtyard, patio, or sunken garden to recognize the site;
- An interior area – within a hotel lobby for example- to mark the foundations;
- The exposure of the foundation walls beneath a glass floor, as has been successfully done in Europe.

We recommend that you re-open a discussion on the Clinkskill site and encourage retention of this historical asset. We feel that the presence of the Clinkskill site is a positive place-making asset; something that brings further animation and cultural tourism value to the River Landing site.

We welcome the opportunity to be part of any community consultation process that includes opportunity for discussion of the historical Clinkskill foundations and other related heritage issues for the site.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lenore Swystun, President

On behalf of the Saskatoon Heritage Society

The Marr Residence

The Marr Residence, Saskatoon's oldest house, is hoping to apply for a national historic site designation if city council approves a city administration recommendation.

If the heritage application is approved by Parks Canada, the Marr Residence would become the sixth national historic site in Saskatoon.

IN MEMORIAM

Reverend James L. Osborne (1933- Dec. 2009)

We were saddened to learn of the recent death of Jim Osborne. Jim attended many of our meetings and was particularly enthusiastic in his promotion of our Broadway walking tours. He was a dedicated tour leader and his personal stories added greatly to the interest of the tour.

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Board meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month at 5:30pm., usually at the Meewasin Valley Centre. **All members welcome.** Contact Lenore (653-2385) or Peggy (652-9801) to confirm