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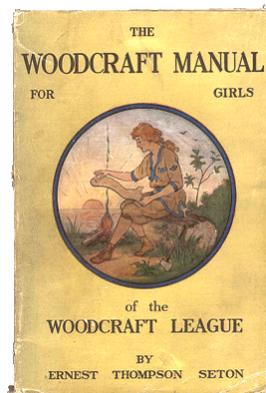
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2006 SUMMER DISPLAY: WOODCRAFT

When hearing the word, woodcraft, some may think of actually working with wood like carving or building different things. This is incorrect because Woodcraft is a forerunner of the Boy Scouts. It was started by Ernest Thompson Seton himself, but then was adopted to the Boy Scouts by Lord Baden Powell.

So, what is Woodcraft? It is an appreciation for the natural world. It is an understanding of our peace in nature. It is beauty, truth, fortitude, and love. It is life-long. To go along with these are the laws of woodcraft: Beauty: BE CLEAN; both yourself and the place you live in. UNDERSTAND and RESPECT YOUR BODY. It is the Temple of the Spirit. BE FRIEND TO ALL HARMLESS WILD LIFE. Conserve the Woods and Flowers and especially be ready to fight Wild-fire in Forest or in Town.

Truth: WORD OF HONOR IS SACRED. PLAY FAIR, foul play is Treachery. BE REVERENT. Worship the Great Spirit and respect all worship of Him by



others. Fortitude: BE BRAVE. Courage is the Noblest of all attainments. BE SILENT while your elders are speaking and otherwise show them deference. OBEY. Obedience is the first duty of the Woodcrafter. Love: BE KIND. Do at least one act of unbargaining service each day. BE HELPFUL. Do your share of the work. BE JOYFUL. Seek the Joy of Being Alive.

Seton was very involved in Woodcraft, he wrote many books and manuals about woodcraft to help boys and

girls become excellent Woodcrafters. There were also many Indian signals that were used in Woodcraft. No one knew but the woodcrafters, for example, where a secret meeting was being held. Specific signs and signals were used to learn the needed information.

NEW LIGHTING FOR THE SETON CENTER

The electricians have completed the project! Our plans to improve the lighting at The Seton Center are now a reality. Thanks to a generous grant from the Carberry and Area Community Foundation. Our collection is being lit by new fluorescent lights and three short incandescent track lights.

On a practical note, we specified dimmer switches for the

track lighting to allow the adjustment of the amount and duration of lighting. We were advised by staff of the Association of Manitoba Museums to avoid halogen bulbs as they tend to get extremely hot and are more expensive than regular incandescent bulbs. In addition to the new track lighting, we upgraded the fluorescent lighting. Our electricians took

extra effort to pull the electrical wires through the attic space to avoid visible surface mounting on the walls and ceiling. We are very pleased with the overall improvement of the Center's lighting.

Cheryl Orr
Chairperson, The Seton Center

TRIP TO SPRUCEWOODS COLLABORATION WITH CARBERRY REC.

On Thursday August 24th the Seton Center and the Carberry Rec collaborated on a final kids day for a trip to Sprucewoods Park. We had a great turnout. There was a limit of 8 kids. The cost was \$12 per child, this was to cover the cost of the covered wagon ride, mini-golf and an ice cream snack.

We got the day started with a covered wagon ride lasting 1 1/2 hours. Our wagon was pulled by two big Belgian horses. Our tour guide was a very informative man who told us what poison ivy was and how you react to it (which is always a good thing to know!).

He showed us some wild plants that the First Nations people use to cure illnesses and also told us about the different animals that live in the Sandhills. Along the ride we stopped for two 15 min breaks. One was at a part of the Sandhills and the other was at the Devil's Punch Bowl.

When our wagon ride was completed we all headed over to the park for lunch and some mini-golf. Our mini-golf lasted around 30- 45 mins and then when everyone was finished we headed over to the beach to do some swimming. We swam and played on the beach until around

2:30- 2:45. Then we traveled back to the Seton Center for an ice cream snack while the kids waited for their parents to come and pick them up.

All together the day was great, the weather was perfect and the kids were really good too. Next year we are hoping to make another trip to Sprucewoods, so see you



KIDS DAY ACTIVITIES

Once again this year the Seton Center has offered Kids Day Activities throughout the summer. Our first kids day was on July 20th and continued every Thursday afternoon up until Thursday August 24th. This year the age limit was 6yrs- 12yrs and the cost was \$2 per child. This covered the cost of the supplies

and snacks.



Some of the activities from this year included making Indian headdresses, nature masks, participating in a presentation on the endangered hog nosed snake at the

library and building log cabins out of popsicle sticks. For the most part we usually had a good turnout to all of the kids days.

Hopefully next year will be just as good as this year with all of the participation. Hope to see you kids back again next year!

"...participating in a presentation on the endangered hog nosed snake..."

THE SETON CENTER AND OUR LOCAL HERITAGE

The proposed Carberry Main Street Heritage Conservation District (CMSHCD) proposal is designed to maintain and enhance the unique heritage character of the downtown of Carberry. The Seton Center dearly wishes to be part of this initiative.

The Seton Center has been placed onto the Canadian Register of Historic Places. Our building, known as the A.E. Gardiner Building, was com-

pleted in c.a. 1915 and is located on Main Street in Carberry. It is a fine example of concrete block construction, a method popular in Manitoba up to World War 1. The boomtown style front is consistent with buildings of this era. Having a single door and a wide display-style opening on the other side, all sit flush with the sidewalk, demarks the building as a typical small commercial structure of the pre-war period.

Next year, we hope that the steps that need to be taken are taken, as we hope to make changes to the exterior of The Seton Center to make it more closely approximate its original structure and appearance. Our board members have attended several public meetings held by Wins Bridgeman of Bridgeman Collaborative Architecture. We expect that more planning will take place over the next few months.

JAPANESE FILM CREW VISITS CARBERRY

Earlier this year our board of directors were informed that a Japanese film crew from Vancouver would be coming to Carberry. They are making a documentary movie on some of Ernest Thompson Seton's stories. They will be filming in Toronto, Ontario as well as here in Carberry, for their third episode Two Little Savages.

On July 25 the director of the documentary and the leader of the project visited Carberry to scope out some places to do the actual filming. The first day they were here they were taken around Carberry to some places Seton had visited during his stay in Carberry. Later in the after-

noon they were brought to the Seton Center where they looked around, got some information on Seton. They also discussed what they would be doing with Peggy McPherson (treasurer) and Cheryl Orr (chairperson). As well, Gerry Oliver, who was very involved at the Seton Center in its development showed Akiko and Takashi some good Carberry hospitality and helped them find useful data for the documentary.

On July 26 the director and leader of the project went to meet Errol Bredin who was very informative, giving them lots of Seton info and also taking them to other places where Seton had been.

Akiko and Takashi also spent some time with Dr. Art Blue who made arrangement for them to meet some Manitoba Cree persons. They were successful in meeting with the Cree persons and having some helpful discussions.

After a very informative couple of days the two returned to Vancouver, BC but will be returning to Carberry in September to do some of the actual filming. Make sure you look out for the film crew in September, because you never know, you could end up being famous!



THE SETON CENTER GOES TO THE HARVEST OF HOBBIES

The Harvest of Hobbies was held on Saturday August 26th at the Carberry Rink. This year, for the first time, the Seton Center joined in on all of the fun.

Our table was set up directly across from the booth, between the United Church table and the Carberry 125th Anniversary table. Our table

had an assortment of items for sale such as fudge, books, and t-shirts. We also had some Seton Center brochures and some informational Seton flyers. We had set up a display of the limited edition prints and also had a draw for the "Lobo" print. Congratulations to Shirley Harkness, the winner of our draw!

We would like to extend a big thank you to all of the board members who made fudge for us to sell. Also thank you to all who came out and viewed our display. We hope to be back at the Harvest of Hobbies again.

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DONATIONS TO THE SETON CENTER

In October of 2005 the Seton Center received a donation of about 23 books from Barbara Knapp of Victoria BC. She donated these books in accordance with her sister the late Alma Helen (Carmichael) McIntyre. These books were then accessioned and put into the bookshelves along with the other already accessioned books.

A recent purchase which has helped the Seton Center is the new bookshelf. Even though we have two bookshelves already we really needed another one. The newly accessioned books had no where to go and were just kind of sitting in their boxes. Once the bookshelf was all put together we took all of the books and organized them according to their numbers and got the new ones put

away as well.

We are pleased to note that we are finally completely up to date in accessioning all of the books donated to the Center!



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KUDOS WITH OUR COMMUNITY MUSEUM OPERATING GRANT

The Seton Center's ability to open to the public for the summer season each year depends largely on the grants that we receive from several sources. One of these is our annual operating grant from Manitoba Culture Heritage and Tourism. We received our grant recently and along with it a nice compliment.

Chris Moore of the Brandon office of Culture Heritage and Tourism complimented us on some of last years undertakings. To quote, she had said "Your brochure is excellent— informative and attractive!" The brochure for The Seton Center was developed early in the summer of 2005 by our interpreters, Gayle Graham and Colton Frank. Colton has returned to The Seton Center again this summer. He is turning his attention to incorporating the brochure format into part of a Seton Center link to the Town of Carberry website. More on this to come later.

Cheryl Orr
Chairperson, The Seton Center

BILL TAYLOR: A GENEROUS GIFTING

This summer The Seton Center received a very generous gift from William (Bill) Taylor of Santa Rosa, California. He had visited the Seton Center twice this past year and then on his trip in June 2006 he brought with him part of his fairly large collection of books by Seton.

On his visits and conversations over the phone, with our board members, he spoke of his interest in the works of Ernest Thompson Seton, his visits to the Seton Memorial Library in Cimarron, New Mexico and of his visits to the Seton Castle also in New Mexico. On Bill's trip to Carberry in September 2005 he visited the Seton Center and also spent some time in Sprucewoods Park exploring the place that Seton had spent lots of his time while he was in Carberry.

June 2006 is when The Seton Center received Bill

Taylor's generous gift. He had come to visit The Seton Center but brought with him some of his large Seton collection. He had casually shown some of the board members these artifacts from his collection pointing out some details that made some books stand out among the others. Some of these details included the condition of the books, the edition (in some instances the 1st!), and in one of the volumes there was Ernest Thompson Seton's signature! After showing these books Bill had quietly and modestly suggested that The Seton Center would be the best home for them.

So, one of the activities at The Seton Center this summer has been to accession these books into our collection. Thank you Bill Taylor for this most generous gift.