

Happenings

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Children's Program

Over the summer we were happy to welcome 170 children to our children's program, held twice a day Tuesday through Friday. During the 7 weeks we ran the programs, we had local children and some from out of town, even as far away as Minnedosa! We also had the Carberry Child-care Co-Op join us Wednesday mornings.

We did a number of different crafts, which included sea shell sea-scapes, rock paintings, pinecone owls, sock puppets, and nature-themed bookmarks; which included pressed wildflowers.

The children joined us for a variety of games and activities such as scavenger hunts, nature-related BINGO, and fact hunts. A new addition to our program was a stuffed friend, "Lobo The Wolf". Lobo was hidden in a new location each day around the museum for the children to discover.

On August 14th, we recognized Seton's birthday with a small party, where the children got to play a few games, make cards, learn about his life and work in the Carberry area, and decorate cupcakes.



R.J. Waugh Visitors

The Seton Centre was pleased to welcome visitors from R J Waugh School in June. The two grade 1 and 2 classes visited us for a tour of our museum and for a nature art session. Upon arrival the classes were split into two groups. One group viewed the artifacts, learned a bit about E.T. Seton, checked out our microscope station, had a picture taken with our juvenile timber wolf and played a guessing game. The other group did a clay animal craft. A big thank you to Nova Cassan, who joined us again this year to facilitate the craft session. The groups then switched so all had a chance to take part in both activities. The students enjoyed their visit, and we loved having them and sharing some information about Seton and his connection to Carberry.



We have a virtual tour option!

For a virtual tour of the Seton Centre, visit communitystories.ca and search 'The Seton Centre'. There, you will find information on Seton's life, as well as many of his drawings and images of him and his family.



Donations

A big thank you to Manitoba Starch for a substantial financial donation. They also donated a new water pump for the building. Thank you for this generous and much needed contribution to our museum.

We also received two additions to our taxidermy collection, donated by Terry McMillan; a fisher and an American Kestrel. Thank you Terry for adding to our collection.



Monty the Rock Snake

A new addition for our walkway to the Little Seton Park is "Monty" the Rock Snake. Over the summer, children creatively painted a rock to add to Monty's growing body. We requested name suggestions on our Facebook page and from visitors, with Monty being the most popular.



Canada Helps

The Seton Centre is registered under the Canada Helps charitable donation organization. If you would like to donate online go to: www.canadahelps.org and search "The Seton Centre". We appreciate all donations, thank you for supporting us over the years!



For Sale

T-Shirts: We still have our two classic designs, featuring the Seton Wolf and 'Save Our Skinks' for sale in limited inventory (\$12 each). New versions of the Seton Wolf shirt are now available for \$20. These new shirts are available in adult small, medium, and large, in 4 new colours.



Books: We have a variety of books for sale, including books authored by Seton, and various nature-related publications.

Prints: We have Seton prints available for purchase. They are \$5 per print or \$20 for a full set of 5; including:

- 'The Sandhill Stag'
- 'Buffalo'
- 'Krag' (Kootenay Ram)
- 'Lobo' (Wolf)
- 'Monarch' (Bear)

Carberry Homecoming

The Seton Centre was happy to be involved with the Homecoming Festivities again this year. We received many visitors over the course of the day. We hosted a scavenger hunt to have the children more critically examine the contents of the museum. Participants learned facts about Seton and our displays, receiving a treat for taking part.

Fundraising

A bake table and rummage sale table were set up in front of the museum for Carberry's Town Wide Garage Sale on June 15. The bake table is always popular, and we sold most of our items again this year. There was a good turn out and many of our donated items sold, anything left at the end was donated to the Thrift Store in Carberry.

We held a 50/50 draw this year, the winner will be drawn in September.

Collaboration with the Carberry Arts Council

We collaborated with the Carberry Plains Arts Council for a bracelet-making session. The children learned how to create bracelets with beads and braided thread. There were also stations for coloring and a game.

Contest

We held a contest on our Facebook page (Seton Centre) in which the public was invited to like and share a post made on August 2nd. The contest ended on August 14th. Reagan Dyck won the draw, winning a free T-shirt of her choosing.

Congratulations Reagan!

New Board Member

Hi! I am Jenna Chandler, the newest Seton Centre board member. Born and raised in the Carberry area I now reside north east of Carberry with my husband and two daughters ages 12 and 8. I work as a nurse in the community and on my off days I'm found spending time with my family, hiking, foraging, snowshoeing, camping, and gardening. I am proud to be a member of the Seton Centre. It provides a resource of nature based knowledge to community members and community visitors. I am especially fond of the summer children's programs that we provide, incorporating nature, art, fun, and learning.



**Check out
our website!**

You can find us at
www.thesetoncentre.ca,
where we post schedules,
items for sale, and other
information about the
Centre!



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2024 Interpreters

This year, two new Summer Students were hired for the Seton Centre; Sienna Carritt and Ryan McCallum.

Sienna Carritt graduated from CCI in 2020 and is currently attending U of M where she will complete her BA (Majoring in Psychology) next June. Later, she plans to apply to the Bachelor of Education program at Brandon University with hopes of becoming a teacher one day. She is a lover of animals and nature and is enjoying sharing this through crafts and activities with the children visiting the museum.

Ryan is a 17 year old high schooler at Carberry Collegiate, and primarily enjoys writing, reading, playing games, and cooking. He also has both his babysitting license and his Novice RPAS License, striving to learn and achieve constantly. He has enjoyed nature his entire life and was thrilled to be able to work at The Seton Centre.



Quotes

Trail of an Artist-Naturalist is the title of Seton's autobiography, and it provides great insight into his life. I find that a passage on page 15 really sums it up quite well— "But at the desk behind the standing line of readers was I—the only one of the crowd who seemed to feel it—with tears in my eyes and with a choking sorrow in my throat over the fate of the noble old mother bear." Seton is describing some of his earlier memories attending school as a boy; in which his class was reading a book where an old polar bear mother sacrifices herself attempting to protect her cubs. This quote tells us just about all we need to know about what kind of a person he was. We see him show a great deal of empathy and compassion, qualities that shine through in every aspect of Seton's life.

-Ryan

In the introduction to *Wild Animals I Have Known*, Seton writes "We and the beasts are kin. Man has nothing that the animals have not at least a vestige of, the animals have nothing that man does not in some degree share. Since, then, the animals are creatures with wants and feelings differing in degree only from our own, they surely have their rights." From his words, it is clear that Seton felt an affinity for animals and thought they are more alike us than we may initially assume. He personified animals and highlighted the fact that we, too, are animals, and thus possess many of the same attributes as wild creatures. We also can see that Seton was someone who cared strongly about animal welfare and believed they deserved to have their own rights respected by humans, as we are still related to one another.

-Sienna