

# Friends of the Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan 2021 Annual Report

NOTE: all e-mail and web addresses are active hyper-links

## Archives Week 2021

During this special celebration, the Archives announced several initiatives, available on-line and at its new location in Regina.

The Archives invited the public to ‘tour’ the Permanent Collection through a video exploration of research spaces and storage areas, available on the Archives website.

Archivists added additional content on YouTube, including one-of-a-kind historic films, as well as interviews from a Heritage Saskatchewan Living Heritage video project entitled ‘COVID-19 Culture’.

The Archives also launched an in-person and virtual display on ‘Winter Sports in Saskatchewan’ during the week. The in-person display is located at the Archives Gallery at the Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan, 2440 Broad Street, Regina.

The virtual exhibit can be seen at  
< <https://saskarchives.com/collections/exhibits/winter-sports> >

## Early Saskatchewan Sports



## Archives Video

This video shows an overview of the new Archives Facilities in Regina

<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbyC6lxdWEI>>

## COVID-19

The covid pandemic limited access to the Archives. During 2021 the restrictions required prior bookings and health safety protocols for those requesting access.

## FOPASK

The continued use of FOSA will still be used in a couple of applications. In particular the FOSA e-mail address [fosa.regina@gmail.com](mailto:fosa.regina@gmail.com) will continue until a new one is in service.

We will notify you when the change is completed.

## FOPASK Membership

Membership has steadily increased from 409 to the current 439.

## Administration

Structure – The informal organizational structure for the Friends appears to be working well and will continue as such for the foreseeable future. Bill Armstrong, corresponding under the pseudonym of “Interim Gopher” remained the de-facto Chair of the Friends of the PAS.

Friends Meetings – The COVID pandemic has required our regular in person meetings during 2021 to be held online via WEBEX conferencing with the Archives staff. Both groups miss the in person meetings.

Friends Website – Information relating to Friends’ activities can be found on the Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan website. On the Home page, click on: “About the Archives”, then select: “Friends of the Provincial Archives”, or click directly on the following link:

< <https://saskarchives.com/about-archives/friends-archives>>

## Achievements

The following activities were undertaken in 2021

## Correspondence

Bill Armstrong, the Gopher, has had an extremely busy year corresponding with members and responding to public inquiries. Approximately 100 e-mails found their way into e-mail IN BOXES. Some of the topics that the Friends were asked to consider or to provide some insight on consisted of requests and responses to e-mails in 2021.

### *Special Notice:*

FOPASK will miss the prolific support of Murray Galbraith who passed away on September 1, 1921  
Obit: <[www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/timescolonist/name/murray-galbraith-obituary?pid=200037810](http://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/timescolonist/name/murray-galbraith-obituary?pid=200037810)>

Here is short sampling of the topics covered in 2021.

- Royal Visit 1939
- British Home Children
- Royal Flying Corps 1918
- Spanish Flu
- stories of people with a connection to Sask
- Saskatchewan Provincial Police
- Saskatchewan Folklore
- the Chautauqua phenomenon in the 1920's

A great heap of thanks goes out to the Gopher for his ongoing diligent efforts in maintaining an outstanding mound of work

A sample of photos related to correspondence



## Volunteer Work

Lynn McCaslin, who has volunteered countless hours to the photo project, identified some hiccups in the work flow while giving the new photo database software a test drive. Eliminating the rough patches will make it easier to train the band of volunteers itching to return to the photo files at some point. Lynn still managed to sort through approximately 900 sleeves of photos during this trial period.

## Archives News Late 2020

At the fall FOPAS on-line meeting Linda B. McIntyre mentioned that she was retiring from her position.

The job was much bigger than just attending meetings with the Friends organization, but all members appreciate the time and effort she put into nurturing the group.

In particular providing answers to some of the gopher's questions, so that additional information could be passed on to the group.

All the members present wished the best on her retirement. Bill said to Linda - "You are about to discover that it is possible to be busier in retirement than you were while working."

At the November 2021 FOPAS meeting members had a chance to meet, on-line, the new Provincial Archivist Carol Radford-Grant.

She provided an overview of her background and she said she was looking forward to her work as well as becoming settled in Regina.

A Leader Post (QC) article printed a story of Carol.

To find the article <[www.leaderpost.com](http://www.leaderpost.com)> and then put Radford-Grant in the search box