



Abernethy Nature Museum worth a visit

Come and visit our museum and see

over 300 specimens of birds and animals.

The museum has an albino skunk, a newborn fawn, prairie dogs, burrowing owl and a lynx to name a few. We also have a video of Ralph Stueck and Johnathon his talking goose.

Experience turning the milk separator and working the butter churn. Each year the museum features three new on-loan displays on various themes.

The Len Thompson fish bait display traces the development of his famous fishing lures which had their beginnings in a small factory in Abernethy. In 1932 Len began producing fishing spoons in a shed on his parents' farm. In 1944 he had a manually run press that could cut 400 spoons per hour. In 1945 he moved his business into Abernethy and then in 1958 he moved to Lacombe, Alta. By 1976 he had a staff of 15 and produced 1.2 million lures a year.

Visit our early 1900s one-room country school. Sit in the old double desk and relive the past.

Some of the prominent citizens of the area displayed in the

museum are the Hon. W.R. Motherwell, Ralph Stueck, Mac Runciman and John Peters.

Voluntary donations are appreciated. The museum has washroom facilities, is air conditioned and is wheelchair accessible.

It's open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day from May 1 to Aug. 31 or by appointment any other times call 333-2007, 333-2102, 333-2039, 333-2125 or 333-2113. A message can also be left at the museum at 333-2202.



Enjoy a step back in time at the Motherwell

Hello folks:

A new season is upon us and we are excited to begin! Just like the farmers of today, I imagine W.R. Motherwell and his hired men getting "antsy" for the fields to dry up enough to get the teams ready for ploughing!

For those of you reading this missive and who have never been to this historic site, you are certainly welcome to discover this beautiful homestead. As William Richard Motherwell came from the Perth area of Ontario in 1882, his idea of a dream home reflected upon the architectural styles that were familiar to him. Thus we are proud to share with you the beautifully restored stone house of the Italianate design, built in 1897. It is fully furnished with both original artefacts, owned by the family, as well as many other items of particular interest.

This 8.3 acres site is an example of the homestead of a successful farmer/politician who was very proud of his home. The barn built in 1907 is a sight to behold! Come and visit with the hired men and girls; guides dressed in period costumes who will stop their daily chores to invite you into their world. This site is a living museum and we have examples of various livestock, with demonstration farming, using heavy horses. Our large vegetable garden is always generous.

Mr. Motherwell was recognized as an eminent Canadian for his dedication to the farmers of the prairies. He was the first Commissioner of Agriculture when Saskatchewan became a province in 1905, and later served on the federal level under Prime Minister Mackenzie King. Later in life he was known as The Grand Old Man of Canadian Agriculture. He is well known for contributing to the scientific research; instrumental in the creation of the College of Agriculture in Saskatoon, as well as his earlier accomplishments. The site commemorates the man and his many achievements, the architecture, and examples of early shelterbelts.

Our Special Events Dates are as follows:

- The site opens May 23 when you are invited to book a table for the Empire Day Tea; following with
- Canada Day, July 1;
- Equine Extravaganza July 17;

- Binding & Stooking Aug. 22;
- Fjellgaard & Friends Concert, Aug. 22;
- Threshing Day Sept. 5.
- Our last day is Sept. 7.

Besides the Special Events' Days, you are welcome to come seven days of the week from 9 am to 5 p.m.

Motherwell Homestead offers unique two-day camp experiences for children ages six to 12 years (spaces are limited). Would you like to know more? Groups are welcome as well.

If you like Canadian entertainment, Juno award winner and CCMA Hall of Famer, Gary Fjellgaard & Friends will be in concert the evening of Binding & Stooking, August 22. The Friends of Motherwell Homestead are sponsoring Gary Fjellgaard on-site at the Homestead. The Friends serve visitors delicious lunches and goodies throughout the summer. If you're lucky, there may be fresh, home-made bread the day you visit!

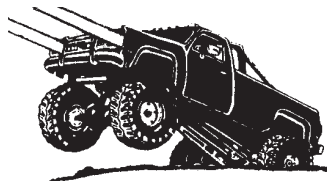
The site is located three kilometres south of Abernethy. Watch for the signs. There is free parking, a picnic area, washrooms, and motorized scooters are available upon request.

For more information about this historic site, as well as the family of parks and sites in Saskatchewan and Canada check the website at www.pc.gc.ca/motherwell or call us at (306) 333-2116.

Newcomers, welcome! To our old friends, welcome back!

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