

A large, dark brown, rusted metal train car is being lifted by a crane. The car has "CANADIAN PACIFIC" and "TREE PLANTING CAR" written on its side, along with the number "64". It is being moved from a flatbed trailer onto a set of railroad tracks. The background shows a wooded area and a cloudy sky.

# Manitoba Agricultural Museum

**2022**  
**Annual Report**



## About Us

Established in 1953, the Manitoba Agricultural Museum (MAM) is a registered charity located on 320 acres near Austin. The museum holds one of Canada's largest collections of operating vintage farm equipment and an extensive assortment of household and commercial artifacts in the ##-building Homesteaders' Village.

MAM hosts events and live programming throughout the year, including an annual signature festival, the Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion & Stampede, first held in 1954.

## Mission

MAM's mission is to immerse visitors in rural Manitoba's past, providing context to the present and future of agriculture in Manitoba, and to collect, preserve, interpret, and demonstrate Manitoba's agricultural heritage.

## Vision

MAM's vision is to enable generations of today and tomorrow to walk in the footsteps of the people who shaped agriculture in Manitoba.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



L-R: Gordon Goldsborough (secretary), Gary Davis, Angie Klym (president), Jon Whetter, Diane Rourke (treasurer), Don Wadge, Grant Cassils (vice-president), Greg McConnell. Missing: Brad Burnside, Rosana Neufeld, Darin Smith

## STAFF

Eugene Fortin, *Operations Manager* (Jan to Jul)  
Lise Mitchler, *Operations Manager* (Aug to Dec)  
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Aerial view of the museum grounds during the 66<sup>th</sup> Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion and Stampede, July 2022



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## Leadership Message

After two years of cancelled events and subdued activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2022 saw the long-awaited return of normal operations for our museum. As a heritage organization committed to preserving Manitoba's history through live in-person demonstrations, it was exciting to welcome back our visitors and volunteers.

No event exemplifies these live museum experiences better than the Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion and Stampede. In July, about 10,000 visitors attended Canada's largest farm heritage festival to experience historic rural Manitoba traditions and activities. Other regular events, such as December's Winter Wonderland, and new events like the Heartland Rodeo Association finals in September, also had strong attendance.

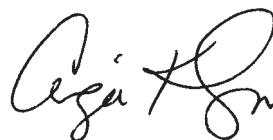
Events and activities like these cannot happen without strong community support. The heartbeat of the museum is the unwavering support of our volunteers, sponsors and donors. I am tremendously proud to be part of a community who share a collective passion to provide interactive exhibits and demonstrations. Your support ensured thousands of visitors, new and returning, enjoyed the sights and sounds of Prairie Heritage to the fullest.

As we returned to normal operations, the museum also focused on building staff capacity to support regular programming levels. We welcomed Lise Mitchler to the position of Operations Manager and Tricia Dyck as our Collections and Programming Manager. We are looking forward to working closely with Lise and Tricia and the strong leadership skills they each bring to our organization.

Like all Manitobans, the museum experienced the impact of extreme weather in 2022. June thunderstorms released record breaking rainfall—over 150 millimetres in two hours—and created unprecedented overland flooding. Many of the museum's roadways were washed out and required extensive rebuilding efforts. A new overland water management plan is being created to improve infrastructure resiliency and ensure similar weather events will not cause such damage in the future.

For the first time ever, the museum undertook an asset management study in 2022 to identify what investments are needed to ensure we continue to meet and exceed customer expectations for heritage organizations. The study found physical upgrades are required to ensure our facilities are accessible for all visitors. Work has already begun on a multi-year capital spending plan to implement these changes in a timely manner.

On behalf of MAM's board of directors, we thank everyone for their support in a year where reemergence was not only challenging but a rewarding experience. Together, we continue the vision and legacy to preserve Manitoba's agricultural heritage and look forward to creating more memorable experiences for visitors and volunteers alike in 2023!



Angie Klym  
President,  
Manitoba Agricultural Museum





## Collections & Conservation

At the centre of the Manitoba Agricultural Museum is its extensive collection of historic machinery, buildings, and household and commercial goods. These artifacts, which number in the thousands, tell the story of rural Manitoba's development from the 1860s to the 1970s.

In 2022, tens of thousands of hours and a similar amount of dollars were invested by the museum and its volunteers to preserve and maintain this vast collection. Several of these activities are highlighted below to demonstrate the breadth of the museum collection.

### Artifact Repairs

Among the highlights of repairs were these two:

**Case 65 steam engine recertification** – After a two-year pandemic caused an operational pause, the steam engine required new plumbing and replacement of six rivets. The rivet repair process took a team of 4-6 people a full day to complete.

**John Deere A** – After more than 20 years of sitting idle, this tractor was mechanically restored and all tires were replaced.

### Artifact Acquisitions

The museum strives to make its collection more representative of Manitoba's rural past. Several noteworthy additions to our collections in 2022:

**IHC 22-foot cultivator** – The cultivator was used for years at the Carberry Crop Diversification Centre and now it maintains the museum's demonstration fields.

**McLeod Harvester** – An innovative harvesting method invented in Manitoba, gathered and threshed grain in the field, leaving behind the straw, and collected chaff, grain leavings, and weed seeds for use as animal feed. This harvester was donated by Lorne Hayward.

**Co-op Implement Swather** – Manufactured in Winnipeg, Canadian Cooperative Implements Limited (CCIL) was a major Canadian farm brand. This swather spent its working life south of Austin on the Bryce Farm was donated by Connie Bryce.

**Case 700 combine** – This combine was donated by Rick Selluski.

**2N Ford tractor** – The second generation of Henry Ford's tractor using the revolutionary Ferguson three-point hitch system, 2Ns were produced from 1942 to 1947. This tractor was donated by Garnet Shearer.



Restored John Deere A Tractor



McLeod Harvester



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## Around the Grounds

### Building and Equipment Improvements

**Visitor Shuttles** – The museum’s four visitor shuttles received a fresh coat of paint as part of a multi-year plan to upgrade the fleet.

**Pioneer Centre** – This building underwent a significant renovation. The original 1960s roof was replaced with a modern roof structure and the bathrooms were upgraded.

**Food Booths** – The museum’s three booths were upgraded to meet modern public health standards. New floors were installed and the countertops were replaced with stainless steel.

### Equipment Donations

To support redevelopment of the stationary steam display, the museum received a donated 1929 Titusville Iron Works 125hp oilfield steam boiler. Weighing over 36,000 pounds, the boiler will be the largest on the museum grounds.

### MacDon Heritage Collection

The museum was pleased to enter a five-year agreement with one of Manitoba’s premiere agricultural manufacturing firms to host and display a collection of six swathers manufactured between the 1950s and 2010s.



Items in the MacDon Heritage Collection

### Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden creates a place to recognize and remember the efforts of the thousands of volunteers who have contributed to make the museum what it is today.

In 2022, these names were added to the Memorial Wall:

- Dorothy “Dot” Devrieze (1931–2021), *Austin*
- Margaret Kingdon (1933–2020), *Minnedosa*
- Hugh McKay (1936–2022), *Brandon Hills*
- Sara Oakley (1986–2021), *Hamiota*

There are now 95 members commemorated on the wall. Anyone wishing to add a person’s name may contact the museum office.

### Homesteaders’ Village

**Roof Renovations** – The Westbourne Post Office, MacKinnon Law Office, and Tilston MTS Central Dial Office building had their shingles replaced.

**Playground** – Repairs and painting were conducted throughout the park to refurbish existing structures.

**Katrimie Station** – Following the station’s move to make space for the Brookdale Flat Warehouse, it was repainted.



Reroofed MTS Central Dial Office





## 2022 IN REVIEW

### Colt Raffle

The 2022 edition of the annual colt raffle featured a beautiful yearling colt. Over 1,550 tickets were sold and over \$3,400 was raised with the proceeds being used to repair the museum's draft horse barn. Gilles Meilleur was the raffle winner. Many thanks to Linwood Equine Ranch for donating the colt and Dr. Cathy Patterson for providing in-kind vet services.

### Relic Run

Fourteen vehicles participated in the 2022 Relic Run, a scenic and adventurous route through the sand hills and farmland. Participants took a roadside break to enjoy refreshments provided by the Hidden Valley Colony. It was a fun and successful day, and funds were raised for the museum.

### Heritage Harvest

The Heritage Harvest Growing Project, a fundraising partnership between the museum and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, grew AC Cardale wheat in 2022 that yielded 48 bushels per acre despite poor growing conditions. The project provided \$12,500 to each organization. Government programs match these contributions which increased the total amount of support to over \$78,000.



Combines in the 2022 Heritage Harvest

### MARM

On August 12, the Manitoba Amateur Radio Museum hosted the inaugural Manitoba HAM Fest. The event attracted over 120 amateur radio enthusiasts from across the province with 18 tables in the trade show. The event was organized by the Brandon Amateur Radio Club with support from the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club, Winnipeg Digital Group, and the Winnipeg Seniors Club.

### Steak Supper

The annual steak supper was held on July 27, 2022, selling 183 meals. The event raised \$2,275 to support facility upgrades to the museum's food booths.

### Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion & Stampede

After an unprecedented two-year hiatus caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the museum's signature summer festival returned! In 2022, the 66<sup>th</sup> MTRS saw over 10,000 visitors attend the festival over four days in late July. Canada's largest farm heritage event, MTRS allows visitors to experience life in historic rural Manitoba thanks to the efforts of over 400 museum volunteers.



Steam engine parade at the Threshermen's Reunion



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## 2022 IN REVIEW

### Demonstration Field

The demonstration field was seeded and 60 acres were harvested. Field improvements included breaking up 10 acres of hayland to improve ground conditions.

### Steam School

The Steam Association of Manitoba hosted its first steam school since the COVID-19 pandemic on the museum grounds August 12–13. Nine students learned the unique skills needed to run steam engines, including hands-on experiences with four steam engines.

### Campground

Our Three Creeks public campground was busy this summer. In addition to hosting people attending the Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion & Stampede, on weekends in June and September, the campground rang with the sounds of impromptu concerts by the Manitoba Old Tyme and Bluegrass Society.

### Winter Wonderland

Nearly 1,000 people experienced Winter Wonderland during two December weekends. The light displays were significantly expanded thanks to the donation of many lights and decorations by museum members in 2022.



Muir House lighted for Winter Wonderland

### Rodeo Summer Series

In 2022, the museum hosted events in the Stride Credit Union arena in partnership with three associations throughout the summer.

#### Manitoba Barrel Racing Association (MBRA)

The museum hosted a MBRA-sanctioned barrel racing series. Over 12 weekends, nearly 250 people participated in the event.

#### Manitoba Team Roping Association (MTRA)

On September 4 and 5, the museum hosted the MTRA's 2022 year-end provincials event with over 80 ropers participating.

#### Heartland Rodeo Association (HRA)

On September 10 and 11, the museum hosted the 25<sup>th</sup> annual HRA provincial finals rodeo. This year, 99 participants competed in 13 event categories.

### Flooding

Throughout the spring of 2022 the museum grounds were impacted by extensive overland flooding caused by a late spring melt and record rainfall in June 2022. The flooding caused extensive damage to the museum's roadways and took over a month to repair. A new water management strategy is in the planning stages to avoid a repeat situation in future years.



Erosion caused by intense rainfall in June



## Endowment Funds

The Manitoba Agricultural Museum maintains five endowment funds with the North Norfolk Foundation that provide sustainable annual funding for the museum. In 2022, these funds provided over \$82,000 to support museum operations and special projects. Since 2017 the funds have provided over \$247,000 in disbursements.

Last year over \$105,000 was contributed to the museum's endowments to support the long-term sustainability of the museum. Since their inception, nearly \$1.75 million has been donated to the funds.

### CUMULATIVE ENDOWMENT FUND CONTRIBUTORS

#### \$100,000+

Province of Manitoba

#### \$50,000-\$99,999

Estate of Marcel Decock

Elsie Sims

Heritage Harvest Growing Project

MAM Foundation Fund

Manitoba Heritage Trust Program

#### \$10,000-\$24,999

Harvesting Hope World Record Committee

Manitoba Arts Stabilization Inc.

#### \$1,000-\$2,499

Carolyn Sifton Foundation

Dr. Gordon Goldsborough

In memory of Elsie Sims

MTRS Steak Supper Committee

North Norfolk Foundation

Redvers Generators

#### Under \$1,000

Austin and Area Lion's Club

Alfred and Elizabeth Chorney

In memory of Gladys and Jim Barclay

Benjamin Linnick

Brooklyn Linnick

Friends of the Museum

In memory of W. Lorne Drummond

Colin Farquhar

Robert Beamish

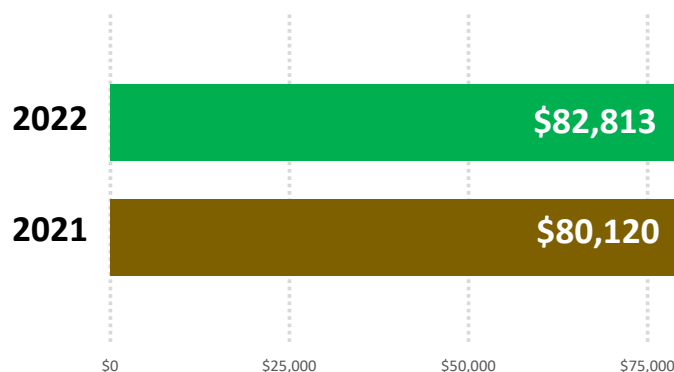
In memory of Claude Calet

Paul Weber

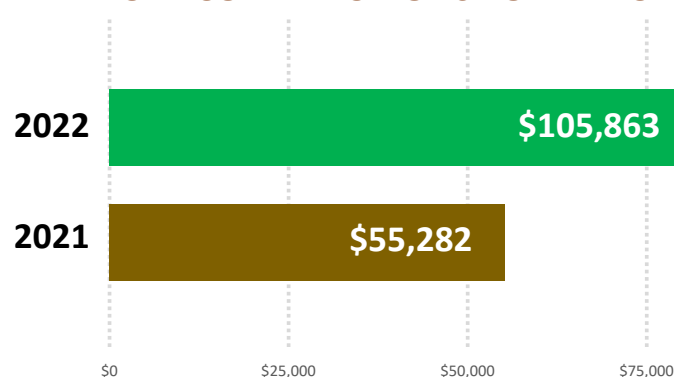
### ENDOWED ASSETS (AS AT DECEMBER 31)

Fund Name	2022	2021
Heritage Trust	\$284,983	\$198,459
General	\$22,413	\$25,500
Artifacts	\$52,133	\$59,314
Arts Stabilization	\$13,259	\$15,086
Signature Museum	\$1,482,978	\$1,682,943
Total	\$1,855,767	\$1,981,302

### ANNUAL GRANTS FROM THE FUNDS



### ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUNDS



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## Sponsors & Supporters

The Manitoba Agricultural Museum is grateful to all of our sponsors, supporters and donors for helping us collect, preserve, interpret and demonstrate our agricultural heritage for Manitobans and visitors from around the world.

### PRESENTING PARTNERS (\$7,500+)



### GOLD PARTNERS (\$5,000 - \$7,499)



### SILVER PARTNERS (\$3,000 - \$4,999)



### BRONZE PARTNERS (\$1,500 - \$2,999)



### FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM (UP TO \$1,499)

Austin & Area Lions  
Austin Subway  
Austin Bake & Coffee Shop  
Bayer Crop Science  
BT Crammond Farms  
Community Futures Heartland  
Firewood Manitoba  
Fountain Tire  
Four Way Motors  
Gladstone Veterinary Clinic

Golden Plains Farm  
Hidden Valley Colony  
Inland Radiator  
Jonair  
Keystone Concrete  
Laramie Enterprises  
Lightway Transport  
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McKelvy Agencies

Moneris  
MVM Transport  
Norfolk Farms Limited  
Norfolk Truck Repair  
Pallister Financial  
Peavey Mart  
Portage Mutual Insurance  
Rolling Hills Repair  
Wurtz Brothers Concrete Services

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## Financial Summary

Derived from the audited financial statements, the Summary Financial Statement is prepared by the Museum Treasurer and presents the financial position of the Museum for the year ended December 31, 2022. Reading the Summary Financial Statements is not a substitute for reading the Audited Financial Statements and the auditors report therein.

To view our complete audited statements, visit [mbagmuseum.ca](http://mbagmuseum.ca) or call 204-637-2354.

2022	
Summarized Statement of Financial Position	
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and Short Term Investments	631,754
Accounts Receivable	93,926
Other Assets	6,478
Short-Term Investments	10
Tangible Capital Assets	2,202,906
	<b>2,935,074</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	18,022
Due to Govt Agencies & Wages Payable	7,917
Deferred Revenue	8,921
Callable Debt	4,948
Current Portion Long-Term Debt	40,000
	<b>79,808</b>
Long Term Debt	0
Deferred Contributions Related to Capital Assets	294,026
	<b>373,834</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Unrestricted Net Assets	61,728
Internally Restricted Net Assets	590,632
Investment in Capital Assets	1,908,880
	<b>2,935,074</b>

2022	
Summarized Statement of Operations	
<b>Revenue</b>	
Admissions	163,672
Campground Fees	44,539
Donations and Sponsorships	204,640
Services, Events, Gift Shop	101,193
Grants	191,985
Investment and Endowment Income	83,829
Memberships	15,651
Rental Income	27,064
	<b>832,573</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Advertising	36,293
Collections Management	43,297
Services, Events	209,673
Fuel, Oil and Gas	12,489
Gift Shop	5,403
Insurance, Interest, Bank Charges	22,960
Office, Admin & Marketing	14,479
Repairs, Operations & Supplies	84,318
Utilities	39,085
Wages and Benefits, Professional Fees	209,717
	<b>677,714</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures (before amortization)	154,859
<b>Amortization</b>	
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	(55,367)
Amortization of Deferred Contributions	17,092
<b>Other Items</b>	
Contribution to Endowment Funds	(72,500)
Non-Monetary Donations	10,000
	<b>54,084</b>





# Manitoba Agricultural Museum

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# Historic Tree Planting Car Moves to the Manitoba Agricultural Museum



In 1920, the Tree Planting Car started criss-crossed the Canadian prairies, educating children and adults on the virtues of planting trees. It was a classroom on wheels. The final year of operation was 1973 when the Canadian Pacific Railway donated the TPC to the Manitoba Forestry Association. By that time, it had travelled over 263,000 miles and had been visited by over 1.5 million people.



The car was moved to the Sandilands Forest Discovery Centre, an educational facility of the Manitoba Forestry Association and set on a short section of railway track, where it sat for the next five decades.



When the Forest Discovery Centre closed, a new home was needed for the car. The Manitoba Forestry Association arranged to move it to the museum grounds. In early November 2022, two huge cranes picked up the car (see on the front cover of this report) and set it on a special high-tech trailer. Over the course of a day, the trailer was towed to the museum and set on a new set of tracks built by museum volunteers.

A lot of restoration work remains to be done but the plan is to develop it as an exhibit on the history of shelterbelts and tree-planting around farms and other sites in prairie Canada.



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