

# Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Inc.

## ANNUAL REPORT

### 2011

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# **Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Inc.**

## **Mission Statement**

The SGS is a volunteer provincial heritage organization whose purpose is to promote and develop the study, research, and preservation of Genealogy and Family History.

**Genealogy** - The study of the descent of families and persons from an ancestor or ancestors, using actual or primary sources and recording the findings onto pedigree charts. For simplicity, the term genealogist will be used throughout.

**Family History** - An extension of genealogy, placing family members in their historical, geographical, social, and occupation contexts. It describes their activities and the lives they lived, and includes the study of historical, social, and economic conditions of the area in which they lived.

## **Mandate**

- Preservation of Saskatchewan records;
- Assistance to Saskatchewan residents researching their heritage anywhere;
- Assistance to anyone researching their Saskatchewan heritage;
- To be a collective voice of genealogy in the province of Saskatchewan;
- To coordinate all genealogical and family history projects and research in Saskatchewan.

## **Vision**

As a dynamic organization, our vision is to attain stable financing and state of the art physical resources; and to enhance our use of technology, professional education, and preservation of genealogical records.

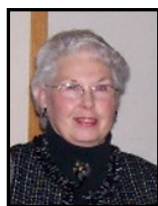
## **General**

The objectives and goals of SGS shall be:

- a) Education - Provide encouragement and instruction in scientific and ethical research methods.
- b) Preservation, Conservation and Collection - Preserve, conserve, and collect materials relevant to the study of genealogy and family history.
- c) Resources - Develop and maintain SGS's human and financial resources.
- d) Promotion - Promote and foster the study of genealogy and family history.

## President's Report/Past-President

By: Verna Thompson & Chuck Alton



As we look at the work of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society this year we note that the main focus for the board has been the development of a long range strategic plan. At both the March and June meetings, Roy Anderson provided significant leadership as a consultant guiding the board in its work on the strategic plan. This helped the board recognize the changing reality of SGS and the genealogical community. Whereas SGS and its branches were originally developed to serve the needs of their membership with meetings, conferences, staff and library resources, now many non-members are using the resources of SGS and other genealogical service providers to satisfy their needs. The challenge faced by the board and staff is to plan how best to manage the financial, material and personnel resources available in SGS as it seeks to address the needs of its users.

The Government of Saskatchewan has recognized SGS's commitment to preservation of history in contracting SGS to manage its Cemetery Care Program. SaskCulture continues to recognize the value of SGS through its financial support. SGS continues to have a good relationship with the provincial archives, libraries and universities. SGS has signed a partnership agreement with the National Institute of Genealogical Studies that the board and staff believe will be mutually beneficial. SGS is also exploring possible partnerships with the Ontario Genealogical Society and perhaps others. The April Conference and AGM in Saskatoon in April were well attended with positive evaluations.

At its fall meeting, the SGS board voted to hold major conferences every two years with one day annual meetings and mini conferences in the alternate years. The next major conference will be hosted by the Moose Jaw Branch in the fall of 2013. Details will be announced as they become available in the Bulletin and the SGS website.

On behalf of the board of SGS we express our appreciation for the dedicated work of the executive director, Linda Dunsmore-Porter, librarian Megan Ashcroft, and executive assistant, Lisa Warren as well as the many volunteers who in a variety of ways help SGS to provide continued service to those doing family history research.

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### 2011 Board of Directors

#### Officers

##### *President*

Chuck Alton, Briercrest (*January - June*)  
Verna Thompson, Eston (*July - December*)

##### *Past-President*

Chuck Alton, Briercrest (*July - December*)

##### *Directors*

Beverley Gutenberg, Saskatoon  
Joyce G. Carlson, Ceylon  
Barb Tait, Regina  
Linda Neely (*January - August*)  
Rene Stock, Saskatoon (*July - December*)  
Dolores Ast, Regina (*July - December*)

## Executive Director's Report

By: Linda Dunsmore-Porter



SGS continued to provide a wide range of programming services throughout 2011. Saskatchewan Lotteries funding increased and provided stable funding for the year. We must continue to increase our self-generated funds.

The SGS Library and Research Room continued to grow, and is still recognized as the largest genealogical lending library in Canada. This is in large part to the generous monetary and material donations of the members and other individuals. The Library and Research Room collection continues to increase each year.

SGS continued to prepare, update and upload databases to their website. SGS also offers access to subscription databases to its members.

Our Annual General meeting was hosted by Saskatoon Branch at the Travelodge in Saskatoon, SK. The guest speaker was Megan Smolenyak-Smolenyak who provided exceptional presentations. The Annual Heritage Award was presented to Marie Mahan and Rene Stock.

SGS continues to work diligently on the online databases to ensure that they are complete and user friendly. All SGS programs continue to move forward.

SGS in its role as a preservation organization is involved in the larger heritage community. Our members preserve their family history and Saskatchewan heritage by recording cemeteries, filing obituaries, and indexing, data entry, proofing, and correcting for the Saskatchewan Residents Index. SGS continues to work with Saskatchewan Vital Statistics to encourage the completion of the death and marriage online indexes.

SGS has partnered with other organizations to help increase our presence in the community. In 2011 SGS has partnered with the National Institute of Genealogical Studies, Ancestry.ca, Ministry of Justice, Saskatchewan Archives and FamilySearch.

SGS continues as a member of the SaskCulture Provincial Cultural Organizations and receive support from Saskatchewan Lotteries through SaskCulture. The Society appreciates the support of these organizations.

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### SGS Staff

*Executive Director -*  
Linda Dunsmore-Porter

*Librarian –* Megan Ashcroft

*Executive Assistant -* Lisa Warren

*Office Assistant -* Vacant

### Volunteer Coordinators

*Education Coordinator -* Christina Krismer

*Cemetery Program -* Vacant

*Volunteer Coordinator –* Diane Anderson

*SRI –* Vacant

*Newspaper Coordinator -* Bev Weston

*SHRD Coordinator -* Vacant

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# SGS Programs & Services

## 1. Education

*To provide encouragement and instruction in scientific and ethical research methods.*

Two courses are now available by e-course in 2011 and they are the Saskatchewan Record Searcher Course and the Aboriginal Researcher Course. There are 4 students who are taking the Saskatchewan Record Searcher Course and 7 students taking the Aboriginal Researcher Course. One student has completed the Aboriginal Researcher Course while the others are still working on their courses.

The Saskatchewan Researcher Course was offered by classroom only and there was no interest. When a graduate completes the course or has a certificate that has been renewed, we post a list of graduates in the Bulletin and on the internet to encourage others to take the courses.

Requests for workshops continue to be made and whenever possible, our instructors are offered these opportunities. It is the willingness of the instructors and other qualified volunteers that allow us to offer such a variety of workshops on a regular basis.

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| Workshops held at SGS | 0 workshops  |
|                       | 0 people     |
| Workshops outside SGS | 56 workshops |
|                       | 1151 people  |

## 2. Preservation/Conservation & Collection

*To Preserve/Conserve and collect materials relevant to the study of genealogy and family history.*

### 2.1 Preserve/Conserve/Collect

- SGS continued to lobby for:
  - access to an index for Saskatchewan Vital Statistics historical records
  - exclusion of the opt-out clause on the 2006 census.
- A member of Saskatchewan Heritage Community of Interest.
- Advocated that the heritage of all Saskatchewan residents is part of provincial history.
  - Done through promotion on radio open line talks and television interviews. Also accomplished through programs: Library, Cemetery, SRI,

Obituary Files, Special Purchase program, Saskatchewan Homestead Index Project (SHIP) and in the future Saskatchewan Heritage Resource Directory (SHRD), Rural Municipality Historical Document Project (RMHDP), Saskatchewan Pioneer Certificate.

- Cataloguing SGS collection.
- Brochures in archives and libraries.
- Bulletin exchange with all provincial heritage organizations.
- Brochures sent to all provincial cultural organizations

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## Cemetery

The Cemetery Program had a good year in 2011 continuing to locate cemeteries and secure records. In 2011 we have located another 3 cemeteries and have new records for about 19 cemeteries and updated another 76. This brings our total to 3,455 cemeteries located in the province, with records for 2,512 of them. There are about 1,500 cemeteries indexed on the Saskatchewan Residence Index (SRI).

The databases that are now found on the SGS website have the cemeteries records that have been entered in SRI. A major focus in 2011 was to get more records on the SRI so those online databases can be of even more use to researchers.

As always – we can't do it without the many hours put in by our volunteers around the province. Thank you very much.

We are looking forward to another great year of cemetery work.

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## Obituary

By: Lisa Warren, Executive Assistant

We continue to have volunteers in the library who sort and glue obituaries prior to 2002. These obituaries have been sent in by members and branches throughout the province. This project is very large and requires many hours of volunteer time. In turn it is one of our best sources of information about former Saskatchewan residents. The collection consists of over 750,000 obituaries.

Due to space in our library, ALL obituaries from 2002 are being indexed onto the SRI. We ask everyone to continue gathering obituaries from the papers, even if you are unable to index. SGS has volunteers in Regina who will index the obituaries post-2001 from newspapers that are forwarded to SGS.

1. Name of the paper must be supplied with obituaries
2. Date of the paper must be supplied with each obituary (Obituaries are indexed by the date of the paper, not by the death date)

Volunteers interested in learning more about our new procedures or would like a copy of the manual can contact SGS. SGS thanks all the volunteers who are indexing and proofing obituaries ... keep up the good work!

Volunteers are placing all pre-2002 obituaries into a database index.

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## Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI)

By: Lisa Warren, Executive Assistant

The main focus for 2011 was to complete some items that were registered and partially indexed. At the same time, we kept on indexing, proofing and correcting new books. We are always looking for volunteers to index, proofread, or correct.

We have been looking for someone to volunteer as the coordinator for the SRI; in the meantime I have been spending as much time as possible to keep the program going. Thank you to everyone who has helped with SRI this year and in the past. Thank you to Tom Atkins for all the work and patience in the last year.

Approximately two-thirds of the cemetery files have been indexed for the SRI. The following statistics do not include cemeteries on the SRI.

Accomplishments were:

- Total sources registered: 651
- Total books (including local histories): 542
- Total SGS files: 36
- Total government documents: 10
- Total maps: 14
- Total newspapers: 48

- Items totally completed: 260

**Grand Total records on SRI DATABASE - 3,059,721**

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## 2.2 Collection

### Library

By: Megan Ashcroft, Librarian

Library Statistics:

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| Total value of the collection in 2011: | 377,290 |
| As compared to 2010:                   | 370,039 |
| As compared to 2009:                   | 361,307 |

The SGS Library Collection consists of:

|           | <u>2009</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Books     | 21,175      | 21,518      | 21,657      |
| Microform | 35,748      | 35,748      | 35,748      |
| Maps      | 587         | 602         | 603         |
| CD/DVD    | 54          | 63          | 75          |

In 2011 the SGS Library continued to update and maintain its collection. Major donations of books were received from the estates of Dr. Brian Brodie, and Tony Stengler.

Journals and periodicals continue to be exchanged with other genealogical societies, donated by members, and subscribed to.

- 89 periodicals were exchanged with other societies
- 1 periodicals were donated/sponsored by individual SGS members
- 10 periodicals were received by subscription
- 56 members borrowed 80 current (2011) periodicals.

Members and organizations continue to generously make donations of books, microform, maps, and CD's to the Library.

- 31 people donated 130 items
- 7 organizations (genealogical societies, libraries, historical societies, and publishing companies) donated 19 items.

Cataloguing of the library collection continues with approximately 11,500 entries completed at the end of 2011 as compared to 11,252. We continue to work towards completing the cataloguing of the European collections. The majority of the microform collections have still to be catalogued. In the New Year we will begin development on a new online catalog system. This new system will make it ensure that members will have access to our most up to date collections list.

We are in dire need of volunteers to assist with cataloguing.

This need will be even greater once we move to our online system. Thank you to Barr Godkin, the single volunteer who faithfully donates his time and expertise to enter data for this project.

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate mailing boxes and funds to help with postage costs. This goes far to ensure that library books can continue to be mailed out to members.

### 3. Resources

*To develop and maintain SGS's human and financial resources.*

1. *To have adequate human resources.* To have adequate professional staff and an active volunteer base to ensure the delivery of all programming.

2. *Financial Resources.* To have adequate financial resources to accomplish SGS goals. Revenue is comprised of Lottery dollars, membership fees, donations, program revenue, fundraising, and sponsorships. Fundraising consists of proceeds from events held.

### 4. Promotion

*To promote and foster the study of genealogy and family history. This is accomplished by:*

A. Liaison - There is a need to establish and maintain mutual understanding with other groups and the community at the provincial and grassroot level. SGS is presently networking with other genealogical societies by exchanging publications with groups around the world.

- Work with Multicultural organizations.
- Work with Aboriginal organizations.
- Member SaskCulture Heritage Community of Interest and network with Saskatchewan Cultural Organizations.
- Saskatchewan Archives Board.

B. Advocacy - SGS advocates that heritage helps one understand the past, appreciate the present, and plan for the future. The heritage of society is the combined heritage of individuals. Advocacy is promoted through the Bulletin,

branch newsletter, internet, branches, members, and all programming.

- SGS lobbied for Index to Vital Statistics in Sask.
- SGS lobbied for access to post-1901 census.
- SGS advocated for a positive response to the opt-out clause on the 2006 census.

C. Public Access - to provide public access through an excellent resource library and quality programs. All programs are available to the public. During 2011, these programs included:

#### Library

|                              | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Visitors to the Library      | 2,757       | 2,230       |
| Circulation:                 | 51,743      | 46,873      |
| Packages of books mailed:    | 303         | 184         |
| Phone calls for information: | 3,700       | 3,750       |
| Research requests filled:    | 400         | 251         |
| Responded to e-mail:         | 3,700       | 3,900       |
| Volunteers/Hours:            | 5,150       | 5,000       |
| Volunteer Times              | 1,030       | 1,000       |

Special Purchase Program - Resources purchased for this program are part of the library collection and may be accessed by our members. The general public may access any books as reference but not the microfiche/film collection. The collection attracts membership and research.

- Purchases valued at \$130.00 were made during 2011.

Cemetery Program - Total number of people involved in program including accessing and recording and locating 2,000.

Obituary File - Number of people accessing information is 2,000.

SRI - Number of people accessing information is 1,050.

Conference - SGS's Annual Conference was held in Saskatoon and was hosted by Saskatoon Branch - 144 registrants.

Annual General Meeting - 42 people attended the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The attendees participated in all discussions.

Bulletin - Our quarterly publication to our membership and subscribers provides education on research and information on SGS activities. Circulation for 2011 was 1,041 per issue or a total of 4,164 copies. There were 447 e-mailed per issue. Number of people who accessed the Bulletin is estimated at 300,000. Bulletin is edited by staff.

Workshops - Number of people accessing this program 1,151. This includes workshops on contract.

Education - Certification program is available to the public, however, only members may be certified. In 2011 there

were no certificates renewed. Two courses are offered by e-course and one course was offered in classroom only.

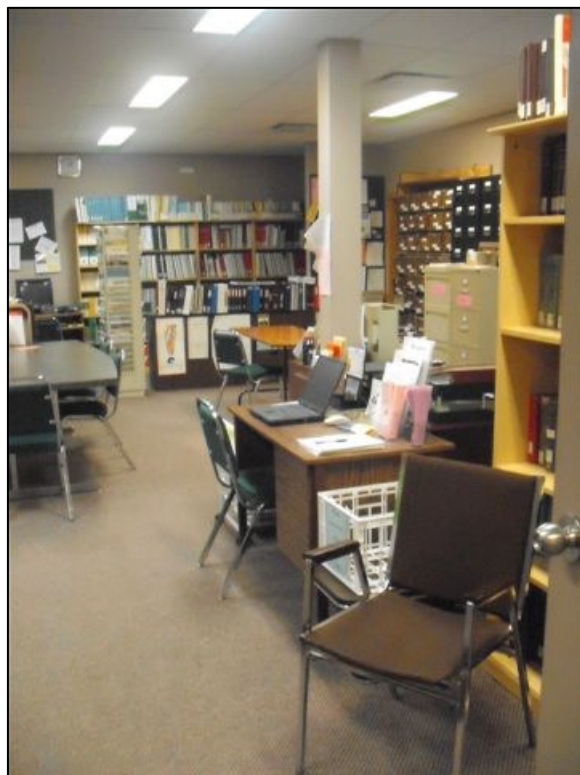
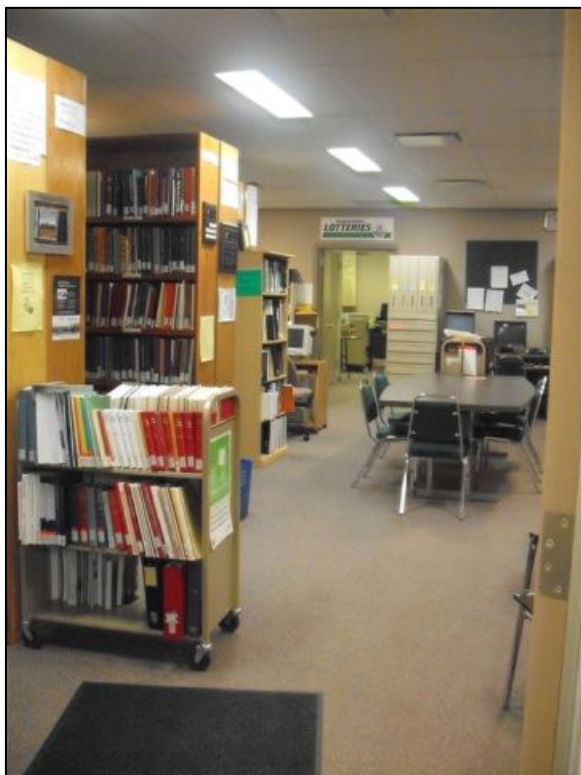
Stock - Genealogical supplies on demand.

SGS Connections - Newsletter to Branches published twice a year to keep them informed about SGS and other branch activities. No newsletter published in 2011.

SGS Home Page - Had approximately 175,000 visitors during 2011 to home page and cemetery index.

Volunteer Recognition – Annual Heritage Volunteer Award was presented to two individuals – Marie Mahan of Oxbow, and Rene Stock of Saskatoon.

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**Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Library and Research Room**

## Committees

### Conference

By: Planning Committee

### Beyond the Basics Symposium



Library Tour

Participants of the “Beyond the Basics Symposium 2011” at the Saskatoon Travelodge April 29 to May 1 responded with enthusiasm to the range of topics presented to them.

The two tours drew twice as many participants as expected. One group toured the City Archives, followed by a visit to Saskatoon’s oldest cemetery, the Nutana Cemetery, then on to Woodlawn Cemetery. The other tour group visited the University Main Library newspaper archives section, and the Saskatchewan Archives located in the Murray Building on campus, where homestead records can be researched.

Following greetings from the province, the city, the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, the College of Certified Genealogists of Saskatchewan, and Heritage Saskatchewan, Dr. Fraser Dunford addressed the topic of the history of photography and the many formats that photographs have taken to the present day.

Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, the featured speaker, despite flight problems and an arrival late Friday night, started off Saturday’s session with the first of her talks, “Remembering our Ancestors”. Her other topics were titled, “Trace your roots with DNA”, “Beyond Y-DNA: Your genetic genealogy options”, and “Reverse Genealogy: Techniques for finding your lost loved ones”. Dr. Dunford’s topics included “Ontario Municipal Records”, “Internet and Genealogy” and “What’s On at the Ontario Genealogical Society”.

John Pihach of Yorkton spoke on “Researching in Archives / Cadastral and other Maps in Galician Research” and “Economic and other Records for Galician Research”.

Marilyn Lappi of Edmonton addressed “Loyalist Descendents in Western Canada” and “Proof of Descent from a Loyalist”.

Denyse Smith of Saskatoon spoke on “Genealogy of New France”; Bonnie Wagner of Saskatoon on “Go West Young Man: Understanding Saskatchewan Homestead Records” and Brenda Macdougall of Ottawa on “Tracing the Historical Métis: Families, Geography, Mobility” in 2 parts.

Guest speakers at the banquet were investigators from the Saskatoon Police who worked the cold case from the 1920’s, “The Lady in the Well” Investigation.

In all there were 144 participants, 61 of whom took part in the tours.

From the written commentary of participants, the Symposium was an invaluable opportunity for learning, for building new relationships and renewing old ones.

Special thanks to the 30+ volunteers, and the corporate and individual donors who made possible our Symposium in celebration of the Branch’s 40th Anniversary!



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## Newspaper Publication

By: Bev Weston

The Regina Newspaper Project has been very active recently, mainly proofing the World War I Casualty book. This has become a major project, much more so than the ordinary Births, Marriages and Deaths. Many of the copies have been poorly filmed and are difficult to read. It has often required several trips to the Archives to reread, and in some cases, to order in the original. Filming was done leaving dots and lines on the microfiche, an added difficulty. At the present time, we are almost complete with proofing the World War 1 Casualty book.

We are now down to one active reader, and we would appreciate new volunteers. Volunteers during 2011 were Brian Brodie, Barbara deVlieger, Chris Krismer, Lucette Noiseux, Marie Stewart, Marge Thomas and Bev Weston.

Volunteers are always welcome for this project.

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## Saskatchewan Heritage Resource Directory (SHRD)

By: Lisa Warren, Executive Assistant

Goals for 2011 were:

- continue promotion of SHRD and to raise awareness of this program.
- start indexing the historical documents held in the RM offices in Saskatchewan.

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## Summer Camp

The Summer Camp was offered in 2011 but there was not enough registered for it to take place.

# SGS Accountability

**SGS has been receiving Lottery Dollars for operational expenses since 1985. The receipt of these dollars is based on meeting the requirements set out by the Trust. In addition these dollars impact on GST; Charitable Status and postage subsidy as follows:**

## **Member of SaskCulture and receives a grant from Lottery Foundation.**

Grant application is judged on how many people we serve and the number of people who are involved or access our programming.

## **SaskCulture Culture Policy**

Approximately 59% of SGS's revenue is received from Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sports, Culture and Recreation. As a beneficiary of lottery dollars, SGS is judged against criteria set out in SaskCulture's Cultural Policy. The following cultural policy defines the funding priorities for the cultural section of the Trust as follows.

## **Access and Service**

This includes the number of programs offered, size of membership, number of times programs are accessed, and number of individuals participating in programs. In addition, number of donors to the organization, ratio of total self-generated revenue raised through fundraising over Lottery grant and connections with other groups or organizations to gain access to target audiences. Also includes the impact of the programming on the cultural landscape and society of the province.

## **Representation**

Membership must be geographically representative of the province and data on the membership gathered and recorded. There must be an appreciation of demographics

and how they affect the organization.

## **Organizational Effectiveness**

The organization must have a clearly articulated vision and demonstrate a resolve to achieve it, while adapting to demographic changes. A planning and evaluation process must be in place to assess its progress towards its vision.

## **Effective Governance**

The organization must operate under an appropriate model that assures the development and implementation of internal structures, policies and procedures which best achieve the mandate of the organization.

**All Lottery beneficiaries are expected to take an active role in promoting the sale of Lottery tickets as a benefit to the cultural community and the overall quality of life in our province.**

## **Operates under Non-profit Act**

Reporting requirements

## **Is a Charitable organization**

SGS has been granted the privilege of providing a Tax Receipt for donations and membership fees. This means we can only provide nominal benefits to members. Should membership fees change to value-added membership, SGS will continue to maintain their Charitable status and continue to issue Tax Receipts for monetary and material donations. Value-added memberships are not subject to GST.

## **Receives a postal subsidy from Federal Government Heritage Branch**

SGS cannot provide special benefits to members and charge non-members such as fee to access the library.

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# 2011 SGS Membership

By: Lisa Warren, Executive Assistant

The final membership for 2011 was 871 a decrease of 83 members over the 2010 final membership total. Senior Citizens represent 51% of the total paid membership. The following is a geographical analysis of the membership in 2011 showing the widespread interest in the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society.

## SASKATCHEWAN

Total membership - 630 representing 129 communities.

*Communities represented by more than 10 memberships - (428 members/9 communities).*

Grenfell (11), Melfort (12), Moose Jaw (30), Prince Albert (19), Regina (206), Saskatoon (90), Swift Current (31), Weyburn (17), Yorkton (12).

*Communities represented by 3-10 memberships - (78 members/18 communities).*

Assiniboia (3), Balcarres (3), Battleford (3), Biggar (8), Carnduff (4), Central Butte (7), Christopher Lake (3), Estevan (3), Eston (4), Kindersley (3), Lashburn (3), Mankota (4), Moosomin (7), North Battleford (4), Ogema (4), Oxbow (5), Regina Beach (7), Rosetown (3).

*Communities represented by 2 memberships - (44 members/22 communities).*

Briercrest, Candle Lake, Coronach, Fort Qu'Appelle, Hanley, Herbert, Humboldt, Kamsack, Kelvington, Kennedy, Lloydminster, Loon Lake, Maryfield, Meadow Lake, Nokomis, Osler, Outlook, Pangman, Rocanville, Rouleau, Southey, White City.

*Communities represented by 1 membership (80 members/communities).*

Admiral, Alameda, Albertville, Alida, Aneroid, Avonlea, Balgonie, Bethune, Birch Hills, Big River, Buena Vista, Chaplin, Ceylon, Cochin, Colonsay, Consul, Craik, Creelman, Creighton, Cudworth, Cupar, Davidson, Dundurn, Dysart, Esterhazy, Eyebrow, Glen Ewen, Goodsoil, Griffin, Hafford, Handel, Hazenmore, Hodgeville, Kincaid, Kinistino, Kyle, Laird, Lake Lenore, Lintlaw, Lumsden, Macklin, Maidstone, Makwa, Maple Creek, Maymont, McCord, Melville, Milestone, Nipawin, North Portal, Pense, Perdue, Pilot Butte, Radville, Raymore, Rhein, Richlea, Riverhurst, Rosthern, Ruthilda, Sheho, Shellbrook, Silton, Simpson, St. Walburg, Tisdale, Torquay, Tyner, Unity, Wadena, Wakaw, Waldheim, Warman, Waseca, Watson, Wawota, Webb, Whitewood, Willowbrook, Wolseley.

## OTHER PROVINCES OF CANADA

There are a total of 218 members representing 109 communities.

Alberta (70), British Columbia (72), Manitoba (24), New Brunswick (2), Nova Scotia (3), Ontario (47)

## UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES

United States 18 members / 12 communities.

Overseas 5 members / 5 communities

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# Branch Report

## REGIONS:

**Region #1 - Southwest Chinook:** Central Butte, Craik, Grasslands, Moose Jaw, and Swift Current.

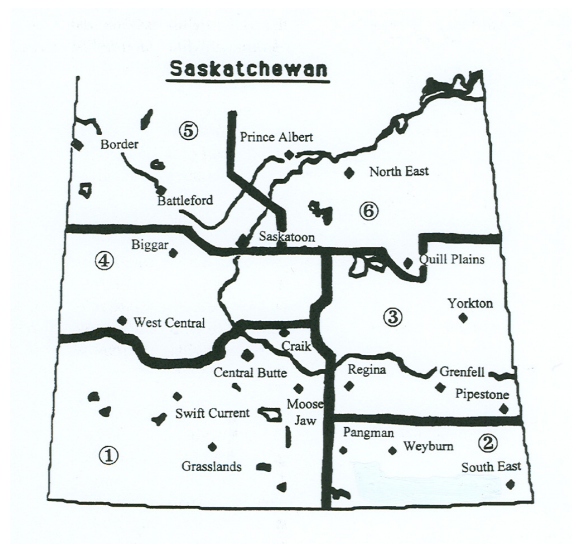
**Region #2 - South East:** Pangman, South East, and Weyburn.

**Region #3 - Qu'Appelle Parkland:** Grenfell, Pipestone, Regina and Yorkton.

**Region #4 - Western Plains:** Biggar, and West Central.

**Region #5 – North-west:** Battleford, Border, and Saskatoon.

**Region #6 - Northern Lights:** North East, Prince Albert, and Quill Plains.



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## BRANCHES:

### Battleford

Meetings are held 3rd Wednesday of the month (except May - August and December) - 7:00 p.m. at North Battleford Library.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00.
- Published a newsletter called *Through the Branches*.
- Membership for 2011: 11 Members; 9 SGS Family Memberships.
- Research Services: \$20.00.
- Special Collections: Battleford Branch book collection and back issues of Branch newsletters.
- No Publications for sale.
- Recorded no cemeteries.
- Workshops held at branch meetings.

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### Biggar

Meetings are held 2nd Wednesday of the month (except July and August) January to April - 2:00 pm / May to December - 7:30 p.m. at Biggar Post Office (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Entrance.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$5.00.
- No newsletter published during 20110.
- Web site: <http://www.biggargenealogy.wetpaint.com>
- Membership for 2011: 9 Members; 9 SGS Family Memberships.
- Research Services: \$25.00 for local research.
- Brochures available on the Branch and their research services.
- Special Collections: Town of Biggar Census for 1912, 1915, 1920, 1924, 1929 and 1945; assortment of Canadian National Railway Seniority Lists; CNR Retirees honoured by Biggar Terminal Retirement Association 1946 – 1991; births, marriage and deaths from *The Independent* newspaper 1913 to 1950; Obituary Index *The Independent* newspaper 1984 to 2010; obituaries on file from *The Independent* 1991 to 2007; births, deaths and marriages and other notable items from the *Landis Record* newspaper 1916, April 27 to 1937, August 25<sup>th</sup>, not indexed; 2 collections of Biggar undertaker records, indexed; 1911 Canadian Census

Index for Village of Biggar; cemetery recordings for cemeteries in the R.M. of Biggar including the Town of Biggar, R.M. of Glenside, Landis, Cando and Ruthilda. Updated Biggar Cemetery up to March of 2010 based on Town of Biggar records; 1881 Canadian Census Index CD; HOME CD; International Research Directories & the British Isles Genealogical Register; basic 'how to' books and research papers for Saskatchewan, Canada, United States, United Kingdom, Europe and Scandinavia

- Publications for sale: Obituary Index *The Independent* Biggar, Saskatchewan 1984 to 2010; Births, Deaths, Marriages from *The Independent* Biggar, Saskatchewan 1913 to 1920; Births, Deaths, Marriages from *The Independent* Biggar, Saskatchewan 1921 to 1930; Births, Deaths, Marriages from *The Independent* Biggar, Saskatchewan 1931 to 1940; Births, Deaths, Marriages from *The Independent* Biggar, Saskatchewan 1941 to 1945; Births, Deaths, Marriages from *The Independent* Biggar, Saskatchewan 1946 to 1950, Deaths from *The Independent*, Biggar, Saskatchewan 1951 to 1960 and Biggar Cemetery Directory Centennial Edition with Plot Map.
- Updated Biggar Cemetery bases on Town of Biggar Records for Town of Biggar Centennial.
- Responded to queries and/or researches and answer queries submitted to the Biggar Museum & Gallery.
- Had a displays promoting Branch.
- Held a special day at the Biggar Museum in October for a computer day for Branch members.
- Marked Biggar Centennial in partnership with the Biggar Museum & Gallery with the Biggar Heritage Album project and with an exhibition of the pages of the Biggar Heritage Album pages in the Credit Union Gallery for 2 months which in included the centennial weekend with at least 600 people viewing exhibition.
- Branch business cards left at Biggar Museum & Gallery for staff to hand out to those seeking help with their genealogy.
- Clipped and in process of indexing 2008 and 2009 obits for SRI, finishing proofing and corrections. Obits for 2010 have been clipped and dated but need to be indexed.

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**Border** - Disbanded, 2011.

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### Central Butte

Meetings are held 4th Wednesday of the month (except July, August and December) - 7:30 p.m. at various locations.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$15.00.

- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2011: 8 Members; 8 SGS Family Memberships.
- Research Services: Basic name search for \$10.00 plus expenses.
- Special Collections: Local cemetery recordings, local vital statistics, research books, school year books, Swain funeral ledger and local history books.
- No publication for sale.
- No cemeteries updated.
- Indexing obituaries for the SRI: *Herbert Herald*.
- No display promoting Branch.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- No workshops/presentations were held at Branch meetings and in the community.
- Volunteering for SRI.

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**Craik** - Disbanded, 2011.

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### Grasslands

Meetings are held 3rd Tuesday of the month (except July and August) - 7:30 p.m. at Mankota RM office.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$6.00.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2011: 13 Members; 9 SGS Family Memberships.
- Research Services: \$5.00 plus \$1.00 fee and self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Special Collections: (LDS) Family History Locality Catalog, OCFA, Archives of Ontario holdings, local history books; telephone books; local R.M. maps and local cemetery recordings.
- Publication for sale: Cemetery recordings for 5 RM's in south west Saskatchewan.
- Recorded no cemeteries.
- No displays promoting Branch.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- No workshops/presentations were held at Branch meetings and in the community.
- Volunteering for SRI.

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## Grenfell

Meetings are held 3rd Tuesday of the month (January, April, June, October and November) - 2:00 p.m. at the Grenfell Regional Library.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2011 17 Members; 11 SGS Family Memberships.
- Research Services: As requested and where possible - no set fee, however donations are accepted.
- Special Collections: Microfilms of back copies of the *Grenfell Sun*. Some microfiche (IGI), copies of cemeteries that the Branch has recorded, some newsletters received from other branches, and a copy of the book *Canada in the 1840's: The Nations Illustrated Diary*.
- Recorded cemeteries.
- No publications for sale.
- Display promoting Branch.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- Workshops/programs presented at Branch meetings.

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## Moose Jaw

Meetings are held 4th Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December) - 7:00 p.m. at Moose Jaw Public Library (Herb Taylor Room) - 461 Langdon Crescent.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2011: 25 Members; 18 SGS Family Memberships.
- Website:  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~skmjbsgs/index.htm>
- Research Services: Donations accepted.
- Special Collections: Henderson Directories; Genealogical Research Directories; Cemetery Records – Sunset, Resthaven and Rosedale; complete birth and obituary notices from the *Moose Jaw Times Herald* and a complete list and CD of students, teachers, trustees of Victoria School (1896-1968). Collection is located in the Archives in the Moose Jaw Public Library.
- No publications for sale.
- Updating the records at Moose Jaw City Cemetery.
- Indexing obituaries for the SRI: *Moose Jaw Times Herald*.

- Responded to numerous queries and/or researches.
- Workshops/presentations were held at Branch meetings and in the community.
- No displays promoting branch.

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## North East

Meetings are held 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month (except June to September) - 1:30 p.m. at Kerry Vickar Centre Dry Craft Room.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2011: 14 Members; 11 SGS Family Memberships.
- Research Services are done on a no charge basis by members. However, donations are accepted.
- Special Collections: Recorded Cemeteries in the area, Melfort Journal microfilm up to 2007 available for view at Melfort Library. Resource book, IGI microfiche and (LDS) Family History Library Catalog. Collection is located at the Kerry Vickar Centre. Genealogy publications, newsletters, gazetteers, etc. maintained in a section of the Melfort Library.
- Publication for sale: Cemetery records in our area.
- Indexing obituaries for the SRI: *Melfort Journal*, *Tisdale Recorder* and *Parkland Review*. Copies of actual obituaries are in binders and updated regularly and kept at the Melfort Library.
- Workshops/presentations were held at Branch meetings.
- No displays promoting branch.
- Responded to numerous queries and/or researches.
- Indexing history book for SRI.
- Updated Melfort Cemetery

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## Pangman

Meetings are held 4th Wednesday of the month (May, June, Sept. & Oct.) at 7:30 p.m. / 4th Saturday of the month (Feb. & March) at 1:30 p.m. at Pangman Regional Library.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$5.00.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2011: 7 Members; 7 SGS Family Memberships.
- Brochure available.

- Research Services as required.
- Special collections: 1881 Census Great Britain, 1992 IGI.
- No publication for sale.
- Indexing obituaries for the SRI: *Radville Star*, *Deep South Star* - Ogema, Bengough Avonlea, Milestone and *Triangle News* - Coronach.
- Volunteering for SRI.
- Recording Horizon Cemetery – ongoing.
- Workshops/presentations were held at Branch meetings.
- Displays promoting branch.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.

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### Pipestone

Meetings are held 3rd Wednesday of the month (except June, July, August and December) - 7:30 p.m. at Moosomin Public Library.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$20.00.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2011: 21 members; 12 SGS Family Memberships.
- Research Services are limited, fees to cover expenses.
- Special collections: IGI fiche, CD-roms, cemetery records, census lists, early copies of local newspapers on microfilm, books and genealogy magazines. All in local library.
- No publication for sale.
- Recorded the following cemeteries: New Finland new and old.
- Display to promote Branch.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- No workshops/presentations were held at Branch meetings or in the community.

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### Prince Albert

Meetings are held 2nd Tuesday of the month (except July and August) - 7:30 p.m. at Lion's Club Room in the Optimist Center, Exhibition Grounds.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$15.00.
- Publish an electronic newsletter on an irregular basis.
- Membership for 2011: 28 Members; 16 SGS Family Memberships.

- Brochure available.
- Web site: <http://www.carswells.com/gene/>. It is inactive and only posted to allow access to past newsletters, etc.
- Research services - offer limited research - lookups of obituaries, cemetery records, people listed in city directories and family histories in community history books. Fees are negotiable depending on time and resources involved.
- Special collection (s): Contact Branch for information.
- Publications for sale. Contact Branch for information.
- We recorded La Ronge Town Cemetery and Old La Ronge Cemetery located in Air Ronge.
- Indexing obituaries for *Prince Albert Daily Herald*, and *Smeaton & District News*. Clip and keep on file *Prince Albert Rural Roots*, *Prince Albert Shopper Shellbrook Chronicle* and the *Spiritwood Herald*.
- Workshops/presentations were held at Branch meetings. No requests to present any in the community.
- Researching Your Family Tree presentation on June 9 and 10 to the members of the Good Sam Samboree.
- Volunteering for the SRI.
- No display promoting Branch. Brochures posted in numerous locations around the city
- Responded to numerous queries and/or researches.

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### Quill Plains

No Meetings held.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$5.00.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2011: 1 Member; 1 SGS Family Memberships.
- Research services - donations accepted.
- Special Collections: Microfilms of newspapers for: *Wadena Herald* December 25, 1908-December 2, 1909; December 25, 1910-1911; January 25, 1912-November 13, 1913; June 27, 1912-November 27, 1913; December 4, 1913-December 31, 1914; 1916-June 1917; July 1917-November 1918; March 1919-October 1920, 1921. *Kelvington Radio* 1926 and 1943-1985. *Wadena News* - 1987.
- No publications for sale.
- Clipping obituaries from *Wadena News* and *Kelvington Radio* to be indexed for SRI.
- No workshops at branch meetings and in the community.

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## Regina

Meetings are held at the SGS Library, 110 - 1514 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. They are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month (except June, July & Aug. & Dec.) - 7:00 p.m.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00.
- Publish a quarterly newsletter called *Now and Then*.
- Membership for 2011: 57 Members; 48 SGS Family Memberships.
- Brochure available from the branch or SGS.
- Web site: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~canrbgs/>
- Research services: Contact Branch or visit website.
- No Special Collections.
- Publications for Sale: Census Lists for District of Assiniboia East, West, District of Saskatchewan and Albert for 1891.
- Recorded and updated numerous cemeteries in RM 127.
- No displays to promote Branch.
- Volunteering for the SRI.
- Workshops/presentations were held at Branch meetings.

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## Saskatoon

Meetings are held 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (except July and August) - 7:00 p.m. at Albert Community Centre, 610 Clarence Avenue S, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$20.00.
- Publish a newsletter four times called *Armchair Genealogist*.
- Membership for 2011: 51 members; 41 SGS Family Memberships.
- Brochure available.
- Web site: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sksgs/>
- Research Services: See web site for details.
- Special Collections: Obituaries for Germans from Russia in the Young, Allan, and Colonsay area, Volumes 1 & 2 (volume 3 is in progress). Church Maps of Nova Scotia for the Counties of Annapolis, Halifax and Hants. The Crown Land Grant Maps for the Counties of Annapolis, Halifax and Hants. The branch has numerous books, maps and microfiche. Contact the branch for a complete list or visit web site.
- No publications for sale.
- Recorded cemeteries.
- Workshops/presentations were held at Branch meetings

and in the community.

- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- Had displays promoting Branch.

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## South East

Meetings are held 4th Monday of the month (except June, to August and December to February) - 7:30 p.m. alternating between Oxbow and Carnduff Libraries.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$7.50.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2011: 11 Members; 8 SGS Family Memberships.
- Brochure available.
- Research Services: Available on request. Fees will be charged based on expenses involved.
- Special Collections: Various books, newsletters, and maps. Contact branch for a complete list of collection.
- No publications for sale.
- Indexing obituaries for the SRI: *Oxbow Herald*, *Carnduff Gazette*, and *Carlyle Observer*.
- Workshops/presentations were held at Branch meetings.
- No displays to promote Branch.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.

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## Swift Current

Meetings are held 4th Monday of the month (except June, July, August and December) - 7:00 p.m. at 321 North Railway Street East (basement).

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00.
- Published no newsletter.
- Membership for 2011: 30 Members; 28 SGS Family Memberships.
- Research Services: On-line research and local sources
- Special collections: Local obituaries, 30 community history books, some cemetery records, 1964 telephone books and the *Swift Current Sun* on microfilm 1904-1975.
- No publications for sale.
- No cemeteries recorded.
- Workshops/presentations were held at Branch meetings and in the community.

- No display promoting Branch.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- Two presentations at the Shaunavon Grand Coteau Centre (Museum), one on Family Day and the other in March.

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## West Central

Meetings are held 3rd Tuesday of the month (April to June & September to November) - 9:30 a.m. at Wheatland Regional Library.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2011: 6 Members; 6 SGS Family Memberships.
- Research Services: Contact Branch for a brochure on services available. \$15.00.
- Special Collections: Local history books, telephone directories, cemetery transcriptions, microfilm - *Eston Press Review* on microfilm 1916-2005, (LDS) Family History Catalog on fiche, obituaries, and Census for Eston.
- No publications for Sale.
- Recorded no cemeteries.
- No workshops/presentations were held at the Branch meetings or in the community.
- No displays promoting Branch.

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## Weyburn

Meetings are held 3rd Tuesday of the month (except July and August, unless otherwise specified) - 6:30 p.m. at Weyburn Public Library.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00.
- Publish a newsletter two times a year called *Heritage Echoes*.
- Membership for 2011: 9 Members; 9 SGS Family Memberships.
- Brochure available.
- Web site: <http://www.weyburnbrsgs.com/>
- Research Services: \$10.00 plus postage and

photocopying charges. Regular mail enquiries please send a self-addressed stamped envelope.

- Special Collections: How to books, history books, atlases, directories, census reels for various years and locations, Family Tree Maker program, and microfilm reels of *Weyburn Review* 1943-1961. All located at the Weyburn Public Library.
- Publications for sale: Weyburn – From the Roots Up – cd.
- Recorded no cemeteries.
- Volunteering for the SRI.
- Indexing obituaries for the SRI: *Weyburn Review*.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- Workshops/presentations were held at Branch meetings and in the community.
- Had displays promoting Branch.

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## Yorkton

Meetings are held 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month (except July and August) - 7:00 p.m. at Yorkton Public Library whose temporary location is at the Parkland Mall.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2011: 16 Members; 13 SGS Family Memberships.
- Brochure available.
- Web site: <http://www.parkland.lib.sk.ca/search.htm>
- Some research services offered - contact branch.
- Special Collections: Collection of local history books, maps, directories, microfilm and fiche of local newspapers and many others - all are held in the Ernest Bauerle History Room at the Public Library.
- Publications for sale: contact Branch.
- Numerous cemeteries transcribed and updated in area.
- Had displays promoting Branch.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- Workshops/presentations were held at Branch meetings and in the community.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Members  
Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.**, which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2011 and the statements of operations and deficit and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.** as at December 31, 2011 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

  
Dudley & Company  
Chartered Accountants LLP

Regina, Saskatchewan  
March 11, 2012

DUDLEY &amp; COMPANY LLP

**SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.**

Balance Sheet  
As at December 31, 2011

**ASSETS**

|                       | 2011      | 2010      |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b> |           |           |
| Cash - note 7         | \$ 31,765 | \$ 82,679 |
| Accounts receivable   | 2,595     | 2,544     |
| Inventory - cost      | 7,423     | 9,050     |
| Total Current Assets  | 41,783    | 94,273    |

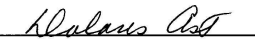

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>CAPITAL ASSETS - notes 2(a), 4</b> | 5,138            | 5,853            |
| Total Assets                          | <u>\$ 46,921</u> | <u>\$100,126</u> |

**LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY**

|                            |          |          |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |          |          |
| Accounts payable           | \$ 5,093 | \$ 6,204 |
| Deferred revenues - note 3 | 59,961   | 111,506  |
| Total Liabilities          | 65,054   | 117,710  |

|                                       |                  |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>                |                  |                  |
| Surplus (Deficit) - page 3            | ( 18,133)        | ( 17,584)        |
| Total Liabilities and Members' Equity | <u>\$ 46,921</u> | <u>\$100,126</u> |

Approved on behalf of the Board:

 Director  
 Director

See Accompanying Notes

DUDLEY &amp; COMPANY LLP

**SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.**  
Statement of Operations and Deficit  
For the year ended December 31, 2011

|  | 2011                    | 2010                    |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b> - page 7                          |                         |                         |
| Administration                                   | \$204,519               | \$183,497               |
| Programs   | <u>54,656</u>           | <u>44,244</u>           |
| Total Revenue                                    | <u>259,175</u>          | <u>227,741</u>          |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b> - pages 8, 9                 |                         |                         |
| Administration                                   | 170,572                 | 172,835                 |
| Travel and meetings                              | 9,041                   | 19,113                  |
| Membership communications                        | 13,317                  | 14,030                  |
| Programs   | <u>66,794</u>           | <u>37,980</u>           |
| Total Expenditures                               | <u>259,724</u>          | <u>243,958</u>          |
| <b>EXCESS OF REVENUE (EXPENDITURES)</b>          | ( 549)                  | ( 16,217)               |
| <b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b> - beginning of the year | ( 17,584)               | ( 1,367)                |
| - end of the year                                | <u><b>\$ 18,133</b></u> | <u><b>\$ 17,584</b></u> |

See Accompanying Notes

**SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.**  
Statement of Cash Flows  
For the year ended December 31, 2011

|  | 2011                    | 2010                    |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM (FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>    |                         |                         |
| Cash receipts from Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund | \$ 76,525               | \$137,025               |
| Cash receipts from members and programs              | 130,832                 | 100,740                 |
| Cash receipts from interest                          | 222                     | 212                     |
| Cash payments to employees and suppliers             | ( 255,389)              | ( 254,641)              |
| Cash Flows From (For) Operating Activities           | ( 47,810)               | ( 16,664)               |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM (FOR) INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>    |                         |                         |
| Purchase of capital assets                           | ( 3,104)                | ( 5,301)                |
| Net change in cash                                   | ( 50,914)               | ( 21,965)               |
| <b>CASH POSITION</b>                                 |                         |                         |
| Beginning of year                                    | <u>82,679</u>           | <u>104,644</u>          |
| End of year  | <u><b>\$ 31,765</b></u> | <u><b>\$ 82,679</b></u> |

See Accompanying Notes



**SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.**

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2011**1. GENERAL**

The society is incorporated under the Non-Profit Corporations Act of Saskatchewan. Its primary objective is the promotion and development of the study, research, and preservation of genealogy and family history in Saskatchewan.

**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES****a) Capital Assets**

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Amortization is provided on the straight-line basis on computer equipment at 40% per annum and 20% on other equipment.

**b) Revenue Recognition**

Grants and other revenue related to specific projects are recognized as revenue when the expenditure is incurred. Other grants and donations are recorded as revenue in the fiscal period to which they apply. Memberships, subscriptions and sales are recognized in the fiscal period in which the services are rendered. Miscellaneous items are recognized as revenue when received.

The society follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions, therefore amounts received on account of revenue to be recognized in future fiscal periods are recorded as deferred revenue.

**c) Contributed Goods and Services**

The society's operations are partly dependent on contributed goods and services. Board members and other volunteers contribute a variety of their services on a regular basis. Some suppliers may also make contributions, in the form of reduced rates or other in-kind goods and services. Contributed goods and services are not recognized in the financial statements.

**d) Goods and Service Tax (GST)**

Of the GST paid, 50% is eligible for rebate (100% on books) by virtue of the society's charitable status. This GST is reported as an expenditure, with the refund receivable being recognized by recording revenue. This policy is not in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations which require netting the two.

**3. DEFERRED REVENUES**

The society follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Revenues received in the year, but applicable to future years, are as follows:

|  | <u>2011</u>      | <u>2010</u>      |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Subscriptions                                      | \$ 200           | \$ 200           |
| Memberships  | 15,965           | 13,556           |
| Donations (specified)                              | 16,339           | 28,225           |
| Sask. Trust - operating grant 1 <sup>st</sup> half | 0                | 69,525           |
| Ministry of Justice cemeteries grant               | <u>27,457</u>    | <u>0</u>         |
| Total Deferred Revenues                            | <u>\$ 59,961</u> | <u>\$111,506</u> |

**SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.**

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2011**4. CAPITAL ASSETS**

|                      | <u>Cost</u>      | <u>Accum. Amort.</u> | <u>Net Book Value</u> |                 |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|                      | <u>2011</u>      | <u>2010</u>          | <u>2011</u>           | <u>2010</u>     |
| Computer equipment   | \$ 17,703        | \$ 16,561            | \$ 1,142              | \$ 2,295        |
| Other equipment      | <u>43,107</u>    | <u>39,111</u>        | <u>3,996</u>          | <u>3,558</u>    |
| Total Capital Assets | <u>\$ 60,810</u> | <u>\$ 55,672</u>     | <u>\$ 5,138</u>       | <u>\$ 5,853</u> |

**5. INCOME TAX STATUS**

The society is a non-profit organization within the meaning of the Income Tax Act and is therefore exempt from income taxes.

**6. USE OF ESTIMATES**

The amounts recorded for the allowance for doubtful accounts, estimated useful life of capital assets and inventory valuations are based on management's best estimate. These estimates are reviewed periodically and as adjustments become necessary they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. By their nature, estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and the effect on the financial statements of any changes in estimates could be significant.

**7. CASH AND EQUIVALENTS**

Included in cash balances are the following:

|                            | <u>2011</u>      | <u>2010</u>      |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Petty cash                 | \$ 50            | \$ 50            |
| Chequing                   | 1,951            | 53,087           |
| Unrestricted savings       | 1                | 1                |
| Cashable term deposits     | <u>29,763</u>    | <u>29,541</u>    |
| Total Cash and Equivalents | <u>\$ 31,765</u> | <u>\$ 82,679</u> |

**8. LEASE COMMITMENTS**

In addition to a comparatively minor office equipment lease, the society occupies leased premises subject to monthly rent of \$1,865 plus GST until January 2013.

**9. FAIR VALUE**

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities approximates their carrying value due to their relatively short term nature.

**10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

All financial assets and liabilities are classified as one of the following: held-to-maturity, held-for-trading, available for sale, loans and receivables or other liabilities. The organization's receivables follow the loans and receivables classification and as such are measured at amortized cost. The remaining financial assets and liabilities have been designated as held-for-trading. Held-for-trading instruments are recorded at fair value with both realized and unrealized value gains and losses reported in income for the year.

**11. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**

The Society relies mainly on grants, memberships and program fees to finance its operations. The funds available are allocated to the various programs and projects based on its mandate and the priorities identified by the Board of Directors.

**SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.**  
Schedule of Revenue  
For the year ended December 31, 2011

|  | 2011             | 2010             |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| <b>ADMINISTRATION</b>                            |                  |                  |
| Grants - Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund - AGF | \$146,050        | \$135,000        |
| Memberships                                      | 39,925           | 39,916           |
| Interest   | 222              | 212              |
| Donations - general                              | 4,974            | 4,037            |
| Raffle   | 8,760            | 0                |
| Expense recovery - GST refundable portion        | 2,229            | 2,277            |
| Miscellaneous                                    | <u>2,359</u>     | <u>2,055</u>     |
| Total Administration Revenue                     | <u>\$204,519</u> | <u>\$183,497</u> |
| <b>PROGRAMS</b>                                  |                  |                  |
| Cemetery maintenance fund                        | \$ 34,934        | \$ 376           |
| Saskatchewan resident index                      | 45               | 26               |
| Subscriptions                                    | 6,766            | 5,612            |
| Research   | 3,815            | 5,601            |
| Education, workshops and certification           | 1,665            | 175              |
| Day pass   | 10               | 0                |
| Special purchases donation                       | 233              | 526              |
| Cemetery   | 382              | 802              |
| Pioneer certificate                              | 485              | 570              |
| Seminar and annual meeting                       | 350              | 15,485           |
| Profit on sales and publications                 | 754              | 759              |
| BMD project                                      | 0                | 187              |
| Advertising                                      | 34               | 277              |
| Other specified donations                        | 3,417            | 4,715            |
| Women Pioneer book                               | <u>1,766</u>     | <u>9,133</u>     |
| Total Program Revenue                            | <u>\$ 54,656</u> | <u>\$ 44,244</u> |

See Accompanying Notes

**SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.**  
Schedule of Expenditures  
For the year ended December 31, 2011

|                                  | 2011             | 2010             |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>ADMINISTRATION</b>            |                  |                  |
| Personnel                        |                  |                  |
| Salaries                         | \$116,793        | \$117,565        |
| Benefits                         | 22,279           | 23,917           |
| Staff development                | <u>153</u>       | <u>26</u>        |
| Total Personnel                  | <u>139,225</u>   | <u>141,508</u>   |
| Office                           |                  |                  |
| Amortization                     | 3,819            | 3,792            |
| Rent                             | 11,470           | 11,470           |
| Caretaking                       | 574              | 282              |
| Printing and copying             | 2,974            | 2,714            |
| GST                              | 2,183            | 1,953            |
| Communications                   | 96               | 127              |
| Telephone                        | 2,602            | 2,602            |
| Office supplies                  | 1,084            | 1,627            |
| Maintenance and repairs          | 392              | 1,273            |
| Sundry                           | <u>1,624</u>     | <u>432</u>       |
| Total Office                     | <u>26,828</u>    | <u>26,272</u>    |
| Corporate                        |                  |                  |
| Membership                       | 803              | 1,317            |
| Bank charges                     | 834              | 1,134            |
| Fees - membership                | 32               | 28               |
| - professional                   | 2,042            | 1,827            |
| Insurance                        | <u>808</u>       | <u>749</u>       |
| Total Corporate                  | <u>4,519</u>     | <u>5,055</u>     |
| Total Administration             | <u>\$170,572</u> | <u>\$172,835</u> |
| <b>TRAVEL AND MEETINGS</b>       |                  |                  |
| Committee expense                | \$ 0             | \$ 2             |
| Staff travel                     | 4,116            | 4,274            |
| Volunteer travel                 | 3,640            | 1,716            |
| Membership meetings, seminar     | 687              | 12,958           |
| Board meetings                   | <u>598</u>       | <u>163</u>       |
| Total Travel and Meetings        | <u>\$ 9,041</u>  | <u>\$ 19,113</u> |
| <b>MEMBERSHIP COMMUNICATIONS</b> |                  |                  |
| Promotion                        | \$ 725           | \$ 1,423         |
| Bulletins                        |                  |                  |
| Printing                         | 6,495            | 7,334            |
| Postage                          | 5,242            | 5,142            |
| Supplies                         | <u>855</u>       | <u>131</u>       |
| Total Membership Communications  | <u>\$ 13,317</u> | <u>\$ 14,030</u> |

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**SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.**

## Schedule of Expenditures

For the year ended December 31, 2011

| <b>PROGRAMS</b>                        | <u>2011</u>      | <u>2010</u>      |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Library                                |                  |                  |
| Rent                                   | \$ 11,470        | \$ 11,470        |
| Library resources                      | 232              | 268              |
| Subscriptions                          | 6,173            | 5,885            |
| Subscription databases                 | 948              | 0                |
| Postage                                | 1,935            | 3,373            |
| Printing                               | 314              | 352              |
| Research                               | 3,909            | 3,203            |
| Supplies and bookbinding               | 923              | 19               |
| Total Library                          | <u>25,904</u>    | <u>24,570</u>    |
| Annual appeal                          | 2                | 85               |
| Special purchases                      | 233              | 526              |
| Obituary files                         | 5                | 246              |
| Awards recognition                     | 53               | 2                |
| Saskatchewan resident index            | 40               | 86               |
| VAM - databases                        | 7,220            | 1,582            |
| Cemetery                               | 232              | 95               |
| Education, workshops and certification | 1,154            | 1,595            |
| BMD project                            | 0                | 479              |
| Branch administration                  | 4                | 58               |
| Cemetery maintenance fund              | 19,934           | 376              |
| Pioneer certificate                    | 40               | 39               |
| Pioneer Women book, cost of sales      | 1,127            | 8,241            |
| Society review                         | 9,283            | 0                |
| Raffle                                 | 1,563            | 0                |
| Total Programs                         | <u>\$ 66,794</u> | <u>\$ 37,980</u> |

See Accompanying Notes

# Fundraising Campaign

SGS received the following donations from January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

## DONATION 2011

### *Friends (\$10-49)*

Mrs. Joyce Anaka  
Florence Arlitt  
Greg Arnott  
Mervina Carson-Nordby  
Josie Davidson  
Shirley Erskine  
Norma Fraser  
Betty Gabel  
Rhonda M. Hall  
Halina Kijowska  
Beatrice J. Lett  
Tom & Valerie Maher  
Lorna Maragliano  
John C. Meen  
G. Alvin Murray  
Joanne Peterson  
Helena M. Pike  
Grace Porter  
Marie Puffalt  
Evelyn Rondeau  
Patricia A. Schink  
Angela Smith  
Jenny Speir  
Judith & Gordon Thomas  
Barbara J. B. Trail

### *Fellows (\$50-99)*

Marge Bullock  
Samuel B. Gordon  
Shirley McLeod  
Lionel Paradis  
Ann & Roger Phillips  
Alvin Saseniuk  
Betty Sullivan  
Sheila Ward  
Ian Wilson

### *Associate (\$100-499)*

Charles (Chuck) Alton  
Sharon Cleveland  
Mr. Stanley Hockett  
Phyllis Kowalchuk  
Celeste Rider

## DONATION 2012

### *Friends (\$10-49)*

Eleanor Adams  
Felix M. Auriat  
Marguerite Black  
Eugene Blahut

Rebecca Bourne  
Brenda Brodie  
Norman Cahill  
Marie Carruthers  
Rhonda M. Hall  
Rod McLeod  
George Mitten  
Ken Murray  
Janet Newman  
Joanne Peterson  
Ann Phillips  
Ann Rae  
Irene Ram  
C. Gordon Rook  
Glenn Schmuland  
Judith Thomas  
Marge Thomas  
Barbara J. B. Trail  
Audrey Wilkinson

### *Fellows (\$50-99)*

Evelyn Brown  
Pat Cahill  
John Callsen  
Eugene Cornelius  
Vernon C. Fowke  
Fran Reiss  
Myrna Helen Sprecker  
John L. Stevenson  
Lillian Thorpe

### *Associate (\$100-499)*

Rose Edna Brenner  
Rae W. Chamberlain  
Laura Hanowski  
Susan Leitch  
M. Lewis & Dorothy  
Lockhart

### *Partners (\$500-999)*

Barr Godkin

## BULLETIN POSTAGE 2011

### *Friends (\$10-49)*

Mrs. Joyce Anaka  
Florence Arlitt  
Greg Arnott  
Fay M. Bitter  
Marguerite Black  
Irene Blyth  
Eugene A. Cornelius  
Frances deMontreuil

Shirley D. Evans  
Bruce E. Ewan  
Dr. Randall N. Fairey  
Margaret Ferguson  
Rhonda M. Hall  
Wayne Haugen  
Beatrice Johnson  
Halina Kijowska  
S. John T. Kirkland  
Rosemarie Labrecque  
Tom & Valerie Maher  
Marlene Martin  
Wilhelmine Martin  
Bev McKnight  
Sandra Messner  
G. Allan Petrie  
Helena M. Pike  
Grace Porter  
Michael Prince  
Walter & Marjorie Pritchard  
Marie Puffalt  
Ingrid Quinn  
Ann Riehl  
Katharine Schulz  
Jenny Speir  
Elizabeth Susa  
Barb Tait  
Verna D. Thompson  
Barbara J. B. Trail  
Sheila Ward  
Mrs. Joyce M. Wilby

### *Fellows (\$50-99)*

Marian Reece

### *Associate (\$100-499)*

Mr. & Mrs. E. Jones

### *Patrons (\$1000 or more)*

Magnificent Kitchens –  
Ralph Harris

## BULLETIN POSTAGE 2012

### *Friends (\$10-49)*

Eleanor Adams  
Felix M. Auriat  
Fay M. Bitter  
Marguerite Black  
Eugene & Marie Blahut  
Irene Blyth  
Rose Edna Brenner  
D. Brenda Cooper

Joyce Edgington  
Bruce Ewan  
Theresa Franks  
Rhonda M. Hall  
LaDene Hamilton  
Wayne Haugen  
Harvey & Charmane  
Johnson  
S. John T. Kirkland  
Rosemarie Labrecque  
David A. & Carol L.  
Marshall  
Bev McKnight  
Rod McLeod  
Janet Newman  
Jane Oakley Sweet  
Gaye Obst  
Eleanor Peterson  
G. Allan Petrie  
Michael Prince  
Marie Puffalt  
Lillian Rediger  
Mrs. Ann Riehl  
James R. Sandercock  
Barb Tait  
Lorraine K. Taylor  
Barbara J. B. Trail  
Sheila Ward  
Ken E. Yung

### *Fellows (\$50-99)*

Evelyn Brown

### *Associate (\$100-499)*

Marian Reece

## BULLETIN POSTAGE 2013

### *Friends (\$10-49)*

D. Brenda Cooper  
Harvey & Charmane  
Johnson  
Ingrid Quinn  
Lorraine K. Taylor

## POSTAL

### *Friends (\$10-49)*

Greg Arnott  
Stephen Cureatz  
W. Ross Doherty  
Shirley Erskine  
Marjorie Gentes

|  |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
| Karen Itterman<br>Lorne Kish<br>Maryann Lawrence<br>Cindy Paradis<br>Ivy Trumpour<br>Clayton Turner<br>Ken E. Yung | Joyce Carlson<br>Kay Copeland<br>Gary Dahlman<br>Preston King<br>Maryann Lawrence<br>Daniel Predoui<br>Tonya Schram<br>Donna Smith<br>Karen Stephens<br>Marilyn Torrie | <b>Associate (\$100-499)</b><br>Paul Anderson<br>Ed Lowenberger            | <b>Fellows (\$50-99)</b><br>Pat Cahill                            |
| <b>Associate (\$100-499)</b><br>Della Sanders  |  | <b>Memorial Donations</b><br>Blanche Fleming - for<br><i>Elnora Olan</i>   | <b>Associate (\$100-499)</b><br>Biggar Branch<br>Moose Jaw Branch |
| <b>SPECIAL PURCHASE</b>  | <b>Fellows (\$50-99)</b><br>Susan Beechey<br>David Kirstuik<br>Wendy Paquin<br>Ron Reese<br>Tanya Wellman  | <b>Zichydrorf Collection</b><br>Judy Graham<br>Lisa Knull<br>Arnold Ritter | <b>CEMETERY DONATION</b>  |
| <b>Friends (\$10-49)</b><br>Allen County Public Library<br>Megan Ashcroft<br>Ian Brace                             |  | <b>SHELVING UNITS</b>  | <b>Fellows (\$50-99)</b><br>Stuart Tait                           |
|  |  | <b>Friends (\$10-49)</b><br>Bonnie Gaye Obst                               |   |

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## SGS Presidents

|                    |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Duncan D. Rand     | 1969                   |
| Helen Boomer       | 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973 |
| D'Arcy Hande       | 1973                   |
| Arnold Dales       | 1974                   |
| Dirk Hoogeveen     | 1975, 1976, 1977       |
| Ramona Unilowsky   | 1978                   |
| Doug Dale          | 1979, 1980             |
| Arnold Schroeder   | 1981, 1982             |
| Robert Pittendrigh | 1983, 1984, 1985       |
| Roger Wooff        | 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989 |
| Celeste Rider      | 1990, 1991             |
| Peter Wyant        | 1992, 1993             |
| Rae Chamberlain    | 1994, 1995             |
| Marie Svedahl      | 1996, 1997             |
| Janis Bohlken      | 1998, 1999             |
| Arlene Frolick     | 2000, 2001             |
| Bev Weston         | 2002, 2003             |
| Rocky Sample       | 2004, 2005             |
| Janis Bohlken      | 2006, 2007             |
| Lindy Kasperski    | 2008                   |
| Chuck Alton        | 2009, 2010             |
| Verna Thompson     | 2011                   |





## Did you know?

- » The SGS was formed in 1969.
- » There are approximately 1,300 Society members.
- » There are 18 branches around the province.
- » 35% of our total membership live in rural areas.
- » SGS operates the largest genealogical lending library in Canada. An average of 2,500 people visit the library each year including visitors from around the world.
- » SGS receives over 3,750 phone calls for genealogical information per year. There have been calls from Australia, England, Germany, Sweden, Greece and throughout Canada and the United States.
- » SGS receives over 3,900 requests by e-mail for genealogical information per year.
- » Saskatchewan Resident's Index (SRI) was the first database of its kind in Canada.
- » There are over 3 million names on our SRI.
- » SGS's instructors and record searcher certification program is the first of its kind in Canada.
- » SGS is the second largest genealogical society in Canada.
- » SGS averages approximately 175,000 visitors per year to our home page on the web.
- » SGS works with a number of Aboriginal groups throughout western Canada who are helping people to trace their heritage.
- » SGS cemetery records are recognized as a key resource in preserving cultural heritage of a community.
- » SGS home page received an award for Favourite Family History Web Site by Ancestry.com of Salt Lake City 1999.
- » SGS home page received an Award from Links2 for a relevant Saskatchewan Site 2000.

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