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MEDIA RELEASE:

RE: Flatiron Building Museum Opening

The Executive Board of the Lacombe & District Historical Society (LDHS) is excited to announce the opening of the Flatiron Building Museum, coinciding with the Lacombe Culture & Harvest Festival, September 25th-26th 2021.

In partnership with the Alberta Foundation of the Arts, we are pleased to be the first institution to simultaneously host three traveling exhibitions, featuring the diverse peoples & landscapes of Alberta. Exhibitions on display include *Life Lit Up*; *In the Moment*; & *Arthur Nishimura: Mystical Landscapes*. This unique opportunity will be coupled with an exhibition developed in-house and made our own Ben Cameron Studio Collection of cameras and photography equipment, as well as his photographs of late 19th - early 20th century Lacombe.

"This new endeavour will assist with the revitalization of the downtown Lacombe area. We are looking forward to being a lively part of the downtown community, hosting evening events in the building such as our heritage fashion shows, fiber art classes, history lectures, night tours, whiskey tastings and more - giving the community the ability to visit us and learn more about local history, in new and engaging ways, outside of the typical hours of 9-5 in the region." – Melissa Blunden, Executive Director, LDHS.

"The Lacombe & District Historical Society continues to work and foster collaborative opportunities for all heritage and culture groups in the Central Alberta region. The Flatiron Building is an integral part of the landscape of Lacombe and Central Alberta, making it an ideal location for these important efforts to succeed." – Debbie Gillard, Vice President, LDHS.

The Flatiron Building Museum will open its doors to the public 10am - 4pm for the duration of the Culture & Harvest Festival weekend, with tours of the space available, gallery halls open and demonstrations ongoing. It will remain open to the public Tuesday-Sundays 10-4pm until October 24th.

November 2021 exhibition plans include *At Home & Abroad*, an in-house developed exhibition that explores a deeper look at the veterans from the Lacombe area. Opening Date TBA.

Yours truly,

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