

## 2024, the Anniversary Year Press Release

(Lacombe, AB) – This year, the Lacombe Museum is thrilled to announce a series of exciting events and programs in celebration of significant anniversaries. 2024 marks the 130th anniversary of Lacombe, the 40th anniversary of the Michener House Museum, and the 30th anniversary of the Blacksmith Shop Museum.

### 1. Blacksmith Shop Museum's "30/30" Summer Initiative

The Blacksmith Shop Museum is set to commemorate its 30th anniversary this summer with a special summer-long event. Dubbed "30/30," this unique initiative aims to engage the community over 15-18 weeks, during which students will embark on learning 30 new projects/techniques related to blacksmithing. The program will delve into the historical methods of metal tools and usage from various cultures, such as Gaelic, Celtic, Viking, and more. Lead Blacksmiths will showcase their artistry and craftsmanship through live demonstrations, offering educational and entertaining experiences for individuals of all ages. The "30/30" program seeks to celebrate the rich history and tradition of blacksmithing while fostering a sense of community. Join us as we embark on this journey through time and craftsmanship.

### 2. Michener House Museum 40th Anniversary Celebration - May 25, 2024

After a year-long renovation project, the Michener House Museum will celebrate its 40th anniversary on May 25, 2024. Join us on this momentous occasion, precisely 40 years to the day since Roland Michener himself cut the grand opening ribbon. The celebration event will be a tribute to the rich history encapsulated within the walls of Michener House. Explore the newly renovated space and join us in commemorating this milestone. The Lacombe Museum invites everyone to be a part of these extraordinary events as we honor the past and celebrate the legacy of our community. Stay tuned for more details and updates on our website and social media channels.

### 3. Early Lacombe Heritage Workshop - May 31, 2024

Before the summer break, join us for the Early Lacombe Heritage Workshop on May 31, 2024. This special lecture-style presentation will delve into the early settlement of Lacombe, showcasing historical photos from our extensive collection and sharing stories of the people who shaped our community. The workshop will also provide insights into how we've uncovered this rich history. This event is a prelude to the grand re-opening of the Michener House Museum, closed in 2023 for renovations, and the unveiling of the new exhibit, "Edwardian Era in the West," curated by the Lacombe Museum.

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### **About the Lacombe Museum**

Located in Lacombe, AB, the Lacombe & District Historical Society (LDHS), operating under the brand name "Lacombe Museum," is an award winning non-profit and an Alberta Museum Association Recognized Museum Leader which oversees the 1894 Michener House Museum, the 1902 Blacksmith Shop Museum, and the 1904 sandstone/brick Flatiron Building Museum. LDHS cares for over 40,000 artifacts and 20,000 records in its Collections Space and the Heritage Learning Garden, encompassing 0.3 acres of educational cultural landscaping on its 1.0-acre site with adjoining gardens. The diverse history of early Lacombe, the Michener Family, and subsequent occupants of the three buildings is represented in the Museum's collections, exhibits, programs, and special events.

More information about the Lacombe Museum can be found at: [www.lacombemuseum.com](http://www.lacombemuseum.com)

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