**Volunteer Week 2024: Celebrating Cultural Volunteers!**

As part of Volunteer Week 2024, SaskCulture is highlighting some of the volunteers who contribute to building a culturally vibrant Saskatchewan.

Join us in recognizing the outstanding volunteers that serve cultural organizations and groups across the province!

**Volunteer: Anne Brochu Lambert**

Organization: Conseil culturel fransaskois
Community: Saskatchewan
Role: Chair person
Years of service: 10

Quote: “Devoting time and efforts towards the arts and culture in French, in Saskatchewan, makes a difference on a daily basis. This is at the heart of the human experience — and deserves our commitment.”

**Volunteer: Clay Debray**

Organization: Rivers West District for Sport Culture & Recreation
Community: Flying Dust First Nation
Role: Artist
Years of service: 15+

Quote: “It's important to find ways to keep the conversation alive in this medium.” *Clay created the Every Child Matters Hockey Stick, to help raise awareness of the movement.*

**Volunteer: Fran Burgess**

Organization: Persephone Theatre
Community: Saskatoon
Role: Usher
Years of service: 3

Quote: “I was a patron of Persephone for a number of years and thought I could still attend and help out at the same time. I love live theatre, so volunteering is as good for me as it is for the theatre. Win win!”

**Volunteer: Hali Hamel**

Organization: Persephone Theatre
Community: Saskatoon
Role: Usher
Years of service: 1

Quote: “Volunteering at Persephone is a great opportunity for me to give back to a community that has brought me so much joy! As a volunteer I get to feel like I'm a small part of the action, and I get to regularly feel the thrill of the theatre lights dimming and the actors taking the stage!”

**Volunteer: Joan Ziffle**

Organization: Rivers West District for Sport Culture & Recreation
Community: Regina
Role: Stage Manager
Years of service: 20

Quote: “Volunteering with Regina Lyric Musical Theatre continues to give me great joy! I'm constantly learning from the most wonderfully gifted and thoughtful volunteers, actors, crew members, choreographers and directors. I am surrounded by good people!”

**Volunteer: Joanne Fagnou Bolen**

Organization: Melfort Arts Council
Community: Melfort
Role: Chair
Years of service: 21

Quote: “Volunteering lets you feel like you belong, helps you make big changes, and allows you to choose how you want to help your community. I volunteer because I believe a strong arts scene is important for everyone's happiness.”

**Volunteer: Judy Schwab**

Organization: Yorkton Arts Council
Community: Yorkton
Role: Sunflower Art & Craft Market Chair-Person
Years of service: 15

Quote: “I volunteer because of my interest in the arts and performances. I enjoy the people. It is important to volunteer to help non-profit organizations be successful.”

**Volunteer: Lashburn Community Museum Volunteers**

Organization: Rivers West District for Sport Culture & Recreation
Community: Lashburn
Role: Museum volunteers
Years of service: Since 1967

Quote: “Volunteer-run Lashburn Centennial Museum tells the story of Lashburn and area, is home to a significant collection and gallery, and holds a variety of initiatives and events to commemorate our past.”

**Volunteer: Lily Chin**

Organization: Persephone Theatre
Community: Saskatoon
Role: Usher
Years of service: 10

Quote: “I have loved live theatre since high school and I joined Persephone because the organization is a perfect fit. I felt respected and appreciated. Another plus is getting to meet other dedicated and wonderful volunteers and some of us became friends.”

**Volunteer: Mark Turcotte**

Organization: Persephone Theatre
Community: Saskatoon
Role: Usher
Years of service: 1

Quote: “Over many years, I have volunteered for many organizations. Service in this way opens me to new experiences and learning opportunities, meeting new people and building friendships.”

**Volunteer: Jille Shotton**

Organization: Northern Lights Bluegrass and Old time Music Society
Community: Saskatoon
Role: Promotions and Marketing Chair
Years of service: 10

Quote: “This is my community, the first friends I made when moving here. It has been important to me to give back to the community that embraced me and made me feel welcome.”

**Volunteer: Tracy Gao**

Organization: Persephone Theatre
Community: Saskatoon
Role: Usher and 50/50 Ticket Seller
Years of service: 5

Quote: “I volunteer for Persephone Theatre because I have a passion for the arts and love to help people. Whether it's selling 50/50 or ushering, I'm committed to supporting and sustaining live arts in our community.”

**Volunteer: Wanda Veltcamp**

Organization: Persephone Theatre
Community: Saskatoon
Role: Usher and 50/50 Ticket Seller
Years of service: 6

Quote: “I love to volunteer at Persephone because I like being part of a team, the interaction with the public and the friendships I have with other volunteers and staff members.”

**Volunteer: Western Development Museum North Battleford Volunteers**

Organization: Rivers West District for Sport Culture & Recreation
Community: North Battleford
Role: Museum Volunteers
Years of service: 50+ (collectively)

Quote: “Western Development Museum event volunteers are passionate about keeping history alive.”