

Press Release

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Public Service Announcement

For Immediate Release

The Glory of Beads
Dalnavert Museum's 2004
Family Summer Program

Winnipeg, 4 June 2004 - **Dalnavert Museum** is currently closed for the construction of a Visitors Centre. This summer we are pleased that the **Manitoba Crafts Museum and Library, 1B-183 Kennedy Street**, will be hosting our program of weekly workshops for families. The theme this summer is the **Glory of Beads**. Throughout human history, both men and women have worn necklaces, bracelets and earrings to adorn their bodies, and have decorated their clothing and personal items to make them beautiful. Beads have also been used to embellish household items from lamps, to furniture, to works of art. Participants will have the opportunity to learn a variety of beading techniques and to create their own jewelry and decorative items.

Cost is \$4.00 per person. Reservations are required, as space is limited. Workshops are held **Wednesdays from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** For reservations, contact the Manitoba Crafts Museum and Library at **487-6117**, or by e-mail at mcml@mts.net

July 14 – Beaded Bookmarks

July 21 – Friendship pins

July 28 – Loom bead weaving

August 4 – Bead Decoration

August 11 – Needle beading

August 28 – Pin beaded balls

For further information about Dalnavert program activities, please contact Nancy Anderson at Dalnavert Museum, 943-2835 or dalnavrt@escape.ca. Check out our web site www.mhs.mb.ca for further information on the new Dalnavert Visitors Centre.

The **Manitoba Crafts Museum and Library** is presenting the first exhibit in their new home. *The Finest Touch: The Glory of Beads* showcases beaded artifacts including Aboriginal pieces, early 20th century beaded bags, multi-cultural clothing and dolls, and beading tools. The artifacts of Aboriginal, European, Canadian and Inuit origin range from the mid 19th century to the present, and represent a variety of beading techniques.

Beads are beautiful, simple, durable, portable, and can be arranged in endless ways, giving them a universal appeal. They can be used to decorate the body and home, denote wealth, bring peace of mind, and can even be used as functional items such as buttons, counting tools or memory aids. Summer museum hours are Tuesday to Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.