

**MEDIA BACKGROUND:  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE SUMMER SEASON**

**Summer Hours**

- The Amédée Forget museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week for the summer season.
- Entrance into the museum is free for the whole family.
- There are a variety of summer programs and upcoming events, with something for every age group.

***Not Who, but Watt* Garden Tours**

If florals and enchanted gardens are your scene, check out the *Not Who, but Watt* garden tours. The beautiful Edwardian Gardens are available for all to enjoy thanks to the vision and hard work of Government House's original grounds keeper, George Watt. Join local acclaimed storyteller, Vincent Murphy, in his historical performance of the Scottish-born landscape gardener as he guides you through the scenic foliage. Based on Watt's personal journals, the tour will transport you back to the spring planting season of 1910, when the gardens were an oasis in Regina's treeless landscape.

**Victorian Teas**

Looking for something a little more fancy? Experience the elegance of the Henry Newlands Ballroom, while enjoying delectable Victorian delights and tea. These special weekend events take place just once per month, and tickets sell out fast! Call the Government House Historical Society for more information at 639-571-7123.

**Butler's Pantry**

Tasty treats and refreshing beverages are available to purchase from the Butler's Pantry food service. When the sun is shining and the skies are blue, take a break and pre-order a picnic basket to share in the cool shade of the Edwardian Gardens.

***Canada: Day 1* Exhibit**

To gain a better appreciation for what it means to move to this great nation, walk a mile in the shoes of new Canadians as they journey far and long to make Canada their new home. Government House's Canada 150 feature exhibit, *Canada: Day 1*, uses interactive multi-media to explore immigration stories from Confederation in 1867 to present day. The exhibit will remain on display through the summer until September 5, 2017.

**Lieutenant Governor's Canada Day Celebrations**

Celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. with free entertainment featuring Rosie & the Riveters, Métis Fiddler John Arcand and singer/songwriter Joël Fafard. Visit a teepee and learn about Indigenous culture, partake in children's activities, tours, and more!

***History Alive! Vignettes***

Watch life unfold for Saskatchewan's first Lieutenant Governor, Amédée Forget and his wife Henriette through these engaging theatrical skits. Performances are held Sundays and Tuesdays, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. in the museum.

**Geocaching in the Gardens**

This popular outdoor educational program equips children with a GPS, map, and clues, so that they can discover history as they explore the expansive 8.5 acres of Edwardian Gardens surrounding Government House. To take part, just ask one of the hosts.

**Scavenger Hunts**

Put on your detective hat! Scavenger hunts can be tailored for groups of all ages, from pre-kindergarten to corporate gatherings and even English as an Additional Language students. They offer guests a fun way to learn about Government House and its history.