

BLUE JAY CHATTER



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It is always pleasant to have an annual meeting in our provincial museum of natural history. This year we feel that the Museum staff outdid themselves in arranging imaginative displays for the meeting and in publicizing the Society previous to and during the weekend conference. The above photograph shows the eye-catching panel that was set up behind the registration desk to tell members, and especially prospective members, what they get out of membership in the Saskatchewan Natural History Society. This panel has since been moved to the lower gallery to become part of the "Blue Jay" exhibit that remains on display throughout the year. All of this makes our Society feel very much a part of the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History.

From the first hot cup of coffee served to members returning from the pre-conference bird hike Saturday morning to the last chats with Fred Bard and his staff before saying goodbye Saturday night, our members were graciously made to feel at home in the Museum. Even the annual banquet was served in the building!

In tendering special thanks to the Museum staff for their warm hospitality on the occasion of the Annual Meeting, we are not unmindful of the contribution these same busy people make throughout the year to the activities of the SNHS. Since the Museum is the focal point for natural history activities throughout the province, a great many interesting observations are submitted to it in addition to those that result from its own field studies. Many of these observations are reported in the **Blue Jay**. The **Blue Jay** is greatly indebted to the members of the Museum staff who contribute articles, sketches and photographs to each issue of the magazine. The Museum in turn, is indebted to the **Blue Jay** for bringing these significant natural history observations to the attention of some 3,000 readers, since at present the Museum has no bulletin of its own. The co-operation between the provincial natural history society and the provincial museum of natural history is thus (as it should be) mutually beneficial. With Dr. Bob Nero of the Museum staff re-elected as president of our Society, and with our **Blue Jay Bookshop** established in the Museum, we look forward to a year of close contact between the Museum and the Society.